SAFEBLOWERS HOLD BOY AS THEY WORK

Attempt to Loot Seattle Postoffice Fails.

NEWS LAD HELD CAPTIVE

Youth Found Waiting for Papers Forced to Witness Four Efforts to Blow Open Safe.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—A newsboy, Bob White, early today stumbled on three men attempting to blast open a safe in the West Seattle postoffice. The robbers held the boy prisoner while they made four futile attempts to open the safe. When their four charges of explosive did nothing more than wreck the safe's outer casing, they gave up their task, turned the boy loose and escaped.

The boy was held captive for more than an hour as the cracksmen marched him three miles from the postoffice.

Several hundred dollars in stamps, money and registered mail were in the safe. An equal amount was in office drawers and desks, but these the cracksmen overlooked.

Young White went to meet the paper car at the usual place in front of the postoffice doorway. The door was suddenly flung open, he says, and two men dressed in black overcoats and black caps stepped out.

All Carry Arms.

"Gee, but my knees sure knocked when one of the fellows stuck his gun in my ribs," said Robert, when he finally returned home to get a bite to eat and a cup of coffee after spreading the news of his experience over the neighborhood.

"They all had great big guns, and by the way they talked I know they would have blown the head off any one who came along.

"I was standing in the south door waiting for the paper car, when the two came out the north door and told me to throw up my hands. The only thing I could do was to obey, and then they made me come inside and lie down on the floor with my face to the wall.

"You know what we will do to you if you say anything," one of them said to me. And I told him I knew, all right. Just about that time he poked the gun against my back again.

"They exploded three charges while I was there. Just before setting one off, one of them said to me, 'You run, so you won't get hurt.' I thought he meant to run away, and started, but he grabbed me and told me he meant only to get away from the blast.

"The thing went off, and I thought sure I had been shot. They would not let me put my hands in my pockets and they were nearly frozen. One of the robbers was a pretty decent fellow.

Robber Asks Boy's Name.

"He says, 'What's your name?' At first I would not tell him. Then I said it was White, when he waved his gun.

"'You are Irish, are you?' he said again. I told him if I was I did not know it.

"This fellow was a pretty slim fellow. They were all kind of thin. I felt like asking them if they had to blow safes to get something to eat, but I was too scared.

"The slim fellow kept me covered all the time, but he was pretty decent. He asked me to go with them, but I refused."

While he was kept "covered" by one man, Robert says, the other two worked at the safe. With each successive "shot" the building rocked and a shower of dust and plaster fell.

Safe Resists Blasts.

When the men finally gave up the task in disgust the upper half of the outer safe door had been shattered and bent down, but the lower half remained in place and the inner door was not harmed.

Meanwhile, White says, the robbers kept up a continual line of talk, declaring "this is a bum job," "Seattle is a rotten town," "it's bad business when our first job flivvers," "we will go to Tacoma and pull off a job there" and "the bulls have got everything their own way in this town."

After their five attempts to crack the safe had failed the men gathered up their tools, ordered the lad up from the floor and hurriedly left.

White says they walked rapidly away, finally telling him he could go when they reach Avalon and Admiral ways. As fast as he could go, running most of the way, he returned to his grandmother's and called the police headquarters.

TRIBUTE PAID V. K. STRODE

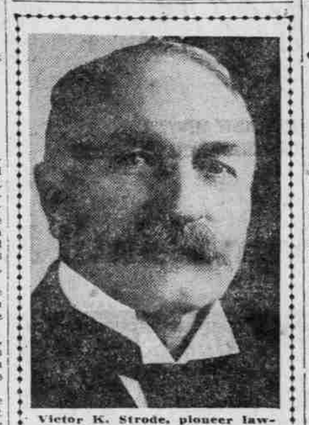
HENRY E. M'GINN EULOGIZES LATE OREGON RESIDENT.

"Kind, Noble, Affectionate Spirit That Animated Him" Found in Long Comradeship.

BY HENRY E. McGINN.

Victor K. Strode, who departed this life on day before yesterday, will be remembered, by the older residents, as one of a brilliant galaxy of young men bred to the law, who came to this city at about the same time in 1879. Among this group were the late Judge Alfred F. Sears Jr., the late George Gordon Gammans, D. P. Kennedy, and of those who yet remain William Montgomery Gregory and Jarvis Varnel Beach are recalled. All these men left the imprint of learning and character upon the jurisprudence of this city and state. It is, therefore, with deep regret on the part of all who knew him that the death of one of this band, Victor K. Strode, has now to be chronicled. When Mr. Strode entered the law office of General W. H. L. Barnes at San Francisco as a law student his academic acquirements were quite considerable, for he had been graduated from the State Normal school at Kirksville, Mo. This by no means meant that his education was confined to the studies pursued at a normal school, but he had been a general reader and student, particularly of the old English authors, and hardly any topic could arise in a running conversation that Mr. Strode would not in some way illuminate from the vast amount of information which he had stored away in a finely constructed memory and which was always at command to serve his purpose.

Somehow or another the impression prevails among his friends and acquaintances because his younger days were spent in Knox county, Missouri, that Mr. Strode was born in Missouri, but this is a mistake, for he was born in Kane county, Illinois, August 25, 1851, and was admitted to the bar of California at Los Angeles in 1879, and later to the bar of Oregon in 1880. After coming to Portland he formed a law partnership with Jarvis Varnel Beach, his lifelong friend and associate, which continued until 1895 under the firm name of Strode & Beach; later he was associated with Charles N. Wait, son of Aaron E. Wait, who was assistant editor of the Oregon Spectator, the first newspaper published west of the Rocky mountains, and who subsequently became the first chief justice of the state of Oregon. Mr. Strode's legal work was marked by great thoroughness. No one ever found him surprised; he was always prepared on his law and his facts. His conduct of a trial of a cause was accompanied by a sweetness of disposition, such as is seldom given to any of the children of men. Attention to



Victor K. Strode, pioneer lawyer, whose funeral is tomorrow.

his own affairs has taken him away somewhat from the practice of his chosen profession of late years, and there are many of the younger members of the bar who did not personally know Mr. Strode, but the writer of this sketch has known nearly all of the lawyers of the territorial and of the early state days; he feels that he can affirm that he never knew one who had the love, confidence and respect of his associates to a greater degree than did Mr. Strode.

Mr. Strode in 1887 married Miss Kate Weigand, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weigand, well-known and well-beloved pioneers of an earlier Portland. Of this marriage was born two sons, Charles J. and Victor W., who have a splendid heritage in the good name and fame of their beloved father.

Among the many subjects to which Mr. Strode gave attention none had the consuming interest for him as did those topics which may be denominated "Ultimate Questions" of the "How and the Why," of the "Whence and the Whither," of the "If a man die, shall he live again." Mr. Strode was often heard to say that the promise meant all that it said, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." With him death was not going to seek for a great perhaps; it was a certainty that we but just cross from one room into another. "In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you." With him death here was a birth over there. Sublime faith! Blessed are they who have it and keep it until the end. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

It shall be to the writer of this article a matter of fond recollection that in his pilgrimage through this world to that world that is to come, it was permitted him to know in the intimacy of a friendship of more than 40 years, the kind, the noble, the affectionate spirit that animated him, know in the flesh, as Victor K. Strode.

Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days;
None know thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise.

IDEAL DEMOCRACY URGED

MISS LUTIE E. STEARNS HEARD BY CIVIC LEAGUE.

Problems of Age Must Be Solved Before Goal Can Be Reached, Is Woman's Declaration.

"A Woman's Opinion of an Ideal Democracy" was the subject of an address given before the Civic league at its regular luncheon at the Benson hotel yesterday noon by Miss Lutie E. Stearns of Milwaukee, Wis., who is in Portland in the interests of the national dairy council.

Democracy, said the speaker, should be brotherhood interpreted in terms of government. The problems of the age which must be solved before an ideal democracy is possible, she specified as social problems—capital and labor, poverty, the wage system, industrial disturbances, accidents and sickness. Poverty she classed as a social disease, which will vanish with the approach of democracy nearer to the ideal. The ideal democracy will also see to it, she said, that motherhood is properly recognized and that proper aid and education are given to the mothers before and after the birth of the child. It will also see to it that every child is fed scientifically and with sufficient food for proper development.

"In the ideal democracy," she said, "men will come to the church not for what they can receive, but for what they can give, to become good soldiers with the church in the settlement of industrial and other mal-adjustments and in the rousing of a socialized conscience."

A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon, was also a speaker, urging the use of Oregon-made goods whenever possible. Mr. Clark spoke of the drive now going on to provide work for all former soldiers and sailors, and declared that the quickest and best way to provide positions for the men is to expand local industries. This could be readily done if the Oregon people would purchase Oregon goods, he declared, and expressed the conviction that if people here would consume homemade candy and buy homemade furniture exclusively, when equal in price and quality with the outside articles, the expansion in these businesses alone would be great enough to care for all the surplus labor here and call in additional workers from the outside.

Thrift Urged to Cut Prices.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—In a message to the country today urging observance of next week as national thrift week, Secretary of Commerce Alexander said thrift would make possible increased production necessary to bring down prices, and would enable the United States to maintain its strong financial position among the nations.

LEGISLATORS' IRE UP; TELEGRAM ACCUSED

Paper Charged With Character Assassination.

REPORTER IS CHALLENGED

Gallagher Leads in Denunciation of Newspaper; Others Join, Citing Alleged Offenses.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—That the Evening Telegram has maligned members of the house who did not favor measures it advocated, has deliberately printed false statements against legislators and that it is conducting a campaign of character assassination, are charges made by representatives from eastern Oregon, southern Oregon and Portland who demand that the legislature take steps to protect itself from the paper.

Representative Gallagher openly challenged Henry Hazen, one of the Telegram's reporters, to meet him in personal battle on the floor of the house. Galligher later sought the reporter in the lobby while Hazen was out of sight in a telephone booth.

The outburst came with the arrival of the pink edition of the Telegram. A. A. Smith of Baker, under personal privilege, read the Telegram's account of the afternoon's paving debate, in which, it is said, Smith was misquoted.

1919 Paving Row Recalled.

In the article was the statement that Smith, during the paving row in the 1919 session, had said he was offered $500 by the Warren company. A. A. Smith said that the correspondent in the house showed him his original copy, in which E. E. Smith was represented as the one who had made the bribery charge a year ago, but that the copy had been changed. Smith of Baker declared that by this article he was held up to the state as a man who had sold his soul for a mess of pottage and that the attack on him was evidence of character-assassination policy.

Mr. Gallagher asked for the appointment of a committee to draw up resolutions demanding that the owners of the Telegram publish an apology and explanation and that the courtesies of the house be withdrawn from the Telegram staff.

Representative Bean charged that throughout the past two sessions the Telegram has been assailing members who did not view measures in the light the Telegram desired, and that a representative who holds an honest conviction and expresses it is denounced by the Portland paper.

Others Take Up Cudgel.

Herbert Gordon, taking the floor, said he had been misrepresented in the Telegram's legislative report on the zoning bill and that when he telephoned and told the paper the truth, the latter had not the fairness to make a correction.

Mr. Graham of Lane read an item from the Telegram which said that the reason the University of Oregon appropriation was so small was because the Lane county delegation sacrificed the school to play petty politics. This was stamped as a "damnable falsehood" by Mr. Graham, who asserted that the Lane county delegation is conscientious and anxious to render good service.

E. E. Smith of Multnomah undertook a defense of the Telegram correspondent, while Graham of Washington thought too much attention was being given to the paper.

The attack on A. A. Smith was what aroused Gallagher, the Malheur county representative confessed, and he dared the reporter to meet him in a man-to-man fight.

SENATE EULOGIZES DIMICK

Tribute to Late Member Paid in Unanimous Resolution.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Resolutions deploring the death of the late Walter A. Dimick, state senator from Clackamas county, were adopted in the senate tonight by unanimous vote.

"We have missed him at this special session," reads the eulogy. "We have missed his counsel and advice. The vacant chair will be filled by another at the next session, but those who served with him in this chamber will never forget his pure honesty and strenuous effort to perform every duty. Every senator who served with him on this floor will testify that he left no pledge unredeemed.

"The members of this body will ever hold in grateful remembrance his life and example, for it is proof positive that the only life worth living, either in public or private affairs, is the life of upright integrity."

The resolutions were signed by Senators Pierce, L. S. Smith, Eddy, Baldwin, Gill and Banks, members of the special resolutions committee.

STATE ROAD SYSTEM LOADED

Job-Lot of Highways Hung On Near Session's End.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Many miles of county roads were hung on to the state road system in the last hours of the special session tonight. Two roads will be placed on the state map by the house and the senate answered with many more. What the highway commission will do with these newly added roads, providing the governor does not veto the bills, remains to be seen.

Among the counties demanding that more of their county roads be designated as state roads which were successful in the house tonight were Coos, Columbia, Jackson, Douglas, Klamath, Clatsop, Tillamook, Polk, Marion and Yamhill. Roads in Sherman and Malheur counties already had been admitted by house and senate.

A feeble remonstrance against changing the road map was made by the two Grahams, one of Lane and the other of Washington. Earlier in the evening there was a plan to kill off all of these measures, but by the time the bills were reached the house was indifferent and the entire job-lot of county roads were converted into state roads by votes averaging 45.

HOUSING BILL PASSES HOUSE

Lower Body Authorizes Investigation of Boy Problem.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The bill asking for the appointment of a legislative committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing in Oregon an institution for the housing of young boys as recommended by Superintendent Gilbert of the state training school, passed the house today with the amendment that the committee take into consideration uniforming the youths.

The amendment to the original bill was offered by Representative Smith of Multnomah.

SIX LIQUOR JUGS SEIZED

Moonshine Whisky Causes Arrest of Edward McDonald.

Six two-quart jugs of moonshine whisky were seized last night in the Idle Hour pool hall, 145½ Third street, by Patrolmen Abbott and Drake. The police arrested Edward McDonald, who is alleged to have acknowledged ownership of the liquor on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

The patrolmen heard the bottles clinking in a back room, and ordered the clerk in charge of the pool tables to open the door. As the police were about to obtain ingress, McDonald opened the portal from the inside, and submitted to arrest.

GAME DEAL IS PROTESTED

Suit Brought Against Governor and Old Commission.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—In a suit filed in the circuit court here today by H. A. Holmes of Portland, members of the old game and fish commission, together with Governor Olcott, are charged with entering into secret agreements and other irregularities in connection with the leasing of the so-called Reddish game farm in Lane county.

A few months ago Holmes filed suit asking that the state be enjoined from purchasing the farm on the ground that the commission was without authority. This case is pending in the circuit court here.

SEATTLE STILL COUNTING

15 Days Not Enough to Take In All Precincts in Census.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—Seattle census enumerators today were ordered to remain at work until a complete count of the city's population has been made.

The 15-day period allowed for counting the census was not enough to take in all of Seattle's precincts.

Altered Dollar Bill-Holder Jailed.

William Nelson was arrested on a charge of vagrancy last night because he tried to pass a $1 bill which had been changed to resemble a $10 bill. The complainant was the proprietor of a Japanese restaurant at 267 Burnside street, where Nelson offered the bill in payment for a meal. The prisoner is also held for investigation by secret service men.

Youth With Revolver Arrested.

Robert Melroy, 21, was arrested at Michigan and Albina avenues last night by Sergeant Ellis and charged with carrying concealed weapons. The boy carried a revolver and was unable to give a satisfactory account of himself.

Three Suspects Arrested.

Three men answering the description of the robbers who tried to dynamite the safe of the Empire Packing company Friday morning, were arrested last night by Inspectors LaSalle and Schulpius. They were held for investigation.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Back.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt today completed a round trip to Brazil for the benefit of her health.

SENATE HEAD NAMED IN SUCCESSOR PLAN

Change in Governorship Ascension Proposed.

ISSUE TO GO TO PEOPLE

Joint Resolution Also Provides That House Speaker Take Post if New Vacancy Occurs.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Under provisions of an amendment adopted in the senate tonight, and later concurred in by the house, the joint resolution providing for the successor to the office of governor in the event of death or vacancy from some other cause, says the president of the senate shall serve as chief executive until the voters have an opportunity of naming a governor at the succeeding general election.

The resolution, which provides that the question shall be submitted to a vote of the people, originally provided that the secretary of state should act as governor until the succeeding election, but senator Moser, joint author of the measure, explained that it is the will of the people of Oregon to have three separate men serving on the state board of control and other important state boards and for that reason the president of the senate was selected for the vacancy instead of the secretary of state. Senator Moser explained that such a law is now in effect in a dozen of the larger states of the union.

The proposed amendment to the constitution likewise provides that in the event the president of the senate should become incapacitated while acting as governor, the speaker of the house should ascend to the post.

The resolution was amended with this important change without any united opposition.

EX-KAISER WORKS ON DIKE

Fallen Monarch Helps to Keep Rhine Waters From Castle.

AMERONGEN, June 17.—The former kaiser worked two hours today helping the Bentinck castle staff strengthen the castle dikes, which are threatened by the rising of the Rhine.

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