

## TROUTDALE HOLD-UP BANDIT IS CAPTURED

"Hands up!"  
"All you birds get back there against the wall. Elevate your hands. Hurry it up, hurry it up. Hey, you over there, don't get 'em up and turn the wall. Now, keep 'em up and turn facing the wall."

Such was the command of William Still, of Estacada, the bandit who held up the Tiller and Loser pool hall at Troutdale last night, and in response to which 21 men lined up against the wall and were relieved of their cash.

The bandit called on one of the men, a Troutdale young man, to rifle their pockets while he himself stood guard flourishing a big heavy caliber revolver.

All the while during the search for money, Still laughed and joked with his victims and when asked if he was responsible for other recent holdups admitted that he was.

When the occupants of the room had been relieved of their cash, Still stepped back of the counter and rifled the cash register but overlooked a wallet containing \$50 in currency. He then commanded the men to remain quiet, took a shot at an electric light chandelier, which he missed, and then stepped outside where he was met by a fusillade of shots from guns in the hands of Jim Simoni and George Wilcox. A bullet in the thigh, from the gun fired by Wilcox, wounded him to such an extent that his capture was made easy. He succeeded however in reaching his automobile, which was parked near the church, where he was surrounded by a posse consisting of Bud Tiller, Clarence Coons and Wm. Wright. Still offered no resistance and turned over his gun and cash to the posse who helped him to the poolroom where Deputy Sheriff Squire took charge until Deputies Christofferson and LaMonte arrived from Portland. Dr. Adix was summoned from Gresham and gave the wounded man first aid treatment. Still was then removed to the county jail.

Still, according to deputy sheriffs, has been operating as a highwayman in eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties for about three months and has staged nearly a dozen holdups, the proceeds of which netted him in the neighborhood of \$400.

Still admitted the hold-up of the Damascus poolroom, Boring pool room, Springwater store, Carver garage, Baker's Bridge store and several other successful and unsuccessful hold-ups. Deputy sheriffs maintain that he was responsible for the attempted hold-up of the Estacada bank about two weeks ago but he would

## TELEPHONE STOCK PAYS SMALL DIVIDEND

Notices have been received by stockholders of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company calling a meeting of stockholders in the city hall at Gresham, Monday afternoon, January 26. This meeting is the annual meeting for the consideration of reports, election of directors, and other necessary business.

The company reports a very satisfactory year from every standpoint and refers to its printed report which shows the year's transactions in detail and the financial standing of the company.

Each share of stock draws a dividend of one dollar. This is the first dividend payment for some years, but the company trusts that it will be able to pay an annual dividend from now on.

The capital stock of the company has been increased to \$30,000 and all stock is being reissued under the new capitalization.

The officers of the company are, K. A. Miller, president; B. A. Miller, vice president, and A. M. Hoss, secretary.

The annual report gives the company a total net worth of \$28,868.30, with assets amounting to \$45,262.40. The total income for the year was \$25,378.02. Total maintenance, operating and general expense amounted to \$21,627.76. Adding to this amount \$2,141.69, capital charges, such as taxes, interest, dividends, etc., leaves a net gain for the year of \$1,608.57.

## Cannery Workman Has Narrow Escape

Joe Comstock was the victim of a peculiar accident which occurred at the cannery Thursday about noon when a piece of casting broke off from the guano-cutting machine and flew toward him, striking him first on the chest, then glancing upward and hitting him in the forehead, inflicting a wound which had to be dressed by a physician.

The guano cutter is an apparatus for cutting up fertilizer and Mr. Comstock was assisting in its operation when the piece of steel broke and landed on his chest just over the heart. He at first thought one or more ribs had been broken by the force of the impact, but an X-ray picture revealed that this was not the case. The gash which was cut in his forehead luckily missed both eyes and is not thought to be serious.

**Cream Prices.**  
The Sandy creamery is paying 45 cents at the creamery and 43 cents on the route for butterfat.—Adv.

not admit it because he is shielding an accomplice.

Still is an ex-service man, 31 years old and is a son of Edward Still of Eagle Creek. He has a wife and three children living near Estacada.

## AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE GROUPS MAKE REPORTS OF THEIR FINDINGS

(Continued from last issue)

### 5. Freight Rates Favor This County.

Freight rates by rail from this county to California points are the lowest of any potato shipping point in the state except Klamath Falls. The rate from Portland to San Francisco is 35 1/2 cents a hundred pounds and to Los Angeles is 56 1/2 cents.

Water transportation is not available to any other Oregon shipping point. Water rates are 20 cents per hundred to San Francisco and 30 cents to Los Angeles. Here again Multnomah county is favored as a potato growing region.

### 6. Cost of Production Is High.

This county has the highest production costs of any county in the state except Malheur county, which is not a competing section for the late crop. Costs average about \$105.00 per acre here and on the higher priced lands values, higher taxes, smaller farms, and larger average crop yields. Yields of 75 sacks of market table potatoes, or more, per acre are necessary to pay cost of production.

Of the above figure of \$105, about 60 per cent is cash outlay. The balance of 40 per cent represents the time of the farmer and interest on his investment.

### 7. Too Many Varieties Grown.

The varieties grown here include: Burbank, American Wonder, Pride of Multnomah, Earliest of All, British Queen, Nettle Gems, White Rose, Early Rose, Garnet Chili, Scotch Rose, Early Ohio, and other miscellaneous varieties.

This county is the least standardized on its varieties of any commercial potato growing county of the state. This condition complicates marketing materially and is one of the biggest drawbacks to the development of a seed trade.

Burbank leads in acreage and probably make up about 70 per cent of the total acreage. In spite of temporary market outlets for miscellaneous varieties, all growers would fare better in the long run if not over three varieties were grown in the county.

### 8. Soil and Climate Favor Multnomah County.

The soil and climate of this county are the best suited to potato production of any western Oregon county. There is more free working soil here than in the other counties and the climate is nearly ideal. An examination of the weather records in all of the best potato districts in the world will show an average summer temperature of 70 degrees or less. The average summer temperatures here are:

June, 62 degrees.  
July, 67 degrees.  
August, 66 degrees.  
September, 61 degrees.

The average date of the last killing frost in the spring is March 19 and we have a rare combination of a cool, long growing season and comparative freedom from days of high humidity which are almost sure to produce late blight.

## II. POTATO RECOMMENDATIONS.

### 1. Increase of 50 per cent in Acreage Is Justified.

We recommend the growing of potatoes as the main cash crop on all farms adapted to their production. The acreage in the county can be safely increased 50 per cent at the expense of grain.

### 2. Minimum of 75 Sacks From an Acre.

Potatoes are recommended only on farms which can average over 75 sacks of marketable potatoes per acre.

### 3. Strengthen Grading Law.

We recommend the immediate strengthening of the potato grading law so as to include enforceable penalties for its violation. We believe that the practice of allowing Washington potatoes to go unlabeled and ungraded while ours must be graded, puts the local crop at an impossible disadvantage, so far as the market in Oregon is concerned. The disadvantage is caused by the ignorance of Oregon retailers as to what constitutes the U. S. No. 1 grade. They, thus constantly compare the price of ungraded Washington stock with the price asked for Oregon graded stock and whenever purchases are by any other means than actual inspection, the sale always goes to the lower priced home markets.

### 4. Grow Only Three Varieties.

We recommend concentrating upon Burbank, American Wonder and Earliest of All.

### 5. Plant and Dig Early for Portland Market.

We believe that people growing potatoes for the Portland market will on the average do better to plant early, dig early, and sell in the fall, as early as possible, rather than to plant late, dig late, and store for the winter market. After the Yakima crop comes on, the price usually drops. In years when a short crop is evident, storing is advisable.

Those intending to sell for seed in California or to other local growers will do better to hold their crops until late winter or early spring. In the fall the big movement of Yakima Gems does not start until the last of September or the first of October. Prices will usually break at this time.

### 6. Good Storage Facilities Needed on Farms.

Proper storage facilities are advised for every farmer intending to remain in the potato business. On many farms losses from poor storage are common. The cost of digging or building a frost proof storage pit or warehouse is very little as compared with the loss of a year's crop by freezing, heating or rotting. The average annual loss on some farms is enough to build a good storage house.

### 7. Use Best Possible Seed.

It is practically impossible to produce good crops with poor seed. We commend the County Potato club and the county agent for their efforts in trying to build up good, dependable local strains of seed. We urge the use of the best seed that it is possible to obtain.

### 8. Fertilizers Pay on High Priced Land.

In order to produce a good crop of potatoes, a large percentage of which will grade No. 1, fertile soil is necessary. Potatoes should be grown in a rotation with clover or vetch, and on high priced land commercial fertilizers will usually pay. Complete fertilizers are usually the most expensive kind to buy. Farmers will save money by experimenting to find the fertilizer that gives the best results and then buy the materials needed and mix them on the farm. Complete fertilizers usually carry a heavy percentage of filler with no real fertilizing value.

## HAY CROPS.

### I. THE SITUATION.

#### 1. Acreage Is Large.

More acres are devoted to hay in this county than to all other farm crops combined.

Hay ..... 14,000 acres  
Grain, corn and potatoes ..... 12,025 acres  
From the standpoint of acreage, hay is the most important farm crop.

#### 2. Varieties.

The 14,000 acres of hay are devoted to vetch, clover, timothy and rye grass, grain hay, and wild hay. There are about 800 acres of alfalfa.

#### 3. Yields Per Acre Are High.

This county has a high hay yield per acre, about 2 1/2 tons. Wild hay grass yield well over 2 tons.

#### 4. Hay Required in County.

It would take most of the land now in grain to grow all of the hay required by the dairy cows here. This puts the county upon a hay importing basis. No accurate figures are available, but the county, outside of Portland, probably imports about \$150,000 worth of hay every year.

#### 5. Can Hay Tonnage Be Increased?

The only possibilities of increasing the hay yield lie in either putting grain land into hay or in increasing the yields per acre. Since grain is more imported, the changing from grain to hay would necessitate importing more grain.

Yields per acre might be increased in many cases by growing alfalfa and in other cases by growing vetch and oat hay instead of grain hay.

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## PUBLIC IS INVITED TO DEDICATION SERVICES

Gresham, January 22, 1925.—Editor Outlook:—A special invitation is hereby extended to everybody to attend the services at the undenominational temple Sunday, the 25, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when Rev. S. F. Pitts will dedicate their new parsonage, built next to the temple.

God has wonderfully blessed their temple, its pastor, Brother Pitts, its members and in fact everybody who has attended these services has been blessed.

About a year ago this society organized with 11 members, and a small hall was rented under the Odd Fellows building. It was not long before this place was too small to hold all its members and followers, so a large temple was built on Fourth and Henry streets seating about 600, and they now have a very large membership and is steadily increasing. Regular services are held as follows: preaching at 2 p. m. Sunday and again at 7:30, prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Bible study at 7:30 p. m. Friday. All of these meetings are well attended. Prayer meetings have an average of from 40 to 75, preaching service in general from 150 to 200.

Their temple was dedicated to God in July last and it has never been used for anything but for the glory of our Lord. The full gospel is preached in the temple every Sunday and God is blessing their work. Sinners are getting saved and converted and those sick in body getting healed.

Some of the most wonderful healings have been accomplished through God's divine healing and everyone is praising the Lord. And we find that God has as much power now as he has ever had and is as much able to heal our bodies today as he was when he healed the lepers. It just proves to us all what God will do for us if we will only have faith in him and pray in earnest. MRS. H. C. LARSEN.

## Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday services at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday will begin with Sunday school at 10 o'clock, followed by preaching at 11 by the pastor, Dr. Chas. W. Huett, who will take for his subject "The Penalty of Success." Epworth League will meet at 6:30 and at 7:30 the pastor will again preach, his subject being "The Brevity of Life." Special music is being prepared for the services. The regular prayer meeting is held on Thursday evenings. All are cordially invited to these services.

The following committees have been appointed to arrange the details in connection with the revival meetings which will begin Sunday, February 1: Finance, K. A. Miller, Lester Spencer, C. A. Rogers; entertainment, Mrs. Jackson Jones, Mrs. A. W. Shipley; ushers, H. L. St. Clair, W. J. Cooper, L. L. Kidder; music, C. E. Risher, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair, Mrs. B. A. Miller.

Dr. S. A. Danford, the evangelist who will assist in the meetings, is the superintendent of the southern district. He is described as a talented speaker, very versatile in resources, a tireless worker and wholly given up to his work. He has had large experience in revival and camp meeting work. The Rev. E. G. Ranton will direct the singing and render such help as is possible during the campaign.

## JOHN A. PALMQUIST ANSWERS DEATH'S CALL

John A. Palmquist, an old resident of Gresham, passed away at his home Wednesday, January 21, after having suffered for months with an attack of chronic myocarditis. He was born in Sweden September 23, 1860, and came with his parents to the United States in 1867. He moved to Oregon in 1875.

He is survived by his wife, Lida Palmquist, two sons, Fred and Ray, of Gresham and a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Kilgusmith, of Los Angeles, California, a brother, Emil Palmquist and a sister, Mrs. Al Maybee, both of Gresham.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon from the undenominational temple by the Rev. S. F. Pitts, assisted by the Rev. D. M. Cathey, with interment in Multnomah cemetery.

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## LEGION WILL PLAY PORTLAND ARMORY

Next Wednesday night the strong American Legion basket ball team will play the Portland Armory quintet in the local high school gymnasium. The armory five boasts of having more all-star players than any other Portland team, in fact every player on the team is a former high school or college star. They are in competition for the city of Portland championship and have won one game and lost one, the loss being to Orange B, the team which handed the Legion its first defeat of the season. Averages will show that the Legion and Armory teams are about on a par.

Tuesday night, January 20, the Legion team was defeated by the Ramblers of Portland in a rough and tumble struggle by a 27 to 24 score. The game started with the Legion in the lead for a few minutes but the Ramblers overcame this and, by out-playing and out-roughing the Legion boys, scored 19 by the end of the half against 10 for the Legion. The second half was faster but not so rough and both teams fought hard for what points they scored, the Legion having a decided edge on the Ramblers.

During the first half a referee brought out by the Ramblers had charge of the floor. He gave the visitors every advantage possible and seldom called a penalty on them. As a matter of fact, had a neutral referee been in charge of the entire game the outcome might have been more pleasing to the local supporters.

Coach Shafer had the floor during the second half and it wasn't long before the visitors found that their unusually rough tactics drew a penalty. No one can say however that he was not as fair to one team as to the other.

The local team looked good on the floor, and it would not be fair to say that any one man starred. Lunday, Bailey, Pulfer, Fancher and Booth took the floor at the start of the game and Altstock and Pullen were used as substitutes at various times throughout.

There was an unusually good turnout of local fans and the team feels highly encouraged by their enthusiasm.

## LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The joint installation of the officers of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary will be held at the grange hall next Tuesday evening, January 27, at 8 o'clock, at which time the relatives of the ex-service men and the auxiliary are invited to witness the ceremonies.

The officers-elect of the Legion are K. C. Roberts, commander; Henry Bottleson, vice commander; C. C. Yager, adjutant; Bayard Miller, finance; Ed. Wedin, sergeant at arms; E. J. Brugger, chaplain.

The auxiliary officers to be installed are Helen Camp, president, Vernice Yager, vice president; Minnie Eastman, past president; Letitia Pulfer, secretary; Lois St. Clair, treasurer. Mrs. Lucile Webber, of Portland, past president of The Dalles auxiliary, will be the installing officer of the ladies' organization.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the exercises.

## Gresham Community Church.

The Sunday school of the Bible Standard Community church will meet at 10 o'clock, with preaching at 11 by the Rev. George Hagen, of Portland. His subject for the morning service will be "What is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?" He will preach again in the evening at 7:30 from the subject, "The Unpardonable Sin."

## Baptist Church Notices.

The morning hour of study and worship will begin at 11 o'clock. The subject presented by the pastor will be "What the Bible teaches about the conditions of the world and the church in the closing days of the dispensation of grace." In the evening service the subject of the address will be "The Battle with Amalek." The Bible school will meet promptly at 10 a. m. The B. Y. P. U. service will begin at 6:30. There will be special music by the choir in both the morning and evening services. Prayer meeting and Bible study will be Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is given to all.

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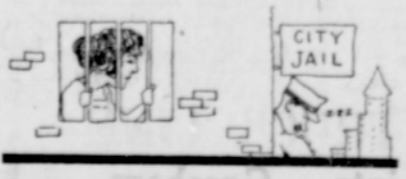
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