

BANDIT SUSPECTS ARE INDICTED BY COUNTY GRAND JURY

The crime wave was reflected Tuesday in the number of indictments returned in the circuit court against men charged with "assault and robbery, being armed with a dangerous weapon."

William Lawler and Carl Lind were charged with being the pair that held up George J. Smith in his east side grocery store and robbed him of \$132, November 23. The men were picked up by police on the street, on descriptions furnished by Smith.

Lawler was also indicted with Frank Burns for holding up Harry Lynn at Jake and Eby's restaurant on First street, November 27. They secured \$44. Burns was captured after being shot at by Erling Christensen. Lawler made his escape and was not taken until after the robbery of Smith.

CHASE IS RECALLED

John Owens and Ray Dahlberg are said to have held up A. T. Fitzlaff at his grocery on Mississippi avenue, November 25. They were taken in the north and several days later. One of them had a gun and Fitzlaff identified them as his assailants. Owens is said to have confessed to the police.

There was an exciting chase in connection with the capture of Joe Dale "Tex" from many prisons, who is said to have attempted to rob Frank Tanner, 215 West Park, November 6. Tanner saw someone in his room when he awoke. The man ran downstairs, and E. B. James, who was on the first floor, gave chase. They ran through downtown streets and James caught Dale by the coat tail just as he jumped onto an electric train at Fourth and Salmon. Deputy Sheriff Haymaker, who was passing by, helped to subdue Dale.

TAKES SUSPECT'S GUN

James Raglan and Oscar Turner are charged with assaulting and robbing Elmo Avery in J. C. Mathew's soft drink place in the north end. Shortly after the holdup Raglan was seen walking along the street with a gun in his hand. Joseph H. Kelly, watchman for the Portland Iron works, "covered" Raglan and took the gun away from him. Kelly knew nothing of the holdup at the time, so he set Raglan free. But Raglan and Turner evidently decided they weren't going to let any watchman get away with their gun, so later they came back. When they did a policeman was with Kelly and the two men were captured.

James Hoffman was indicted for stealing a \$100 microscope from the offices of the state board of health. He is said to have attempted to sell it to several physicians.

Golden West Hotel Retains License on Certain Conditions

Upon reaching an agreement with W. D. Allen and George P. Moore, proprietors of the Golden West hotel, that the Golden West hotel and the Golden West Athletic club should be separated and a direct entrance provided to the club-rooms in the hotel basement the city council decided Tuesday afternoon not to revoke the license of the hotel.

Moore and Allen pointed out that the hotel and club was practically the only place in the city where negroes could congregate and that for the sake of their race leniency should be shown. With the exception of Commissioners Barber and Egelow, who voted to revoke the license, the council concurred in their opinions and stated that 10 days would be allowed to provide for the complete separation of the two organizations.

Goethals Is Willing To Study Columbia Basin Irrigation

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 31.—General George Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, has signified a willingness to make a study and report on the feasibility of the Columbia basin irrigation project. Dan A. Scott, state director of conservation and development, announced Monday.

Director Scott also announced that dam site explorations on the Columbia river at Grand Coulee will be ended about January 1, and that "preliminary" investigations indicate a dam site.

Whether the Pend Oreille or the Columbia river diversions is the most practical scheme to use in construction of the irrigation project is to be one of the points before General Goethals, if he is engaged.

The Columbia basin project proposes to irrigate 1,753,000 acres in Eastern Washington. Present indications are that General Goethals will come to Spokane, probably in January, to begin a personal investigation of the Columbia basin project.

House Indorses McNary-Smith Bill

State House, Salem, Dec. 31.—The house at its afternoon session yesterday adopted senate joint memorial No. 1, memorializing congress to pass the McNary-Smith reclamation bill at the present session.

YOUNGSTERS GIVE OPERETTA. One, Dec. 31.—The operetta "Mother Goose's Birthday" given by grammar school children Friday night, was a success. Ninety children took part, raising money to buy a phonograph for the school.

FLAX GROWERS CARRY TROUBLES TO COMMITTEE

By A. L. Lindbeck. Journal Staff Correspondent. State House, Salem, Dec. 31.—Grievances of Willamette valley flaxgrowers against the state prison flax plant and opposition of Portland social workers to the site selected for the new boys' training school by the board of control, were aired before the legislative steering committee Tuesday night.

A large delegation of Marion county farmers appeared before the committee to plead for relief from their financial stringency arising out of the inability of the state to pay for flax delivered to the state prison plant last fall.

This crop, it was said, represented the bulk of the incomes of some of these men for the past year and failure of the state to meet its obligations to them it was declared had placed many of them in serious embarrassment.

Warden Louis Compton, manager of the flax plant, who was called in to explain the state's side of this situation, declared that the serious depression of the flax market had made it impossible to dispose of the finished product which the state had on hand and that for this reason no money was available to pay for the new crop.

The steering committee indicated its readiness to recommend action by the special session looking to the payment of these claims, aggregating approximately \$37,000.

Objection to the training school site was voiced by a delegation of social workers headed by Will T. Hale, for six

years superintendent of the state school. These objections were based on the proximity of the site to the state penitentiary, the state tuberculosis hospital and other institutions as well as upon the rocky character of the soil in the tract, which, it was declared, would make it impossible to employ the boys in the institution to advantage in farm work.

A bill introduced in the house by Representative Linn would have authorized the board of control to purchase another site for the school with a part of the \$250,000 appropriated by the regular session for the new institution. The passage of the social workers, however, apparently failed to impress the committee which voted unanimously to recommend that the Linn bill "do not pass."

The Norblad bill, authorizing the transportation of students from outside a school district, was approved by the committee after State Superintendent of Schools Churchill had spoken in its favor, declaring that between 1000 and 1200 pupils now so transported would be deprived of schooling privileges unless this plan was validated by legislative action.

Pat Gallagher's bounty bill, making the payment of coyote bounties optional with each county instead of mandatory, as at the present time, was also sent on its way with the approval of the committee. At the present time it was costing Malheur county \$20,000 a year to pay for dead coyotes, most of which were killed in Idaho and Nevada and brought over into Oregon, he declared.

Doug and Mary on Way to Los Angeles

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(L. N. S.)—Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks arrived here today from New York, eager to get back to Los Angeles by Christmas. They have been on a five-month tour of Europe. They will resume their westward journey tonight.

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In 1857 the block now occupied by the Portland Hotel was purchased for one thousand dollars and the Central School, pictured above, was erected on that spot. It is interesting to note that today this same piece of property is conservatively estimated to be worth one million dollars.

School records of 1860 show an attendance in Portland's schools of 716, as compared with 43,767 at the present time.

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