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MAIL TRAIN LOOT IS RECOVERED IN UTAH

Union Pacific Robbery Cleared Up by Arrest of Mail Clerk.

Salt Lake City.—With the arrest of five men and the recovery of all but \$500 of the \$200,000 in securities and unsigned currency, postal inspectors have announced they had completely solved the robbery of a Union Pacific mail car near Rock Springs, Wyo., August 13.

Those under arrest are Jack Madigan, railway postal clerk between Cheyenne and Green River, Wyo., who was found bound in the mail car when it arrived at Green River; Jack Kearns, 34, Salt Lake City, alleged acquaintance of Madigan, who planned the robbery with Madigan; Bill Bradford, 28, Salt Lake City, friend of Kearns; Paul Souris, Salt Lake City; Ted Theodore, proprietor of a Rock Springs, Wyo., pool hall.

Postal Inspector Imus of Denver, who has been working on the robbery "since a little before it happened" and who recovered the loot buried in a chicken house 14 miles southeast of here, said discrepancies in the stories told by Madigan first drew suspicion to him, in spite of the fact that he was found bound in the mail car.

The sacks of mail, Imus said, were thrown from the car at a point previously agreed upon between Madigan and Kearns. Kearns and Bradford were waiting with an automobile and the sacks were thrown into the machine and brought to this city, where the loot was hidden in a chicken house, he said.

U. S. RESERVATIONS MAY BE ACCEPTABLE

Geneva, Switzerland.—An optimistic remark concerning the reservations of the United States in connection with that country's adherence to the world court was made by a prominent delegate to the conference of world court members which is considering the reservations. He said that all the American reservations would eventually be accepted.

This opinion was expressed after the conference had adjourned, leaving a committee of 14 to study the judicial points raised by the American conditions with the understanding that a report be made at a session of the conference prior to the closing of the league of nations assembly. Whether it is excessively optimistic only the future can disclose, but certainly the speeches at the closing session produced a general impression that the conference will go the limit of concessions in order to meet the views of the United States, so weighty is the importance all countries attach to its adhesion to the court.

President Van Eysinga, summing up the discussion, declared the first four reservations and the first part of the fifth had been approved on first reading.

YOUNG WINS IN CALIFORNIA

Governor Richardson Defeated in Primary Race by Large Plurality

San Francisco, Cal.—Unofficial returns indicate the nomination of C. C. Young, one of five republicans who opposed Governor Friend W. Richardson in his race for re-nomination in the state primary. Lieutenant-Governor Young was more than 13,000 votes ahead of the governor and more than 220,000 ahead of his next nearest competitor, Rex Goodell.

Justus S. Wardell of San Francisco, appeared to have won the democratic gubernatorial nomination over Carl Alexander Johnson, dry anti-Tammany candidate, whose candidacy was endorsed by William Gibbs McAdoo.

United States Senator Samuel M. Shorridge, a Coolidge republican, who ran for re-nomination on his record, had a lead of more than 96,000 votes over his nearest opponent, Robert M. Clarke.

In the democratic senatorial race John B. Elliott, the anti-Tammany candidate endorsed by William Gibbs McAdoo, was far ahead of Isidore Dockweiler.

New York, N. Y.—A loan of \$20,000,000 to the state of Prussia, its first external financing, has been arranged by a syndicate headed by Haria Forbes & Co., it was announced.

MINISTER'S CAR CAUSES FATAL INJURIES TO BOY

A car driven by O. D. Harris Christian church minister, well known in Athena, was in an unavoidable accident at Wallula, Tuesday which caused fatal injuries to a nine-year-old boy. The Walla Walla Union says:

"Robert B. Burdett, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Burdett, of Wallula, suffered fatal injuries at Wallula Tuesday morning about 8:30 when he was struck by an automobile driven by Rev. O. D. Harris, minister of the Christian church at Everett. The boy died in a Walla Walla hospital about 2 p. m.

Rev. Harris was enroute from Milton his former pastorate, and struck the boy as he rounded a curve in the narrow street which runs by the Wallula store. The boy was crossing the street at the time. He was thrown to the street striking his head. The lad was rushed to Walla Walla but died in the hospital early Wednesday afternoon. Cerebral hemorrhage was given as the cause of death.

"Coroner J. W. Cookerly announced that no inquest would be held. The accident is said to have been unavoidable."

WILL PUSH PLANS FOR UMATILLA PROJECT

The introduction of a bill in both houses of congress authorizing construction of the various features of the Umatilla transportation, irrigation and power project in eastern Oregon was approved says the Morning Oregonian, at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce attended by the executive committee and officers of the Umatilla Rapids association and Senators McNary and Stanfield and Representative Sinnott.

Mr. Sinnott and Mr. McNary, it was said, were ready to present the bill in congress, which will be similar to the Boulder canyon project measure. It provides for the irrigation phase of the development work, to be paid for from funds derived from commercial development of hydro-electric power, the expectation being that such revenue will be sufficient to defray the expense of bringing the water to the edge of the districts to be irrigated.

The introduction of the bill would result in a series of hearings at Washington, Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott, who held a preliminary conference on the matter, said, and they announced they were ready to do everything possible to obtain congressional approval.

Attention was called to the fact that the government has not adopted a policy of developing power projects alone, with the exception of some war-time projects, and, in fact, hitherto has opposed such development. The fact that the transportation and irrigation phases of the proposed Umatilla rapids projects were linked so closely with the hydro-electric possibilities was considered a feature which might over-ride precedent. While money might not be appropriated, it was said, to build the initial project and develop the power phases, it was considered possible that funds might be lent under suitable terms.

The meeting recommended the definite measuring of the power that would be provided by the proposed plant it being estimated, discussion brought out, that power could be generated at Umatilla rapids at a switchboard cost of two-tenths mills per kilowatt hour.

The expansion of the present organization embraced by the Umatilla Rapids association to insure a large and more active participation throughout the Pacific northwest was urged at the meeting.

Joseph N. Teal, chairman of the executive committee of the association, presided and spoke on several phases of the proposed development, in which he has been actively interested for a number of years.

The attitude of the department of the interior was voiced by Senator McNary, who said he had received a letter from Secretary Work holding that development of the Umatilla project at this time was unpracticable as there was not sufficient consumers in the territory to utilize the immense output of electric power which would be available.

MRS. GILLANDERS DEAD

Mrs. Earl Gillanders a well known Pendleton woman, died Monday morning at St. Anthony's hospital, after a long illness.

MASONS WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Every member of the local Masonic Lodge who has been a Mason for fifty years or more will be an honored guest at the impressive ceremonies that will be held in Portland, September 15th, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Instructions were received today by A. M. Johnson, of Dolph Lodge to immediately ascertain how many fifty year Masons there are among its membership in the city and surrounding district. As soon as the names are received special invitations will be sent them from Grand Lodge headquarters.

Thousands of Masons will gather from all parts of the state to participate in the celebration, and in addition, representatives from various lodges of Washington and Idaho that were originally under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon when the Northwest was still a territory will attend. Of the 23,000 Masons in the state it is estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 will be present when Edgar H. Sensenich, Most Worshipful Grand Master, calls the meeting to order in the Municipal Auditorium in Portland.

The program will be divided into two sections. The first section will consist of a banquet held in honor of all fifty year Masons now members of the various Oregon Lodges. Attendance will be limited to these fifty year Masons, Grand Masters of the United States and Canada, heads of the various Grand Masonic bodies in Oregon, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge officers and District Deputy Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Masters and Wardens of the lodges which organized the Grand Lodge of Oregon and of the Washington and Idaho lodges originally under its jurisdiction. The second section will revolve around a huge meeting of all Master Masons at the Public Auditorium.

The Grand Lodge was organized three quarters of a century ago at Oregon City in 1851. The then Oregon Territory embraced everything from the coast to the Rocky Mountains. At the coming Portland meeting the principal addresses will deal with the history of Masonry in Oregon and the part Masonry has played in the state's development.

LABOR DAY OBSERVED

Monday was Labor Day, and it was generally observed. In Athena the banks, post office and barber shops remained closed for the day, and a number of business houses were closed during the afternoon. Weather conditions were ideal and outings for the day were enjoyed by many.

RE-PURCHASES FARM

The Milton Eagle reports that S. R. Hunter has repurchased from V. B. Zerba the place he formerly owned, known as the Hunter wheat farm, of about 400 acres located four miles east of Milton. Mr. Hunter sold the place to Mr. Zerba last spring.

ROUND-UP CROWD WILL BREAK ALL ATTENDANCE

With ticket orders pouring in from all over the country; with the Round-Up barns filled with top-notch livestock awaiting the events of track and arena; with famous performers arriving to compete; and with the city in gala dress for the big event, Pendleton is awaiting the opening gun which will start the 1926 Round-Up, September 15, 16, 17 and 18.

The crowd gives promise of being a record breaker, the orders from out-of-town now totalling 52 per cent more than those at this time any year in the past. The performers will be the most skillful in the game and will include champions like Mac Bell and Hugo Strickland; Bob Crosby, Sam Garrett, Lorena Trickey, the Irwin and McCarty aggregations and scores of others. Pinky Gist, and his educated mule, will be present to supply ample comedy. Pinky is known as a clown supreme.

Snappy race horses; wild Mexican steers and real, honest-to-goodness, rip-snorting bucking horses will comprise the livestock. The stuff is particularly fine and some bad moments for would-be champions are promised in the bulldozing, roping and bucking events.

Pendleton is gay with color these days. Citizens have laid off their somber attire and wear the rainbow tinted shirts, the cartwheel hats, the boots and the spurs of the cowboy.

And over all this a lovely Indian queen holds sway. She is Miss Esther Lee Metanic, full blooded Umatilla maiden, and the first Indian girl ever entrusted with the cowboy scepter. Queen Esther I has been acclaimed the most beautiful Indian girl in the United States and is known also for her vivacity and charm.

ATHENA SCHOOLS OPEN WITH ENROLLMENT OF 132

The Athena schools opened Tuesday morning for the school year. The total enrollment was 132. Sixty-two have enrolled in the high school department and seventy in the grades. The enrollment in the high school Freshman 15; Sophomore 15; Junior 18; Senior 14.

The classes in sewing, typing, and Latin have the largest enrollment.

The high school classes chose their officers Tuesday with the following results:

Freshman; president, Lois Smith; vice-president, Thelma Schrimp; secretary-treasurer, Virgie Moore; sergeant at arms, Cecil Pambrun.

Sophomore; president, Weldon Bell; vice-president, Oral Michener; secretary-treasurer, Alberta Charlton; sergeant at arms, Pearl Green.

Junior; president, Helen Hansell; vice-president, Armand Bell; secretary-treasurer, Allen Simpson; sergeant at arms, Iol Schubert.

Senior; president, Fred Radtke; vice-president, Lois Johnson; secretary-treasurer, LaVone Pittman; sergeant at arms, Norman McIntyre.

GRECIAN DANCERS AT THE SESQUI



These dancers have selected for their graceful performance the keystone shaped pool in the court yard of the Pennsylvania State Building at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, which celebrates 150 years of American Independence. The spot is one of the most beautiful and artistic on the exposition site. The Exposition continues until December 1.

OREGON TRAIL COINS TO BE MINTED SOON

The first samples of the memorial half dollar, commemorating the historical Oregon Trail, will be struck off at the Philadelphia mint within a week, according to announcement of the director of the mint.

The die to be used in coining the memorial pieces is almost ready for use, having been made from a design approved by officials of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, of whom Ezra Meeker, pioneer, is one. The coin, which was authorized by a special congressional enactment, bears on one side the picture of a prairie schooner drawn by oxen with a driver brandishing his whip over the team. Above this group is inscribed "In God We Trust" and below it "Oregon Trail, 1926."

On the reverse side is the year of minting, "1926," with the figure of an Indian superimposed on the outline of the continent of North America, showing the line of the Oregon Trail.

The Oregon Trail coins will be sold as souvenirs and with the proceeds monuments will be erected along the route which the pioneers followed to the Oregon country.

The Oregon trail issue has been limited to 6,000,000 coins, which will be purchased from the government

STANDARD PICTURES TO BE SHOWN AT THEATRE

An exceptionally fine program of photoplays are being shown at the Standard Theatre at the present time. Tomorrow night Lillian and Dorothy Gish will be seen together for the first time, when they appear in Metro's splendid production, "Romola." Sunday night, James Oliver Curwood's "The Ancient Highway," a sterling picture tops a fine program for the evening. There will be no pictures shown at the Standard on Wednesday and Saturday of next week, on account of the Round-Up, but on Sunday night, September 13, Gloria Swanson will appear in her greatest Paramount picture of the year, "Stage Struck."

IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

R. B. McEwen and sons Edwin and Ralph arrived home Monday from Newberg. Mrs. McEwen remained with her father, Mr. Goff, who was hurt in an automobile wreck, mention of which was made in last week's Press. Mr. Goff's injuries are more serious than at first revealed. His side and back severely wrenched when he was caught under the steering wheel do not respond to treatment so far.

LITTLE BOY SUCCUMBS

Death relieved the suffering of little Jimmy, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ace Wagner, at St. Mary's hospital, Monday morning, September 6. Nearly a month ago the little fellow was stricken with appendicitis, and had been in a precarious condition since. Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lieuallen grandparents, Tuesday afternoon, near Weston, interment taking place in Athena cemetery.

ON HUNTING TRIPS

The hunting season opened today and will close October 20. O. O. Stephens and Art Coppock have established camp on Fly creek for a ten-day deer hunt. Charles Henry, Hamp Booher, Berl Anderson and J. L. Harman are also hunting on Fly creek. W. C. Russell and Lloyd Michener are west of Kamela, hunting deer at the head of Johnson creek. Others from Athena will be in the mountains at different times during the open season.

THREE-IN-ONE

Milton Eagle: Probably one of the best records ever made by a hen in this section of the northwest in one day is the laying of three eggs in one day by a hen, number 227 hatched and owned by N. J. Vanskike, breeder of "Vigorbilt" white leghorns.

SEEING THE TRYOUTS

Trying out the bucking brones and exhibition Round-Up stock is of interest to many spectators, and daily large numbers visit Round-Up Park to see the riding.

WALLA WALLA PRISON CELL HOUSE BURNS

The Fire is Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, which broke out in the main cell building of the Washington state penitentiary here, caused a loss estimated at \$100,000.

Nearly 1000 convicts milled about in an inclosure, adding to the din with their yells, as the Walla Walla fire department and prison guards fought the flames, which were not discovered until they had gained considerable headway.

The flames broke out in a ventilator shaft of the dining room, where 400 men were at dinner.

Cell doors were thrown open and the convicts herded out into a separate inclosure away from the burning buildings and placed under heavy guard. Company F, Walla Walla national guard unit, was hastily mobilized and rushed to help guard the turbulent crowd of prisoners.

The prison buildings are old and largely of frame construction and burned rapidly.

What is known as Siberia, cell house where the most dangerous criminals are kept, is at some distance from the main building and had not taken fire, the inmates remaining in their cells.

Inspection in the main prison building at the state penitentiary showed that it can be repaired easily and will not have to be replaced at heavy cost, as was first feared.

GERMANY AGREES TO MAKE LUMP PAYMENT

Berlin.—Parker Gilbert, agent general for reparations, with the approval of the reparations commission and the governments concerned, has signed an agreement with the German finance minister, Dr. Reinhold, by which Germany during the third Dawes plan annuity year, ending August 31, 1927, obligates herself to pay a lump sum of 300,000,000 gold marks, in lieu of two supplemental contingent budgetary contributions of 250,000,000 marks, each payable by August 31, 1928, and August 31, 1929.

To Germany's creditors the agreement means not only substitution of a definite sum for an uncertain contingency, but the payment of this sum during the present annuity year where otherwise contingent sums are not payable until the next succeeding year. By the arrangement funds available for deliveries in kind during the third annuity year will be substantially increased. In explaining the effect of the agreement, Mr. Gilbert says:

"The agreement as a whole will contribute substantially to the smooth operation of the financial experts' plan, and incidentally will facilitate its administration by eliminating factors of uncertainty that might otherwise be troublesome. The settlement is further evidence of a spirit of friendly accommodation and a new earnest of the goodwill and mutual understanding lying at the basis of the plan itself."

LONGVIEW PLEA DENIED

Interstate Commerce Board Refuses to Divert Through Trains.

Washington, D. C.—Application of railroads operating between Seattle, Wash., and Portland, for permission to operate four passenger trains daily via Longview, Wash., was denied by the interstate commerce commission.

The proposal to divert the trains to the Longview route would impair the safety of train service, inconvenience the public travel to Kelso, Wash., and increase unnecessarily the cost of transportation, the commission ruled.

At present, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Oregon-Washington railroads pool their passenger service between Seattle and Portland, and operate five trains daily in each direction via Kelso over the line of the Northern Pacific.

Stanfield Backers Nominates Senator
Portland, Ore.—A meeting of 290 men and women, formed as the "Honorable Campaign Method Organized assembly," at the Hotel Portland nominated Robert N. Stanfield, defeated primary candidate, for re-election as United States senator, independent of party affiliation.

Bye-Bye, Playtime

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