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BANK ROBBERS ARE QUICKLY CAPTURED

Three of Four Bandits Taken By Posse and Most of Loot Recovered.

Eatonville, Wash.—Less than an hour after bandits had robbed the Eatonville State bank Monday afternoon of \$2450 three were caught by a posse and brought back to Eatonville. A fourth member of the gang, said to be the ringleader, who was driving the car in which the men made their getaway, was still at large.

All but \$103.50 of the money stolen was found on the bandits at the time of their capture. The remainder is believed to have been lost in the chase or to be on the fourth member of the quartet.

Those captured were Michael Kelly, 28, clerk; J. S. Scott, 30, laborer, and John O'Keefe, 21, laborer, all of Seattle.

Five minutes before closing time two of the bandits entered the bank and covered Cashier J. G. Raley and the bookkeeper, Mrs. Roseburg, with their revolvers. One of the bandits remained outside for a moment and the other stayed in the car.

While the cashier and bookkeeper still had their arms in the air, a customer entered. All three were ordered into the vault. The bandits picked up the money and ran out to the waiting automobile.

The vault was not locked, and Raley sounded the alarm almost immediately.

A heavily armed posse was soon on the trail.

About three miles from Eatonville the bandits' auto broke down, and they proceeded in one stolen from Ernest Jacobson.

They had only gone a short distance, however, when they were overtaken by Fred Johnson and E. H. Jackson, who were scouting ahead of the main posse.

HARDING NOT WON BY BONUS MEASURE

Washington, D. C.—Republican house leaders failed Monday to obtain presidential approval of the compromise soldiers' bonus bill, but went ahead with plans to put the measure through the house. Speaker Gillett refused to permit the measure to be brought up under a suspension of the rules, however, and a special rule will be necessary for its consideration.

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, and four other house members were closeted with the president at the White House for nearly two hours.

Upon leaving the executive offices, Mr. Mondell issued this statement in waiting:

"The bonus bill was fully presented to the president with detailed explanation of the provisions which remove the menace of excessive drafts on the treasury in the immediate future and avoid any program of added taxation. The president went over the entire situation, with an appraisal of commitments made. He advised the committee that the legislation is a responsibility of congress and in view of expressions previously made, he did not think it essential to offer any recommendation."

Oregon's School Bill \$14,783,698.
Salem, Or.—It cost the taxpayers of Oregon a total of \$14,783,698 to operate the public schools during the year 1921, according to a report prepared by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

LOCAL NOTES

Mr. Warren, our new store keeper has moved into the Pearson house, back of the store. His father, Mr. Warren, Sr. is living with him. The latter is 82 years of age, but very active for his years. The younger Mr. Warren's wife is keeping house for a daughter in Portland and will not come to Boardman at present.

"Spring has come". How do we know? Well, because "Daddy" Blyden has planted his potatoes. He has quite a large patch back of Klitz's. The Dingmans' planted potatoes also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorham were hosts to a very pleasant dinner party last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers and Mr. and Mrs. William Fritts, all of Hermiston, and Mr. Warren and his father were guests. Mr. Leathers had one time been employed by Mr. Warren, in the store at Hardman, years ago. The Leathers and Fritts moved down from Hermiston.

Mr. Ingvard Skoubo made a hasty business trip to The Dalles this week, going down Tuesday night and returning Wednesday on No. 2.

Mr. Fred Tash, of Heppner was a Boardman visitor Wednesday. He is here with a view of locating.

Mr. L. B. Losey and family have been transferred to Pendleton and moved last week.

A. T. Hereim returned last week from a trip to the Willamette valley. He visited a few days in Springfield. Business conditions were very depressing and many men were out of employment. He visited in Portland on his way home.

Harry Murchie was home Sunday from Wasco. He is in Wasco with his brother Frank, of Coulee City, Washington, who is taking treatments from Dr. Morris. Frank Murchie has been suffering with what was thought to be a tumor on his back, but Dr. Morris pronounced it cancer. Harry went to Hermiston, Monday and then on to Wasco, where he expects to remain with his brother for an indefinite time.

Mr. Gay, from Heppner, and his two sons were here last week looking at land on the West extension with a view of purchasing. He is acquainted with a number of people here. They visited over night at the Jenkins home.

Lee Mead and family expect to move on their homestead next to Cramer's, the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Watkins is ill at her home in Irrigon. Mrs. Stewart is substituting for her.

Earl Harper is in Umatilla this week assisting C. W. Russell in enlarging and improving the office of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber yard.

Mrs. Alice Dingman has a Rhode Island hen's egg that has excited considerable curiosity because of the peculiar marking. A large irregular spot being perfectly white, while the rest of the egg is the natural brownish color. Mrs. Dingman says this spot looks like the map of Ireland and believes that in view of the fact that the egg was gathered on St. Patrick's day. The hen must have been a Sinn Feiner.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Umpqua valley farmers have been duped into helping several men and boys who have been going about the county with hard-luck stories and buying cattle and poultry at very low prices and later selling the animals and fowls at a good profit.

The body of Mrs. Dan Goodspeed, of Tillamook, was found on a snag at the mouth of the Trask river by searchers. Mrs. Goodspeed, who had been despondent due to illness, is believed to have jumped into the river from the bridge near Tillamook.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 16, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Eric Sweet, buckler, of Kerby, and Donald W. Appleman, laborer, of Portland. A total of 309 accidents were reported.

Governor Olcott has received from A. C. Burghdoff, state game warden, a pair of elk cufflinks set in gold. The teeth were taken from a cow elk which was killed by H. L. Cooper, near Gold Beach, in Curry county. Cooper was convicted of killing the elk and was sentenced to a term of one year in the county jail.

Expenditure of \$590,000 by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in maintenance, construction and reconstruction during 1922 was demanded in a letter prepared by the Oregon public service commission. The letter was signed by Fred G. Butcher and was addressed to Franklin T. Griffith, president of the traction corporation.

With the river almost bare of un-sold logs and the demand at the mills exceptionally strong, logging operations at many of the camps in the lower Columbia river district are being seriously handicapped by the great amount of snow in the mountains. Operators declare that as soon as the conditions will permit practically every camp will be running full capacity.

Black-leg among cattle is virtually wiped out as the result of a consistent program of vaccination of young stock carried out on the central Oregon ranges through the last three years. Supervisor Plumb of the Deschutes national forest says. Fifteen hundred doses of government vaccine have been received at his office for free distribution among the stockmen of the section.

Equipment for the Jerome Prairie lands has been ordered by the Grants Pass irrigation district. This will consist of a 16-inch DeLaval centrifugal pump, driven by 250-horsepower motor, delivering 20 second feet of water. A second pump, 12 inches in diameter, delivering eight second feet of water and driven by a 125-horsepower motor, has also been ordered for the Demaray canal. Water will be ready for irrigation June 1.

Although lumber production in the western part of Oregon and Washington held up well for the week ending March 11, there was a slight decrease in new business and shipments, according to the weekly lumber review of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. One hundred and thirty-four mills reporting to the association for the week manufactured 80,590,443 feet of lumber, sold 67,727,681 feet and shipped 76,213,927 feet.

Reports received at the state capital, coupled with predictions made by men purported to be close in touch with the political situation, indicate that not more than three of the eight state offices to be filled at the general election in November will be contested at the primaries on May 19. Because of the many candidates in the field, chief interest in the primary campaign probably will center about the office of governor. For this office six candidates have announced. They include Ben W. Olcott, incumbent; J. D. Lee of Portland; Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton; I. L. Patterson of Kola, Polk county; Charles Hill of Marshfield and L. F. Bean of Eugene.

Approximately 800 out of a total of 1729 voting precincts in Oregon will be provided with so-called counting boards at the primary election to be held May 19. This was announced by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, following receipt of reports from the various county courts of the state. The so-called counting board will consist of two judges and three clerks, and may be appointed by the county court for service in any voting precinct in which were cast 100 or more votes at the last general election, or which the county court believes that many ballots will be cast at the next general election. Appointment of the special board is in the discretion of the county court and is not compulsory.

POISON PREPARED FOR CROWS AND RAVENS

Reports are coming in to the effect that the crows and ravens are doing much damage by making raids on baby chicks and requests have been sent in to the county agents office for some efficient remedy to do away with them. The county agent is preparing a special bait recommended by the Biological Survey for handling these birds. This bait will not be prepared until the last of this week when parties desiring to try it out can get the same by paying the price of the corn which is used in making up the bait.

C. C. Calkins, County Agent.

The Boardman school has selected P. J. Mulkey, principal of the Arlington schools during the past six years to succeed Mr. Signs, who after three years as principal, notified the board recently, that he was not a candidate for re-election. Other teachers engaged for the next year are H. H. Crawford, Naomi Runner, and Gladys Price for the high school, and Mrs. Blanche Watkins, Crescentia Glatt, and Guy Lee for the grades. There is one grade position still to be filled. Salaries remain the same as last year, except that of the principal who will start at \$2,000.

On last Saturday evening, the regular monthly meeting of the C. E. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root. The C. E.'s, always especially enjoyed. It was in the nature of a St. Patrick party and the house was festooned with shamrock and streamers. The games were different than usual. The "Lakes of Killarney", "Musical shamrocks", and an Irish relay race were some of the games. First the business meeting was held and the annual election of officers. Mr. Guy Lee was elected president, Dorothy Boardman was elected vice-president, Caryl Signs, pianist and Delbert Johnson, secretary-treasurer. A splendid set of officers was elected and great things are expected for the coming year. About 10 p. m., potato salad and sandwiches were served, each boy getting his partner by drawing a shamrock with a girls name on it. At this party, each member was given the privilege of asking one guest and both members and guests report a delightful time.

PLUCK OF OFFICERS SAVES BURNING SHIP

Officers Halt Panic of Firemen With Revolvers and Finally Quench Flames.

New York.—Holding a fire-maddened engine room crew at their posts with drawn revolvers, officers and seamen of the United States liner Potomac, which arrived here, fought for 18 hours against a fire which threatened the vessel's destruction, while the 204 passengers were locked in their state-rooms to prevent a disastrous panic.

The Potomac was less than a day out from Bremen when the fire broke out. At midnight on March 1, Chief Engineer M. Garland discovered a hot fire under No. 4 hatch which adjoins the fire room. He notified Captain MacLeod and the crew stood by the hose. As the first stream opened up on the flames, which raged among mattresses stored in cargo space at the bottom of the hatch, terror-stricken firemen and coal passers made a rush for the deck. They swarmed up the hatchway and fought each other in their terror and haste to reach the life-boats. With drawn revolvers, the ship's officers charged the terrified firemen, firing over their heads. With threats and blows they drove them back down to their posts of duty.

Orders came from the captain that no passenger should leave his cabin. This spread terror among those who were aware of the trouble.

Hour after hour pumps forced water into the hold. The flames were only slightly abated. Finally Captain MacLeod resorted to a maneuver practiced successfully against submarines during the war. It was apparent that the streams from the vessel's hold were insufficient. There was eight feet of water in the hold, sufficient to quench the fire, if it could be employed.

Captain MacLeod ordered full speed ahead. When the Potomac reached her maximum speed he put his rudder suddenly hard a port. The ship heeled over. As the vessel shifted the bilge water rolled heavily from side to side and washed in over the bottom of hatch No. 4, where the fire was located. In 40 minutes the fire was out.

TROOPS ORDERED HOME FROM RHINE

Washington, D. C.—Orders directing the return to the United States by July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued by Secretary Weeks.

Secretary Weeks said that the operation of two army transports now being employed in the return of the troops had been ordered continued up to July 1, by which date all of the force would have been withdrawn from the Rhine.

The action of the war department was merely a continuation of policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces from the Rhine territory as early as possible. Mr. Weeks said. It was indicated that the status of army legislation in congress in no way influenced the department's decision and also that the controversy over payment by Germany for the maintenance of the Rheinland troops was not involved.

100,000 Rabbits Reported Killed.
Olympia, Wash.—More than 100,000 rabbits were accounted for in Grant, Franklin and Walla Walla counties during the winter months through drives, poison campaigns and trapping, according to the report of Lee K. Couch, assistant in the federal bureau of biological survey with headquarters

The Ruling Passion

