

COATS MISSING; HOBOS ARRESTED

Two Men Taken in Custody Last Night on Charge of Stealing Overcoats.

CAUGHT WITH WEARING APPAREL ON HIS BACK

Was Bound Over for the Grand Jury, Bonds Fixed at \$500; In Jail.

One wearing an overcoat belonging to Harry Albers, two men were founded up last night in the Southern Pacific railroad yards, awaiting to jump a freight, by Constable Catlin and Night Officers Marshall and Rogers, one on a charge of stealing the overcoat valued at \$35 and the other upon suspicion of stealing an overcoat belonging to R. E. Crawford. The men, who are plain hoboes, according to the police, gave the names of James Wilson and Fred Williams.

Coats Stolen Last Night.
The overcoats were removed sometime between 7 and 8 o'clock from the vestibule of the United Presbyterian church. Messrs. Albers and Crawford were attending a meeting at the church and had left the coats in the rack in the vestibule. Mr. Albers' coat was recovered in good order, but Mr. Crawford's has not been located. Meantime the man who gave his name as Williams is being held in the city jail, accountable for it. He refuses to throw any light on the affair.

Bound Over for Grand Jury.
Wilson, who when arrested was wearing the overcoat belonging to Mr. Albers, was arraigned before Justice Swan this morning on a charge of simple larceny. He waived examination and was bound over for the grand jury. Bonds were fixed at \$500. He is confined in the county jail.

Arrested in Railroad Yards.
The arrest occurred late last night near the S. P. depot. Both men were brought down town and placed in the county jail overnight. Williams is being held pending further investigation of the case. Circumstantial evidence leads to the belief that he appropriated the other coat, by the fact that it is missing and that he was arrested in company with the man wearing the other coat.

REMARKABLE RECORD SET FOR USE OF DUST PAN

Janitor Mart Bilyeu of the Court House Has Used One for 8 1-2 Years.

That a remarkable record has been established for the use and durability of a common ordinary dust pan, in a public institution, became known this morning, when Mart Bilyeu, the janitor at the court house introduced a new dust pan to the morning's cleanup of the temple of justice.

For eight and a half long years Mart has used continuously one dust pan in cleaning up the court house every day except Sundays and sometimes then. That is as long as Mart has been on the job and the dust pan is known to have been in use for quite a long time before he accepted the position as janitor of the building.

Yesterday the dust pan, which is of the ordinary type, with a small handle, became so rickety with with old age, that the genial janitor decided to discard it. A new one was purchased and it was used this morning for the first time.

Stewart Expected Home Soon.—C. H. Stewart is expected to leave Chicago tonight for points in Iowa and Nebraska to visit relatives and later will leave for home in time to get here sometime before Christmas. He will come by the Northern Pacific. He writes that the Oregon exhibit at the land show was the best in his opinion and attracted thousands of people. The show was over last night, December 24, good on all trains, the return limit being January fifth. There will be holiday rates to California also, but the tariff for these is not issued yet, but it is thought that it will be about the same as other points.

SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT 10 RE-ELECTED TO OFFICE

W. C. Scott to Be Re-appointed Over Five Other Aspirants to Job.

An election held in road district No. 10 yesterday in carrying out the policy of the county court, by ascertaining the will of the majority of the people, resulted in the reelection of the present road supervisor. The election was characterized by keen interest, and much rivalry between the five candidates.

The result is as follows: W. C. Scott, 47; M. L. Forster, 31; E. A. Mitchell, 25; Scott Churchill, 17, and F. M. Sharp, 9. W. C. Scott, who has been serving for some time as the road supervisor of the district, was the candidate who was re-elected.

The appointment of Mr. Scott will be made by the county court at the January term. The policy of the court is to have the various districts hold similar elections in order to get an expression of the popular will, before appointments are made. Through this plan the court will make appointments of supervisors that will receive the favor of the majority of the people.

S. S. CONVENTION CLOSED WITH ELECTION OF OFFICERS

C. E. Knowland Elected President of Marion Association; Delegate to Albany.

Jefferson, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special to Democrat.)—The Marion County Sunday school convention closed last night, after one of the most interesting sessions ever held. Saturday at 3 p. m., Rev. C. A. Phipps addressed a crowded house on "My Trip to Zurich," one of the best lectures ever delivered in this village.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, C. E. Knowland; vice-president, E. H. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Gilbert; delegate to state conventions in Albany, April, 1914, Mr. Davidson. All are residents of Salem.

Annual Dinner Planned.—The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church is completing arrangements for the first annual banquet to be held at the church Friday, December 12 at 7 o'clock. A splendid program is to be given, including prominent speakers. It is the desire that all the members of the society be present.

Knox Ill at Portland.—That Toy Knox is ill in a Portland hospital was the word received in Albany yesterday afternoon. However, it is reported that his condition is much improved today and his many friends hope for his early recovery.

Change of Precincts to Be Announced.—Announcement will be made tomorrow of the changes made by the county court of the precincts of the county. They have been divided and re-arranged. The court has been busy with this work for the past two days and the work is nearly completed. The new arrangements will be given in full.

Lights Out Last Night.—Owing to a slight mishap at the Oregon Power company's plant in Springfield last night at 6 o'clock the city was left in darkness. However, the damage was repaired and the lights came on before business was hindered to any great extent. Nevertheless many candles were hauled out and placed in commission before the usual order was restored.

Social Hygiene Library Available.—The social hygiene library at the Albany public library is now available, announced the librarian, Mrs. F. G. Franklin, this morning, but will only be here for a short while longer. It is especially intended for mothers and fathers and if any of them desire to read the books they are urged to secure them now.

Young Linn County Farmer Here.—Arriving here yesterday, drawn by a stronger attraction than anything else in Albany, Jess Sevy, a prominent young farmer of near Brownsville, is stopping at the home of W. H. Bowman. Mr. Sevy came here about six months ago from Arkansas. Miss Margaret Bennett, a charming Albany school teacher, who is recently from Pennsylvania, is said to be the attractant. Their engagement, it is said, will be announced soon.

WETS WIN VICTORY AT HARRISBURG

Potato City, However, Voted Town Dry Before Election of Officers.

ALL BUT ONE ELECTED ARE "SO-CALLED" WETS

R. W. Davis Chosen Mayor--City Recorder Re-elected and Charter Looses.

Harrisburg, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special to Democrat.)—In yesterday's city election, the ticket commonly known as the "wet ticket," decisively won out. By virtue of this, Harrisburg will have a set of officials, who were the so-called wet candidates, with the exception of one.

R. W. Davis was elected mayor, defeating Robert K. Burton by 58 votes. Davis is manager of the store of the May Senders Company. T. J. Anderson was re-elected city recorder. Other successful candidates are: Damon Smith, treasurer; T. J. Stephens, marshal; George O. Gorham, Thomas W. Summerville and W. F. Elliott, councilmen.

With the exception of Elliott all the winning candidates were on the so-called wet ticket, but according to the general reports the prohibition question did not figure directly today and many people voted independently of the fact that the tickets were popularly denominated wet and dry.

Harrisburg voted dry on November 4, but the election is being contested in the courts.

The total vote cast was 343 and the complete returns follow: Mayor—R. W. Davis, 200; Robert K. Burton, 142. Recorder—T. J. Anderson, 191; John J. Cramer, 141. Treasurer—Damon Smith, 191; J. B. Littler, 145. Marshal—T. J. Stephens, 173; A. J. Hill, 164. Councilman—George O. Gorham, 191; Thomas W. Summerville, 182; W. F. Elliott, 173; Vernon Cartwright, 157; Frank Dempsey, 153; R. C. Shifler, 142.

Corvallis and Albany to Debate.—The Corvallis high school will have a debate next Friday night with Albany high in the high school assembly there. Corvallis will take the negative side, and Albany the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That a graduated income tax is a desirable feature of a state system of taxation for Oregon. They will uphold the affirmative side of the same question. This is the first interscholastic debate of the year, and the debaters are working hard to win, and further than that, make a strong bid for the championship of the state.

Railroad Announce Holiday Rates.—The Oregon Electric and the Southern Pacific announced yesterday the rates that will be in effect during the holidays for all points in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. This rate will be one and one-third the regular one way fare. Rates are effective December 18 to 24.

Logsdon Elected President.—T. A. Logsdon, of Corvallis, was elected vice-president of the Farmers' National and Co-Operative Union at the convention held in La Grande, closing Thursday evening of last week.

Byron Swink Dies at Salem.—Byron Swink, aged fifteen years, died last night at Salem and the remains will be shipped to Albany this evening for burial. The funeral arrangements have not been made. The deceased resided at the home of his grandfather, Phil Swink, of Tallman.

City Recorder Elected.—Miss Helen V. Crawford, city recorder-elect, of Lebanon and a former instructor at the O. A. C., passed through the city yesterday enroute to Corvallis where she will visit numerous old time friends. Miss Crawford was elected city recorder of Lebanon in last week's election.

Storm Holds Eastern Mail.—Albany has not had any Eastern mail for three days. This is due to the snow storms in the middle west, but the postal authorities think that it will reach here this afternoon. All the clerks are hoping that it will arrive soon as with this amount of mail held up for such a time, it will take some time before they will have it all sorted and delivered.

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HARRISBURG CONTEST CASE WILL BE UP THURSDAY

Judge Galloway Will Try Local Option Injunction From Potato City.

To try the Harrisburg local option contest case, Circuit Judge Galloway will hold court here Thursday, December 11. The judge will convene court at 10 o'clock and the case will probably occupy the attention of the court for the the entire day and probably part of the next.

Because of the drastic allegations made in the injunction suit filed recently by W. B. Holman, a saloon keeper of that city against the county court to restrain any attempt to declare city dry and because of the peculiar situation involved in the case, it promises to draw considerable attention. Harrisburg went wet in the last local option election under identically the same procedure as it went dry under the November 4 election and for this reason much interest centers about the case. The former election, however, was held during a general election and the latter during the recent state election.

ALBANY MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE HAD NEXT MEETING HELD HERE

Committee from Hub City Which Attended Roseburg Meeting Made Report to Commercial Club to This Effect.

"There were between four and five hundred delegates present, about 150 coming from Southern Oregon points, accompanied by the Central Point band. Sutherland came with 50 strong, Cottage Grove 50 and Eugene 100 strong. The Eugene delegation was the life of the meeting, making a wonderful showing. Our showing was the weakest and we full believe that had we been there in numbers, we would have secured the next meeting, as the chairman mentioned Albany repeatedly. But Eugene on account of the number of delegates present and the unity of action, won."

The foregoing is contained in the report submitted at the meeting of the Commercial club last night by the committee, J. J. Hoydar and A. A. Mickle, agents of the O. E. and S. P. railroads who were delegates from Albany to the big Roseburg booster meeting on December 4.

A lengthy report was made, mentioning the various speakers and stating the results of the big meeting, which was for a universal movement, for the railroads, newspapers, commercial clubs and every public spirited individual of the state to get behind and have as many of the tourists enroute to the 1915 exposition, routed through this state with stop over privileges, as possible. The next meeting of the organization perfected at Roseburg will be held in Eugene on February 19.

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No Estimate Can Be Hazardred Until Waters Subside; Thousands Missing.

(By United Press Association) Bryan, Texas, Dec. 9.—Overwhelming, swelling even the first reports, news of the conditions in the stricken districts visited by the flood waters today shows conditions, especially in the valley of the Brazos river, to be frightful in the extreme.

160 Recovered—Hundreds Missing.
While only 160 have positively been identified, hundreds of people, and entire families in many instances, are unaccounted for, and the perilous work of the rescuers shows what an enormous havoc was wrought and what little effort can be made to estimate the number of victims, until the waters subside. Many will undoubtedly turn up later, but no doubt exists that many perished besides the 160 actually recovered. Not until the waters fall and reveals the corpses of the victims held fast beneath the racing current can anything like an accurate estimate be made of the numbers of unaccounted for and a great portion of which undoubtedly drowned in the first swift rise.

Thousands in Tree Tops.
Rescuers are battling hour by hour with the foaming torrents pouring everywhere down the valley, in an effort to save between three and six thousand refugees clinging in the tree tops or perched on the roofs of their residences, or floating with the flood on improvised rafts and debris.

COURTS INQUANDARY AS TO POINT OF LAW

Harvey Thompson and Harry Wright Again Bound Over --\$500 Bonds.

Arraigned before Judge McKnight's juvenile court by virtue of the indictment against them being quashed by Judge Kelly, Harvey Thompson and Harry Bernhardt, the latter of whom declared in court that his name was Wright, were yesterday remanded back to the justice court for another hearing. Judge McKnight based his decision on the fact that the boys are over 16 years of age.

Brought before Judge Swan yesterday afternoon, the youths were bound over to the grand jury and their bonds were fixed at \$500 each. This is identically the same action taken in this case when it first came up in this court.

In explaining his action Justice Swan said that relative to such a case as this, the law is a little inconsistent. The law, he said, states that a minor under 18 years of age must be tried in the juvenile court but that the last legislature passed a measure whereby minors over 16 will not be admitted to the reform school. When it is proven that a youth is depraved and is dangerous to society, the juvenile court has a right to remand such a case to the justice court. It was on this point that Judge McKnight re-

SPOTLIGHT AGAIN SHINES ON LITTLE STELLA MORGAN

She and Chum Escaped From Girls Industrial Home at Salem.

Word was received last night from Salem police authorities by Night Officers Ali Marshall and T. R. Rogers, that Stella Morgan and Rinda Fisher has escaped from the Oregon State Industrial Home for Girls.

The officers were asked to be on the lookout for the girls but as yet have not seen anything of them. The escape occurred early last night and the word reached here shortly before 9 o'clock. It is believed that the girls headed this way. As far as could be learned they did not take anything with them and did not have any funds.

Stella Morgan was committed to the institution from Linn county after an eventful time. It will be remembered that the spotlight first shown upon her when she was arrested dressed in boys clothes in company with Melvin Peebler, age 16, near Sweet Home, while making their way across the mountains on the backs of horses they had stolen. The two were returned to Albany. Peebler was given a hearing in the juvenile court and committed to the reform school. The girl stood by him to the last and gamely admitted that she was the cause of the trouble and wanted to take whatever punishment was meted out to her youthful companion.

Later she was brought up before the juvenile court on a charge of incorrigibility, entered by her father, J. R. Morgan, of North Albany. Given a hearing, she was committed to the industrial school for girls.

It was only a short while ago, after she had remained there for some time, that the spotlight shone on Stella again. She was accused of being implicated in a plot for the wholesale destruction of the inmates of the school. Just prior to a meal, one of the matrons discovered that the coffee had been polluted with strychnine. Several of the inmates were linked in the plot and no reason was ever given for the episode, notwithstanding the fact that confessions were secured from several of the girls, who placed the deadly poison in the coffee. Stella was one of the girls who confessed her connection with the plot. It is believed that had the fact that the coffee had been poisoned been discovered when it was, which was due to the odor of the air in the dining room, that several of the inmates would have succumbed. But little of the drugged coffee had been drunk and those who drank it were revived after much suffering.

The local police know nothing of the past history of Rinda Fisher, except that she was an inmate of the school and a close chum of the Morgan girl during their incarceration. The Fisher girl was committed from Eugene.

manded the case to the justice court. When Attorney Richardson asked Judge Kelly to quash the indictment, he could not get an expression from the judge, as to what action to take in the case, which was suggested by Justice Swan. As a result the case stands at it was at first, except that in the new indictment, it will have to be shown that the case has been before the juvenile court. Meantime the lads will be held in the county jail, not being able to furnish bonds, to await the action of the grand jury, on a charge of burglary. The charge involves the theft of several pairs of shoes from the store of Charles Prochnow.

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