

SMITH'S SAVER IS VERDICT EXPECTED

Alienists Disagree as to Mental Responsibility of Salem Blackmailer.

ACCOMPLICE IS HINTED AT

Sheriff Says Letters Sent to Banker Bush Were of Most Vicious Nature—Prisoner Said to Have Had Trouble in Alaska.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special).—The Albany man who held up the Hines jewelry store and is accused of having attempted to extort \$5000 from Banker A. Bush and abduct the daughter, is in such a precarious mental state that if he is sent to the penitentiary he will within a comparatively short time be committed to the asylum, is the opinion of Dr. W. A. Cusick, of Salem, a member of the insanity commission appointed to examine into the mental state of Smith. The commission will hold another session Monday afternoon, when it is expected the decision will be announced. Dr. Cusick said tonight: "I am not ready to say that Smith is responsible or that he is not. There are some things about the case that confuse me. I was formerly physician at the prison, and I sometimes took two or three months to determine whether a man was shamming insanity or not. It is sometimes a very confusing thing to do."

Verdict of Sanity Expected. It is thought, however, that the decision of the commission will be that Smith is sane and that he should be tried. It is known that soon after Smith's arrest on the charge of holding up the jewelry store a private examination of the prisoner was made by Dr. Williamson, of Portland; Dr. Griffith, of Portland; and Dr. Frank E. Smith, of Salem. It is asserted that two of the three physicians were at that time convinced of Smith's sanity. The examination held yesterday was conducted before a commission composed of Dr. Griffith and Dr. Cusick. It is expected that there will be a majority report to the effect that Smith was sane at the time of the commission of the alleged crime.

When the letters addressed to Mr. Bush were first turned over to Sheriff Minto, the Sheriff sent the Postoffice Department a written request for a special agent to help ferret out the author of the letters. The agent either did not come to Salem or did not make himself known to the Sheriff for some time. Had Accomplishes, It Is Believed.

When Smith was arrested for the Hinges holdup, and some of his letters fell into the hands of the officers, the Sheriff at once concluded that Smith was the author of the Bush letters. He was so certain of this that he wrote the Postoffice Department that the special agent need not come. The agent, Clemens, showed up the next day, however, and the Sheriff turned over to Clemens the letter and advised him of Smith's writing secured in the presence of the Sheriff after Smith had been bound over to the Circuit Court for trial and had been placed in a cell in the County Jail.

Although the officers are noncommittal, it has been learned that they are convinced that Smith had an accomplice in the threats against Banker Bush. Who the man is and whether he is still in the city, the officers decline absolutely to say. Sheriff Minto declares the letters to Banker Bush the most vicious he has ever read, and does not hesitate to say that the man who could write such letters should never be allowed his liberty.

Alaska Record Not Good.

Ten or 12 years ago Smith was a whisky salesman and traveled up and down the Willamette valley. For some years he has been in Northwest Territory, Fairbanks and Nome, Alaska. Last Fall he returned to Oregon. It is said that while in Alaska he was taken into Siberia with a stock of furs and having no permit from the Russian government, his stock was confiscated and he was ordered to leave the country.

FARM LANDS IN DEMAND

Californian Pays \$17,000 for Ranch Near Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 29.—(Special).—There is a good demand for Lewis County farm land in this immediate section. There was one \$17,000 sale this week, the purchaser being Niles Petersen, of Humboldt County, California. The deal was for 24 acres southwest of Chehalis from Fred Meek. Mr. Petersen will go into the dairy business. There have been a number of other deals in Lewis County from North Bend and Empire City, California, and buy farms and all are doing well. Secretary Merrill, who has charge of the publicity work for the local public city is daily receiving many inquiries from the Eastern and Middle West states regarding lands in Lewis County. He expects soon to issue for the local public city work an attractive folder to send East which will give a comprehensive description of local conditions and opportunities.

INDIAN PICKED UP DYING

Red Man Victim of Mysterious Accident Near The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., May 29.—(Special).—An unknown Indian was picked up in an unconscious condition near Seuffer's Cannery by an O. R. & N. train crew today, and brought to The Dalles Sanitarium. On investigation it was found the Indian's skull had been crushed. He regained consciousness for a short time this evening, but could give no information regarding his injury. His condition is critical.

PICNIC DRAWS BIG CROWD

Four Thousand People Attend Pioneer Reunion at Weston.

WESTON, Or., May 29.—(Special).—The largest crowd ever in Weston, 4000 people, attended the pioneers' reunion today. The leading feature was a parade of automobiles driven and owned by farmers. Thirty machines were in line. The automobiles were all occupied by old pioneers.

more of whom attended this reunion than ever before. The annual address was delivered by G. A. Morris, of Walla Walla. Prizes in the old soldiers' contest were won by J. M. Ashworth, of Weston; A. H. Johnson, of Athena, and William Kind, of Weston.

POSTAL TILL IS TAPPED

Roseburg Officers Suspect Local Parties of Robbery.

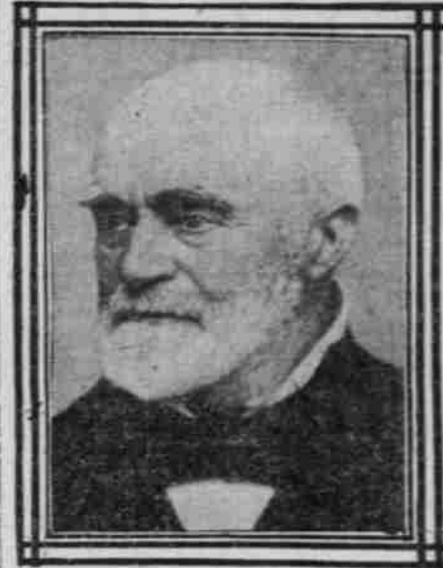
ROSEBURG, Or., May 29.—(Special).—Unknown robbers entered the Wells-Fargo Express Company's office in this city last evening, appropriating between \$60 and \$65 belonging to the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company. No evidence of forcible entrance has been discovered, tending to substantiate the theory of the officers that the person responsible for the crime possesses a key. Local parties are suspected.

COOS BAY WORK HALTED

Government Finds \$25,000 Fund Is Tangled With Red Tap.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 29.—(Special).—Captain Peters, who is in charge of the Government dredge Oregon, has received a telegram from Major Melndoe, instructing him to discontinue the Government

INTENDED VICTIM OF BLACKMAIL AND BLACKMAILER.



Asahel Bush.

work now on hand. There is some uncertainty about the \$25,000 to the credit of Coos Bay in the petty fund being transferred to the dredger fund. However, the halting of the Government work being done by the dredger will not cause it to stop work. Many individual property-owners are anxious to have the work made, and the dredger will be worked on these private enterprises until the matter of the transfer of the money is straightened out in Congress.

Irrigation Topic Arouses Interest.

HARRISBURG, Or., May 29.—(Special).—The regular monthly meeting of the Improvement Club Saturday, June 5, will be addressed by Professor H. C. Scudder, of Corvallis, on the subject of irrigation. This is the first irrigation meeting ever held in the community, if not in the county, and owing to the apparent need of irrigation in the Valley this Spring, it is expected the subject will draw a large crowd.

Hawthorne Renew Charter.

YANCOUVER, B. C., May 29.—(Special).—The charter of the bark Hawthorne Bank, which reached the Sound several weeks ago long overdue from Terzouzen, has been renewed. She will load lumber at Hastings Mill for the United Kingdom.

Decorate Coos Bay Graves.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 29.—(Special).—The members of the G. A. R. post of Marshfield will hold services tomorrow. The members will attend services at the First Baptist Church, where Rev. Mr. C. Levinger will deliver a sermon. Following the ceremonies at the church, the old soldiers of Marshfield, joined by those from North Bend and Empire City, will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves.

Port Board Recommended.

EUGENE, Or., May 29.—(Special).—At the many meeting held at Mapleton today the following were chosen for recommendation to Governor Benson for appointment as commissioners for the Western Lane County by the people of that section: I. B. Cushman, George R. Camp, M. D. Johnson, E. P. Waite, Thomas A. Vest.

Overdose of Morphine Kills.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 29.—(Special).—Sam Wells, 25 years old, a waiter, died at Delmonte Hotel at 5 o'clock this morning from an overdose of morphine taken about 8 o'clock last night. His mother arrived from Hoquiam this evening and will accompany the remains to Grays Harbor for interment.

Japs to Enter Fish Trade.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 29.—Japanese are making arrangements for the shipment of cold-storage plants at Alberni, in preparation for the completion of the railway to that point, and propose to send a party of one or two vessels to the island coast to carry their catches to the cold-storage plant on Alberni canal, whence the fish will be shipped.

Donald Milne Dead.

Donald Guthrie Milne, son of D. A. Milne, 23 Victoria street, died of scarlet fever Friday morning. He was 7 years and 10 months old, and suffered a malignant attack of the dread disease.

IDAHO'S AGENT AT A. Y. P. IS ARRESTED

Ejected From Grounds When He Objects to Erection of Peanut Stand.

FAIR BOARD APOLOGIZES

Report of Incident Is Made to Governor Brady at Boise, and Commissioner McKinlay Says He Is Satisfied.

SEATTLE, May 29.—(Special).—A. D. McKinlay, commissioner from Idaho to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, was placed under arrest by the Exposition guards today and escorted off the grounds because he objected to the erection of a selling booth on the grounds allotted to his state. When Mr. McKinlay attempted again to enter the grounds to visit the Idaho building

DRINK COLUMBIA WATER

Health Officers Insist Vessel Shall Be Sent to Quarantine or Privilege of Docking at Astoria Will Be Refused.

ASTORIA, Or., May 29.—(Special).—During the past few years five or six deaths from typhoid fever have occurred among the employees on the tug Samson, which is used for hauling rock barges to and from the jetty, and there have been several other cases of the same disease which fortunately did not result fatally. Judging from the results of official investigations made public today, there is reason to believe that the source of the disease may be traced directly to conditions on board the tug and the water furnished the crew. A short time ago Dr. Clarence Benson, city physician at Astoria, and Chief of Police Oberg made an inspection of the Samson, but found nothing that was considered a suspicious nature excepting that the water provided for domestic uses on board the craft is taken from the river and kept in large tanks. While making the inspection Dr. Reames secured two samples of the water used and sent them to Dr. Ralph C. Matson, the state bacteriologist to be analyzed. She also referred the matter to Dr. Robert C. Tenney, of Portland, secretary of the State Board of Health. The report of the analysis was received today, and accompanying it was a letter from Dr. Tenney, which read as follows:

"We are sending you report of Dr. Matson on the water of the tug Samson. I remember the boat very well and it was fumigated while here in Portland a year or more ago. It is a very dirty, filthy boat, and I am not surprised that typhoid fever exists there. If you can send the boat to the government station, do so by all means. I am inclined to think that unless something is done with boats of this character the best place for them would be in the water. You will notice that Dr. Matson finds colon bacilli in both specimens, and there is no doubt that it is the drinking water that is the cause of the typhoid fever, which they have had practically all the time."

The bacilli is the typhoid germ and can always be found in the waters of rivers that are contaminated by the filth from sewers, and Dr. Reames says this water should never be used for domestic purposes. It is also asserted that on the Samson the same pumps used to force the bilge water out are utilized to pump the fresh water into the tanks. What is done with the bilge water was not announced, but a her owner's consent will be taken to the Federal quarantine station for a thorough fumigation. Dr. Hoid, the Government Quarantine Officer, having volunteered to lend any assistance possible.

IN AID OF FLAXGROWERS

Salem Man Invents New "Thresher" With Great Capacity.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special).—Eugene Besse, of Salem, the leading flax expert of the Willamette Valley, has received from the United States patent office complete rights on a new flax machine, which is believed will make flax-growing feasible and profitable in this country. The machine is composed of three departments, and would commonly be known as a threshing machine. The machine will do away with the present expensive process of retting the straw. It is said the machine will turn out from

TUG IS GERM HOLE

Six Deaths From Typhoid Among Samson Employees.

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FIRE UNDER CONTROL

PAPER MILL SPENDS \$6000 TO SAVE \$40,000.

Water Still Playing on Big Wood-Rick—Work of Firemen Saves Much Property.

LEBANON, Or., May 29.—(Special).—At 7 o'clock this morning about 10 hours of steady fire fighting, the flames in the big wood rick at the Lebanon Paper Mill were under control. At 11 o'clock last night the Salem engine with a crew of firemen added two more streams on the mass of burning wood, which was burning at the rate of 120 gallons a minute for 20 hours. The Albany engine has added 600 gallons a minute and to this the big Salem fire-fighter has added the rate of 120 gallons a minute for 20 hours. The women of the mill have worked continuously since last night. Five thousand cords are burned or ruined, making a loss in wood of \$25,000 and the wood hoist and conveyor are damaged at least \$10,000. Added to the loss is approximately \$6000 expended by the Lebanon Paper Company in getting firemen here from other towns and in keeping a big force of men fighting at 50 cents an hour all last night and today. This expenditure has resulted, however, in saving \$40,000 worth of wood and in keeping the \$1,000,000 paper mill plant out of danger.

STATE APPEALS W. U. CASE

Question of Franchise Tax to Be Taken to Supreme Court.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 29.—(Special).—The State Tax Commission announced today it will appeal the Pierce County suit in taking an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from the decision rendered by the State Board of Equalization yesterday that Washington Union franchisees are not taxable in this state.

Suffragettes to Improve City.

KELSO, Wash., May 29.—(Special).—A supper and social was held this afternoon and evening in the Opera-house Hall for the benefit of the Equal Suffrage Club, candy and post card booths were also maintained. The club has obtained a large membership. Recently the club has taken up the matter of beautifying the city, having sent a few nights ago with the Commercial Club in the interests of this. The committee will meet next Tuesday evening with the City Council relative to parking strips along the sidewalks.

Fine Furniture advertisement for J. G. Mack & Co. featuring an illustration of a chair and text describing the quality and variety of their furniture.

Weyerhaeuser Company Protests \$45,000 Payment.

Charges Rate is Unfair

Timber-Owners Asseri Assessment Was Made in Arbitrary Manner. Lewis County With Money Pays Off Large Indebtedness.

NO PAIN NO PAIN

No More Fear of the Dental Chair Nor a High Dental Bill. Advertisement for dental services.

WHY PAY MORE?

Full Set, that fit... \$5.00 Gold Crown, 22-K... \$3.50 Bridge Teeth, 22-K... \$3.50 Gold Fillings... \$1.00 Silver Fillings... \$0.50

Stain Your Hair a Rich Brown

Simple Preparation of Walnut-Juice That Defies Detection. Advertisement for hair dye.

ELECTRO PAINLESS DENTISTS

Grand Opening COUNCIL CREST DANCING PAVILION. Advertisement for dancing pavilion.

Have Piano Tuned Now

This is the best time of the year for having pianos thoroughly tuned, polished, regulated. Best service, best equipment, guaranteed work at \$10.00. Advertisement for piano tuning.