

SUSPECTED CHICKEN THIEF IS PUT UNDER ARREST BY DEPUTIES

Details in Robberies of Hen Roosts Believed to Have Been Bared.

Wholesale chicken thefts which have caused the Multnomah and Clatsop sheriffs, Constables, Weinberger and the police department considerable worry for the past three years were cleared up this morning, it is believed, when Deputy Sheriffs Curtis, Beckman and Lumden arrested George Garrett at 310 Holladay avenue at a market on Jefferson street were found 74 chickens which Garrett had sold to the market, and some of these have been identified as stolen birds.

Garrett's plan is said to have been to hire a team and go out in the night to make raids. For a time he was in Aberdeen, Wash., and the thefts stopped since late October, when he returned, they have been resumed. His wife declares she knew nothing of the thefts, but a letter he wrote to her makes the declaration that he did not make a good haul. He made the statement when he sold chickens that he had a ranch near Beaverton. It is estimated that the stolen chickens were several thousand during his operations.

Depredations of organized gangs of chicken thieves in the vicinity of Portland have not only demoralized the chicken raising industry in Multnomah county but have struck terror into the hearts of the suburbanites as well. Never knowing when these nocturnal raids are to be made, when with one fell swoop whole roosts are stripped, women folks in the small homes lying around Portland have been afraid to stay home alone nights and the word chicken thief has become to mean "bogey man" to small children.

Residents of Maplewood, Multnomah, considered the Carlot and other places along the Oregon Electric line have been strongly aroused over the continued onslaughts of the chicken raiders and have organized the coming interference of the district attorney's office to take up the solution of the problem.

A law requiring that all poultry should be sent to the district attorney's office to be examined, the name and address of the sender would make stealing impossible, it is argued. Unscrupulous dealers, who act as "fences" for the thieves, accept the purloined birds in bags and sacks and of course have no check on the real raiser of the poultry in question, it is asserted.

Loss Serious Blow

C. R. Gelsen, general manager of the Fruit and Produce Distributor, who lives at Maplewood, said this morning: "This wholesale chicken stealing is a serious matter to people who live in the city and who are contemptible thieves are in reality robbing the women of the community, for it is the housewives who take care of the chickens.

Buried, cremated or embalmed?

"Mother is dead" wired a distracted young wife to her husband back East. "Shall I bury, cremate or embalm?"

And the husband, who had a dread of chances, wired back: "All three."

Of course, thoroughness can be carried too far.

You might start from front street and try every optician between there and Thompson's.

Or from 16th street and experiment towards us in a downtown direction.

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TELEPHONE OFFICIAL RECEIVES PROMOTION

H. T. Parkinson Goes to San Francisco to Become Traffic Engineer.

H. T. Parkinson, who has been division superintendent of traffic for the northern division of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, with headquarters at Portland, for the past five years, has been transferred to the general office of the company at San Francisco, as traffic engineer.

J. H. Corcoran, who was formerly division superintendent of plant in the central division, succeeds Mr. Parkinson, and will be located at Portland. Corcoran will have charge of all of the traffic and operating work of the company for the northern division, which includes Oregon, Washington and part of Idaho.

A farewell banquet was given Mr. Parkinson at the Elizabethan room of the Imperial hotel, Tuesday evening, by his associates and the department heads, quite a number coming from Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Walla Walla and other towns. Those present: H. T. Parkinson, W. J. Phillips, W. D. Moore, J. H. Corcoran, H. M. Durston, W. A. Peterson, G. T. Johnson, D. D. Scott, G. P. Nook, R. Z. Young, W. A. Bjsbee, R. D. March, W. C. Pickford, C. H. Moore, J. R. Davies, F. H. Shea, Fred Spoor, E. W. Thrall, B. F. Ewers, W. A. Peterson, W. J. Phillips, R. L. Barber, J. W. Newell, district traffic chief, Seattle; E. L. Breene, district traffic chief, Spokane; G. E. May, district traffic chief, Tacoma; W. S. Moore, district traffic chief, Walla Walla; C. F. Cole, district traffic chief, Eugene.

POWERS ON STAND IN WESTERN FUEL CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 8.—David G. Powers, the government's star witness, was called to the stand this afternoon at the trial of the eight officials of the Western Fuel company, charged with conspiring to defraud Uncle Sam of customs duties. The noon recess was ordered before Powers testified.

HEIRS TO VALUABLE ESTATE ARE SOUGHT

Believing that he should share in a \$9,000,000 estate, which is said to have been left by his great-grandmother, Susannah Bennett, of Harlem, N. Y., on her death more than a year ago, Charles E. Bennett has come to Portland from the city of New York to search for children or relatives of Ephraim or William Bennett, who formerly lived in Portland and are brothers of his father, Frederick Bennett.

UNUSUAL GROWTH IN NIGHT SCHOOLS SHOWN

An unprecedented growth in the night schools of Portland is shown in the report of Frank Rigler, supervisor of evening schools, just filed with the school board.

So great is the attendance at the Lincoln high school that the students are obliged frequently to stand in line at the entrance to the class rooms.

The total registration is 3288. Of these 649 are foreign born. The average nightly attendance is 2111 and the entrance to the class rooms offered include all the branches of trade instruction at the Trades school, courses in academic, elementary and commercial work, cooking, sewing and some high school studies.

The total registration is divided among the schools as follows: Trades school, 901; Lincoln high, 1327; Jefferson, 385; Arieta, 274; Felling, 51; Montavilla, 170; Albina Homestead, 280; Lents, 180; Richmond, 88.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE SHARKS

An investigation of the hold which loan sharks have on city employees will be started at once by District Attorney Evans with a view to beginning criminal proceedings on the sharks if sufficient evidence develops.

"I understand that it is proposed to drop from the city payroll all employees who cannot keep their wages from the sharks," said District Attorney Evans. "This would be playing directly into the hands of the loan sharks for they could then threaten the employees with exposure if they did not pay up and exposure might mean loss of employment. I believe it would mean throwing many further into the clutches of the loan sharks."

SEVENTEENTH DEATH IN EPIDEMIC AT CENTRALIA

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 8.—James L. Holland died at local hospital early yesterday of typhoid fever, making a total of 17 deaths as a result of the epidemic. Holland was confined at the Army emergency hospital and Tuesday afternoon when his case took a sudden turn for the worse, he was rushed to another hospital, where an operation was performed. He was 30 years old.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS WILL BE FULLY INVESTIGATED

Judge Cleeton, Sitting for Judge Kelly, Requests the Grand Jury to Act.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Declaring that facilities for segregating and caring for the girls committed to the State Industrial School for Girls appeared so inadequate that serious consequences might result, Circuit Judge Cleeton of Portland, sitting on the bench here in exchange with Judge Kelly, today requested the Marion county grand jury to make an investigation of the institution. This request followed the trial of Effie Creswell on the charge of attempting to poison all the inmates of the school recently, including two younger girls to put poison in the tea and coffee to be served one evening.

In Temporary Quarters. The school is now located in the temporary quarters in the old Polytechnic building on the grounds of the state school for the deaf, while plans are being rushed for permanent buildings for the school. The legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the institution. Judge Cleeton said he did not expect the investigation to involve the management of the institution, in so far as the management was able to do with the facilities provided, but that something ought to be done to provide better conditions.

"There appears to be a lack of facilities or something," said Judge Cleeton. "There is no method of segregating the girls. The extremely wayward are put in with those less wayward. There is no way of confining them or enforcing rigid discipline."

If the statements made in this case were true, a great calamity was narrowly averted. They show that one girl, when wayward and desperate, can cause disruption and confusion at the school, and the consequences might be serious. Under such conditions the purpose of the school will undoubtedly fail.

"I don't understand there is anything wrong with the management, which is doing the best it can with the facilities provided."

WIRELESS EYE FAILS TO SEE THROUGH FRAUD

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 8.—Complaining Samuel Spitz, alleged inventor of the "Wireless Eye," said by wireless experts to be a fraud, with obtaining money by false pretenses by selling \$5000 of stock in the Wireless Spitzscope company, Inc., on the strength of his scheme, will be sworn to this afternoon, according to a statement issued today by Captain of Police Agnew.

For three hours last night detectives and electrical experts waited patiently in Spitz' office for his "wireless eye" to gather up radio pictures from the sky of the darkness by means of "stray rays" and project them in perfect image on a glass disc set in a spectacle case. The eye failed to work and the experts pronounced the company a fraud.

HARRINGTON SECURES BIG BRIDGE CONTRACT AT \$65,000 LUMP FEE

Commission at 3:15 This Afternoon Makes Award—Vote 6 to 1.

By a vote of 6 to 1, the interstate bridge commission awarded the engineering of the interstate bridge to the firm of Waddell & Harrington at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon, meeting in the Clarke county courthouse at Vancouver. The consideration is a lump sum fee of \$65,000, the commission agreeing to give the firm first consideration in use of the draw span pattern in accordance with the statement by Mr. Harrington today.

Those voting for the award were Commissioners Lightner, Lindsay, Rawson, Secrist, Kolman and Governor West.

PRISONER ADMITS TO HAVE POSED AS REAL ADOLPHUS BUSCH III

Young Man Who "Flashed" About Portland in Custody at Denver, Colo.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., Jan. 8.—Giving his name as John Ray Dew, a young man who had previously posed as Adolphus Busch III, was under arrest here today charged with obtaining money by false pretenses.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GIVES OPINION ON LAW

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—In an opinion to District Attorney T. A. Weinke of Condon and a number of county treasurers, Attorney General Crawford today interpreted the new tax law. He said the law provides that all taxes shall be due April 1. All unpaid taxes will bear interest and penalty of 1 per cent a month for five months, or until September 1, at which time all unpaid taxes become delinquent. At that time there will be accumulated 5 per cent penalty and 10 per cent further penalty will be added to the total amount, making 15 per cent penalty due at that time. Then that full amount will draw 12 per cent interest until paid.

John Roy Dew flashed in Portland for two months, making his headquarters at the Imperial hotel. After he left a few days ago there were managed to find his whereabouts by allegedly creditors.

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DICTAPHONE ON LIGHT FIXTURE TELLS TALES

Mechanical Ear Figures in Breach of Promise Proceedings.

A dictaphone and the Burns detective agency played the important part in the breach of promise suit of Gertrude Gerlinger against Lloyd Frank in Circuit court this morning.

Mrs. Gerlinger was called to the stand in the defense this morning and cross-examined further, the cross-examination being in regard to the conversations which were taken down in shorthand from the dictaphone and transcribed by the operator. The conversations as reported bore in many instances on the case and were filled with vulgarity, in one she referred to Attorney George Glenn, one of Frank's counsel, as a "dirty skunk," and Joseph joined in the laugh which followed her admission that "she might have said that about him."

The dictaphone was installed on the chandelier of the apartment, according to the testimony, by an electrician who told the janitor a leakage in the electrical fixtures of the house had been reported. Glenn said that he knew nothing adverse to Mrs. Gerlinger from her actions, but admitted she was seldom where he might observe her or her apartments.

Attorney Moulton, Mrs. Gerlinger's counsel, was called to the stand and testified that in testimony in Mrs. Gerlinger's divorce suit against Edward E. Gerlinger about two years ago, was taken in Portland by an Astoria court reporter as a witness for the formalities of the divorce suit were gone through with in Astoria.

A bench warrant was issued for Lloyd Frank as a witness for the defense, who failed to show up at court after he had been subpoenaed, and Deputy Sheriff Paalen is seeking him.

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