

SECRET SAFE; TAKE \$5,800 FROM TILL

Robbers Break Open Desk in Women of Woodcraft Hall and Secure Combination of Vault—Securities and Cash Stolen.

Enter Through Rear Door Left Unlocked—Papers Taken Mostly Municipal Bonds—Officers Will Prevent Them Being Cashed.

The word "combination" neatly labeled on a pigeonhole of the cashier's desk in the office of Women of Woodcraft hall at Tenth and Taylor streets enabled a thief or thieves to open the large wall safe of the order and take \$5,800 worth of negotiable securities therefrom last night. About \$200 in cash was also taken from the rifled desk.

The thieves left \$200 worth of postage stamps on a stool in the office. A rear door obligingly left open by the janitor furnished an easy means of entrance. There are no clues to the robbers.

After breaking open the cashier's desk and securing the money left in a drawer the combination of the safe was taken and the thieves opened the outer door and a second door on the inside. The key to this door was taken from the desk with a bunch of others.

Drill Hole in Door. A third door which closed the private compartment in which Grand Clerk J. L. Wright of the Women of Woodcraft keeps the securities of the order was broken open after a hole had been drilled and the lock smashed. Mr. Wright keeps the only key to this compartment and the robbers therefore had to go to this much trouble. All else was made easy for them.

The office is on the ground floor and the rear door was left unlocked. The windows of the street are high enough from the street to prevent anyone seeing inside from the street. There is no night watchman and no lights are left burning at night.

Once inside the robbers had all night in which to work. That they were in a hurry is plainly evident. Everything in the safe was taken out and spread upon the top of a stool where the papers that were of value to the thieves were left and the convertible paper, consisting of municipal bonds, were taken away. A quantity of postage stamps worth \$200 was also left.

Stop Bonds From Being Cashed. The robbery was discovered by Janitor Waldemar Peterson when he came to work at 5:30 this morning. He notified Mr. Wright, who came up to the office at once and upon examination found \$5,800 worth of bonds missing.

The police have been notified, but have not the slightest clue to help them in the search. A little pile of iron filings from the inner door of the safe and the articles left behind in a nicely sorted pile on a stool are all that is left to tell the story. These and the absence of nearly \$6,000.

The cashier of the Women of Woodcraft is Miss Blanche Reed. She had kept the \$200 stolen from her desk in a drawer for several days because the banker with whom she deposits moneys of the lodge is out of town.

A description of the bonds has been made up by Grand Clerk Wright and copies of this have been advertised in the daily press of Portland. Mr. Wright has also telegraphed to New York, where the bonds are convertible, so that any one offering them for sale may be apprehended by the police.

Coal Tender Crushed to Death. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Nampa, Idaho, June 29.—Crushed under tons of coal was the fate which John Osban, a coal tender for the Oregon Short Line, met Saturday afternoon.

Osban was working alone in the coal chutes and the fatal accident was discovered until his 11-year-old daughter came to find out why he did not come home to dinner. Henry, the son, finding the body, attracted men in the vicinity to the scene. It is presumed that Osban became careless and allowed the lever controlling the chutes to get beyond his control. He leaves a wife and four children.

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Don't ask your grocer for "naphtha soap". Ask him for "P. & G. Naphtha Soap".

ROBBERS BREAK OPEN DESK IN WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT HALL AND SECURE COMBINATION OF VAULT—SECURITIES AND CASH STOLEN.

Judge Wolverton Orders Longer Sessions to Shorten the Case.

James T. Bridges, ex-register of the Roseburg land office, has at last been released from the witness stand in the James H. Booth bribery trial and Walter W. Thackery, a clerk in the office then and now, has come and gone as a government witness.

Following Thackery will come Oswald West, former clerk of the state land board, and George W. Brown, associated with him in the office. They will testify regarding the findings which Kribs was interested in and identify another batch of documentary evidence. Following them will come Frederick A. Kribs, who is to be the chief witness for the government. Kribs will testify to having given Booth a check for \$300 and is expected to swear that the money was given to the ex-reeve as a bribe for advancing information furnished to Kribs of lands held for cancellation by the general land office.

From the trial is dragging it is a question whether it will be finished before the very last of the week. Judge Wolverton attempted to shorten the tediousness of the case by prolonging the morning sessions to the afternoon sessions of the court would continue until 5 o'clock until the end of the trial.

CITY NOT LIABLE FOR WELCOME ARCH

Contractor's Failure to Complete on Time Annuls Our Responsibility.

In an opinion to the city executive board, City Attorney John P. Kavanaugh has ruled that Portland does not have to accept the arch of welcome at Sixth and Hoyt streets because it was not completed in the time specified by the contract. According to the city attorney this leaves the city several courses to pursue.

The executive board can repudiate the contract because the arch was not finished on time agreed to in contract. The board can also repudiate the contract and collect on the contractor's bond if it is shown that actual damage resulted from the failure to complete the arch on time. Every thing in the contract and collect on the contractor's bond if it is shown that actual damage resulted from the failure to complete the arch on time.

Another opinion given by City Attorney Kavanaugh is in respect to the city's right to lay patented pavements. This is a question that has been frequently asked at the council and committee meetings and the matter was referred to the city attorney for an opinion. He has decided that the city has no right to lay any kind of a pavement so long as it is a good one and desired by the property owners.

This rule was based upon a decision in the state circuit court, although City Attorney Kavanaugh said that he looks upon decisions from courts in all parts of the country before deciding the question. He said that while there were some rulings against laying patented pavements that the courts were the best reasonings had been made had held to the contrary.

FEDERAL JURORS HAVE SUNDAY OUTING

The jurors who are hearing the evidence in the government against J. H. Booth had a good time yesterday—that is, as good a time as the law allows. They met in the house in West Park street near Yamhill. With the exception of themselves and the bailiffs who were to attend to the jurors have the house to themselves.

Yesterday the Booth trial men went to the White Temple in the morning and heard the sermon. During the afternoon they took a car ride and a stroll through the city park. Whenever they were out as customary there was a bailiff in front and another bringing up the rear of the procession.

The jurors were met at their temporary home. They sit around and read and talk and play cards and do as much as they can to pass the time. Many of them are farmers, usually when 2 o'clock midnight rolls around all of them are in bed.

OLD-TIME "CON" MAN RUNS INTO DETECTIVES

Charles Chapman, one of the old-time confidence men of the Pacific northwest, paid a home city visit because he thought he would not be recognized after a long lapse of years.

There's nothing doing with me; I'm in the lumber business," said Chapman when Detectives Coleman and Price accosted him at noon. But the cheerful officers took him to the police station nevertheless, and Chapman was jailed up just for old acquaintance' sake. Though he has been in the city but a few days, the detectives are investigating an alleged swindling case with view of connecting Chapman with it. It is supposed his object in saying he is engaged in the lumber business is to draw the detectives away from Chapman, a well known name in the lumber industry.

The police records Chapman is entered under date of February 3, 1904. Sam Simmons, then captain of Detectives, made the arrest.

WORK FAST ON QUARTER

Committee of 15 to Be Appointed This Week—Evidence Springs Up Daily of Urgent Need for Immediate Revision.

Mayor Lane and Councilmen Baker and Cellars will meet some time this week and appoint the committee of 15 taxpayers who are to draft the new city charter. The necessity of taking up the work and pushing it through as rapidly as the importance of the subject will allow is realized by the city officials, and they will endeavor to appoint only such men as are thoroughly conversant with the subject.

Mayor Lane stated today that the present charter is a good one and will form an excellent basis for a new one to be drafted. Not only Mayor Lane, but the other members of the appointing committee, are thoroughly in sympathy with the idea of a charter revision and are perhaps in closer touch with the needs of the city than any other members of the city government.

Laxity Demonstrated. Since Baker and Cellars have become members of the council they have followed the tangles of the present charter through a bewildering maze that only enmeshes more as a man tries to solve the intricate system of government laid down. For this reason it is believed that a man will be appointed to the committee who has not some special knowledge upon the subject and an addition will be made to the working it out in harmony with the rest of the city government.

An example of the laxity of the city charter came up in a motion recently put to City Attorney John Kavanaugh. He was approached by one of the city employees who asked for a piece of property which is mortgaged nearly to the limit of the value of the property. The city comes along and cuts a strip 60 feet wide and makes a street of it. Of course I am protected because the city will pay me for the damage done to my property, but what protection does the man get who holds the mortgage?

Other Distressing Questions. Nothing is said in the charter about mortgages or mortgages. And so far as known the question has never come up. There may have been hundreds of cases which have arisen in the past and were undoubtedly settled between the property owner and the holder of the mortgage. But should such a case slip by without being checked up the mortgagee would undoubtedly have recourse against the city in the courts.

City Attorney Kavanaugh said the question is but one of many similar questions with which he is confronted every day. Another one which came up recently in regard to the city had to do with the width of a street. In some places the street was narrow and a strip had to be cut from the property owners, while in another place the street had to be narrowed. The question which arose was whether the property injured to the property owners by the act of narrowing the street, or whether an ordinance declaring a vacation of the street by the city would be necessary.

Many questions of conflicting nature arise which are straightened out by a few words in the charter and the necessity of revising the present charter is emphasized daily in the city attorney's office.

READY TO CLOSE UP W. S. LADD ESTATE

Administrators Prepare the Final Accounting of Transactions.

The estate of W. S. Ladd, after being under the direction of the county court for over 15 years, is ready to be closed. An order has been prepared approving the final account of the administrators of the estate. William M. Ladd, Charles E. Ladd and John Wesley Ladd as executors of the will, the business of Ladd & Tilton, is stated that the property represented by these figures exceeds the sum named, but the amount of excess is not estimated.

RUN SPECIAL TO SALEM CHERRY FAIR

The Oregon Electric Railway company is negotiating with local business organizations to run a special train to Salem, Friday, July 3, for the benefit of visitors to the Salem cherry fair. Portland is the only city to receive a general invitation to attend the Salem fair. The electric road has made special rates. It is proposed to run a special train that will leave Salem on the return trip at 10:30 p. m. and get the excursionists back to Portland about midnight.

PERSONAL

Herbert L. Gill, editor of the Woodburn Independent, was a caller today at the Portland Commercial club. He was accompanied by Bennett F. Dallas, vice-president of the Oregon Development league.

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AMERICA'S CUP RACE IS A GO

New York Yacht Club Will Get in Communication With Sir Thomas.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, June 29.—The announcement this afternoon that the New York Yacht club has accepted the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a race for the America's cup makes it practically certain that there will be another race for the cup in the near future. The club's officials are satisfied with Lipton's statement and will communicate with him regarding the date of the race. Secretary Williams of the New York Yacht club announced that Lipton would be required to conform to the rules of the club, which requires that contesting yachts must be at least 90 feet long.

YEP, THE COLTS WILL STAND HITCHED NOW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., June 29.—The Forest Grove Colts had haliters put on them yesterday when the Banks Outlaws beat them in a 3 to 4 game of baseball. The Forest Grove game the Colts had defeated without difficulty, such Washington county teams as they had met, and went into the game with great confidence. Davis, the stocky little Outlaw pitcher, retired them in one, two, three order. The best play of the game was a three-base hit by Getter, of the Colts, in the fifth inning. The batteries were: Colts, Alexander and Getter; Outlaws, Davis and Barrett.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF SAN PEDRO CRAFT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Pedro, Cal., June 29.—The launch Challenger, Captain Casterman, which left this harbor for San Diego 10 days ago, has not been heard from since cleared, and friends of the captain and his crew of two men fear the vessel was lost in the storm that has been general along the California coast for the last fortnight. All incoming steamers report heavy weather.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN TO VISIT CRATER LAKE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., June 29.—Governor Chamberlain has announced his intention of visiting Crater lake this summer. Will G. Steele, of the Crater Lake company, has received a letter from the governor in which he states his intention. Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry department, may also be one of the summer visitors.



Professor E. H. Whitney.

E. H. Whitney, the newly elected principal of the Peninsula school, is 35 years of age. He was educated in the public schools of Nebraska, graduated from the McPherson Normal college, Republican City, Neb., in 1889, completed English and scientific courses in the Ash Grove college, Ash Grove, Mo., in the spring of 1892, and was instructor in the Harlan county normal during the summer session of 1892 (Harlan county, Nebraska). Mr. Whitney was a teacher in the public schools of Nebraska for six years, during the greater part of which time he was principal of the high school, Republican City, Neb.; was vice-president and instructor in Oakland college, Novelty, Mo., 1895-9. For the past six years he has been engaged in the public school work of Oregon as principal and city superintendent; he holds state life diploma in Oregon and professional papers from the states of Washington and Nebraska, and has done post-graduate work in the Washington state university. From Tillamook, Mr. Whitney comes to the principalship of the Peninsula school, succeeding E. J. Steele.

FRANCE TO OWN ALL RAILROADS

Premier Clemenceau to Follow Up Victory and Force Ownership.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, June 29.—The Clemenceau cabinet is firmly seated until parliament reassembles next October, as a result of the premier's victory in his fight for government ownership of the railroads. The termination of this battle marks a new era for France.

Tennessee Tennis Tourney. (United Press Leased Wire.) Knoxville, Tenn., June 29.—The fourth annual lawn tennis tournament for the championship of Tennessee began on the courts of the Knoxville Lawn Tennis club and will continue through the week. The events to be decided are the men's championship singles, men's championship doubles and men's consolation singles. The number and class of the contestants are such as to insure a high standard of play.

Bishop Paddock to Visit Klamath. Klamath Falls, Or., June 29.—Bishop Robert L. Paddock of Baker City, of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, will visit Klamath county and hold services on Sunday, July 5. This is the bishop's first visit to Klamath county since he was taken toward the establishment of a church.

EDUCATORS ASSUMES CRIME TO SAVE BROTHER

But Brother's Victim Comes Through and Vice Versa Stunt Is Spoiled.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 29.—"My reason for saying that I and not my brother, William Evans, shot George Godfrey, was that I am a single man with no one depending on me for support, while he is married and has two children, and I don't wish him to get into serious trouble."

This remarkable statement was made at the city prison today by Jack Evans, who last night surrendered himself to the police as the one who did the shooting. William Evans, who did the shooting, was arrested later on the statement of Godfrey that Jack did not have anything to do with the shooting. The shooting was the result of bad blood between Godfrey and Evans, who is a contractor. Godfrey was discharged by William Evans some time ago, after a quarrel, and since then both men have gone arm and arm. They met in a room and Evans shot the other man four times and ran away.

Jack Evans walked up to the police van that was summoned to remove Godfrey to the Emergency hospital and asked to be arrested, declaring that he had done the shooting.

MORMON CHURCH DEDICATES NEW ORGAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., June 29.—The new organ at the Mormon tabernacle was dedicated Saturday night. President Joseph Smith, wife and eight children; Dr. Joseph H. Wender and wife, Patrick John Smith, Apostle George A. Smith and wife, Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, soloist at the dedication concert, Professor J. J. McClellan, organist, and Bishop C. W. Nibley and wife, came in a special car from Salt Lake to attend the exercises.

The regular quarterly conference of Union stakes convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Two hundred and fifty members of the church came over from Union in a special train last night.

FORETHOUGHT SAVES ALMSHOUSE INMATES

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 29.—Three hundred inmates of the county almshouse are today complimenting Superintendent Wollenberg on his foresight in preparing for a fire that threatened to destroy the building last night. The fire was started to burn up the timbers of the old almshouse, 20 feet away, and got beyond the control of the watchers.

Wollenberg had previously stationed firemen in the house ready for an emergency and the blaze was extinguished.

Great Closing Out Sale. Entire Stock Women's Summer Underwear Reduced. 72x90 Hemmed Sheets 38c. \$2 Black Taffeta \$1.19. Women's 20c Hosiery 11c. Scarfs and Squares 25c. 46-in. Navy Cicilian 49c. Bathing Suits AT COST. Children's Hosiery 17c. Men's Silk Shirts \$2.50. 18-in. Glass Toweling 8c. 42x36 Pillow Cases 11c.