

PRISONER ADMITS WHOLESALE THEFTS

Postoffice and Station Thief Confesses When Loot Is Found on Him.

WOMAN IS SEEN WITH HIM

Postal Detectives Make Arrest at Roseburg of Man Believed to Be Wanted in California on Murder Charge.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—John Torgerson, alias J. Allison, said by the officers to be wanted at Vina, Tehama County, Cal., for the murder of James Miller, a wealthy rancher, on December 4, 1912, was arrested in a hotel here late today by Postoffice Inspector S. H. Morse and Marshal B. Fenton, on charges of committing no less than 15 robberies in Southern Oregon during the past two weeks. Later he confessed to the robberies.

Included in the chain of robberies charged against Torgerson are those of the Medford postoffice, on December 7; the Telford postoffice, Southern Pacific station and R. L. Burdick's store, on December 20; Grants Pass jewelry store, on January 2; Gold Hill postoffice, Jennings' saloon and Lance's store, January 6, and the Roseburg River postoffice, hardware, jewelry store and Southern Pacific office January 8.

Suspicion first pointed to Torgerson January 9, when a woman companion entered a bank at Grants Pass and changed 775 pennies for their equivalent in silver. Southern Pacific Detective Kelly was placed on her trail and the woman, 19 years of age, was seen at the depot, where she purchased two tickets for Roseburg. Later she was joined by Torgerson and the two boarded a north-bound train.

A description of the couple was flashed to Roseburg, with the result that they were shadowed by police officers and followed to a local hotel, where they secured rooms. During an absence from their rooms Sheriff Fenton, on searching the woman's suitcase, found a jacket that agreed with the description of one taken from a registered mail pouch at Medford. Later the jacket was identified by its sender.

Satisfied that Torgerson was the man wanted, Fenton and Morse this morning placed him under arrest. When searched a watch and chain stolen from a Roseburg jewelry store and a revolver stolen from a Roseburg hardware store were found on his person. In his room was found a suitcase containing 11 bolts of stamps, three revolvers, pennies and nickels to the aggregate sum of \$25, numerous keys, a full kit of burglar tools and a half hundred articles of jewelry.

Prisoner Makes Confession. When confronted by the loot Torgerson admitted his guilt and, in addition to the robberies above mentioned, said he entered the Southern Pacific station at Jacksonville. The local authorities say Torgerson served a term in Federal prison for burglary and later released a number of California post-offices. As a criminal to his crimes in California, it is charged that, while using the name of John St. Clair, he murdered James Miller at Vina, in December, 1912, and escaped.

Torgerson was accompanied here by a woman, who insists she is his wife, and two children, the eldest of whom is 2 years old. Torgerson said he was a bookkeeper by profession and that he recently came from Portland. The latter statement is denied by the officers. The officers say Torgerson worked alone and used his woman companion in getting rid of the loot. Torgerson will be turned over to the Federal officers.

HILLSBORO IS RENDEZVOUS

"Home Industries" Night Will Be Celebrated at Courthouse.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The "Home Industries" night will be celebrated here tomorrow night at the Courthouse. The meeting is one of the series of such meetings which are being held all over the state under the auspices of the Manufacturers' Association, which organization is carrying on the "made in Oregon" propaganda.

A committee from that organization will be present at the meeting and addresses will be made by Walter H. McManis, president of the Manufacturers' Association; Colonel E. Hofer, Charles Conroy, Phil Bates and others. Mr. Bates will deliver a talk on good roads, illustrating his remarks by a series of stereoscopic slides showing the progress of the good roads movement in this state.

PIONEER DIES AT ALBANY

Mrs. Mary A. Williamson, Aged 80, Has Lived in Oregon Since 1864.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary A. Williamson, Oregon pioneer of 1864, died at her home in Benton County for almost half a century, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Prettymann, in this city, at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Williamson was born in Missouri and crossed the plains to Oregon 49 years ago.

With her husband she settled in Polk County near Salem and in 1868 moved to the northern part of Benton County, where she resided until she came to Albany to reside with her daughter a few months ago. Her husband died in 1898. Mrs. Williamson is survived by six children, Mrs. W. D. Prettymann, of Albany; P. E. Williamson, of Seaside; T. H. Williamson, W. C. Williamson and W. A. Williamson, of North Albany, and D. W. Williamson, of Corvallis.

PARTIES MAKE A COMBINE

(Continued From First Page.) best interests of the state. He urged the elimination of personalities during the session.

Mr. Lambie was re-elected secretary by acclamation after he was nominated by F. C. Jackson, of King County. John D. Logan was appointed sergeant-at-arms and Edward Johnson bill clerk.

The first woman to be given the position of postmistress in the Senate in the history of that body was Mrs. Rose McCroskey, of Polson, who was elected postmistress by acclamation. Elmer Hall, of Spokane, was elected assistant postmaster. Appointments of clerks and other smaller positions in the Senate were left to Secretary Lambie.

George E. Piper, of King County, introduced the first bill in the Senate, a bill calling for a \$50,000 appropriation for the expense of the Legislature during the session. The bill was read and referred to the committee of the whole into which the Senate resolved

JUDGE RUFFLES BRIDE

NEW JURIST THINKS "FRENCH LADY" IS COLORED.

Agent of Justice Nearly "Gets In Bad" at Start—January 13, 1913, Not Feared as Marriage Date.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—When Roscius Harlow Back took the oath of his office, Judge of the Superior Court of Clark County, today, he donned the judicial robe left by Judge Donald McMaster, retiring judge, and attended to court matters. It was not long before a swarthy woman, about 25 years old, appeared with a white man, 29 years old, and armed with a marriage license, asked him to perform the ceremony.

As they were in possession of proper credentials, he acquiesced, the couple being T. J. Ruddy and Mrs. Sarah Adams, both of Portland. When Mrs. Adams was asked before the ceremony she was a colored woman, she became indignant and refused to be called a "French lady." So this was Judge Back's first wedding.

Others not being superstitious about January 13, 1913, today, to secure marriage licenses were Mrs. Evelyn Alexander and Miss Laura Kennedy, of Camas and Washougal; M. A. Jones and Helen Seelye, of Portland, and James Downes, 55, and Mary N. Kerr, about 52, of Kelso.

SPECIAL TRAIN ADVOCATED

Personal Trip to State Institutions Planned for Legislators.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A special train carrying a number of the State Legislature to Cheney, Medical Lake, Walla Walla and every other point in Washington where institutions are located is being advocated by Howard B. Taylor, the probable Speaker of the House. The trip, it is estimated, would cost about \$67,000, take up five days and give every legislator a personal view of the appropriations situation.

"Many times the cost of the expedition could be saved by guarding against excessive appropriations," said Mr. Taylor. "The worthy requests for expenditure could be easily filled and the unwise ones turned down."

"I do not imagine that more than 15 members know about the need of the Cheney Normal School for a new building and the situation is the same in regard to the other state institutions. Under the old system we used to allow committees of ten to visit these places and report. Their recommendations were turned down most of the time. By allowing all members to make the trip, better results could be secured."

HILLSBORO GETS MEETING

"Made-in-Oregon" Products Move to Be Furthered on Tuesday.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edith Towler Weathered, engaged in the furtherance of the interests of the Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest, was in this city Saturday interviewing the business men in an endeavor to create a consistent demand for "made-in-Oregon" products. In this connection Mrs. Weathered has arranged for an open meeting at Hillsboro Tuesday night, which will be addressed by Phil Bates, secretary of the State Manufacturers' Association, and E. Hofer, former proprietor of the Salem Journal.

As an added attraction over 200 illustrations of the progress of the good roads movement in this state will be shown. On Thursday night an open meeting will be held at Gaston and on Friday night an endeavor will be made to interest the buying public of Forest Grove in Oregon-made goods, by the same method.

The representative of the Manufacturers' Association has unlimited means at her command, and is sparing no expense in the advancement of the cause of "Made-in-Oregon" goods for Oregon people.

JACKSON LEVY APPROVED

Taxpayers Gratified at Reduction in General Estimates.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Taxpayers of this vicinity, together with all other precincts of this county, are greatly gratified at the reduction in the general estimates, even though such reduction amounts to only 1 mill from the 1912 levy. The revised schedule, as decided upon by the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County, are as follows:

Road, 3 mills; school and library, 1.6; public buildings, 1; state, 1.1; warrant redemption, 1.5; high school, 2; general expense, 1.9; fire inspection, .4; advertising, 1.1; total levies, 19 mills for 1913, as against 11 mills for 1912. The state levy for 1913 is also among the lowest on record, the appropriation for Jackson County being \$28,355.25.

Train Wreck in England Fatal.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 13.—Two passengers were killed and 40 injured in a collision on the Midland railroad today, when an express train crashed into an accommodation train at Bromford Bridge.

MILE PROVIDED FOR RIVER MOUTH

House Committee Reports Appropriation Bill for \$40,800,000.

\$600,000 FOR CELILO WORK

For Lower Columbia and Willamette \$160,000 Is Set Aside, and for River to Cascades Another \$100,000 Is Allotted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 13.—One million dollars for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia River and \$600,000 for the Celilo Canal were Oregon items included in the first "pork barrel" appropriation bill of the present session of Congress, which was reported to the House today when the House rivers and harbors committee brought in its annual appropriation bill, providing \$40,800,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors throughout the country. The committee agreed on the measure after a stormy session that lasted several hours.

The largest single appropriation in the bill provides \$6,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi River from the Gulf to the mouth of the Ohio. Other Mississippi River appropriations are: \$1,000,000 for improvements from the mouth of the Ohio to the mouth of the Missouri; \$1,500,000 from the mouth of the Missouri to Minneapolis and \$185,000 from St. Paul to Minneapolis.

Two million three hundred thousand dollars is provided for work on the Missouri River, \$2,000,000 to be expended from Kansas City to the mouth of the river, \$150,000 from Kansas City to Sioux City and \$150,000 from Sioux City to Fort Benton.

Northwest Appropriations Big. The bill carries the following appropriations for Northwestern waterways: Mouth of the Columbia River, \$1,000,000; Columbia and Lower Willamette, Portland to the sea, \$160,000; Columbia at Cascades, looking to completion of approaches to present locks, \$100,000; Celilo Canal, \$400,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$42,000; Columbia and Snake rivers above Celilo, \$40,000.

Columbia, Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$25,000; Snake River, \$25,000; Yakima River, new project, \$28,800; upon condition that the local community contribute \$43,200, or 60 per cent of entire cost; Coos Bay, \$30,000; Nehalem Bay, \$160,000; Clatsop River, \$50,000; Quill River, \$50,000; Sluiceway River, \$50,000; Lake Washington Canal, at Seattle, \$335,000.

Ship canal, new project, connecting Port Townsend Bay with Oak Harbor, Wash., \$62,500; Puget Sound and tributaries, \$25,000; Skagit River, \$10,000; Lewis and Cowlitz rivers, \$28,500; Grays River, \$500; Grays Harbor and Chehalis River, \$30,000.

Surveys Are Authorized. The bill also authorizes surveys of the Snohomish and Stillaguamish Rivers, and authorizes the determination whether they shall be improved by the Government.

As reported the bill carries practically all approved projects recommended by the chief of engineers, except those items which are under continuing contracts and they will be carried in the sundry civil bill to be reported later. Part of the project for the Lower Willamette and Columbia is under a continuing contract, and \$120,000 additional for this project will be carried in the sundry civil bill, as will \$85,000 for the Sluiceway River.

No appropriation was made for Tillamook Bay, where an appropriation of \$307,000 was recommended. This omission was due to the fact that there has been delay on the part of the Port of Tillamook in giving a satisfactory report on the proposed project.

It was shown that \$40,000 would be as much as could be expended on the Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers, above Celilo, therefore the appropriation for that project was reduced from \$85,000 to \$40,000. For the same reason the appropriation for the Skagit River was cut from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

The sundry civil bill will carry \$15,000 for Snohomish River, and \$43,000 for Willapa Harbor as previously recommended.

Canal Fund Opposed. Representative Humphrey, of Washington, Northwestern member on the river and harbor committee, was successful in holding most of the items up to the chief of engineers, but had difficulty in getting the \$600,000 for the Celilo Canal as the committee was dissatisfied with the action of the Senate last session in raising the House appropriation for this work to \$700,000 and was determined to cut the present appropriation to \$500,000.

Humphrey made an effort to get \$1,200,000 for this work, as recommended in a special report of the Army engineers, but the committee was almost unanimously against this increase, notwithstanding the economy that could be effected by doubling the appropriation and completing the canal promptly. The committee also resisted the appropriation to complete the approaches to the canal at the Cascades, but Humphrey argued that unless this work was done, the canal was liable to be closed by floods, and all work heretofore done destroyed. On that argument he won.

Among the important appropriations in the bill are:

California: Los Angeles harbor, \$121,000; Oakland harbor, \$275,000; San Joaquin River, including Fremont channel and Mokelumne River, \$1,000,000; and Merman channels, \$188,732; Hawaii, Honolulu harbor, \$225,000.

The bill also provides \$250,000 for surveys, surveys and contingencies of river and harbor improvements.

POULTRY TO BE EXHIBITED

Redmond Show to Give Impetus to Industry in Central Oregon.

REDMOND, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The entire Redmond district is taking great interest in the first annual Poultry Show, which will be held January 15-18, under the auspices of the Redmond Poultry Association. From inquiries received from farmers and poultrymen in Central Oregon, indications are that there will be a large ex-

hibit of fowls and a big attendance.

"Our object in holding the Poultry Show is not to gain honor or glory, but to bring the poultry industry into the prominence it justly deserves," said E. C. Immele, president of the association. "We know that poultry breeding is a real science or realize what a vast industry the poultry business is. We believe that Central Oregon is peculiarly adapted to the raising of poultry, and that if the settlers give the business proper recognition, the industry will become one of the most important and profitable to the people of this district."

In addition to cash premiums for best individual fowls, special prizes will be awarded for the largest exhibits of different varieties, best pens in the class having the most entries, and the highest scoring pens in the American and English classes.

The officers of the Association are: President, E. C. Immele; vice-president, T. E. Simpson; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Meyer; Leon Green, of North Yakima, Wash., will act as judge.

SHORT BALLOT URGED

GOVERNOR SHAFROTH DELIVERS BIENNIAL MESSAGE.

Official Advocates Appointment of All Executive Officers of State by Governor.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 13.—A constitutional amendment providing for a "short ballot" with all the executive officers of the state appointed by the Governor was recommended to the 15th General Assembly of Colorado by John F. Shafroth, its retiring Chief Executive, in his biennial message today.

The Governor called attention to the present "headless ballot" law which, he says, makes it difficult for the voter to pass upon the merits of the individual candidates for state offices. He adds:

"The Governor generally is held responsible for the action of the entire executive branch of the state and he ought to have officers in such departments in sympathy with his administration."

Among other recommendations made by Governor Shafroth who was designated by the voters of the state in the last election for United States Senator are the following:

"Bank guaranty law, employees' compensation act, Presidential preference primary elections, a law designed to lessen danger of coal mine explosions, just automatic tax for improving highways, an appropriation of \$100,000 for state representations at the San Francisco and San Diego expositions in 1915."

The Governor declared that the Federal Government's conservation policy "has been so detrimental as to render almost impossible."

He urged legislation to prevent monopoly of the natural resources of the state.

HARBOR MILLS SHOW GAIN

Willapa Lumber Shipments in 1912 Valued at Over \$4,000,000.

RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Lumber statistics for Willapa Harbor mills for the year 1912 have just been compiled and show the fact that the shipments for the past year exceed those of 1911 by 56,262,876 feet, totaling in all 398,255,184, as against 241,992,311 in 1911.

The value of last year's shipments were \$1,240,971.36, a net increase over 1911 of \$1,143,183.87.

Shipments totaled 157,750,287 feet, valued at \$2,066,253.15, while \$4,590,684 feet, valued at \$1,445,335.65, went by rail to Eastern markets; \$1,240,971.36, valued at \$212,326.55, was marketed locally and the balance of 12,175,004 feet, worth \$164,814.60, was dispatched to foreign shores in 17 seaports.

Washington's total for 1912 shows this year fell under those of 1911 by 1,333,789 feet, yet the value of the 1912 shipments exceeded those of the former year, shipped cargoes of 1911 by \$2,492,755.

The outlook for the lumber business during the coming year is very good indeed, many inquiries and orders being received.

S. SCHELTER IS KILLED

Former Resident of St. Johns Falls From Scaffolding.

MINNIEVILLE, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—S. Schelter, contractor and city, formerly of St. Johns, was instantly killed today while working on the A. L. Powell house near the St. Johns River, College Slide.

Mr. Schelter was working in the construction of a house and had just placed his working scaffold in place when it collapsed and he fell 18 feet and struck his head and neck in a crossbeam, causing instant death.

Schelter's head was split open and his neck was broken. He had been engaged in building a house for the past two years as a carpenter and contractor and had been employed on the new United States National Bank building, now nearly completed. His assistant, Mr. McFarland, although on the scaffold also, and falling at the same time, did not receive serious injuries.

Mr. Schelter had a wife and grown children living near St. Johns, his former home. He was about 45 years of age. Arrangements for the funeral have not been announced.

COMPENSATION BILL IS HIT

Building Trades Council Opposed to Proposed New Measure.

Members of the Building Trades Council are opposed to the so-called workmen's compensation bill that is to be introduced in the present session of the Legislature, and are meeting last night unanimously adopted resolutions condemning A. W. Lawrence, a labor union man and a legislator, who has declared his intention of introducing such a measure.

"The men who follow hazardous occupations do not want accidents, but protection from accidents," say the resolutions in part, and "the men who follow hazardous occupations are receiving compensation under the present employers' liability law."

"Any compensation bill will in some part, if not all, nullify or take away the protecting features of the employers' liability law."

BANKERS AGREE ON LOAN

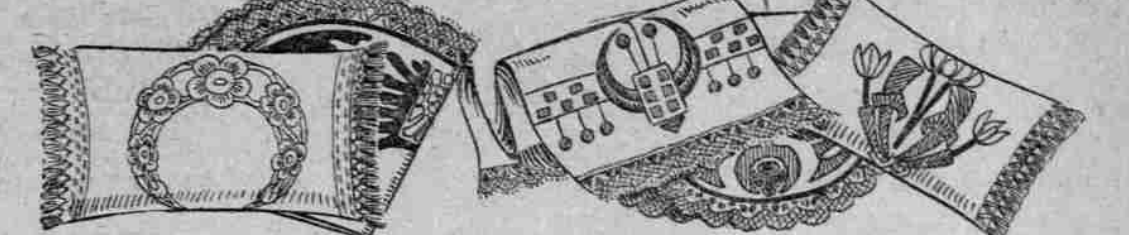
Terms of Chinese Financial Deal Are Virtually Arranged.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The State Department today received confirmation of the report that the London Conference of Bankers, representing the international group has reached a practical agreement as to the essential terms of the Chinese re-organization loan of \$125,000,000.

It is understood that the \$25,000,000 constituting the American share will be divided among J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the First National Bank of New York and the National City Bank of New York.

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\$1.75 JAPANESE PILLOW TOPS

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—Gold embroidered Japanese manderin pillow tops on colored satins. In the dragon, eagle and beetle designs.

\$3.25 ELK PILLOW TOPS

Tuesday, Clearance \$1.65

—Pillow tops of heavy satin in the official purple Elk shade embroidered in gold, showing the elk head and the clock and "B. P. O. E." in gold letters.

CRETONNE PIN TRAYS

Tuesday, Clearance 10c

—These dainty little trays for the dressing table are of a deep blue and white cretonne with glass covered bottom, finished on the edge with dainty braid.

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—We are exclusive representatives of this famous English retail store for all their departments. New arrivals in London Spring fashions will shortly be on exhibition.

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One-Quarter Off

—For Xmas selling a delayed shipment of exquisite cushion tops from this famous house are now being shown. These tops are of tapestry in Herdick and conventional patterns. Of materials that are made to Liberty's special order.

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—Made of light tan tapestry material, executed in a most attractive floral and conventional design, with border to match.

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C. D. HAYES IS ELECTED

CLARK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION HOLDS SESSION.

Capital Stock Raised From \$15,000 to \$30,000—Demonstration Farm Plan Is Put Under Way.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—C. D. Hayes was elected president of the Clark County Fair Association here today at the annual meeting of the stockholders. Clement Scott was elected vice-president; J. P. Wineberg, treasurer, while the office of secretary was left open until a later meeting of the directors.

The directors were elected: C. D. Hayes, N. C. Hall, E. M. Dieterich, J. P. Wineberg, A. O. Hathaway, J. O. Wing, J. E. B. B. C. C. Schelter, Clement Scott, John Holmgren, George P. Larsen and C. S. Blair.

The capital stock of the association was raised from \$15,000 to \$30,000, and plan to dispose of the unsold shares.

Professor H. W. Sparks, of the State College, at Pullman, was present and plan to conduct a demonstration farm in the center of the half-mile

racetrack. The Granges of the county will enter into a competition in raising farm produce in this tract of land, while the State College will conduct experiments in growing vegetables and the use of fertilizer on a much larger scale than last year. There is a plan now on foot to secure the services of Professor Sparks to work in Clark County only, the Pomona Grange having made a petition to have the State College Commissioners have the plan under advisement. Professor Sparks has bought a farm in this county and will make this his home when he retires from teaching.

MANY OFFICIALS MAY GO

Treasury Department Plans to Reorganize Customs Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Treasury Department's tentative plans for the reorganization of the Customs Service, it was learned today, contemplate the abolition of all customs naval officials and surveyors of customs, confining the port administration to collectors and deputy collectors.

It also is the department's intention to deprive the collectors at ports along the Great Lakes and the Canadian border of their present prerogatives from the sale of manifest blanks and to turn this revenue into the Treasury.

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