

BANKER'S CASE IS IN JURY'S HANDS

Naftzger Denies Knowledge Stamps He Bought Had Been Stolen.

EFFORT TO SELL ADMITTED

Banker Says He Was Too Busy to Read Newspapers—Burt Said Stamps Were Given as Reward and He Believed Story.

WICHITA, Kan., March 18.—The case of L. S. Naftzger, formerly president of the Fourth National Bank, who is charged with having sold stolen postage stamps, went to the jury late today. Both sides expressed confidence in the early return of a verdict.

Naftzger took the witness stand in his own behalf today. He admitted having purchased \$125 worth of stamps from Frank S. Burt, formerly chief of police here, but denied that he even suspected they had been stolen. It was his understanding, said Naftzger, that Burt had received the stamps from the Government as rewards for capturing criminals.

Pressed by attorneys for the prosecution, Naftzger admitted that he never made any attempt to learn whence came the stamps. So busy was he at his bank, testified the witness, that he seldom got time to read the newspapers and hence he was unaware that there had been a series of postoffice robberies in Kansas shortly prior to his coming into possession of the stamps.

Prisoner Worth \$250,000.

Naftzger is estimated to be worth a quarter of a million dollars. Naftzger testified that he bought at different times a total of \$1600 worth of stamps from Burt. The first purchase consisted of \$125 worth. The transaction was made at the bank.

Naftzger declared that the fact that he could buy stamps at a discount did not raise a suspicion in his mind as to where the stamps were coming from. He said that on one occasion Burt said that he was getting the stamps as rewards for arresting criminals wanted by the Government. Naftzger said he bought stamps two or three times while he still had stamps from former purchases on hand. He admitted that he twice visited the manager of a department store in this city and solicited him to buy stamps.

Peck of Stamps Bought.

A peck of stamps, some of them in books, was poured on a table near the witness as evidence in the case.

"Did it not strike you as odd that the Government should want stamps as rewards?" asked the District Attorney.

"I never thought about it," said Naftzger.

Naftzger said he could not remember saying that he had made a fool of himself, and that if he had not been so greedy for money he would have kept out of trouble.

Witnesses for Naftzger testified this morning that Burt once told them that Naftzger did not know the stamps were stolen.

BLOODHOUNDS LOSE TRAIL

Search for Engineer's Slayer Fails to Get Clue.

COLFAX, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—Having made a thorough search for the murderer of Engineer Anthony Lowe, who was slain at Washburn Tuesday night by a hobo, W. R. Baker and Claude Henry, who were acting as special deputy sheriffs, arrived in Colfax today from Washburn, having no clue to the murderer.

Harris and Baker, of the opinion that the murderer, thought to be P. E. Jones, doubled back on his trail shortly after leaving Washburn and may have taken the same train out. Baker stated Engineer Lowe ordered Jones off the train and the two had a few words and Lowe struck him with his fist. Jones then pulled the revolver, killing Lowe instantly.

Baker states a liveman at Benge was approached shortly before No. 3 left Benge for Washburn. Tuesday night by a man answering the description of Jones, who asked the liveman if he had any bugies to paint. Not getting work, the man caught the train for Washburn. The bloodhounds were returned to Walla Walla today, being unable to take the trail.

BELTRAN SOON PRESIDENT

Honduras Peace Negotiations Are Virtually Completed.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Virtually all formalities incident to the successful consummation of the peace arrangements between the Government and revolutionary forces of Honduras have been completed with, and the people of that country, so recently in the throes of serious trouble, are about to see something like permanent peace. This was the tenor of official advice received by the State Department today.

With all obstacles removed, it is expected that Francisco Beltran will be inaugurated provision President in a few days. Official advice to the department confirm the press reports that Vice-President Gutierrez, of Honduras, had resigned. With President Davila having pledged himself to retire, the way is thus paved for Dr. Beltran to assume the constitutional Presidency of the republic.

PORTLAND WIFE IS FREED

Mrs. William H. Barry Wins Divorce at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Elizabeth Ruster Barry has been granted a decree of divorce from William H. Barry, of Portland. She was allowed \$25 a month alimony. The property rights were settled out of court.

WOMAN'S DEATH MYSTERY

Rich Chicagoan Found in Bed With Cause of End Not Apparent.

CHICAGO, March 18.—(Special.)—Miss Fanny C. Wright, 46 years old, died under mysterious circumstances in her apartment at the Brewer Hotel, 1000 N. W. boulevard and Pine Grove avenue, asked the Coroner and police to investigate.

Miss Wright, who, so far as known has no immediate relatives in Chicago, lived from the income of an estate valued at \$150,000. Her death is more puzzling from the fact that she had been found complaining to any of her friends of illness. Attorney Helle says that Miss Wright had not been seen about the hotel since Wednesday night. At that time she had made an appointment with Scott Wallace, 29 years old, who also lives at the hotel, to attend the theater Friday night. Wallace waited for Miss Wright to join him Friday night, but when she did not appear he tried to communicate with her by telephone, but obtained no response from her room.

He then informed some of her friends and the hotel management ordered the door forced open. Miss Wright was found in bed unconscious. The room appeared to be in order and nothing was found to indicate that she might have taken poison or that there had been a struggle in the room.

MYSTERIES ARE SHOWN

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DISPLAY BIG.

Exhibit of Applied Science Attracts Throng—Student Lectures Explain Devices.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—A display of applied science, as embodied in the fields of electrical, civil, mining, and mechanical engineering, physics and forestry, was given in its entire scope, from its most commonplace application to its most freakish performances, at the second annual electrical show in the Engineering building here last night.

From the time the doors were opened at 7 o'clock until late at night, the building was crowded to the doors. Even the big Curtiss biplane, which was imported as a special feature, and which roared and snorted in the tent next to the building, could not attract attention from the principal student performances.

The field of electrical engineering from the freak of the talking arc and the phantom lamp to the electrical sewing machine and washtub was illustrated. The visiting throngs were introduced to an electrical forecasting device; precision instruments were demonstrated; electric chemistry was explained; workings of the wireless telegraph were shown; the high current transformer, the X-ray, and practically every known electrical instrument in the laboratories at the college were on exhibition.

The show was given under the explanation of placer mining and saw a miniature mine and stamp mill in operation. The show was given variation by an illustrated educational lecture on Good Roads given by the students in the civil engineering department. This department also exhibited relief maps showing pavement construction and the various grades of road-building material.

The physics department demonstrated an electric fountain, and showed the working of radio-telegraph—the operation of an ordinary telegraph ticker by means of flashing light. A machine illustrating perpetual motion was also on exhibition. This was the product of the ingenuity of some of the O. A. C. instructors and students.

The show was given under the auspices and management of the Student Engineer, the student engineering paper. All of the exhibits throughout the department were explained by student lecturers. The students directly in charge as officers were: L. V. Hicks, '11, general engineer; Ashland, M. T. Caley, '11, Portland, and L. C. Rulifson, '11, Salem, general managers; H. J. Pfandhofer, '11, Falls City, floor manager, and W. C. Dyer, '11, Salem, refreshments.

LINN TAXPAYERS FORM

Practical Association Organized Due to 10-Mill Levy.

EUGENE, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Permanent organization of the Linn County Taxpayers' Protective Association was effected at a meeting of representatives from every precinct of the county yesterday afternoon. The action is the result of numerous mass meetings held to protest against this year's levy of 10 mills, and the object contemplated is a careful study of all conditions that relate to taxation in Lane County.

Officers elected were H. C. Uthoff, president; William Pittney, vice-president; D. C. Linton, secretary; R. M. Day, treasurer; William Pengra, M. M. Gillespie, Alva P. Churchill, J. E. Noland and Baxter Young, executive committee.

The association plans to form in every precinct an association which will elect three delegates to meet with the delegates from the other associations at regular intervals. The central association will consider the cases laid before it by the locals. The association will collect, investigate and file all instances of unequal assessment or unfair tax, and will hear all complaints from its members. The association aims to gather facts, well classified and easily proved, to present before the proper authorities the exact condition of the county's affairs in regard to assessments and levies. An attorney will be retained.

The association will remain non-partisan, but it declares its intention to exercise great vigilance in scrutinizing the acts of every county official.

The Quickest, Simplest Cough Cure

Easily and Cheaply Made at Home. Save You \$5

This recipe makes a pint of cough syrup—enough to last a family a long time. You couldn't buy as much or as good cough syrup for \$2.50. Simple as it is, it gives almost instant relief and usually stops the most obstinate cough in 24 hours. This is partly due to the fact that it is slightly laxative, stimulates the appetite and has an excellent tonic effect. It is pleasant to take—children like it. An excellent remedy, too, for whooping cough, sore lungs, asthma, throat trouble.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with a pint of warm water, add 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents' worth) in a pint bottle and add the Sugar Syrup. It keeps perfectly. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

Pinex is one of the oldest and best known remedial agents for the throat membranes. Pinex is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, and is rich in quinine and all the other natural healing elements. Other preparations will not work in this formula.

The prompt results from this recipe have endeared it to thousands of housewives in the United States and Canada, which explains why the plan has been imitated often, but never successfully. Some of the best-known Portland druggists, such as Lane-Devine Drug Co. (distributors) and others, think so well of the above recipe that they guarantee it to give satisfaction or refund the purchase price.

The New R & G Corsets—Each Particular Figure Is Considered and Provided For in R & G Corsets But Only One Ideal Is Aimed at—The Modeling of Each Form to the Fashionable Outlines of the Day There's an R & G Corset Made Expressly for You. Priced at \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$3.00. Latest Styles

Men's Shirts, 75c Values, 55c

New Spring styles of Men's Shirts—new negligee Shirts, from the very best makers; soft cuffs, soft turn-down collar. Well-finished garments in assorted stripes and plain white, cream and tan; regular 75c values. 55c

The Most in Value, The Best in Quality

Roberts Bros.
THIRD AND MORRISON

Men's Shirts, Special at \$1.00

A very special offering of Men's Shirts, shown coat style with pleated bosom and attached cuffs. Made of excellent quality material in the neat pin stripe effect in black, blue and lavender. Priced this sale. . . . \$1.00

An Introductory Purchase and Sale of Beautiful New

EMBROIDERIES

Thousands and Thousands of Yards at a Third to a Half Less Than Real Value

Never before have we had the opportunity of offering such wonderful values in Fine Embroideries as this sale contains. It is the result of an importer's closing-out sale of surplus stocks, attended by our buyer while in New York a few days ago. Even at these sensational prices, only the very newest and most desired styles are offered. Included are:

\$2.50 Embroideries, 27 to 52 Inches Wide at 98c a Yard

The finest St. Gall Embroideries ever shown in this city; beautiful 27 to 52-inch Flouncings shown in a wonderful assortment of blind, open-work and insert Venise Lace patterns, suitable for flouncings, skirts and dresses. A showing that few women will care to miss.

Insertions and Edges to Match

10c Yard

In Values to 25c

5 to 12-inch—Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Embroideries, dainty edges with insertions to match, shown in an unlimited assortment of pretty new patterns finished with good firm edges.

15c Yard

In Values to 40c

6 to 14-inch—Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Embroideries, fine edges in hundreds of dainty new patterns with insertions to match, well worked embroideries finished with fine, firm edges.

27-in. Embroideries 37c Yard

In Values to \$1.00—27-inch—Fine Swiss and Lawn Embroideries, full twenty-seven inches wide, in demand just now for dresses, skirts and combination suits, all new patterns, well worked and perfectly finished.

Corset Cover and Flouncing

25c Yard

In Values to 50c

14 to 18-inch—Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Corset Cover and Flouncing Embroideries from 14 to 18 inches wide, all new up-to-the-minute patterns and in an endless assortment.

33c Yard

In Values to 85c

14 to 18-inch—Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Corset Cover and Flouncing Embroideries from 14 to 18 inches in width, shown in an unlimited variety of beautiful new patterns.

27-in. Embroideries 79c Yard

In Values to \$1.50—27-inch—An out-of-the-ordinary gathering of fine Swiss and Lawn Embroideries, twenty-seven inches wide; assortment of dainty small designs as well as large, bold scroll and eyelet patterns.

The most complete and the largest range of

Stylish Spring Garments

In the city—Comprised of Fashion's most distinctive modes—New things of the new season—Spring "Tailor-Mades"

In every characteristic, in quality of materials, in workmanship and finish they'll be recognized as fashion's accepted standard. You'll be more than pleased with the array of stylish apparel.

Women's Suits at \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50

Our showing at these prices is more beautiful than ever. New, smart models in French serges, worsteds and novelty mixtures, with coats 24 to 26 inches long. Skirts are made in several pretty styles, with high or regulation waist. Stylish new Suits in a pretty range of colors in all sizes. These garments for quality of materials and tailoring are unsurpassed.

Long Coats at \$8.50, \$10.50, \$12.50, \$15.00

At these prices you can select from the most beautiful Spring Coats that have been produced. They come in fine all-wool mixtures—in serges, diagonals and coverts, in the most becoming styles shown in many seasons; all colors. You can find here just what you want as early season prices are very low.

Children's Dresses at 65c to \$5.50

This is an extraordinary showing of Children's New Spring Dresses, made of excellent quality gingham, percale, galatea, poplin and chambray, in pretty plaids, checks and stripes; also plain colors. They come in all sizes from 2 to 15. A large variety of styles to choose from.

Women's Underw'r

50c a Garment—Vests, Pants and Corset Covers

We have just received direct from one of the largest and best Underwear Mills a special line of Women's Knit Underwear that is an unusual value at this price. Spring weight, fine-ribbed vests in high neck, long or short sleeve style. The Pants are made ankle and knee length with French band and equestrian top, and the Corset Covers are made in high neck with long or short sleeves, or sleeveless and low neck, short sleeve and sleeveless. You will particularly like these garments because of their fine finish and exceedingly durable wearing quality. All at the special price of 50c

Women's Hose, Latest Novelties at, Pair, 50c

At this price we are showing an unusually attractive line of Women's Fancy Hose. The assortment includes all the latest novelties in the new shades and black; fine silk embroidered Lisle Hose in black and colors; also silk Lisle Hose in the new shades; all are made with full-fashioned leg and foot and double heel, sole and toe.

The Choicest of the New

Und'r muslins Underpriced

We are now ready to show you the greatest stock of Muslinwear we have ever had and we will quote prices during this sale that are absolutely without precedent. All garments are beautifully made; there is no skimping anywhere; sizes are generous, trimmings are of the best.

Combination Suits, Best \$4.50 to \$6.00 Values, \$3.25

Closing out a few lines of high-grade Combination Corset Cover and Drawers or Skirt, made of pretty all-over embroideries or fine quality nainsook daintily trimmed with laces and embroideries. An extra fine assortment to select from. Regular \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00 values. Specially priced for this sale. \$3.25

Muslin Skirts, \$5.00 to \$7.50 Values, \$3.35

An out-of-the-ordinary special of Women's Muslin Skirts, made of extra good material and finished with deep embroidery or lace flounce. Well made and neatly finished garments that sell regularly at \$5, \$6 and \$7.50. Specially priced for this sale. \$3.35

Muslin Skirts, \$2.50 to \$3.25 Values, \$1.98

A very choice offering of Women's Muslin Skirts made of good quality cambric, finished with deep embroidery or lace flounce. Neatly finished garments that sell regularly at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.25. On sale tomorrow at. \$1.98

Corset Covers, 75c-85c Vals., 50c

Really the largest and finest line of Corset Covers ever shown in Portland at this price. They are made of finest quality nainsook and very neatly finished with dainty embroideries, laces and ribbons. Regular 75c and 85c values. Priced this sale at. . . 50c

Men's Wear Spec'ls

Men's Underwear, Best 50c Values, 39c

An extra special offering of Men's Jersey-Ribbed Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers in plain blue. They come regular Spring and Summer weight. The Shirts are made with fine elastic-ribbed neck and satin-faced fronts. Drawers are made with double seat, are faced with good quality sateen, have suspender straps and good pearl buttons. These garments come in all sizes and sell regularly at 50c per garment. Special this sale. 39c

Men's Underwear, Specially Priced 50c

A sale of Men's French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers. The Shirts are finished with French elastic neck and fine-ribbed wristlets. Drawers are made with bicycle seat, have good suspender straps and good quality pearl buttons. Our special, per garment. . . . 50c