

ROBBER GETS \$500

Lone Highwayman Held Up Stage Near Stites, Idaho.

DRIVER SAVES EXPRESS BOX

Insisted He Carried None and Saved Company Several Thousand Dollars—Passengers Were Ordered to Turn Pockets Inside Out.

STITES, Idaho, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The Grangeville stage, which left Stites at 10 o'clock last night, was held up by a masked man in the timber about a mile and a half from this town.

The highwayman was armed with a rifle and a revolver, and after several emphatic demands, the stage driver, Billy McAvin, pulled up his six horses, and the five passengers promptly lined up with arms outstretched. They were then ordered to throw their coats and vests and turn inside out the pockets of their pants. Pockets and loose money were scattered all over the ground, and after being gathered up by the robber, he ordered the passengers to turn their backs while he proceeded to search the coach.

Driver McAvin insisted he carried no express box, and his coadjutors saved the express company several thousand dollars. The box was in the boot of the stage.

One passenger claimed he threw a wand of \$100 under the seat, and as it was not found after the hold-up it is supposed it was taken in, together with \$200 or \$300 that were willingly given up. A diamond which one of the passengers put in his coat pocket is also gone.

A posse was organized as soon as the news reached Stites, but their efforts proved fruitless. Sheriff Dixon, of Idaho County, is here today trying to get a clew as to the perpetrator of the crime.

STATE PRESS ELECT OFFICERS.

Washington Newspaper Men Close Annual Session at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The State Press Association was again in session here today, and after witnessing a drill by the artillery at Fort Walla Walla resumed business at the Opera house and finished their labors for the meeting.

An address on "The Mineral Resources of Washington" was delivered by E. W. Parker, Government statistician. A paper on "Newspaper Advertising" was read by Samuel P. Weston, of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, brought out spirited applause and commendation. Lovett M. Wood, of the Seattle Trade Register, presided over the session.

The evening editors were tendered a banquet at the Odd Fellows' Hall, at which 150 covers were spread, after which a concert was enjoyed at Whitman College. The next morning the association will be held at Victoria, B. C.

Thursday morning the association will be given an excursion by the O. R. & N. to Whitman monument, and will view the Black rock orchard, the state penitentiary on their return.

The Washington State Press Association today elected the following officers: President—Will L. Steel, Nome Daily News; First Vice President—A. F. Statter, Walla Walla Union.

Second Vice President—E. A. Smith, Spokane Review; Spokane, Executive Secretary—Grant M. Angle, Shelton Journal.

Treasurer—Lovett M. Wood, Seattle Trade Register. Historian—E. W. Price, Olympia Capital.

Orator—L. W. Pratt, Tacoma News. Poet—Frank Teck, Fairhaven Times. Executive Committee—E. M. Gorham, Snohomish Tribune; S. F. Weston, Seattle Post-Intelligencer; John W. Watson, Columbia Gazette; J. E. Houtchins, Walla Walla Weekly Record.

Victoria, B. C., was chosen as the next place of meeting. The following delegates to the National Editorial Association were named:

F. B. Cole, Northwest Lumberman; Tacoma; Orlo Strong, West Coast Trade; Tacoma; E. D. Gilman, News, Walla Walla; L. W. Pratt, News, Tacoma; C. W. Gorman, Tribune, Snohomish; Thomas Hooker, Chronicle, Spokane; F. D. Schenby, Localist, Ellensburg; Miller Freeman, The Spokesman, Portland.

The most important business of the day was the adoption of a resolution that it was the sense of the association that the State Historical society preserve files of all important newspapers of this state.

Addresses were given by E. W. Parker, on "Statistics"; Samuel Wilson, on "Newspaper Advertising"; and Lovett M. Wood, on "Washington Label Laws and Suggestions Regarding Their Amendment."

ASKS REMISSION OF FINE.

Schoolboard Petitions Governor on Behalf of Janitor Gilbert.

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Richard Williams, J. V. Beach, H. Wittenberg, L. W. Sinton and R. K. Warren, constituting the Portland Public School Board, Frank Rigler, City Superintendent of Schools; D. A. Groat, principal of the Park School, and H. S. Allen, clerk of the district, today petitioned Governor Geer to remit the fine imposed upon Janitor John Whitehurst on conviction of assaulting Alfred Gilbert. The petition alleges that Whitehurst, as janitor of the Park School, was charged with the duty of caring for the grounds, that Gilbert had been directed to get out of the grounds and notified to remain off the same, but came back upon the grounds and was thereupon forcibly removed therefrom. It is stated in the petition that no marks or evidence of serious injury appeared upon the person of Gilbert. The petitioners represent that the fine was excessive and unjust, and that if the janitor is fined for removing a boy from the grounds the example will be very injurious to the discipline necessary to be maintained in the schools, and particularly with respect to the buildings and grounds.

Governor Geer has the matter under advisement, and, unless a remonstrance is presented, he will grant the petition.

KIND LEWIS AND CLARK SMOKED.

Mrs. Dye Receives a Shoshone Indian Pipe of Peace.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eva Emery Dye has received from the Fort Hall, Idaho, Indian reservation a Shoshone Indian pipe. It is green in color, and is one of the kind that Lewis and Clark smoked with the chiefs of the Shoshone nation in token of peace. Mrs. Dye has sent the pipe to her publishers in Chicago, Ar. C. McClurg & Co., who will place the pipe in their window along with a display of Lewis and Clark relics.

Mrs. Dye today shipped to Madison, Wis., a box full of the correspondence on Lewis and Clark. The material was requested by Reuben Gold Thwaites, secretary and in charge of the records of the State Historical Society at Madison, who

CHEMAWA SCHOOL LEADS

INSTITUTION TO BE THE ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE NORTHWEST.

NARROWLY ESCAPES DROWNING.

Charles Evans, of Eugene, Has a Thrilling Experience.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Charles Evans, who started to cross the McKenzie River at Seavey's Ferry with a horse and buggy today, had a thrilling experience. Just as the ferry left the bank the horse began backing, with Mrs. Evans, mother of the young man, in the buggy, into the river. Mrs. Evans managed to climb back over the buggy and reach the bank, but Charles went into the water with the floundering horse and managed to keep his head above water until help came from a near-by hayrack, when horse and man were taken from the water.

WILL DELAY FREE DELIVERY.

Postal Agent Finds No Map of Washington County Roads.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Spe-

DEATH OF A PROMINENT OREGON FLOURING-MILL MAN

CORVALLIS, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—H. F. Fischer, proprietor of the well-known Corvallis Flouring Mills, died last night of catarrh of the stomach. He had been in failing health for a year or two, and for several months past had not been able to attend to business. The funeral is to occur from the residence Thursday, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Crystal Lake cemetery.

The deceased was born in Germany, March 25, 1853. He lived for a time in Illinois, and about 25 years ago came to Corvallis. On his arrival here, he became a partner in the Corvallis Flouring Mills, and later acquired sole control of the property. He has developed and extended the business until it is now one of the leading enterprises of the sort in the state. Mr. Fischer was awarded a gold medal on his flour at the Buffalo Exposition.

The surviving members of the family are: The widow, August, Ernest, Fred and Martha Fischer, of Corvallis; Louis Fischer, of Silverton, and Mrs. Richard Kiger, of Corvallis.

H. F. FISCHER, OF CORVALLIS.

CONFERENCE. The meetings are well attended, and the greatest enthusiasm prevails. This afternoon Bishop Croston, of Portland, concluded the examination of undergraduates. Tonight Dr. W. F. Odium, of New York, addressed a large audience on the subject of home and foreign missions.

According to the reports brought in by the churches of the various districts, Methodism has had a large and healthful growth in Oregon during the past year. A number of new churches have been established, and the old ones increased in strength.

TO PROVIDE 80,000 COPIES. Salem Commercial Club to Compile Issue of Harriman Booklet.

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Greater Salem Commercial Club this evening plans were taken to provide the remaining 80,000 copies of the pamphlet to be distributed through the East by the Harriman lines in the interest of this section of the Valley. As a result of this meeting a committee of the Immigration literature, she is determined to continue to be first in keeping up the supply. Although the pamphlet is one of the best that has been prepared in the state, it is contemplated making some improvements by enlarging it so as to give representation to other sections of the country.

A committee of five is to be appointed by the club to confer with appropriate committees of the City Council regarding changes that are needed in the city charter, and which should be made at the next session of the Legislature.

Assessment Roll of Columbia County.

RAINIER, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Following is a summary of the assessment roll of Columbia County, Oregon, for the year 1902:

Acres taxable land, 10,824..... \$70,225
Acres non-taxable land, 270,890..... \$21,790
Improvements on deeded land..... \$4,445
No. of town lots, 589..... 29,262
Value of improvements on town lots..... 45,235
Value of improvements on land not deeded..... 18,255
No. miles railroad bed, 52,301..... 100,000
No. miles logging road bed, 10..... 6,000
Value railroad..... 1,000
Value logging railroad stock..... 4,200
No. miles telegraph and telephone lines, 2..... 11,210
Value of steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines, manufacturing machinery, etc..... 70,940
Merchandise and stores..... 22,110
Farming implements, wagons and harness, etc..... 6,325
Notes and accounts..... 17,720
No. shares of stock, 151..... 1,167
Household furniture, watches, etc..... 24,141
Horses and mules, 121..... 60,598
Cattle, 852..... 1,240
Sheep and goats, 1919..... 1,240
Bulls, 460..... 1,240
Gross value all property..... \$1,713,628
Exemptions..... 120,798
Total taxable property..... \$1,592,830
Number of polls..... 586

Blind Institute Opens.

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The Oregon State Blind School opened this week with 20 students. There are two more to come in, so that the total attendance will be the same as last year. Of the total number of pupils, six have never been in school before, while the others have been in the institution from one to seven years. They range in ages from 12 to 25 years. While pupils are admitted at all ages, the policy of the school is to encourage the blind to enter as young as possible. The Blind School is an institution supported by appropriations from the state, and for the specific purpose of providing education for the blind youth of the state. It costs the state about \$700 a year, or \$250 a year for each pupil.

Jury Disagrees on Maddy Case.

MINNIVILLE, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Circuit Court, with Judge Burnett on the bench, adjourned today. The case of the State vs. Joseph Maddy, for shooting Clark Bryant with a shotgun, came up in this session. The jury disagreed in its verdict and was discharged today. The shooting took place near Dayton, Ore., in Spring and autumn of 1901. Maddy was charged with the murder of Bryant, a well-known citizen of that vicinity.

8000 Pounds of Hops Burned.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The fire department of Fred Thompson, of Parker Bottom, was completely destroyed, with contents, by fire of unknown origin yesterday afternoon. Every effort was made to save the building, but with little result on account of the lack of fire-fighting facilities. Over 5000 pounds of hops were stored in the house. The loss is said to be covered by insurance.

To Receive the Ninth Cavalry.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 24.—Orders were received at Fort Walla Walla today to prepare for the reception of the commanding officer, band and four troops of the Ninth Cavalry, now en route home from the Philippines. The Tenth Battery, formerly commanded by the famous Reilly, and the only artillery at the capture of Peking, will go to Fort Snelling, Minn.

A. W. Yallop, of Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 24.—At an early hour this morning A. W. Yallop dropped dead in his residence in this city. Yallop has been in the North Pacific coast for many years, and was an agent for R. G. Dun & Co. He was well known all over the Northwest. Deceased was 42 years of age. Death resulted from a ruptured blood vessel in the heart.

Oregon City Schools Crowded.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Five hundred and forty-nine pupils have registered in the Oregon City public schools today, the opening day of school last Monday morning. This exceeds the attendance of any previous year, and the schools are now in a crowded condition. It is possible that an additional teacher may have to be engaged.

Willamette Students Elect Officers.

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The student body of Willamette University organized today by electing Kinney Miller president, Miss Louise Wagner vice-president, and Walter Winslow secretary-treasurer. A football team is being organized, and Ronald Glover has been elected manager.

Other Tracy Reward Claimants.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Two more claimants for a share of the Tracy reward have filed claims in the Governor's office. The men are from Spokane and are named John and Charles Stauffer. They helped guard the wheat field all night after Tracy had killed himself.

McInnisville Harvest Festival Today.

MINNIVILLE, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Great preparations are being made for the Harvest Festival and Veterans' Reunion, which opens tomorrow. Rain has been injured before they can be dried. The damage to the fruit comes through the prunes cracking open and rotting.

Passenger Jumps Overboard.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 24.—A. S. McHugh, a passenger from Skagway on the steamer Topdeck, arriving this afternoon, committed suicide by jumping from the vessel at 7:30 o'clock this morning, while crossing the Gulf of Georgia. A boat was lowered to once, but the unfortunate man never rose to the surface after his fatal plunge. No cause is assigned for the rash act.

Commissioner Bowers' Hatchery.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 24.—United States Commissioner of Fisheries and Game, George M. Bowers, and his assistant in charge of the division of fish culture, John

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS

FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE OF UNIVERSITY'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Professor Campbell Gives Some Good Advice to Young Collegians—McMinnville College Opens.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The first regular public assembly of the faculty and students of the university was held this morning in Villard Hall. The annual address of the president, which was scheduled for October 15, was delivered this morning by President Campbell, after Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Machi Wallace, of the Congregational Church. Dr. Thomas Condon, the oldest member of the faculty, introduced to the faculty and students their new president.

After extending a welcome to the students, President Campbell spoke in substance as follows: "In the preparation that lies before you, I would call your attention to four things—namely, right method, definite habit, wide information and ease in work and enjoyment of it. Learn to get in all the facts before drawing your conclusion. It is well said that the ability to defer judgment is a measure of development of character. If you learn to work easily in what you have to do you will save energy and acquire the faculty of vitality that will make you enjoy your work. Strive to acquire power. Very often the definite choice will have to be made between sacrifice and pleasure. One must learn to sacrifice for the sake of a better future. The work of the university is in the highest sense cooperative. You are the one making the largest investment. If you fairly do your part you will be the largest gainer."

The outlook seems to promise a most pleasant and profitable year.

MINNIVILLE COLLEGE OPENS.

Convocation Address by Rev. Mr. Randall—Faculty Changes.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—McMinnville College opened this morning with a chapel service, new and old. The convocation address was delivered by Rev. William E. Randall, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Portland, who spoke in his usual happy, genial, impetuous way, congratulating the young men and women upon turning away from all the allurements and enticements of the world to the securing of a larger equipment for better living. The address proved a splendid keynote for the work of the year.

The faculty for the coming year is well prepared for efficient work, several changes and additions having been made to it. Professor W. F. Fargo, who taught in college six years ago, after a post-graduate course at the University of Chicago, returns to the chair of science, filling the vacancy caused by the leave of absence granted to Professor A. M. Brumback, to take a post-graduate course at Berkeley University, Professor J. W. Grover, who has been for the year past studying at Chicago University, returns to the chair of Latin.

The college establishes another new department, a chair of modern languages, with Mrs. Alma Kindred, native of Switzerland, in charge. Miss Toney, a graduate of last year, has also been made assistant to Miss Rose Trumbull in the conservatory of music.

The attendance promises to exceed that of last year, which was the largest in the history of the institution, when 200 students were enrolled.

Opening Day at Dallas College.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The opening exercises of Dallas College were held this morning in the college chapel. A large audience was in attendance, and the school opened under bright prospects for a successful year. Nearly 300 students will be enrolled tomorrow. Two new members have been added to the college faculty—Professor H. H. Dunkleberger, of Albright College, takes the chair of mathematics, and Professor C. T. Whitless, of Amber and Yale, takes the chair of Latin and Greek.

Albany Eleven Out for Practice.

ALBANY, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The Albany College football team was out for its first practice last night. Fred Edwards, the coach, who did splendid work for the team last year, will again coach the team, and will be here Monday. James Thompson, the manager, it is believed, is returning to the strongest eleven the college has ever had. The body of last year's team will be in the line, greatly improved. Though a captain has not been appointed, and the lineup is not made, it is known that Don Morrison will be fullback, Coates one of the halves, Mack in the center, and Templeton somewhere in the line. It is believed the team will be one able to meet the strongest teams in the state.

Rain Damaging Salem Prunes.

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—A heavy rain has fallen here today, and indications are that it will continue tomorrow. Hopping is over and no injury will result to that crop, but prune-drying has just commenced and it is feared that the work will be delayed so that the prunes will be injured before they can be dried. The damage to the fruit comes through the prunes cracking open and rotting.

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