

GANG OF 14 AUTO THIEVES IN JAIL

All Declared to Have Confessed Operations.

24 CARS ARE STRIPPED

Paroled Convict Is Thought to Be Leader of Criminals Who Prey on Many Machines.

Ramifications of the automobile accessory gang-thieves were completely traced by operatives of the auto theft department yesterday, and when the final arrest was made there were 14 members in jail. They are said to have stolen 24 automobiles in the past eight months, which they stripped of accessories and then abandoned.

The ringleader of the gang is said to be Hal Sheldon, 21 years of age, a paroled convict from the Oregon penitentiary, who was serving a sentence for larceny of automobile. Officials declare that Sheldon was perfecting himself in his profession while out on parole. His operations were uncovered when he was arrested in St. Johns last Monday night, together with two alleged pals, Milton E. Smith and Lewis Thomas. The three were riding in an automobile which had been taken that day from the Standard shipyard, Vancouver.

In view of the fact that this machine was transported from Washington to Oregon, the three men have been turned over to federal authorities for prosecution under the interstate commerce law, which makes such action a federal offense.

Following is the complete list of arrests: E. Bade, 21, 618 Nineworth, charged with receiving stolen goods; Milton E. Smith, 17, 1365 Garfield avenue, larceny of automobile and equipment; Roy Williams, 21, 1432 East Fourteenth street North, receiving stolen goods; Leslie Freeman, 22, St. Johns, receiving stolen goods; Hal Sheldon, 21, 545 Durham street, larceny of automobile and equipment; Charles Love, 17, Sixth and Morgan streets, receiving stolen goods; Stella Love, 18, Sixth and Morgan streets, receiving stolen goods; Clarence West, 20, 595 Leand street, stolen goods in possession; Folker Van Beck, 17, 1447 Oneonta street, larceny of automobile and stolen goods in possession; Chris Van Beck, 18, larceny of automobile and stolen goods in possession; William Reutter, 18, 523 Holman street, larceny of automobile and stolen goods in possession; Robert Kellis, 16, 1453 Oneonta street, larceny of automobile and stolen goods in possession; Albert Zimmerman, 17, 1257 East Fourth street, larceny of automobile and stolen goods in possession; Legis Thomas, 18, 649 Union avenue, larceny of automobile.

Zimmerman is said to have confessed to the theft of an automobile and the receipt of goods stolen in Vancouver while in that city, and he was turned over to the Washington authorities. According to Lieutenant Thatcher a list of those arrested were cognizant of operations of the gang, and they are said to have worked singly and to have paired on different occasions, but all were working under the ostensible leadership of Sheldon.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE POULTRY EXPERT WHO GOES TO NEW FIELD, AND HIS FIRST 300-EGG HEN.



TOP—PROFESSOR JAMES DRYDEN. BELOW—LADY MACDUFF.

local representative of a building and loan association. Loans already asked total \$60,000, far in excess of the amount ordinarily applied for by this time of year.

JAMES WARD IN 'AGAIN'

Bondsman Surrender Man Charged With M. Storey's Death. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—James Ward, who has been much in the limelight in Linn county for several months because of various alleged escapades, is back in the Linn county jail.

He was surrendered yesterday by his bondsman who had furnished bail for his appearance at the March term of state circuit court to answer a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of M. Storey, aged resident of Sweet Home, who Ward is said to have struck when Storey was trying to arrest Ward for drunkenness and disorderly conduct last Labor day.

Street Car Crushes Pup.

An accident which was not reported to the traffic department, in which the victim was killed, occurred yesterday near Sixteenth and Overton streets. A street car ran over a homeless, harmless little pup, crushing both hind legs so badly that a passing patrolman put an end to his misery. Not knowing of their victim, the car crew had gone on, leaving the puppy lying in agony beside the rails.

Home Fire Thought Incendiary.

BEND, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Fire, thought to have been started by an enemy, destroyed the home of E. B. Jackson here today. Jackson was absent on a business trip to Redmond.

JOURNALISTIC CALL GIVEN EGG WIZARD

Professor Dryden to Join Country Gentleman Staff.

GREAT WORK RECOGNIZED

Organizer and Head of College Poultry Department Is Authority on Flocks.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—"By their fruits ye shall know them."

This is literally true of Professor James Dryden, organizer and head of the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college and a recognized authority in the poultry world, whose flocks have made a number of world's egg-laying records.

Professor Dryden's birds have had more prizes advertised than any other members of the feathered tribe, but little is known of Mr. Dryden himself. He is past master in the art of publicizing his own and others' accomplishments.

The Country Gentleman, national farm publication, has recognized Professor Dryden's work by offering him a place in its staff. He has accepted and will be gone from the college for a year, beginning in June. He is to travel through all sections of the United States and Canada, noting conditions and writing a series of articles as he goes. These will later be published in book form.

Mr. Dryden introduced. This story aims, however, to introduce Mr. Dryden to the public. James Dryden was born on a farm in Ontario, Canada, near Galt. He was an energetic, to-be-had, young man, answering to the name of "Jimmy."

He milked cows, fed pigs and sheep, took care of horses, tended chickens and geese and did all the other thousand and one things farm boys are expected to do. He did not work all the time, however. His favorite sports were skating, ice hockey, and playing the local baseball team and playing shinny.

For education he finished high school, then attended the collegiate institute at Galt, and later went to business college in New York city. At the age of 20 he went to Winnipeg, Manitoba where he was secretary to Governor Shults for several years. Later, when his employer was elected to the senate, he went with him to Ottawa for two sessions of parliament.

Under the tutelage of the veteran editor he occasionally took a hand at writing editorials, some of them treating on the Gentle-Mormon controversy which was on in full force at that time. It was during his stay in the Utah capital that he met and married Miss Alice Kinn, a teacher in that city. In 1892 Dryden went to the Utah Agricultural college, where, as he expressed it, he was "drafted" into the

BOOTLEGGERS ARE JAILED

FEDERAL JUDGE BEAN HANDS DOWN \$250 FINES ALSO.

Commissioner Frazer Holds Abe Weinstein to Grand Jury on Liquor Charge.

Two more violators of the national prohibition law, recently indicted through the work of "Miss D." pleaded guilty yesterday before Federal Judge Bean and were given sentences of \$250 fine and 60 days in jail respectively. Patrick Mullen, proprietor of Taxi Inn, was fined \$250. Assistant United States Attorney Fitzgerald recommended leniency.

R. A. Hoarford was given 60 days in jail on a similar charge. He was out of funds and faced with sickness in his family.

A. D. Shoot, recently fined for fraudulent use of a railroad pass, will be tried on February 23 on a white slave charge. The case arose over the fraudulent use of a pass in which he was alleged to have transported a woman not his wife from one state to another.

Abe Weinstein, arrested about a week ago on a bootlegging charge, was bound over to await action by the grand jury by United States Commissioner Frazer yesterday. Bonds were placed at \$500.

River Out of Banks. LEBANON, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The South Santiam river has been out of its banks for the last two days owing to the warm southerly wind which has been melting the snow in the lower range of the mountains.

The high water has been threatening the bridge over the Santiam at what is known as the Sanderson bridge, six miles north of this city. Not only is the bridge itself in danger of being washed out but the river is cutting a new channel a short distance this side of the bridge in what was an old

channel of the river. This for many years has been a treacherous site for a bridge and has been a large expense to the county to maintain. The bridge has been built out from each end to cover the widening channel from year to year until the bridge is now about 1000 feet long, and is now in danger of being left without any river under it.

ALBANY AUTO SHOW ENDS

Third Annual Exhibit Attracts Many From Nearby Cities.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Albany's third annual automobile show closed tonight after a successful exhibit of two days, marked both by a splendid display of cars and a large attendance. The show was one of the best events of the kind ever staged in the Willamette valley.

The show was held in the armory here and the display of cars on the big floor of the well-decorated structure was attractive. Musical programs were rendered during the show. Many people from nearby cities and towns were included among the large number of visitors at the show today.

The successful event was under the direction of the Albany Automobile Dealers' association.

Visitor to Sick Is Hurt. A few moments after he had quit St. Vincent's hospital, where he had been visiting a sick friend, F. Sasciato, 35 years of age, 6112 Fifty-second street Southeast, was run down by an automobile on the Cornell road near that institution. He was taken back to the hospital by the driver, where his right leg was found to be broken.

The driver was reported to be Henry Wick, an employe of the Palace garage.

Cattle Shipped to Portland. PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Four cars of cattle belonging to Carey Foster and O. Rambon were shipped to Portland this week over the Prineville City railroad.

LINCOLN BANQUET HELD

300 ATTEND CELEBRATION AT HOTEL MEDFORD.

Stirring Address by Judge McGinn of Portland Is One of Features of Notable Programme.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The outstanding features of the annual Lincoln club banquet of the republicans of the Rogue River valley, held in this city at the Hotel Medford tonight with 300 persons present, were the stirring address of Judge McGinn of Portland and the able address on Lincoln by associate justice Harris of the state supreme court.

Professor Vining of Ashland was the toastmaster, and the Ashland delegation numbered more than 25. A feature of the programme was the invocation delivered by W. C. Sindlar, ex-service man and head of the Medford branch of the Salvation Army. Frank P. Farrell, commander of the Medford post of the American Legion, was toastmaster.

Professor Vining was elected president of the club for the ensuing year. Telegrams of greeting were received from Vice-President-elect Coolidge, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., General Leonard Wood, Will H. Hays, national chairman of the republican party; the Lincoln club of Portland, Governor Olcott, Senator McNary, Senator-elect Stanfield, Edgar B. Piper, Elizabeth H. Hanley of Seattle and formerly of Jackson county, ex-Representative Scott of Iola, Kan., and many others.

The banquet assemblage adopted a resolution declaring in favor of any form of reasonable compensation for ex-service men and especially favoring the four-fold plan of adjusted compensation.

A resolution deploring the death of Bishop Matthew S. Simmons of Portland, who was one of the guests and chief orators at last year's Lincoln club banquet here, also was adopted.

Anticipate Spring in Your Home!

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Living-Room Suite Regularly \$310 Special \$219.50 This consists of a handsome, Full-size Davenport, upholstered in heavy tapestry, and large Ricker to match. Pieces have spring seat and back, with loose spring cushions. A most attractive bargain.

Look! Ivory Enamel Dresser, Bed and Spring \$45.50 A wonderful bargain in a limited number of pieces will be offered this week. The dressers are finished in beautiful ivory enamel and they have either plain or beveled French plate mirrors; there are two large drawers and two small top drawers. The bed is full-size, and it matches perfectly the dresser. The springs were made especially to fit the beds; they are metal-link style with elevated sides and 4-inch risers. All three pieces are of high quality. They are a wonderful bargain at the price for which we offer them.

For Your Dining Room We are showing the latest suites from many factories. Choose here from any wood, in any style of design. Our showing of suites in mahogany and walnut is particularly impressive. We are glad to show you through our stock.

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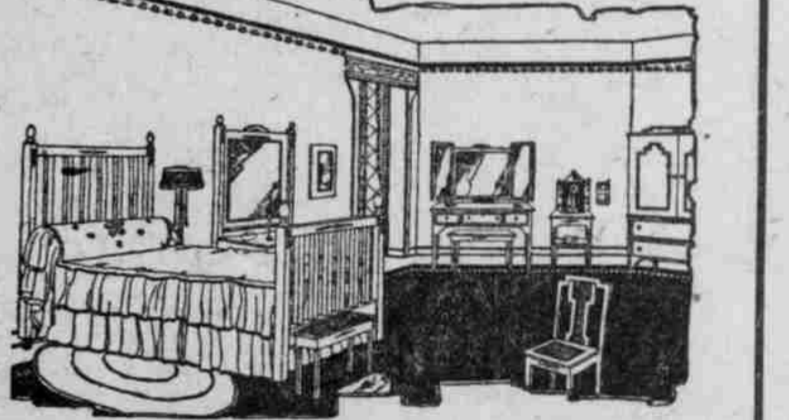
Convex Aluminum Kettle and Aluminum Cover Six-gallon Capacity. Regular Price \$3.00 SPECIAL THIS WEEK \$1.95—Basement.

Blue Bird Dinner Set 42 PIECES SPECIAL \$10.85 This is a new bluebird design. See it in the basement.

Genuine Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs In 9x12 Size. Regular Price \$95.00 Special \$65.50 We show these both in plain or linen fringed ends. The rugs are woven from fine worsted yarns, and the designs are mainly warm, Oriental effects. Our entire stock of these fine rugs is on sale at the reduced price.

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WORK IN CAMPS TO OPEN

Logging Companies Contemplate Increase of Force. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—With the indications of better weather conditions, the logging companies in the lower Columbia river district are contemplating the increasing of their forces of men in the near future. Overhaul machinery, make repairs and extend railroads. The general opinion now is that few of the camps will begin hauling timber before March 15, while others will not operate before April 1. The demand for logs is not heavy, as the majority of the mills are running under a slow head, and the prices this spring will probably be several points lower than those which have prevailed. Those prices have been \$15, \$24 and \$10 per 1000 feet in the three grades, respectively, of both fir and spruce. Some mills are now offering to contract at \$15, \$20 and \$25, respectively, for those grades for deliveries during the spring and summer.

HIGHWAY UPKEEP OPPOSED

Douglas County Will Fight Bill Providing for Maintenance. ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Members of the county court will leave tomorrow for Salem to be present at the legislature when the bill providing that half of the expense of maintenance of the Pacific highway be borne by the counties through which this thoroughfare passes. Douglas county is stirred very much against this measure, owing to the tremendous sum it would exact from the road funds of this county.

Bend Building Rush Indicated.

BEND, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Bend should experience one of the greatest building eras in its history, judging from applications made to the

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