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MORE ROBBERIES MONDAY NIGHT

Stewart & Bennett, Drop in and Bowling Alley Entered

Three more robberies were committed Monday night. Stewart & Bennett's meat market was entered. The thieves took two canvassed hams out of the front window; and several pieces of breakfast bacon, a piece or two of heavy bacon and some other meat stuff out of the show case. They needed a sack to carry it; and in taking a sack out of a pile in the back room they apparently shook down a bag containing about \$35 in silver, which had been left somewhere near; and they took that. Mr. Bennett says that both front and back doors were found locked Tuesday morning. He thinks they must have unlocked the back door with a common pass key and locked it again as they went out.

The Drop in pool hall and confectionery was entered through the back door. The thieves took the cash register into the back room, pried it open and took a small amount of change. The proprietors had not missed an dime else of value Tuesday forenoon.

Bartlett's bowling alley was entered by prying open the back door with a jimmy. A trifling amount of small coins and about \$20 in stock, mostly cigars and cigarettes, was taken.

AUTOMOBILE COLLISION DRIVER AND LADY HURT

Two automobiles met head on, at a turn in the McKenzie highway, near the point where the Natron road leaves it, about two miles this side of Thurston, about 4:30 last Saturday afternoon. The drivers were Frank Campbell, who lives about Thurston, and Charles Jessen, who lives at Waltherville. Campbell was accompanied by Miss Marion Spencer, daughter of F. O. Spencer, of Springfield. Miss Spencer had gone to Thurston the night before, to assist in the reproduction at the school house, by the same performers, of the High school play which was put on here several weeks ago. She had stayed over night with the daughters of John Edmiston, High school students. They had secured passage for her in Campbell's car, as he was coming to town.

The cars were both pretty badly smashed. Campbell had a bone of his left hand broken, and he was badly bruised about both eyes. Miss Spencer's nose was broken, and she was considerably bruised about the face. Jessen sustained no serious injuries.

The outside of the track, which would be at Campbell's right, was high and smooth; the inside was low and rough. Mr. Campbell claims that he had the right of way, and his claim is corroborated by Mr. Spencer's observations. It said that Mr. Jessen claims to have been within his rights.

SIDLIGHTS ON THE ANNEXATION SCHEME

A traveling man doing business with The News, remarked that the head of his house, on reading an article in The News of two weeks ago on this matter, highly commended the stand of The News, and severely condemned the promoters of the propaganda.

A man who does not live near either town, but has been intimately acquainted with Eugene affairs, and has personal connections there, cited the case of a member of one of the oldest families of Eugene, who has to pay \$300 taxes on a house worth \$5,000, who made the statement that he could rent as good a home and save out of the \$700 now going for the upkeep of his establishment to go a good way to provide capital for the prosecution of a business.

W. O. W. TO ENTERTAIN LANE CAMPS APRIL 4

Springfield Camp 247, W. O. W., on April 4, will entertain a number of camps in Lane county, at which time a large class of candidates will be initiated. District Manager E. O. Royal is conducting a campaign during the month of March among eight camps in the county and they will all meet here on this date. Deputy Head Consul E. P. Martin of Portland will deliver the address after which a supper will be served.

The W. O. W. is a western society operating in the nine western states, has a membership of 140,200 with a reserve of over nine million dollars. There is \$200,000 of W. O. W. money invested in Lane county.

January 1922 was the biggest month the order has had for over ten years and in February more certificates were issued than in any corresponding time for the past 20 years. The order paid assessments for 7000 members all during the war and have 235 million dollars in protection. Springfield camp has a membership of 164 and own their own building. A protective society and 100 per cent fraternal.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT ENJOY PARTY LAST NIGHT

The Women of Woodcraft had one of their interesting annual parties, at the W. O. W. hall last night, for women only. One of their excellent suppers was served, made up of substantial, but in great variety. About fifty were present. The whole affair, in all its features, was as informal as a careful study could make it. The ladies were dressed to represent children, hard times and other characters; not incomplete or elaborate costumes, but suggestive features. There were recitations and other intellectual exercises, some of them prepared and some impromptu. Of the prepared readings, those by Mrs. O. F. Kiser, Florence Kiser, Mrs. Mary Magill and Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd deserve special mention.

MR. AND MRS. MERRILL SUBJECTS OF SURPRISE

Several ladies of Springfield, friends of Mrs. Gladys (Lepley) Merrill, now of Eugene, arranged a surprise for her and her husband, Howard Merrill, to be carried out last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill were invited to come over and spend the evening at the home of Mrs. Alice (Koster) Lora. When they arrived there they were steered to the home of Mrs. W. F. Walker, where the ladies were gathered. There were 15 or 20 in the company. Mr. Merrill was the only gentleman present, but the ladies declared that he bore his part in this trying situation manfully. Mrs. Merrill received a number of presents from her friends who made up the company.

HANSARD OVERCOME BY BEEF IRON AND WINE

G. B. Hansard of the lower Mohawk valley, who has lately finished serving a jail sentence for dealing in moonshine, seemed to have taken an overdose of his own medicine, or somebody else's, Monday evening. He was so drunk, on the way over here from Eugene, as to be practically helpless. The street car men carried him to the city hall, and Mr. Binson provided him with quarters for the night. He was afraid to leave Hansard alone at first, for fear that he was in a dying condition.

Hansard claimed to have taken an overdose of beef, iron and wine which a stranger in Eugene had offered him out of a bottle. Recorder McLean gave him some motherly counsel, and charged him \$10 and incidentals for it.

about all he had to invest where he is now; but if a scheme like this should take effect he supposed he should have to pull up and move on again.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Last Tuesday evening the Methodist basketball team beat the Eugene Christian church team by a score of 18 to 7.

PANCO
Soles put on by Hall, the Shoe Doctor.

The Christian basketball team upset the dope in the Sunday school league last night when they defeated the Baptist team by a score of 21 to 15. The Christian team has been greatly strengthened by the acquisition of Sikes.

Next Tuesday evening the Baptist basketball team will play the Methodist team. This is the last time that these two teams are scheduled to meet this season. As the Baptist team has suffered defeat twice this season at the hands of the Methodists, they will no doubt, make a strong effort to turn the tables this time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moshier have both been kept at home for the greater part of the past week. Mrs. Moshier is back at work at the creamery office. Mr. Moshier is not on duty yet.

F. W. Hampton went up to his ranch near Oakridge the latter part of last week, to bring down his car. He started down Sunday and after coming 10 or 12 miles had a breakdown. He slept on the ground two nights, with only such protection as he could get from the material in his car. He had nothing to eat from sometime Sunday until Tuesday evening. He sent down for the part to get his car going again.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

CONCERNING WORK ON THE POWER LINE

The opening of the work of constructing the California-Oregon Power company's line between Springfield and Cottage Grove has been delayed a few days by the delay in receiving some materials. The company will work a heavy force when the work starts and put it through as rapidly as possible. Reports that have come from Cottage Grove concerning the extension of a line by the Mountain States company on its own account southward must be received cautiously until the actual movements are more clearly defined. As to such an extension to London Springs, it may be well to note that London will be a point on the California Oregon line.

IMPROVEMENTS ABOUT FOURTH AND C STREETS

J. S. Rauch, who owns the property on the northeast corner of 4th and C streets, is making some extensive improvements on it. The old three-room house which has stood on the corner, empty, for so many years, has been moved northward, and turned about, so as to face 4th street, an addition made to the rear, and the building is being generally remodelled. The barn which used to stand where the house now stands, has been moved back.

It is Mr. Rauch's purpose to build a good house on the corner where the old one stood. But he has a good many irons in the fire just now, and it may take some time to hammer them all into shape. His own home stands on C street, with one small house between it and his corner property just mentioned. He is making considerable improvements on the home premises: a cement walk, a garage and other touches.

Mr. Rauch owns, and until recently, occupied a 60-acre farm above Waltherville, a great part of which is in berries: blackberries, loganberries, gooseberries, etc. He thinks he has the finest berry farm on the McKenzie. His son now occupies it. The setting out of an additional lot of loganberries and other early spring farm work are making loud demands on his attention.

Across the street, on the west, E. V. Walker is, little by little, remodeling his residence, building a circular porch around the south and east, giving the house a more modern appearance. He is giving the premises some other touches of improvement.

FLAIN TURKEY TALK TO TAXPAYERS

The politicians say the people are to blame for high taxes and that they voted them themselves. If that is a fact they can "unvote" them.

Is it reasonable that the people should have voluntarily increased the state taxes 521 per cent in ten years when population only increased 16 per cent and assessed valuations only 22 per cent? Is it reasonable that from 1919 to 1922 the people should have voluntarily increased their total state tax from \$3,021,462 to \$9,376,280, and be asked to continue all political overhead at war levels? Is it reasonable that the legislature should spend (waste would be a better word) \$42,331 on clerks for a forty day session, over \$1000 a day?

Why should the legislature keep up this pernicious demoralization of young people when experts could be secured to do the work for \$7000. Why waste money paying five to ten dollars a day and overtime for incompetent people as legislative clerks when it can be done right for less? When the farmers are taking a deflation of fifty per cent, and wages of labor and the profits of business are cut in two why not reduce? When the cost of living has come down from thirty to forty per cent why not reduce the overhead cost of public service at least 25 per cent?

When the state of Washington has abolished 72 boards and commissions and effected a saving of \$2,600,000, why retain them all in Oregon? Washington has consolidated all boards and commissions under ten heads appointed by the governor and responsible to the people; why not do it?

Idaho has abolished boards and commissions and adopted the cabinet system with seven heads named by the governor and responsible to the people. Why should Oregon retain an obsolete system of tax-levying and money squandering boards and commissions, all interested in more appropriations?

Why should the city of Portland, the county of Multnomah and Portland school district maintain three different political machines to manage the affairs of practically the same people?

Why should the city of Portland maintain a port commission and a dock commission, with separate power and an army of officials?

The special session of the legislature had the immaculate gall, on top of all other taxes to introduce bills for five different forms of tax. The last legislature appropriated \$10,000 to create a commission "to ascertain new sources of revenue", in addition to all present taxes.

The legislature before spent \$20,000 on a commission to find ways to consolidate boards and commissions. They spent the money and then quit.

The last legislature enacted over 400 new laws, many of them raising salaries, creating new offices, raising fees, etc., etc., etc.

Shall those same leaders be rewarded for their tax-boosting labors by being given more power and higher offices when they promised reductions?

New state institutions are to be fastened upon the people, and there is a program on the skirts to raise official salaries at least \$100,000 a year.

It will be up to the people to vote for candidates who have qualifications recommending them as being able to carry out a retrenchment program.—Manufacturer.

SNOW BOTHERS CAMPS BUT RUNNING AT PRESENT

During the time that snow has been falling frequently in the valley and covering the hills across the McKenzie there have been heavy falls in the Booth Kelly logging camps above Wending. At times it has interfered seriously with the work in the camps. It was rumored here the early part of this week that the snow was likely to force a suspension of work in the camps and might cause a short lay-off at the mill; for the mill has not a great supply of logs ahead now. The camps did shut down for the two first days of this week but they resumed Wednesday. It is to be hoped that there will be no further trouble from snow.

FORMER MAYOR SUTTON AGAINST ANNEXATION

The mail, last Saturday morning, brought to the News the following letter from W. M. Sutton, former principal of the Springfield schools and former mayor of the town. Mr. Sutton has large property interests in Springfield, larger, we presume, than in any other town. This consideration together with the feeling growing out of a long residence here, entitles him, as he says, to an expression of his views on the matter. The expression which he gives in this letter is the natural and logical one:

"I wish to congratulate you on your article in the recent issue of The News on the matter of consolidation of the cities of Eugene and Springfield. You are quite right in the matter, and I am sure that the good people of Springfield will also see it that way. It would be a mighty big blunder should a thing of that sort happen now or any other time. We are what we are and hope to be, and Eugene has always tried to make believe it, too great a measure to be agreeable to Springfield. I know from former occurrences.

Springfield has a future, as we all have known, and while some of us may be somewhat the worse for wear when it comes, we nevertheless feel that those of us who are fortunate enough to be left to realize the consummation of our hopes are entitled to see it all come true under the name of the City of Springfield, and not under the name of the city across the river.

I have always been a booster for Springfield and former residence entitles me to the above expression of my views on the matter of consolidation.

Very truly yours,
W. M. Sutton.

WILMOT

Kenneth, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wilmot, died at their home at Creswell March 8, 1922, aged 10 months and 21 days. The funeral will be at Walker's chapel Friday the 10th at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Thos. D. Yarnes. The burial will be at Laurel Hill cemetery. W. F. Walker has charge of the burial and all preparations.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends who extended sympathy and kindness to us on the occasion of the death and funeral of our little daughter; especially to those who brought offerings of flowers to the home.

J. B. GREEN AND FAMILY.

Baxter Young, who has been sick of flu at the home of his sister in Coburg, is back in Springfield.

NEW BONUS BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

Avoids Heavy Cash Payments or Serious Increase of Tax Burden

One of the most trying things in national legislation in these late times and one of the hardest to understand, has been the work of congress in attempting to provide means of relief for the ex-service men—to evolve what is commonly spoken of as a "soldier's" bonus" has in it something not very pleasing to the persons most directly affected. Yet so long as it was used only as a handy term to express the idea of an allowance beyond the meager wages of the soldier during his service, there is no need to take exception to the term. It is in the nature of an evening up between the compensation of the man in the field and the emoluments of the man at home. When, in so large a part of the cases, the man at home directly profited by the war, without any of the risks, it is but natural that the service man should regard such a measure as a matter of proper compensation, and not as a gratuity.

There does not seem to be, either, any necessity to criticize congress for its long delay; though sometimes it has been hard to bear, especially where men are struggling to get themselves fitted again into the places in the affairs of life which they gave up for their country's good. The demands upon the national treasury have been so great, and the strain upon the country's credit so great, its foreign debtors being unable to help it out, that congress has had some very perplexing problems to deal with. One plan after another has been proposed, discussed and pushed into the background, until it began to look as though the years when this relief would do the service man the most good would wear away before it would come.

Finally, the house ways and means committee appointed a special sub-committee to draft and present a new plan. This sub-committee has devised a plan which seems to avoid the objectionable features of all the former plans, one which will not involve such heavy immediate drafts on the treasury, one which will not greatly increase the present grievous burdens of taxation, and one which those who are familiar with the plan and with the previous discussions believe will go through congress, will receive the approval of the president and solve the difficulty with less strain on the country's resources than any that has yet been proposed.

The new bill which is regarded and spoken of as a compromise bill, has been approved by the ways and means committee of the house, has been introduced in the house and will probably be brought up for discussion and action early next week. The following is a rough, but we trust a fairly accurate outline of the main features of the new bill.

Service men whose adjusted service credit does not exceed \$50 to be paid in cash at once. These would be the only cash payments to be met for about three years. This would give time to complete the refunding of some short time bonds falling due in that time.

The credits would be calculated on a basis of \$1.25 a day for service overseas and \$1.00 for service at home. The limit of the credit would be \$625 for a man who served overseas or \$500 for a man whose service was all at home.

A man whose service credit exceeded \$50 would have an option of four methods of settlement.

The first, the heart of the bill stripped of all intricacies, is a service certificate for the full amount of the credit, dated October 1, 1922, maturing in 20 years or at the death of the veteran, at four and one-half per cent interest. Prior to September 30, 1925, national banks are authorized to loan on these certificates amounts not exceeding 50 per cent of the face and accrued interest. After that date the Government would make loans on the certificates.

The other options are:
Second, vocational training.
Third, farm and home aid.
Fourth, land settlement.

The new service station men began advertising early. They put up a "free auto camp" sign on a telephone pole at their corner about the time they commenced work on the building.



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