

HOLD-UPS CAPTURED

CONFESSION AT JAIL IS CAUSED BY PIQUE—TWO OF GANG NOW IN JAIL.

Portland Youth Confesses to Crime and Implicates ex-Convict of Folsom.

Portland, Or., Dec. 22.—In the presence of the sheriff, deputies, representatives of the O. R. & N. Company and newspaper men last night, William Burke, a young man of this city and 21 years old confessed that he had taken part in the holdup of the Portland-Chicago special No. 1, of the O. R. N., eight miles east of Portland last week. His confession implicates Jack Hayes, alias Jack Walton, alias "Slim," an ex-convict from Folsom prison, who was arrested Sunday, and another local youth, who has not as yet been apprehended.

The young man made the confession, he said, because he was sorry for the part he had taken, and also because he had been given only \$1.25 as his portion of the booty secured by the robbers. Hayes, the leader, according to the confession, took possession of all the valuables secured, telling the others he had found nothing in the express safe.

The robbers' entrance to express car was obtained by nitro-glycerin, and the express messenger, O. H. Huff, was compelled to open the way safe, which was looted. The passengers were not molested and the desperadoes made good their escape after uncoupling the engine and forcing the engineer to carry them down the track a mile or more. That the robbers got but little for their trouble was due to the quick action of Messenger Huff. Warned by shots and the uncoupling of the two express cars, mail car and engine from the rest of the train, Huff quickly unlocked the safe and taking out packages containing from \$2000 to \$4000 threw them into an obscure corner. These he replaced with packages that had little value. It was these packages the robbers got after blowing the car open with dynamite.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEES

Western Union Telegraph Company Robbed by Telegraphers.

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.—Secret service men in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company have unearthed an alleged conspiracy among operators of railroad offices in the Northwest and California, whereby they declare stealings have been made within the past 18 months amounting to many thousands of dollars.

Regular Western Union operators are not involved in the conspiracy. The stealing is charged by the detectives entirely against operators in isolated railroad offices where there was no check upon their work.

The mode of operation of the alleged conspirators was simple. An operator at a small station where there was no checking system would receive a message for another similar point, take payment for the company, transmit the message and pocket the money, which was subsequently divided with the operator at the receiving point. Some time before the development of the telegraphers' strike a year ago last summer a similar graft was unearthed by the company, but with its discovery and the summary discharge of the operators involved it came to an end.

CASTRO'S DICTATORSHIP IN VENEZUELA AT AN END

Caracas, Dec. 23.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who has governed the Republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899 is now openly charged with conspiracy to encompass the assassination of the man who he left at the head of the Republic when he sailed away on November 23 from La Guayra nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today discredited.

The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to Senor Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital. The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Gomez, the Acting President.

The attempt to assassinate Gomez and several of the ministers was decided upon Friday night, December 18. Senor Gomez heard of the plot and took the personal stand that nipped it in the bud.

Warship Maine Sails for South.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—A special from Fortress Monroe, Va., says: The United States battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron of the new Atlantic fleet, sailed today under sealed orders for the south. She is presumably bound for Venezuela.

The armored cruiser North Carolina sails today for Charleston Bay. The cruiser Montana is expected to sail Wednesday to join the North Carolina.

SENATOR KNOX AS HEAD OF PRESIDENT TAFT'S CABINET.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Indications point to a scramble among Republicans to succeed United States Senator Philander C. Knox, who has accepted the offer of President-elect Taft to become Secretary of State. Following a custom in Pennsylvania which gives both east and west rep-



SENATOR KNOX.

resentation in the Senate, Mr. Knox's successor will come from the western part of the state.

Mr. Knox was appointed Senator in 1904 by Governor Pennypacker to fill the unexpired term of Senator Quay. Mr. Knox was then Attorney-General of the United States. He was elected for the full term of six years in 1905.

OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Interesting Events of the Week in Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.—During the examination of Southern lumber manufacturers before the ways and means committee, Chairman Payne made it very apparent that he is strongly in favor of admitting foreign lumber to American markets free of duty. Mr. Payne has given intimations to this effect heretofore, but never so pointedly as Saturday, when he undertook to lecture a Southern lumberman for asking for protection on his product, when his state persist in voting the Democratic ticket.

The testimony of E. D. Metcalf, of Auburn, N. Y., representing the International Harvester Company, said his company is so well entrenched in the agricultural implement business that it does not need the tariff, and that it is immaterial to it how the tariff is changed. He did not deny that the International Harvester Company manufactures over 50 per cent of the agricultural machinery in the United States.

The President returned to the senate without his signature the resolution fixing the boundary line between Colorado and New Mexico with a message giving as his reason a report of the Attorney-General to the effect that the bill made material changes in the line, shifting five postoffices from one jurisdiction to another.

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, speaking in the interest of the coal mining interests of Wyoming, asked that the duty on coal be kept where it is, saying that the Rocky Mountain miners could not compete with the Canadian coal producers without reducing wages if the tariff is reduced.

Shortly after the holidays the Senate probably will decide where it will place marble busts of two of its vice-presidents, Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Mr. Roosevelt's career in the Senate was extremely brief, and although it ended about seven years ago, up to this time no bust of him has been made.

Senators Lodge, Knox and Bacon have been named by the senate to represent that body on the joint congressional committee on the inaugural ceremonies.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 85c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.
Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28@29.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31; gray, \$30.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$17; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$12.
Butter—Extra, 36@37c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Extra, 40@43c.
Hops—1908, choice, 6@7½c; prime, 5@5½c; medium, 4@5c; 1907, 2@4c.
Wool—Valley, 14@15½c; lb.; Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as to shrinkage.
Mohair—Choice, 18@19c.

SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.01.
Oats—\$27@28.
Barley—\$27@28.
Hay—Western Washington timothy, \$16 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$10@11 per ton; wheat hay, \$12 per ton; alfalfa, \$9.50@10 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 37c per lb.; ranch, 31c per lb.
Eggs—Selected local, 42@43c.

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DOINGS IN OREGON

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Base Decision on Taft's Views.

Salem—Citing one of Judge W. H. Taft's labor decisions as authority, the supreme court held that if the owner of dangerous machinery neglects to cover it he cannot escape responsibility to an injured employe on the ground that the employe assumed the risk. So far as Oregon is concerned this is the establishment of a new rule of employer's liability, though it is no more than a judicial recognition of the factory inspection act of 1907. This decision will undoubtedly cause proprietors of factories to protect their machinery in every possible way, for the supreme court declares this to be their duty, whether ordered to do so by the Labor Commissioner or not.

U. S. Machinery Loaned to Lane.

Eugene—L. B. Cushman, of Acme, has received a letter from Congressman W. C. Hawley, in forming him that the Chief of Engineers of the United States army has secured from the government machinery now at the mouth of the Coquille river for the building of a jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, in Lane county.

Efforts are now being made to secure an appropriation from congress to equal the sum which is expected to be raised by the bonding act. The county will probably be bonded for \$200,000 if a bill looking to that end is put through the next state legislature.

Hope to Overthrow Prohibition.

La Grande—Prohibition in Union county is in dire danger. When the order first became effective it was attacked by a local brewer, J. Roesch, who asked for an injunction on the ground that Sheriff Childers had not properly posted the notices of election. The circuit court denied the request for injunction.

The case rested there, but since the supreme court has rendered its sweeping decision in the Grant county case, which is similar in almost

every respect to this one, Roesch gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. When the decision is forthcoming it is believed that the local option law will be invalidated, as the Union county instance is regarded to faulty posting of notices is similar to that in Grant county.

Identity of Body Questioned.

Oregon City—One of the most sensational affidavits has just been presented by Frank Hesse, an attorney of Portland, in which charges are made that bring into question the identity of the man whose body was found at Springbrook schoolhouse, near Oswego, on September 13, last. Hesse has a client, Bernhardt Haist by name, who avers that the dead man was his brother, but thus far has brought forward to evidence to prove this supposition.

In less than a week after the unknown man was buried, Mrs. Effie B. Robinson, of Firland Station, Multnomah county, appeared and demanded that the remains be exhumed. This was done and she declared that the body was that of her father, F. A. Williamson, from Texarkana, Texas, who was visiting her.

Business Men to Act With Delegation.

Pendleton—A legislative committee of 15 members from the county has been appointed by the Commercial Association to work in harmony with the Umatilla county delegation in an effort to secure from the legislature measures which are particularly desired. Chief among these are the experiment farm for the Umatilla project, an increased appropriation for the Weston Normal, a branch asylum and an amendment to the good roads law.

Daley Will Be Executed January 29.

Portland—Harry Daley, convicted of the murder of Harry Kenny, was Tuesday sentenced to be hanged on Friday, January 29, at the State Penitentiary at Salem. The crime of which Daley was convicted was the murder of Harry Kenny, a saloon-keeper, November 16. The trouble arose over Kenny's refusal to employ Daley as bartender or to advance a certain sum of money which Daley claimed was due him.

Want Insurance Law Repealed.

Portland—Leading business inter-

ests of this city will ask the repeal by the legislature this winter of the law requiring foreign insurance companies to deposit \$50,000 in bonds with the secretary of state before being permitted to do business in this state. Another bill will be presented creating the office of State Insurance Commissioner and proposing a strict regulation of the life, fire and accident insurance business of the state.

Boys Shoot Each Other.

Roseburg—Three boys with air-guns amused themselves Sunday by shooting at each other. Each scored a hit. Two of the boys have holes in their legs where bullets passed through and the third has a hole in his back where a bullet entered, but has not yet been found. All will recover.

Roberts Not to Resign.

La Grande—A. A. Roberts, receiver of the local land office, whose accounts are in a muddled condition, stoutly denies he has resigned. He is, however, out of office on a two-weeks' furlough on account of illness.

OREGON BRIEFLETS

Albany College closed Friday evening for the Christmas vacation and will resume work January 4.

Miss Emma Goldman, high priestess of anarchism, lectured in Portland Sunday and Monday.

Sparks from an O. R. & N. engine Monday night set fire to a freight house at Corbett, resulting in \$3000 damages.

The Astoria board of school directors have closed the schools until January 4. This action was taken on account of a few new cases of scarlet fever.

All the Roseburg soft-drink establishments were raided Saturday night by the sheriff and his deputies in a search for evidence of any violation of the local option law. No arrests have yet been made.

Alexander Dalrymple, convicted of manslaughter at the November term of court, and whose case was appealed, has been liberated from the county jail at The Dalles, awaiting the action of the supreme court.

Five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$100 was the sentence imposed on Dr. G. B. Whitney, of Forest Grove, who was convicted of manslaughter for causing the death of his fiancée, Mabel Wirtz.

The body of an unknown man was found hanging in an abandoned hop-house near Aurora Monday. Apparently the man committed suicide last August. There was nothing by which he could be identified.

A verdict of murder in the first degree was rendered by the jury in the case of Harry Daley charged with the murder H. Kenny, a Portland saloonkeeper. This is the first verdict of murder in the first degree in Multnomah county for several years.

Joseph Loretz, a Lane county farmer, committed suicide some time between Thursday and Saturday, by shooting himself in the head. Loretz was the man who tried to hang himself near Junction City recently and was cut down by the gang of telephone linemen who saw the man in time to save him from strangling to death.

Representative Hawley has secured the passage through the House of a bill paying to the heirs of Thomas G. Miller, of Biggs, Or., not to exceed \$500 on account of the destruction of a ferryboat which Miller was operating across the Columbia river near the mouth of the Deschutes. The boat was destroyed in the Bannock Indian war.

Officers have yet secured no clue to the identity of the men who burglarized the store of J. G. Berry, at Peoria, last week. It is now believed that three men were in the job. Mr. Berry has figured that his loss will reach over \$1000. The robbers secured almost \$300 in coin and the merchandise taken is valued at more than \$750.

A young man named Nelson and Mrs. Zeigler are under arrest at Goble in connection with the murder of Robert Livingstone, the section foreman, two weeks ago. Mrs. Zeigler is about 60 years old and Nelson is 18. The finding of a bloody shirt in Nelson's room, together with several articles supposed to belong to Livingstone, including a pipe, establishes the evidence upon which the accusation is based.

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