

BANK LOSES \$1200 TO FAT STRANGER

Cashier Wharton, of Heppner, Makes Loan on Abstract to Fake Deed.

DRAWN OUT \$800 IN CASH

James Davis Turns up Later at Salem, Where He Cashes \$50 Check on "Balance" to His Credit at Heppner Bank.

HEPPNER, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Officials of the Bank of Heppner found today that they had been bilked out of \$1200 by a suave stranger, who gave the name of James Davis and who represented that he had purchased for \$20,000 cash the H. E. Burckell ranch near Lexington, this county.

Davis, on a fake deed, secured an abstract, which he presented to the bank and on which \$1500 from a Spokane loan company was granted. Turning to W. S. Wharton, the cashier, Davis asked and received a loan of \$1200 in lieu of the \$1500 from the Spokane company. Davis drew \$800 in cash and left \$400 to his credit in the bank.

Davis represented that he was going to Bitter Creek to buy horses and was to go to Arlington, where he boarded a westbound train.

This was last Sunday. Nothing more was heard of Davis until a \$50 check, cashed by Davis at the United States National Bank at Salem, was presented here today for payment.

The stranger reached Heppner two weeks ago, and began inquiring for the real estate. He stated to different parties that he was a farmer of the Willamette Valley, but lived in Portland, and was desirous of buying a ranch in Morrow County. He gave the name of James Davis, and was immediately taken in charge by Mose Ashbaugh, a real estate dealer, and was given the name of H. E. Burckell, a retired Morrow County farmer, who has a large tract of land lying just north of Lexington, and is now living in Portland.

In a few days Davis gave out that he had purchased the Burckell land. He had deeds recorded and went to W. L. Smith, abstractor, and requested an abstract made of the entire tract of Burckell land. The deeds all seemed to be regular to the abstractor, as they were all supposed to have been made in Portland before a notary public by the name of Norman Butler, and witnessed by William Allen and David Jones, and were so sworn to by Butler. The cash consideration called for in the deed is \$20,000, or \$25 an acre.

Davis went to the bank of Heppner and turned over his abstracts showing the land to be free from all encumbrances and applied for a loan from a Spokane loan company, which was duly accepted. Then turning to W. S. Wharton, cashier, Davis asked that Wharton loan him \$1200 in lieu of the \$1500 loan asked for from the Spokane concern. Wharton gave Davis the \$1200, drawing \$800 in cash and leaving \$400 to his credit and left the bank with the impression that he was going out to Bitter Creek to buy horses.

Instead of going to Bitter Creek, Davis hired a team from a local barn to drive to Ione, but when he got on the road he asked the driver if he knew the way to Arlington and finding that he did not, requested that he (Davis) be driven to the latter place. He took the train from Arlington last Sunday morning at about 4 o'clock, and nothing more was heard of Mr. Davis, until yesterday when a check came in from Salem, which had been cashed there by the United States National Bank by Davis himself.

Davis also carried a letter of recommendation from Cashier Wharton.

Ed. Burckell, son of the man whose place Davis is supposed to have bought, came to Heppner today and said he had received a letter from his father in Portland stating that the ranch had not been sold, and that he knew nothing of such a man as Davis. Davis is about 45 years old, heavy set, weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, and about five feet seven inches tall. He is of dark complexion and smooth shaven.

"Davis had the bearing of a farmer and seemed to be well informed about the different sections of the state, and left the impression with all who met him that he was a retired farmer, one of those good honest sort of fellows."

Cashier Wharton is now in Walls Walla attending to some land matters, but has been notified by Vander Crawford, assistant cashier, who discovered the bunco game, and will be home Monday evening.

FARMER DRINKS POISON

Swallows Three Ounces Carbolic Acid Mixed With Beer.

COLFAX, Wash., March 27.—Ed Baker, aged 23, committed suicide at Cory's lodging-house today by drinking three ounces of carbolic acid, which he mixed in a beer glass. F. H. Nelson, a cook who had a room next to Baker, heard him mixing the drink, Baker's groans and cries for help brought Nelson to his room, and Baker exclaimed "Bring me some paper quick, I want to write my wife a letter, I am dying." Dr. Skaffe was summoned, but Baker died before he could reach the room. He leaves a wife and baby on a farm 12 miles east of Colfax.

Baker had sold a team this week for \$400, and had spent about \$65 during the past two days.

SUNDAY'S MAN BACKSLIDES

Spokane Officer Who Gave Up Star Lands in Jail.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Philip Duval, who after professed regeneration at the Billy Sunday revival turned in his star and baton to Police Chief Rice, saying that one could not be a Christian and a policeman at the same time, landed in the County Jail today on the charge of impersonating an officer.

Duval, it is alleged, appeared at a lodging-house on Fifth avenue and demanded of Matilda Henderson, and operator of her baggage which she was holding for unpaid room rent of a lodger. Duval, she said, declared he was a deputy sheriff, but declined to produce a warrant.

RELIC IN WALKING-STICK

Rib of First Steamer on Pacific Is Converted Into Canoe.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—M. B. Kris, County Auditor,

is the proud possessor of a walking-stick made from an elm rib of the "Beaver," the first steamer to ply in the Pacific Ocean.

The "Beaver" went on the rocks at Burrard's Inlet, near Port Townsend, on the Sound, in 1888. A. L. McClinton, deputy collector at Port Townsend in 1880, secured a rib from the steamer and quartered it, giving one-quarter to Mr. Kris, who kept the wood all these years, and a short time ago he had it worked down by hand by a local workman into a cane.

The "Beaver" was built on the Thames, in England, in 1855, and sailed for the Pacific Ocean under convoy of the old Hudson Bay Company's bark, "Columbia." Her paddle wheels were packed in her hold as cargo and were put in position on the vessel at old Port Vancouver on the Columbia in 1854. The "Beaver" was the first steamer to voyage in the Pacific Ocean and the first to ply between Puget Sound and Sitka, Alaska, the latter then the Russian port. The "Beaver" was operated for 52 years. What is left of the old historic boat will be on exhibition at the A.-Y.-P. Exposition.

SPARES MOTHER PAIN

MURDERER SUSPECT PLEADS NOT TO TELL HER.

Officers Believe Paul Krasnosky Has Series of Crimes to Answer For.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—"No, no, my God, man, don't tell my mother in jail for this murder. That would kill her, she would be a murderer yourself."

With the deep lines of his hard, dark face and Paul Krasnosky, alias Paul Klein, held for the murder of A. Lewandowski, the Polish cabinetmaker, pleaded in these words to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Donovan. He was visited in his cell of the County Jail and apprised of such intentions on the part of the authorities. This was the first demonstration of the accused man's having any tender feelings for her, his six days' imprisonment, Klein's gray-haired old mother lives in Scherndorf, near Gubenberg, Silesia.

With Klein positively identified as the man who hired a livery rig from the O. K. Stables early on the morning of March 2, the day after Lewandowski was last seen alive, the officers believe tonight that little is lacking in a chain of positive evidence to convict him of the crime. In this buggy, Lewandowski's body to Fort Wright employees of the O. K. Stables saw Klein on the hill and declared him the man who, pale and greatly agitated, appeared at the barn on that morning and asked for a buggy for a two hours drive. Further evidence revealed is that Klein did not go to Lidgerwood as he expressed intention, but instead drove toward Fort Wright.

WOMEN TO BEAUTIFY CITY

Aberdeen Association Proposes Shade Trees Shall Be Planted.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Civic improvement of Aberdeen by the prominent women of the city has been undertaken, and a meeting called at the library building Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and presided over by Mrs. W. J. Patterson, wife of the manager of the Hayes & Hayes Bank, brought a large and representative gathering of the social leaders of the city. The women were unanimously in favor of a cleaner and much more beautiful city, and since the municipality has adopted the permanent street improvement plan and last year completed many fine streets, there is a disposition on the part of everybody, and especially the women, to beautify the city.

Preliminary steps were taken toward creating bylaws and constitution, and it was decided to take a very active interest in the coming Summer in the planting of shade trees, in the arrangement of flower beds and in stimulating the owners of property and those renting property to assist in carrying out the plan of the association. It is understood the association will take up the proposition of parks at an early day. It is proposed to create a park board and provide for the kind of shade trees, in the arrangement of flower beds and in stimulating the owners of property and those renting property to assist in carrying out the plan of the association. It is understood the association will take up the proposition of parks at an early day. It is proposed to create a park board and provide for the kind in Aberdeen.

JAPANESE ARE INVITED

Commercial Bodies Asked to Tour United States in September.

SEATTLE, March 27.—At the instance of the Chambers of Commerce of Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Portland, the Japanese Consuls of Seattle and Portland today extended by cable, an invitation for the five Chambers of Commerce of Japan to send a delegation of 15 leading business men of the empire and 15 leading experts on a visit to the United States in September next.

Arrangements have been perfected whereby the party will visit all the leading manufacturing and trade centers of the United States in the belief that such an inspection will result in a great stimulus to the interchange of trade between Japan and the United States.

The party will be handled from the Northwest cities on a special train and probably will proceed over the Northern Pacific to St. Paul and thence to Chicago, visiting on route the chief trade and manufacturing centers of the West. They will spend not less than 90 days in the United States as the guests of the four Northwestern Chambers of Commerce and will arrive in Seattle in time to participate in Japan day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

COOS BAY MAN DROWNS

John Fox Loses Life While Cruising Bay in Launch.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 27.—John Fox, who had charge of E. G. Plannan's slaughter-house, located on Coal Bank Slough, three miles from Marshfield, was accidentally drowned in this afternoon. Mr. Fox left Marshfield for the slaughter-house in a gasoline boat, and when near the end of his trip, something evidently went wrong with the engine and he was seen to go in and out of the little cabin several times.

There was a splash and several men ran to the shore close to the boat. Fox was drowned before assistance could reach him. His body was recovered shortly afterward.

Fox was a native of Coos Bay, and leaves many relatives and friends. He was about 30 years old. He was alone when the accident occurred.

Rosenthal's pumps fit at the heel.

GOWAN AND WOOD IN WORDY GLASH

Harney County Delegate to Ontario Congress Starts Fireworks.

CITIZENS GIVE BANQUET

Oregon-Idaho Convention Closed With 600 Delegates Attending. Next Session to Be Held at Weiser in April.

ONTARIO, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Today's session of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress were even more successful than those of yesterday. This morning's meeting was opened by A. W. Gowan, of Burns, who spoke on the size and importance of Harney County as an inland empire. Mr. Gowan also spoke somewhat uncomplimentarily of some of the corporations owning huge tracts of land in Harney County.

Eimer Clark, of Caldwell, followed Mr. Gowan, after which came F. M. Northrup, of Eugene, and Judge George A. Shallenberg, of Boise. After the speaking, the usual resolutions were passed by the Congress, expressing thanks to Ontario, Otter and Judge Shallenberg, who were the ones asking the County Courts of Malheur and Harney Counties to investigate the inter-county highway proposition, and to appropriate money therefor, and asking for the location of an experiment station at Burns.

The afternoon session was taken up with a discussion of the new water code by F. M. Saxton, of Baker City, and by Carl Palmer, of Boise. The Idaho act allows districts to build railroads in much the same way that road districts build highways.

More resolutions were passed, among them being one asking Congress to pass a law to increase the price of land in Idaho and Oregon to \$2.50 an acre and used by Oregon and Idaho for construction of railroads in these states or railway districts thereof, which railroads are to be made a part of the public domain of the United States.

The evening session was taken up mainly by C. E. S. Wood in reply to Mr. Gowan's speech this morning. Mr. Wood stated his position and that of Mr. Hanley in relation to their own corporations, and the people of the state. He said that if he and Mr. Hanley were urged by ulterior motives they would not be associated with the work of the Congress, but he thought they were trying to do their best for all concerned.

Mr. Hanley also spoke, substantiating Mr. Wood's statements.

NEW TRAIN TO PORTLAND

Yacolt Local Will Make Regular Runs Into City.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—The Yacolt train, running on the Northern Pacific branch between Vancouver and Yacolt, a distance of 50 miles, will on and after April 1 run through to Portland over the big railway bridges. The train will consist of a passenger train as it is now. But when it reaches Yacolt, the freight cars will be left in the local railway yards and only the passenger and baggage cars will go through to Portland.

The schedule for the present will remain as it is, that is, the train will arrive in Vancouver at 8:55 A. M. and on through to Portland and returning will leave Vancouver for Yacolt at 4 P. M. service, the Yacolt train will go down to the old Northern Pacific depot at the foot of Columbia street.

The Northern Pacific branch line to Yacolt has been in operation for seven years. It runs through a rich farming community and from Yacolt at the northern end the big shipments of logs are made from the Weyerhaeuser camp.

GORDON DEMANDS TRIAL

Accused ex-Railroad Counsel Insists on Speedy Action.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—A demand for immediate trial of M. J. Gordon, accused of embezzling \$2000 from the Northern Railroad, was made today in Judge J. Stanley Webster's Court by Attorney Frank T. Post and Nuzum & Nuzum, of counsel for Gordon.

Judge Webster refused to hear the case because he was formerly Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and managed the first action against Gordon.

RECORD PRICE FOR WHEAT

Pendleton Farmer Gets \$1.15 for 3000 Bushels Bluestem.

PENDLETON, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—What is probably the highest price ever paid in Pendleton for wheat was paid today by Byers' mill to William Mills for 3000 bushels of bluestem. The price paid was \$1.15. This is what the grower netted, as the warehouse charges are paid by the purchasers.

The wheat was raised in the northern part of the county, is stored in the Balfour, Guthrie Company's warehouse at Vansydie, and in addition to paying the warehouse charges, the mill will be compelled to pay freight into Pendleton. This is the last bluestem wheat to be had in the county.

Sheriff's Hunt Fruitless.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Sheriff Childers returned from Huntington, after a fruitless hunt for D. McMann and C. McIntire, who escaped into Idaho, under charge of obtaining goods here under false pretenses.


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MAN MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Revolver Battle Follows Command of Patrolmen to Halt—Two of Outlaw's Six Shots Take Effect.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Officers in all parts of the Inland Empire have been notified by the Spokane police to be on the lookout for a thug who was wounded in a duel with two policemen early this morning.

The men engaged in a gun fight at close quarters and all three were hit. Patrolmen H. W. Hood and W. G. Boldman were wounded in the leg, while the thug, whose name is not known, was seen by the policemen to fall during the exchange of shots, but he managed to make his escape and could not be traced by the blood.

When the suspicious-appearing man was called upon by the two policemen to halt, when they met on Pittsburg street and Second avenue, he replied by discharging six shots. The officers were hit by the first two bullets fired, but responded early that they had been knocked to the ground by the shock. Neither of the wounds are serious.

A man with blood streaming from his hip a little later was seen at Yardley.

ARMY SALUTES GUARDSMAN

Brigadier-General Hamilton Recognized by Fort Worden Commander.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—For the first time on this coast, at least, a general officer of the State Militia was given the honor of a salute in the United States Army yesterday when Fort Worden saluted the rank of General enters a post commanded by one of inferior rank. This courtesy, never before extended to militia officers on this coast until Colonel Whittier, Artillery District Commander, ordered it yesterday. The compliment has made a profound impression on the members of the National Guard, as it means that the citizen soldiery has been at least recognized as on the plane of the regulars and entitled to high honors.

SECOND HORSE SHOW HELD


Walla Walla Horse Breeders' Association Exhibits.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—The second annual Horse Show of the Walla Walla Horse Breeders' Association was held yesterday afternoon, and in the parade, participated in by breeders of the county, were many handsome animals, including racing

stock, driving horses, general utility animals and the heaviest draft horses. Intense interest was displayed in the parade and headed by a local band, the sight was witnessed by hundreds of people who lined the principal streets.

This event is becoming an annual affair and although no prizes are awarded, contestants are taking great interest in showing the finest grade of livestock.

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until last night the women dedicated to the cause of creating a fund for the proper maintenance of the public library were on the streets, letting no one escape. They seemed to have the hearty support of the entire city. Over \$1500 was realized by the thorough canvass and not only were women engaged in this work, but school children as well, took part.

Partnership for mutual advantage was observed when two one-legged men went into a Broadway automobile show-stand to see a nickel dropped in the slot.

Stapleton Sits for McCredie.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Prosecuting Attorney Joseph P. Stapleton has been appointed as judge pro tem of the Superior Court to act in the absence of Judge W. W. McCredie, who has been called to Seattle to preside over a case there. The case of Maxwell vs. Klutz, which is set for Tuesday, will be the first case to be tried before 'Judge' Stapleton.

Walla Walla Tagged for \$1500.

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