

BANK CASHIER ACQUITTED OF FORGERY CHARGE

Boise, Ida., March 6.—The jury in the case of Horace E. Neal, former cashier of the defunct Capitol State Bank, charged with large forgeries, found Neal not guilty early this morning. Neal, it was held, was intoxicated by the use of morphine at the time he committed the acts specified in the indictment. It was also contended by the defense that Neal's forgeries were committed in an effort to save the bank and not for personal gain.

The trial was lengthy and was hard fought. Ex-United States District Attorney acting as special prosecutor, and James H. Hawley, who prosecuted the Western Federation of Miners' officials in the famous Steunenberg murder trial, was leading counsel for the defense.

There are several other indictments against Neal but all based on the same grounds, and it is doubtful if he is further persecuted.

RAPID PROGRESS ON NEW RAILROAD Trains Will Be Running Into Klamath Falls Next Month

Klamath Falls, Or., March 6.—The steam shovel of Erickson & Peterson, the Southern Pacific contractors, which has been at work on the cut below the city, was brought up the lake this morning on a barge and unloaded on Oak street. The work on the grade below the city has been finished and the steam shovel will be used on the cut between the Hot Springs and the Upper Lake.

It was learned from an official source today that the Southern Pacific Company expects to have trains running into Klamath Falls by the middle of April. This is the first information of this nature which has been given out since the announcement of the change of the terminus to Holland, and it is considered as reliable.

There is nothing to hinder beginning laying track as soon as the grade is finished across the marsh and it is stated that this will be completed in less than two weeks.

READING IRON COMPANY REDUCES PAY OF EMPLOYEES

Reading, Pa., March 6.—F. C. Smink, president of the Reading Iron Company, today announced a reduction in wages in the different departments of 1-2 to 15 per cent. The decline in the price of the products of the firm is given as the reason.

NEWS OF COTTAGE GROVE AND VICINITY

Yard Foreman C. J. White has tendered his resignation to the Brown Lumber Co., and on March 15th will go to Junction City to reside, where he owns a fine 12-acre fruit tract in the southern suburbs of that city part of which is set to prune trees which are in bearing. Mr. White will set out more fruit trees on his tract and also establish a large lumber yard at Junction. He will also engage in the poultry business as a kind of side line, making Barred Rocks and Leghorns his specialty. Mr. Mark P. Garoutte will succeed Mr. White as foreman at the Brown Lumber Co.'s mill.

At a meeting of the city council held on Tuesday evening it was decided to call an adjourned meeting for Wednesday evening, March 17th, for the purpose of discussing the proposition of framing an ordinance to make the term of mayor, recorder and city treasurer two instead of one year, as at present, and to change the charter so that the city can grade its own streets or let out the work by contract, as it deems best and cheapest.

J. J. Crain came down from Bohemia yesterday and leaves tomorrow for a business trip to Portland. Accompanying him to Cottage Grove were Eliza Holderman and J. Linquist, who will spend a few days in town. They report three feet of snow on Bohemia and intimate that the weather up there is very much of the winter brand.

W. G. Baker and family have arrived at this place from Sunnyvale, Washington, and have moved into their newly acquired home on Wall street. We welcome this estimable family to our city. Mr. Baker is a brother of L. W. Baker, of Eugene, formerly of this city.

Dr. M. Dittler, of Portland, has decided to locate in this city for the practice of his profession. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter, and family will soon be comfortably domiciled in this city. —Leader and Western Oregon.

HANSON STORE BURGLARS GET THREE YEARS

Ed Wilson and John Sullivan, the two men who entered Ed Hanson's clothing store Monday morning by letting themselves down through the skylight by a rope and stole two suits of clothes and other articles of wearing apparel, were this morning sentenced to three years each in the state penitentiary by Judge Harris, of the circuit court.

Wilson and Sullivan were arrested at Ashland the next day after the burglary and were brought back to Eugene Thursday morning by Mr. Hanson, who had been sworn in as a deputy sheriff. They were arraigned Thursday afternoon and this morning they entered a plea of guilty. They waived time for sentence and were each sentenced to three years. This is quick work.

Martin Gets Four Months
Ray Martin, the 15-year-old youth, who broke into Polders & Davis store and stole a suit of clothes and other articles, was sentenced this morning to serve four months in the county jail, he having pleaded guilty. His age was the only thing that saved him from a term in the penitentiary.

MUSICAL GOODS THIEVES COMMITTED TO THE REFORM SCHOOL

Joseph Brown, aged 16 years, and Fred Joseph Lawrence, aged 17 years, the boys who broke into Savage & Lawrence's musical goods store (formerly Rankin's), a few weeks ago, taking several hundred dollars' worth of guitars, violins, mandolins and other instruments and shipping them to Portland, Spokane, and finally to Starbuck, Wash., where the boys were arrested, were today committed to the state reform school at Salem by Juvenile Judge Chrisman.

Young Brown is quite ill of quincy or some other throat affection and has had to be taken to the Eugene hospital for treatment. Lawrence will be taken to the reform school this evening or tomorrow.

COURTLAND GREEN WRITES TO FRIENDS

Courtland Green, who was pardoned from the Oregon penitentiary about a month ago, where he was serving a life sentence for complicity in the murder of old man Lind in Lane county, has written the following letter to Mrs. Phoebe Whitlow, at Salem, who was largely instrumental in securing his pardon:

"Harrisburg, Feb. 16, 1909.

"Mrs. Phoebe Whitlow.

"My Very Dear Friend: No doubt you think I have forgotten you by not writing before; but I assure you that is not the case. There is hardly an hour of the day that my thoughts are not of you and Mrs. Porter.

"Mother and Aunt Media are in bed asleep. Mother is so much better; you can't imagine how much she has improved; but I don't think Auntie is quite so strong. You know that was such a long journey for them.

"We are here with my sister. Do you know, Mrs. Whitlow, I shook hands with friends while at my brother's at Burwell, Neb., until my arm was lame. We think of going back this fall and settling there as there are so many that want me to start a tailor shop.

"Remember me to Mrs. Porter and say my next letter will be to her. Mother and Auntie send love to you both. It is getting so late will have to close.

"God bless you both.

"—Courtland Green.

"Harrisburg, Sioux county, Neb."

MEMBER OF FIRST LEGISLATURE DIES

(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, Mar. 6.—Samuel Scott died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma A. Sabin. Mr. Scott had reached the age of 85, having been born in St. Clair, Ohio, March 19, 1823.

He came to Oregon by ox team in 1853 and has been a part of Oregon, as it were, in the making, having been elected to the first legislature as a representative the year of Oregon's admittance as a state. It is said Mr. Scott was the last living member of the first legislature of our state.

Mr. Scott and Geo. H. Williams were very warm friends in the early days of statehood, also, they spent a great deal of their time together as boys back in Ohio. Mr. Scott has been a Mason almost fifty years.

He leaves two daughters and a son to mourn his departure. They are, Mrs. Emma A. Sabin, Harrisburg, Or.; Mrs. Alice M. Beeler, Gaston, Or.; and W. W. Scott, of Idaho.

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HAWLEY IS WORKING FOR LANE COUNTY

The following letter from Congressman Hawley is self-explanatory: Washington, D. C., Feb. 27. The Eugene Guard, Eugene, Oregon.

My Dear Sirs:—

I have had incorporated in the rivers and harbors bill the following language for the survey of the Stuslaw river:

"Stuslaw river, at the mouth."

The purpose is to provide a proper project for the opening of that waterway to accommodate the commerce of that locality.

"Williamette river, from Oregon City to Eugene."

It seems to me that a river with the amount of water that flows in the Williamette river should be made to serve the needs of the commerce tributary to it, and in order to further open the river, the bill contains a provision for the investigation of the locks at Oregon City, preliminary to a proposal for the national government to own and operate them.

With best wishes I am, truly yours, W. C. HAWLEY.

WARREN NICHOLS SUED BY THREE OTHER EUGENE MEN

Warren Nichols, against whom a judgment was secured in the circuit court yesterday by Lloyd Bellman for \$200, which is the amount of the fee paid by the plaintiff to Nichols for locating him on 160 acres of land supposed to be first class timber land, which turned out to be worthless, has been sued by three other Eugene men, Ernest R. Gilstrap, Gilman T. Kitchen and Chas. K. Komp, each to recover the \$200 location fees paid him, besides \$36 expense money incurred in visiting the land and in making the filing at the Roseburg land office. The land in question is in sections 7, 12, in township 19, south of range 10, west and located in the Stuslaw county.

There are three separate suits and each alleges the same facts, viz., that Nichols showed them good timber land but this was not the land upon which they filed and which Nichols claimed he showed them.

Woodcock & Potter and Thompson & Hardy are attorneys for the plaintiffs in each suit.

TRIBUTE TO REV. KARL KOERNER

The Oregon State Journal pays the following tribute to Rev. Karl Koerner: Rev. Karl Koerner, a retired Lutheran minister, died at the Eugene Hospital, Sunday, Feb. 28th, 1909. He was about 84 years old, and had lived in the western part of Eugene for many years. He was connected in some way with a church or society in Jerusalem, Palestine, and a long time ago, wrote a series of articles for the Oregon State Journal on the subject of the church at Jerusalem and the Holy Land. He was the personification of honesty and sincerity, and we feel that in his passing away, Oregon has lost as good and true a soul as ever lived within this favored land. Peace and honor to his memory. He recently deeded his property on west Eighth street to Rev. E. Doering of Portland in trust for the German Lutheran church of this synod. Wednesday morning the funeral services were conducted at Gordon's undertaking establishment by Rev. E. Doering of Portland, and the body was buried in Gillespie cemetery along side of his wife, who died some years ago.

SAYS ABILITY TO PAY IS JUST STANDARD

In the February number of the University of Oregon Bulletin, Professor F. G. Young, head of the University department of economics and ways of making the burden of taxes bear less heavily on the average citizen of Oregon. He points out the methods of taxation which he believes must be adopted to secure an equitable distribution of the weight of public expenditures and discusses the means of keeping down the aggregate.

He adopts ability to pay as the true standard, and asserts that the first requisite, is the establishment of a high grade tax commission, which should have power to assess corporations, especially public service corporations, to supervise all local assessments, to investigate closely the whole subject of taxation and to supervise the accounting of systems of all state institutions, of counties and of municipalities.

ROOSEVELT WILL START FOR AFRICA ON MARCH 23

Oyster Bay, March 5.—President Roosevelt today announced for the first time the date of his departure for Africa. He will sail on the steamer Hamburg from New York March 23 at noon.

Fruit Inspector J. Beebe today condemned a lot of Medford apples which were on display at one of the local grocery stores, on account of their being infected with scale. This does not look well for the Rogue River valley, where growers claim there is no scale in their apple orchards.

BIG MEETING OF FRUIT MEN THIS AFTERNOON

(From Saturday's Daily Guard.)
A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Lane County Horticultural Society was held in Frank's hall on East Ninth street this afternoon. The meeting was presided over by H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City, president of the Association. About one hundred fruit growers were present, the largest attendance at a meeting of the society for a long time.

The principal address of the meeting was delivered by Professor Griffin, of the O. A. C., who was sent here in place of Professor Cordly, who could not come on account of a previous promise to address a meeting at Sheridan, his dates having been mixed. Professor Griffin spoke on "Fruit Spraying," and a summary of his address is as follows:

"Apple scab is the most difficult to control of all diseases of the apple, particularly in humid regions. It is, I am convinced, largely because of its ravages upon fruit and foliage that the idea has become current that some of the choicest but susceptible varieties of apples cannot be successfully grown in the Willamette valley and other humid portions of our state. If this be true, the problem of the successful growth of such varieties becomes largely a problem of scab control. I believe as a result of observations upon the orchard in which our experiments have been conducted that this is particularly true of the Yellow Newtowns.

"Apple scab can be controlled by proper spraying with either Bordeaux mixture or lime-sulphur solutions. In humid regions probably at least three applications are necessary. The first just as the blossoms are beginning to show color, the second just after the petals fall, at the time of the first coding moth spray, and the third some two to three weeks later.

"We have found it perfectly practicable to combine any good brand of arsenate of lead with pure lime-sulphur solutions made as above directed. The one application directly after the blossoms fall therefore becomes of value in controlling both apple scab and the coding moth.

"The results of two seasons' work indicate that properly prepared lime-sulphur solutions may advantageously be substituted for Bordeaux mixture when spraying for apple scab. It has produced each season a larger percentage of fruit free from scab and has not produced any 'russeting' of the fruit.

"Further experimental work is necessary to determine the proper strength of spray to use upon different varieties of trees growing under different conditions, but it is believed that a 30 per cent stock solution diluted 1 to 18 may safely be used upon the apple."

F. M. Carter, one of the owners of the new refrigerating plant now being built in Eugene, also addressed the meeting on the methods used in icing cars for fruit shipments, also on methods of storage of fruit for refrigeration.

Resolution Adopted
The following resolution was adopted at the meeting: "Whereas, Many of our soils produce far less yields than their natural fertility would warrant, and believing this is due to a shortage of moisture at the critical time, and

"Whereas, Irrigation experiments carried on in different parts of the valley have shown excellent results, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the members of the Lane County Horticultural Society endorse the action of the residents of Thurston and vicinity in organizing for the purpose of irrigation."

MRS. JEFF CALLS JEFF A BIG BABY

New York, March 5.—"Jim Jeffries is nothing but a big baby. Just a great big 250-pound baby." The statement was not made by Jack Johnson or any other great white (black) who today discussed his husband's prospects of reentering the fighting game.

"Some of the papers have said that Jim would fight on my 'say-so,' and that he has left the ring for me," continued Mrs. Jeffries. "That isn't true. He quit fighting because he tired of it. He will fight again if he makes up his mind to do so."

"That's his business. I haven't anything to say about it. I realize that Jim does not belong to me but to the public."

"He's the best husband in the world, even if he is a big baby."

The fight fan may draw his own conclusions from the above as to whether a 250 pound infant prodigy will toddle into the ring and say "da da" at Mistah Johnson. At present, however, the baby seems to prefer staying with the theatrical financial milk bottle that fattens him at the rate of several "thous" a week.

RAPID PROGRESS IS REPORTED ON PANAMA CANAL

Washington, March 6.—As an indication of the progress of the Panama canal construction it is stated that the offices of the canal commission in this city that during the month of January, over 217 tons of explosives were used and 75 1/2 miles of rock drilling accomplished.

Ex-County Commissioner J. R. Hill has been at the Eugene hospital for several days, a big tumor having been cut out of his right shoulder a few days ago. He was able to be out today.

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