

3 FRIENDS LEADER

Youths Confess Several Burglaries, Including Blowing of Plant's Safe.

NEIGHBOR ALSO ARRESTED

Cleaver and Dyer Seized When Captives Say He Plotted Holdup That Failed—Desire for Spending-Money Blamed.

SEVEN ROBBERIES ARE CONFESSED BY THREE YOUTHS.

Walter Goetten, aged 18, Charles aged 15, and Stephen Spitski, aged 16, Collyer, Musgrave, cleaner and dyer, aged 21, arrested as accomplices in a series of robberies and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Robberies Confessed. Safe robbed at packing-house of Walter Goetten, aged 18, Charles aged 15, and Stephen Spitski, aged 16, on Christmas eve, 1914, when Paul Brinkman's drugstore, at 589 Milwaukee street, entered June 25, 1914, \$2000.

Because burglary was found to be an easy method of getting extra spending money, Walter Goetten, aged 18, Charles aged 15, and Stephen Spitski, aged 16, committed a series of robberies in Portland during the past year, blowing of a safe in the office of the Sheriff and the blowing of a safe in their boasted feature crime.

That Dr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Weeks, of 108 East Nineteenth street, barely escaped being held up by the trio, and that a neighbor, who was present, arranged the plot, was related by the captives to Detectives Heller and Musgrave.

Boys Accuse Cleaner. Sleep, said the prisoners, interfered with the plot, and that Mrs. Weeks were to have been held up and robbed as they returned from the home of Musgrave.

Goetten and Spitski have lived in Portland most of their lives, both having attended the Brooklyn School, from which Goetten was graduated.

Unpaid Taxes \$1,874.736.

WHEAT MARKETS

Argentine Is Field for Sale of Oregon Fruit.

DEMAND IS INCREASING

Hood River Association Introduces Product of This Section, Which Meets With Great Favor in South American Country.

A valuable report on the possibilities of the Argentine market for Pacific Coast apples has been received here by the Lumbermen's Trust Company and, in part, is as follows:

Apples have been imported into the Argentine Republic for a number of years and the market has long been familiar with those from North America. They have been considered in the past, and if one may judge from present prices, are now more or less a luxury.

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Early Day Quotations Recalled When Cereal Brought \$2 in Market and All Surplus Was Sold.

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HOOD RIVER PRUNES LEVY

County Plans, However, to Expend \$43,000 on Road Work.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—After a three days session, the first two of which were characterized by a number of interruptions, Hood River County Court late this afternoon completed the tax levy for the coming year, leaving intact appropriations for the coming year.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(Maximum temperature, 40; minimum, 30.)

CHOICE HOPS WORTH 12 CENTS

Revival of Buying Is Expected After New Year's.

The hop market is holding steady at 12 cents for the best grade.

Local Jobbing Quotations.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 300, 35¢; 300, 35¢.

Local Jobbing Quotations.

BEANS—Small white, 54¢; large white, 54¢.

Local Jobbing Quotations.

Wool Situation Is More Acute

Foreign Countries Are Purchasing in America in Large Quantities.

LAST PRICES FIRM

Movement in Wall-Street Market Is Narrow.

SMALL TOTAL OF SALES

Drift Is Aimless Until Latter Part of Session—Bond Values Are Irregular—London Market Is Steady.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Operations on the Stock Exchange were marked today by the smallest amount of business for a full session since February of 1888.

The movement was narrow throughout, with a lowering trend, leaders yielding as much as a point at the outset, but making general recoveries on settlement of short contracts.

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CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Alaska Gold 2.100 26 1/2 26 1/2

Portland Market Quotations.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Wheat—No. 1, 1.10; No. 2, 1.05.

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LADD & TILTON BANK

Capital and Surplus \$2,000,000 Commercial and Savings Deposits

Yearlings, \$6.75 @ 7.50; wethers, \$6 @ 6.50; lambs, \$8.25 @ 8.50.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Hogs—Receipts, 31,000; markets, slow, 50c to 10c under yesterday's average.

ONIONS ARE AGAIN READY TO SHIP

Yesterdays will start latter part of week. Price is unchanged.

FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT IS RECEIVED

Car of Fine Head Lettuce Is From South. Yakima Potato Orders.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

Duluth Linnseed Market.

Dressed Turkey Trade Is Slow

Hops Sell at 12 1/2 CENTS

Wheat Pit Is Briered

Prices Slump Sharply in Chicago Market.

Sentiments Affected by Commercial Difficulties With Great Britain.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Merchandise market, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent, steady.

WHEAT.

COOS BAY AND EUREKA S. S. ELDER

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