

JURY CONVICTS CLYDE J. RUPERT OF BOND THEFT

Evidence Established That Bank
Employee Disposed of \$5000 in
Liberty Bonds.

VERDICT RETURNED QUICKLY

Testimony of Rupert Refuted by
A. C. Stubeling, Who Re-
ceived Some of Bonds.

Clyde J. (Red) Rupert was sentenced by Circuit Judge Belt this afternoon to one to three years in the state penitentiary at Salem. His crime was the theft of \$5000 in Liberty bonds placed in his temporary custody by the Northwestern National bank, where prior to his arrest he was employed as a trusted watchman. Judge Belt said he would have paroled Rupert but for the accused's attempt to shield himself by throwing the blame upon a dead man. Rumors that flew about the court house this morning were that Rupert was proposing, as a means of gaining leniency in federal prosecution, also pending, to make full restitution of other bonds which disappeared at the same time as did the \$5000 worth. At a late hour, however, this restitution had not been made.

The trial was given a tinge of romance by the presence in court of Rupert's divorced wife, and hints of a remarriage before Rupert starts for prison were freely given.

Clyde J. (Red) Rupert, ex-police sergeant and later a trusted employee of the Northwestern National bank, was found guilty of the theft of \$5000 in Liberty bonds by a jury in Circuit Judge Belt's court late Wednesday night.

The jury was out 35 minutes and it is said a vote for conviction was found on the first ballot.

Just how or when Rupert stole the bonds was not disclosed by the evidence at the trial.

Early in October the Northwestern bank received 150 Liberty bonds from the federal reserve bank at San Francisco. Later, when the bank officials were checking up, they found that \$19,000 of these bonds were missing.

These and other bonds were kept on a small wheeled table or truck which could be moved conveniently about the building and which with its precious load was locked up in the vaults at night.

Rupert was on duty at the bank in the day time as a sort of special officer and messenger whose duty it was to direct people who came into the banking office to the proper window or official.

Bonds Located When Sale Is Made
The first trace of the missing bonds was found when it developed that Alfred S. Rix had sold four of them to Charles E. Rumelin of the Ashley & Rumelin bank, which in its turn sold them to the United States National bank.

It developed later that the United States National bank had purchased another of the missing bonds from George McBride, an attorney of this city, and president of a ship building corporation.

Rix and McBride testified at the trial that they had purchased the bonds from Rupert.

An attempt was made by the prosecution to connect Rupert with the remainder of the \$19,000 of missing bonds. He was asked, did he sell A. C. Stubeling \$9000 in bonds. To this question, Rupert gave a positive answer in the negative, denying that he had sold Stubeling \$9000

in bonds or bonds in any amount. He was asked also if he had sold bonds to R. A. Sawyer. He denied also having sold any bonds to Sawyer.

Later in the day Stubeling testified that he had received \$9000 in bonds from Rupert in connection with some mining deal.

Rupert Names Dead Officer
Rupert began his defense by taking the witness stand in his own behalf Wednesday after the noon recess. He said he got the bonds from Bob Phillips, the late deputy sheriff who was shot and killed by an escaped madman about that time. He said Phillips entered the bank several times, first asking him if the bank paid cash for Liberty bonds. Rupert testified that he had ascertained the bank did not. Later Phillips, according to Rupert, broached the subject of disposing of certain Liberty bonds which he had received from a German. The German, it seems, had bought the bonds and wished to get his money back without attracting unfavorable attention. Rupert testified that Phillips told him - Rupert did not know the name of the German, Phillips having never told him.

Used Bonds to Purchase Stock
Later during the progress of the supposed negotiations between Phillips and Rupert, the latter arranged to dispose of the bonds to Rix, who had some ship building stock to sell. This arrangement was consummated, so Rupert testified, and he got a receipt for the ship building stock from Rix, but not the stock certificate. Under cross examination Rupert refused to disclose the present whereabouts of the receipt and refused to make any further statement regarding it.

WILLIAMS TALKS OVER COOS BAY LAND GRANT WITH STATE OFFICIALS

Attorney General Says Govern-
ment Representative Seeking
Fair Settlement.

Salem, Or., Feb. 21.—S. W. Williams, special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, was here Wednesday, conferring with Attorney General Brown in relation to data being prepared for use of the Oregon delegation in congress in resisting the sentiment in favor of denying to the state of Oregon any of the proceeds from the Coos bay wagon road lands, which the government expects to recover because of the failure of the wagon road company to comply with the conditions of the granting act.

While Mr. Williams is representing the government in the matter, his attitude toward Oregon and Coos and Douglas counties, in which the grant lands are located, is one of complete fairness, said Attorney General Brown, following the conference.

Attorney General Brown is sending word to the county courts of Coos and Douglas, suggesting that they make arrangements to confer with Mr. Williams, who attended all the sessions of the public lands committee of the lower house of congress when the Chamberlain-Sinnott Coos Bay wagon road grant bill was under consideration, so they may obtain a better understanding of the situation in reference to the pending bill.

Sentiment expressed by the committee having the bill under consideration was that if the government paid the back taxes due on the 93,000 acres of land remaining in the grant, that should be enough, while the bill as introduced provides for 50 per cent of the net proceeds from the lands being apportioned to Oregon for the benefit of its school, road and port funds.

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Residents of Milwaukie and Oak Grove Secure 50 Per Cent Cut in Their Rates.

PHONE COMPANY MUST GIVE BACK ALL OVERCHARGES

Residents of Milwaukie and Oak Grove won a signal victory when the Oregon public service commission ordered a reduction of 50 per cent in the telephone rates applying between those cities and Portland. The old rates were restored.

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