

PROPERTY SWINDLE
REMAINS UNFINISHED

\$1500 Remains Uncalled For
Following Ranch Sale.

FORGED DEED IS USED

Bunco Man Believed to Have
Become Frightened and Failed
to Call for Money.

A bunco man who didn't "bunco," at least in this instance, has been recorded. After having expended between \$200 and \$300 making ready to "pull" a "job," he got "cold feet" and left \$1500 in hard cash lying in the First National bank of Portland.

The "bunco" was J. M. Amesby in Portland and when in Conrad, Mont., where the other end of the trick was actually turned, he gave the name of James Atkins. He also, it is believed, is "E. F. Gordon, notary," whose seal was used on a deed to property which was the basis of the uncompleted attempted swindle.

The property consists of a wheat ranch near Conrad and is owned by J. T. Stone, 691 Giles street, Portland, well known as a painting contractor. With his family, he moved here two years ago.

Advertisement Is Inserted.

Last August an advertisement appeared in a Portland newspaper asking for a Montana wheat ranch. Mr. Stone asked his wife to answer the "ad." She did and soon thereafter a man giving the names of J. M. Amesby appeared on the scene, saying he owned valuable properties in Yamhill county, but wished to purchase in Montana. He received a description of the place from Mrs. Stone and, in one time, went to Montana to see the ranch. He already had Mrs. Stone's signature from the time she answered his "ad" and when he proceeded to Montana he wrote on some pretext to Mr. Stone, who replied, "That gave him both signatures, which he proceeded to forge to a 'deed' to the Stone ranch."

M. Hatburg was renting the Stone ranch at the time. Giving the name of James Atkins, the would-be swindler appeared at the place and offered to sell it to Hatburg. Hatburg purchased it from Mr. Stone and would sell for \$1500. That being an exceptional bargain, Hatburg, which, according to Mr. Stone yesterday, is valued by him at between \$900 and \$10,000, the "sale" went through quickly. "Atkins" paid money to bring up the abstract, paid his own expenses while in Conrad and his fare back and forth. At that time he presented a "deed" to the place and Hatburg sent the \$1500 to Portland in care of the First National bank.

Money Remains in Bank.

Why the would-be swindler did not call for his money is not known, but it is presumed by Chief of Police Jensen, to whom Mr. Stone reported the case, that he got "cold feet" and feared arrest should he appear at the bank. At any rate, the money will be until Mr. Stone gets the papers fixed up again and straightens out the legal tangles and is in possession of a real deed.

The first known of the attempted swindle was when a son of Mr. Jones went to Rathburn, where it was told that he had bought the place. This son asked for the "deed," which he indicated he wanted to see. He glanced at the signatures of his parents and had been forged. Getting into touch with his father, he learned that no sale had been made.

The would-be swindler evidently has been or intends to be in the "purchasing" business for he affixed to the "deed" a notary seal carrying the name "E. F. Gordon." No such notary commission had ever been issued in Montana. It was learned upon investigation. Therefore, it is figured by those concerned that the swindler had the seal made for swindling operations.

Mr. Stone describes the man as being about 45 or 50 years old, of medium size, smooth shaven and with shifty eyes.

SCHOOL REFORMS URGED

IDAHO TEACHERS RECOMMEND
IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

Institution for Education of Feeble-
Minded Children Is Among
State Measures Approved.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The Idaho State Teachers' association closed its convention here today, after two days' session, with nomination of officers and recommendations to the legislature.

The nominations follow:
For president—C. F. Dienst, principal Boise high school; C. R. Frazer, president of the Idaho Parent-Teachers' association; and Mrs. Laura Butz, superintendent of schools, Wadsworth-Kellogg.
For vice-president—Mrs. Elizabeth L. Ware, dean of women at the Albion State Normal; W. B. Oldham, county superintendent of Madison county.
For secretary—F. E. Lukins, superintendent of schools, Grangeville; Miss Alice Beach, Montpelier.
For treasurer—James A. Langton, superintendent of schools, Shelly; E. H. Buck, superintendent of schools, Halley.

The teachers have until February 25 to ballot on the nominees.
The committee on legislation recommended a state-wide tax for public education, bond limit for class A school districts, raising salaries of county superintendents, appointment of high school inspectors, establishment of a school for the education of feeble-minded children, support of rural high schools, the appointment of a state health supervisor and a school district consolidation act.

SUICIDE IS IDENTIFIED

Man Beheaded by Train Was K. J.
Jensen of Seattle.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Identification of the man beheaded on the railroad track about a mile north of Glendale Friday was made yesterday by the coroner. Papers on the body indicated the man's name was Knute J. Jensen, and his residence Seattle, Wash. Persons who witnessed the death of the traveler say he deliberately folded his arms across his breast, punched his neck across the railroad track, the oncoming train completely severing the head from his body.

Jensen was a passenger on train No. 13 and a ticket in his pocket

TACOMA IN SCHOOL ROW
Directors Disagree Over Vote on
\$2,450,000 Bond Issue.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Sharp division of opinion among Tacoma school directors on the proposal to vote \$2,450,000 in bonds for new buildings and equipment was revealed today when members of the

EXECUTIVE POST TAKEN
WITH PORTLAND SERV-
ICE LEAGUE.

Clifford J. Spooner.

Clifford J. Spooner, well known Portland business man, has taken up new duties as assistant executive secretary of the Portland Service League. The organization of this unique civic body, designed to bring about co-operation of the adult male population of the city in galvanizing into concrete action the big movements for community betterment, is practically completed, necessitating additions to the active personnel in its management.

Mr. Spooner is a native Oregonian, born at Oregon City, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and comes of fighting stock. He was for six years Portland district manager for the United States, for four years salesman for Backus & Morris, and for more than ten years head of the invoice department of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation.

board appeared before the Rotary club to present the subject.

H. E. Warren and S. Griggs opposed the bond issue and Mrs. Victor H. Miller, R. E. Thompson and Alvin H. Swanson defended the expansion programme as outlined by Superintendent W. F. Geiger. The Rotarians endorsed the bond issue.

Women's Activities

Community Service will entertain with its next dancing party Saturday evening in the Portland Heights clubhouse, through the courtesy of Mrs. W. F. Woodward and members of the Ladies of the G. M. Standifer committee will act as chaperones. Admission charge of 15 cents for girls and 20 cents for men will be asked.

Today at 2:30 P. M. Winslow Meade circle No. 7, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will entertain with a 600 card party in room 625 courthouse. The public is invited to attend. Officers of the circle will act as the committee in charge.

Winslow Meade circle No. 7, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will entertain members only at luncheon today at 12:30. All members having birthdays in the last quarter of the year are invited to attend. This is the last big luncheon of the year. All members are urged to attend and bring well-filled baskets.

Classes in special holiday cookery are to meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week from 7:15 to 9:15 P. M. in the Girls' Polytechnic school. All adults interested in this class are urged to register and take advantage of the special instructions.

On Tuesday evening, November 23, St. Rose court, Women's Catholic club of Forests, entertained with a delightful Thanksgiving party in honor of its candidates for membership. The committee in charge consisted of Chief Ranger Kate Haines and daughter Beatrice, Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, secretary-treasurer. This court is meeting with splendid success in the campaign for members and the closing of candidates will be December 15.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The Hood River Parent-Teachers' association has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: G. Blinchar, president; Mrs. S. G. Campbell, vice-president; Miss Vera Olin, secretary, and Mrs. J. E. Slade, treasurer.

Normal Students Earn 95 Grade.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Arthur Von Jensen of Centralia and Elizabeth Briggs of Klabor each earned grades of 95 per cent in Washington state manual examinations held in Lewis county early in the month. This promises to be one of the best records in the state. Mrs. Meighen, county superintendent of schools, thirteen teachers, all graduates of accredited normal schools and universities, as a result of the examinations received certificates ranging from first grade elementary to life.

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TAG DAY PLANNED
FOR DERELICT HOME

Drive for Funds to Help Aged
Is December 11.

PISGAH MOTHER NEEDS AID

Down and Out Are Rescued and
Given Start in Life at Arden-
wald Institution.

Rescuing derelicts, caring for the old and friendless, being a source of help and comfort to elderly women and down and out, threadbare and unhappy men of the great grandfather age—this has been the life work of Mrs. Hattie Lawrence, "The Pisgah Mother," as she is fondly and familiarly called. December 11 there is to be a tag day for the Woodmere Old People's home, the institution fostered by Mrs. Lawrence. Permission has been granted and prominent men and women of the board of directors of other institutions are offering their services to help "Mother" Lawrence.

50 People in Home.
There are about 50 old people at Ardenwald in the Woodmere home, 7511 Sixty-fourth avenue Southeast, and they are a happy lot. But they need food and comforts and for these and to provide care for these elderly folk the fund is needed.

The story of the building of the Woodmere place is interesting. The first timber came from the old Baptist church on East Ankeny street when that place was partially destroyed by fire. Mother Lawrence got the lumber as a donation and some of her old folks helped haul it to the site on the Mount Scott line.

The Pisgah home, Mother Lawrence's first old folks' shelter, started a good many years ago on Ninth avenue, where the Pisgah Mother took in old women and gave them a home, gathering a few dollars from generous friends who knew of her work. Then she started the Bathing home, a cottage in which she took some of the old outcasts from the jail. Many of her "boys" were classed as "drunks," some as "do-wells" and all were of a type that no one found interesting. But in these Mrs. Lawrence saw a spark of goodness overlooked by the casual observer, who saw only a dirty, ragged man in the most sweeping center of interest among the new law-makers. It is being whipped into shape rapidly and will be introduced to the next legislature in Governor Hart's address.

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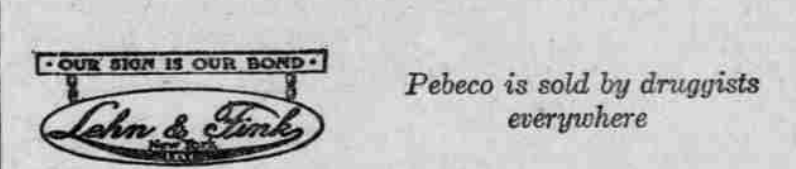
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CODE EXCITES INTEREST

MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR-ELECT
AWAITED IN SUSPENSE.
Attention of Washington Solons Is
Focused on Experiment in
Reducing Costs.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Members of the new 1921 legislature are awaiting with deep interest the opening message of Louis F. Hart, governor-elect. The administrative code seems to be the center of interest among the new law-makers. It is being whipped into shape rapidly and will be introduced to the next legislature in Governor Hart's address.

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Water Rate Increase Protested.
YAKIMA, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Mayor Sweet yesterday sent to the state public service commission a protest on behalf of the city against a proposed increase by the Pacific Power & Light company in its water rates, together with radical rearrangement of its schedule for such

service. It is estimated that the new schedule will raise the cost of water 50 per cent on an average. The company claims the raise is necessary to give adequate revenue.

JAPANESE DIES IN STREET
Member of Parliament Succumbs
on Way to Catch Train.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Motochika Takahashi, from Tokio, a member of the Japanese parliament, died suddenly in a Seattle street late Friday night while racing through the storm for a train which

he was trying to catch for Portland. He had been to a banquet here and with a companion started to walk to the station. Being late they broke into a run, and Takahashi was overcome. He came from Japan November 24, to study welfare conditions for the Japanese government.

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