

### EXPERT YEGGS FAIL IN ATTACK ON BANK

#### Oxyacetylene Torch Burns Hole in Safe Door.

#### GAS BOTTLES REMOVED

#### Gang Takes Precautions That Indicate Much Experience in Business, Says Detectives.

After burning their way through the heavy steel door to the vault of the Montavilla savings bank, East Eightieth and Stark streets, early yesterday expert yeggs, working with an oxy-acetylene torch, were unable to break through a barred door which led to the inner compartment containing the safe.

The attempted bank robbery was discovered by L. G. McConnell, cashier of the bank, when he entered the building shortly after 9 A. M. He immediately notified the police. The oxy-acetylene torch outfit was left on the floor just outside the vault by the yeggs, who apparently had been frightened away from the building. The torch was still warm when the cashier reached the bank, indicating the bank robbers had worked almost until daylight in their desperate effort to reach the safe.

Experts Believed at Work. According to Police Detectives Coleman and Collins, who made an all-day investigation, the work undoubtedly was the work of experts. After cutting a hole in the vault door of about 14 by 18 inches in size, one of the gang had crawled through and carefully removed several small bottles of ammonia gas which were attached to the interior knob of the safe door. The slightest concussion to the door would have released this gas and rendered all within the bank unconscious, say the police.

Not only was this ammonia gas carefully removed and taken to a place of safety, but the yeggs also had taken with them a bottle of oil of mustard, an antidote for ammonia gas. Evidently, say the detectives, they had expected to encounter ammonia gas and had prepared themselves for this contingency.

Torch is Stolen One. Investigation disclosed that the torch and outfit had been stolen some time Wednesday night from the plant of the Pacific Sheet Metal works. It is believed the yeggs went immediately to work on the vault door after they had stolen the torch outfit.

After getting through the outer vault door, the yeggs found that a barred steel gate as well as a lighter door had to be overcome before the inner compartment could be reached. The knob of the gate was broken and the gate unlocked, but this gate swung outward, making it impossible to open it unless the outer door was opened to its full width. The detectives believe the tubing for the oxy-acetylene torch was not long enough to reach to the steel gate, otherwise they could quietly have cut through these bars and reached the safe.

The safe, which contained the bank's money, is what is known as a "bomb-proof" mounted on a small pedestal. According to Detectives Coleman and Collins, it would have taken at least three "shots" of the torch to open this safe and reach the money. It would have been a precarious bit of work for them to have attempted to cut their way into the safe with the torch, the police say.

Inasmuch as this is the first time that an attempt has been made locally to break open a safe vault with an oxy-acetylene torch, the police believe they are members of an eastern gang who have come into the north-west during recent weeks.

### STATE BANK LAYS PLANS

#### REORGANIZATION REPORT IS ADOPTED.

#### President Says Steps Contemplate Complete Security to Present Depositors.

Plans are progressing toward a reorganization of the State Bank of Portland, which closed last week. At a meeting in the bank yesterday afternoon, a report of the reorganization committee of plans for reopening the bank was adopted unanimously. The committee was requested to proceed along lines suggested. Conrad P. Olson, president of the bank, issued the following statement after the meeting:

"At a meeting of the directors of the State Bank of Portland held Thursday, it was unanimously voted to adopt a report of the organization committee on plans for reopening the bank. Steps were at once ordered in the carrying out of such plans, which contemplate security to the present depositors, removal of all slow assets and replacement of the same by cash membership in the federal reserve system, and substantial additions to the capital and surplus of the bank."

### BOAT CAPTAIN SUICIDE

#### Schooner Drifts Aimlessly Without Hand at Wheel.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 23.—J. N. Schulte, captain of the four-masted British schooner Lewis Broughton, on a voyage from Mobile to Spain, shot himself to death Tuesday while the vessel was off the coast of Florida. With no member of the crew competent to navigate the vessel, the schooner sailed aimlessly until sighted by the tank steamship Salsinesun. The tanker put one of its officers aboard the schooner and brought the vessel into Key West today.

### WATER REQUEST WAITS

#### Council Wants Formal Report on Powell Valley Controversy.

An application made yesterday to the city council by the Powell Valley

Water company for a supply of Bull Run water was placed on the table, upon recommendation of City Commissioner Mann. It is expected that in several weeks the application will be granted, as the controversy which existed between directors of this company and the Section Line Water company has ended through the absorption of the Section Line Water company by the Powell Valley company.

However, when the controversy was aired before the city council, Mayor Baker appointed a committee composed of Fred L. Bourne, representing the Powell Valley Water company, and Will Daly, representing the Section Line Water company, to make a report. This report has not yet been submitted and the city council is anxious to have a formal report placed before it so that the committee can be discharged and the application granted.

### TOURIST RATES PROMISED

#### CALIFORNIA, NORTHWEST CUT ANNOUNCED BY ROAD.

#### Southern Pacific Grants Petition of Organization Seeking to Encourage Travel Here.

Special reduced summer tourist rates from southern California to Portland and the Pacific northwest have been announced by the Southern Pacific, to become effective February 28 and continue until September 1. John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, and W. J. Hoffmann, president of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, were notified to this effect yesterday.

At a recent meeting of the California Automobile association, which has 64,000 members, the statement was made that Portland could look for 50,000 motor cars coming north this summer. Averaging four persons to the car, this will mean 200,000 persons coming through California into Oregon and other Pacific northwest points.

Through the efforts of the tourist association summer tourist rates from the east will be put into effect a month earlier than in previous years. In former years summer rates were not announced until May and took effect in June.

The summer rates came about largely through the efforts of the tourist association. The argument was that summer tourist rates had been granted from the east to the west and they should be granted from California to northwest points. The rates were requested at a meeting of all the passenger representatives in Vancouver, B. C., about six weeks ago.

This is the first time that summer tourist rates have been granted from California points north. It applies to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Victoria, Vancouver and several points in the Canadian Rockies. This will mean a big influence in developing rail traffic to California and the Pacific northwest points.

The Pacific Northwest Tourist association has been putting on a campaign in California to induce summer traffic. Recently an illustrated road map was distributed to every motor car garage, every motor car club, to all chambers of commerce and many other places.

### PLANT AT KENTON, PLAN

#### Shaffer, McLaughlin & Hillier Company Takes Option.

Establishment in Kenton of a large plant for the manufacture of lumber is planned by the Shaffer, McLaughlin & Hillier company, incorporated, which is now operating in leased quarters. The company has taken an option on a tract of eight acres at the corner of Columbia boulevard and the Vancouver railway. This property has been held by the Loggers & Contractors' Machinery company.

The Shaffer, McLaughlin & Hillier company is planning to put in a plant that will triple its present handling capacity, at an outlay of approximately \$75,000. This will require the erection of several large buildings and extensive sheds and dry kilns. The new tract will be served with truckage from the O. W. R. & N. railroad.

### Five Prisoners are Indicted.

#### EUGENE, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special).—Five prisoners now in the county jail were indicted today by the grand jury. Herbert Collins, Harry V. Stauden, are charged with forging checks; William Nesbitt with obtaining money under false pretenses in passing bad checks, and Chester Wheatfill and Harold Stuman with larceny of an automobile. Nesbitt, Wheatfill and Stuman were among the nine who broke out of the county jail a short time ago. Nesbitt gave himself up the next day and Wheatfill and Stuman were recaptured.

Oregon's Best Coal—Southport. Try a sack, 75c. Bidwy, 70.—Adv.



## Caswell's Coffee

NATIONAL CREST

### Today!

1,800,000 cups were served at the PANAMA-PACIFIC International EXPOSITION.

### Girls! Girls!! Clear Your Skin With Cuticura

People each (Body, Chest, Neck) of Cuticura. Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment. Sold everywhere.

### Demonstration Turney's Candied Grape Fruit—A New Confection—Main Floor.

### Charge Purchases Made Today and Remainder of Month Go on March Accounts Payable April 1

### Save Your Stamps!

—You wouldn't think of leaving your change on the counter. Trading Stamps are precisely the same, for they have a real cash value. We distribute thousands of dollars every year to savers of S. & H. Stamps.

## Olds, Wortman & King

RELIABLE MERCHANDISE — RELIABLE METHODS.

MORRISON, ALDER, WEST PARK AND TENTH STREETS

### Children's Hair Bobbed

—Heart's Desire curl, curled bob, straight cut, etc. Our man barber is an expert in his line and a diplomat in handling children. Bring the little ones here for best work. Barber Shop on the Second Floor.

## Just From the Great Fashion Centers—Fresh, New, Spring-Like Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts and Blouses



### Frocks for Sunny Spring

Charmingly New and Becoming

Second Floor—Give yourself the pleasure of seeing these delightful new creations in their fascinating colorings and novel designs. Frocks for sport, street and afternoon wear developed in Taffeta, Roshanara Crepe, Satin, Poiret Twill, Tricotine, Georgette Crepe, Knit Crepe and many combinations of these materials. All the very newest modes for the Spring season are represented in this collection from the tailored styles to the dainty basque effects. Trimmed with embroidery, beads, folds, platings, shirtings, etc. Many of the new Dresses have fancy vest fronts and wide sleeves. Prices range from \$17.50 up to \$89.75

### Smart New Dresses For Juniors

—The fleeting charm of youth has been captured and made permanent in these beautiful new modes for Juniors with Springtime loveliness in every line they portray all that is smart and correct with the added attraction of being moderately priced. Crepe Knit, Jersey, Poiret Twill, Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, Tricotette and the very fashionable new Tweeds. You must see these to fully appreciate their individuality and rare style. New shades. Ages 8 to 16. \$15.75 to \$65.00

**Exclusive Agency Betty Wales Dresses**  
**Exclusive Agency Peggy Paige Dresses**

### Silk Petticoats

Specially Priced at \$5

—A modest price indeed for Petticoats of such splendid quality and you will agree with this statement when you note how well they are made and the unusual goodness of the materials. Pussy Willow Taffeta, Satin, Jersey, etc., in a full selection of the wanted Spring shades. Choice of several styles with corded, plaited, ruffled and hem-stitched flounces. On special sale at \$5.00

Garment Salons, Second Floor

### Stamped Fudge Aprons At 50c

Bargain Circle, 1st Floor—The popular style with straps over shoulders. Cross-stitch and running stitch designs—easy to work. Good quality material. Priced special at 50c

### Show Models Girls' Dresses 1/2 Price

—These garments are completely finished and have been used as display models in the Art Needlework Section, 2d Flr. Many beautiful styles. \$6.75 to \$12 Dresses \$3.38 to \$6.00

Night Gowns 79c  
—Women's stamped and made Night Gowns ready to embroider. Very attractive. 79c  
Bargain Circle, 1st Floor.

### Groceries 4th Floor

Boneless Codfish put up in pound packages; at 28c  
New Bloaters on sale today at 3 for only 25c  
Gloss Starch, 6-lb. boxes, 75c  
Argo Corn Starch, package 10c  
Crystal White Soap 25c  
Flakes, 4 packages for 25c  
Rolled Oats per 9-lb. sack 52c  
Armour's Pancake Flour 10c

### Candy

—Cream Fudge—the favorite confection. Fresh and delicious. Special, pound 29c  
—Peanut Brittle—made of best quality peanuts. The children's delight. Pound 25c  
—Chocolate Foam—tasty, pure and wholesome. On sale today, special, the bag 15c

Candy Department Main Floor

### New Trimming Braids

Main Floor—See these new novelties before you decide on the trimming for your new Spring wearables. Guimpes and Braids in wanted widths and colors. Also Tassels, Fringes and Girdies in black, gold, red and various combinations. Moderately priced. New Spanish Lace Flouncings and All-overs in scroll and floral designs. Prices range \$3.50 to \$5.50 a yard.



### Just in Portland Maid Silk Hose

In nude, navy, polo gray, black, white and brown. Wear Portland Maid Silk Hose this season and enjoy the satisfaction of perfection in fit and matchless service. Full range of sizes. Priced, pair \$2.25

—Fancy Sox in cotton, lisle and silk. Spring lines now on display.—Hosiery Dept., 1st floor.



### Crepe de Chine Underwear

—\$1.98  
—\$2.95

—Women's Envelope Chemise of excellent quality crepe de chine. Tailored and fancy styles. \$2.98 values at \$1.98  
—Envelope Chemise in several dainty styles. Regular \$2.95 \$3.95 values. Special \$2.25  
—Crepe de Chine Vests \$2.25 in \$2.98 grade. Special \$2.98  
—\$2.98 Seer Silk Vests at \$1.98

On Sale at Center Circle, Main Floor

### Unprecedented Selling Of Quality Footwear



### Pumps and Oxfords Pumps and Oxfords

\$6.95 \$7.95

—In this lot are women's patent coil one-strap Pumps with covered Louis heels and hand-turned soles. Very smart for street wear. Regular \$11.50 values and famous John Kelly make. Also women's black suede Oxfords with welt sole, military heel, tip and quarter of patent leather. These are also of John Kelly make. Regular \$12.50 values. Full range of sizes and widths in \$6.95 this lot. Today and Saturday

—Women's Tongue Pumps of black kid with hand-turned soles, junior Louis heels, beaded shield. John Kelly make. \$11.00 values. Black Kid Pumps in two-strap effect with Cuban heel, welt sole. C. P. Ford make, \$10.50 value. One-strap Pumps of black kid, turned sole, baby Louis heel; \$10.50 value. C. P. Ford make. Kelly's laced Oxfords of black kid with junior Louis heel and welted soles. Regular \$10.00 values. Two days' sale, pair \$7.95

### Pumps, Oxfords, Shoes

Values Up to \$12

\$8.95

—Women's Sandals in new Grecian effects. Flat, satin or velvet. Covered Spanish or flat heels, open-strap patterns, very charming. \$11.50 values. Menihan makes. Kelly's \$12.00 Brown Kid Pumps with junior Louis heels. Brown Kid Laced Oxfords with leather Louis heels, brown calf Walking Boots with round toe, ball strap and flat heels. Black kid laced Boots with Cuban or military heels. 3-buckle Oxfords. \$11.00 to \$12.00 values. Special, pair \$8.95

Shoe Department Main Floor

### Odd Lines of Laces

At 1/2 Price

—Val. imitation La Princesse, La Boheme and Filet Lace Edges and Insertions in a large selection of dainty patterns for Spring sewing. Widths range 1 to 6 inches. On sale half price.

—35c Laces now 18c —75c Laces now 38c  
—50c Laces now 25c —\$1.00 Laces at 50c  
—65c Laces now 33c —\$1.50 Laces at 75c

Corsage Flowers 1/2 Price

—Single Flowers and Boutonnieres in a variety of kinds, colors and sizes. This lot comprises the remainder of our winter stock. Flowers selling heretofore at \$1.00 to \$3.95 at 50c to \$1.98

Lace Dept., Main Floor

### Sale of Boys' Suits

Special \$9.45

Main Floor—Suits selected from regular lines selling at \$12.50. And they are exceptional values even at the former price! Sturdy, well-made Suits with hand-tailored collars and lapels. Loose belts. Full cut Knicker with taped \$9.45 seams. All sizes 7 to 17.

### Boys' Spring Suits

of the better grades in a complete showing of the newest models. Loose belts, plain or plaited backs. Tweeds in the handsome new patterns, also Cassimeres and Serges. Ages 6 to 18. \$13.50 to \$27.50

### Sport Caps \$1

—Custom-made Caps with leather inside bands. Latest sport styles and patterns to please every fancy. Sizes 6 to 7. Priced \$1.00 special for this sale, at \$1.00

### Boys' Sport Jerseys \$2.45-\$3.50

Boys' Blouses Only \$1

Main Floor—Light weight Jerseys in gray, maroon and heather. The very thing for Spring wear. Sizes 28 to 36. Priced at \$2.45 and \$3.50

Main Floor—School Blouses in a special underprice offering at a substantial saving. Plain and striped. All sizes—\$1

—And S. & H. Green Stamps.

### MEN!

—Here's good news of savings on the very things you'll need for Spring. Step inside the Morrison-street entrance and share in these great economy offerings.

### Felt Hats \$3

—Back to pre-war days! Hats of standard makes—soft felts in up-to-date styles and blocks. Greens, browns, olive, pearl, taupe. All sizes. Get \$3.00 yours at once. Priced \$3.00

### All-Wool Sport Coats \$3.65

—Another money-saving item many men will take advantage of. Light weight Wool Sport Coats, to be worn under the coat. Made with cuff button and two pockets. Heather mixtures. On special \$3.65 sale today, at only \$3.65

### Men's Shirts 95c

—All sizes up to 17. Better lay in a full supply of these good shirts, for they are remarkable values. Of fancy striped 95c perale. Sizes to 17; only \$1.33

—Madras Shirts, sizes 14 to 15 1/2. Special \$1.33

Men's Store Main Floor