

OFFICERS WORK ON ROBBERS' TRAIL

BREWBAKER IS HURRIED TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

Report is That the Robbery is the Result of a Well-Planned Conspiracy. U. S. Officers Are Notified, and Are Hurrying to This Section to Attempt to Locate the Criminals and Assist Local Sleuths

Want Search Warrant
It developed late this afternoon that a request had been made from Midland that a search warrant be issued. This is taken to indicate that some person living in or near Midland is suspected of robbing the postoffice. No search warrant was sent, however.

The postoffice and store at Midland was broken into and robbed Thursday and today the country is being scoured by officers for their hides.

The first intimation of the robbery came this morning when Postmaster R. O. Vincent opened up for the day's business. He found that the place had been ransacked and stamps and cash stolen.

Word of the robbery was at once sent to this city, and Deputy Sheriff Brewbaker was dispatched to the scene by Sheriff Low. Up to a late hour this afternoon Brewbaker had not returned to the city.

A message was sent to the postoffice department at Washington, and special agents of Uncle Sam are already on their way here.

It was reported late this afternoon that officers had discovered a clue which leads to the belief that the robbery had been carefully planned, and that details of the conspiracy are known to the officers. Arrests, it was reported, would be made shortly.

ROAD BUILDERS OF MEDFORD HAVE PLAN TO BOND STATE

A movement was started in Medford Wednesday to bond the state of Oregon for \$10,000,000 for the construction of two main permanent highways.

According to this bill, one highway will be constructed from Portland south through Eugene, Roseburg and Medford to the California state line. The other road will be constructed from Lakeview north through Bend and the Deschutes Valley to Astoria.

It is planned to appropriate \$7,000,000 for the Portland-Medford road and \$3,000,000 for the Eastern Oregon road. The former will be a hard surface bitulithic, with a concrete base, and it is expected it will cost \$15,000 a mile for construction, while grading will vary from \$15,000 a mile in the mountainous country to a few hundred dollars on the level stretches.

This tentative plan was decided upon after a two days' conference between members of the local good roads movement and Major Bowly. A delegation of Medford citizens will journey to Salem to present the bill to the house and senate.

The enthusiasts were at first inclined to object to the Eastern Oregon highway, but Major Bowly very quickly showed them that unless some such concession was made to this portion of Oregon there would be no appropriation from the state for good roads at all.

COX DAMAGE SUIT MAY YET BE TRIED IN CITY

A second effort is to be made by Attorneys Slater, Pogue and Rutenic to have the damage suit of Maude Cox against the California-Oregon Power company tried in the local circuit court. This is in the form of a motion to be filed in the United States district court, asking that the suit be remanded to the circuit court for trial.

The suit is for \$20,000 damages, and is the aftermath of the tragic end of Horace G. Cox, a well known local youth, employed by the company, who fell from a pole last summer and was instantly killed. The action was brought by Mrs. Cox as administratrix of the estate.

Upon the ground that California-Oregon Power company is a foreign corporation, Kuykendall & Ferguson, attorneys for the defense, secured a transfer to the United States district court. A short time ago the plaintiff sought to have this order vacated through the circuit court here, but this motion was denied.

BUYING BEAVER HIDES COSTLY

Charged with having beaver skins in his possession, John Alexander, a Dorris hide buyer, was arrested last Friday by Deputy Game Warden J. J. Furber. He entered a plea of guilty before Justice of the Peace Gowen,

and paid a fine of \$50 and costs, while the hides were confiscated.

Alexander has been purchasing skins in the northern part of the county for some time, and this morning he was preparing to leave for Dorris. A search of the skins by Furber disclosed two beaver pelts.

FIXTURES FOR BANK ARRIVING

Fixtures for the new First National bank building are arriving and being installed, and as soon as this and the work of laying the tile floor is completed, the institution will move into its fine new home, next to the White-Maddox building.

The quarters in the Withrow-Melchase building now occupied by the bank will be used as a lobby by the Hotel Hall. Manager E. B. Hall is planning extensive improvements to the spacious room.

LIQUOR LICENSE PLEA POSTPONED

The petition for a liquor license for the Altamont tavern was presented to the county court last Friday. At the same time a remonstrance was presented. The court postponed action on the petition until February 18th.

WALKER IS IN THE COUNTY JAIL

LANGELL VALLEY MAN CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING—TWO INDICTMENTS ARE FOUND BY GRAND JURY

Two indictments were reported by the Klamath county grand jury at 5:30 Thursday afternoon. One was against Thomas F. Bellamy, and the other was reported in court as against John Doe. Later Charles Walker was arrested on the indictment.

Bellamy is the negro who is charged with having shot G. G. Ward in the Comet restaurant about a week ago. His bond was fixed at \$2,000.

Walker is a resident of Langell Valley. He is charged with the theft of a horse from an Indian, Ernest George. The crime is alleged to have occurred February 15, 1910, so that the return of the indictment last night prevented the statute of limitation from interfering.

Walker was an important witness in the case in which George McLean was recently convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to the penitentiary. It is reported that at the time McLean was indicted the grand jury considered the case against Walker, but failed to find a true bill.

Lays Record Egg

Not content with laying eggs all winter, when the majority of hens are merely eating, the flock of White Leghorns owned by S. E. Higgins, who lives on a part of the old Mitchell ranch just across the canal out of the city limits, have tried to set a new record for egg production. Thursday one of the hens laid an egg that measures 8 inches in circumference lengthwise and 5 3/4 inches around the center.

JUNIORS TACKLE HISTORIC WORK

"Ralph Roister Doister," an old-time English play, is being rehearsed by the Junior class of the Klamath county high school, for presentation before the faculty and student body the latter part of the month.

Special attention is being given to the evolution of the English drama at the high school, and in turn the classes are producing plays in order to demonstrate the gradual advances made.

MOOSE PLAN A BIG MEETING

Instead of the regular meeting of Klamath Falls Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose next Thursday evening, the members will hold an informal social evening, at which their friends will be the guests of honor. This was decided at last night's meeting of the order.

An informal program will be rendered at the meeting, and dancing and a banquet will be on the order of events.

James W. Jory, a well known Midland farmer, is here attending to business matters.

Tom a Barrows, a prominent Merrill resident, is here attending to business interests.

Fay L. Corey has departed for Dunsmuir, where he will reside. Ed Court came in from the Court ranch Thursday, to attend to business matters.

Austin White has been appointed a deputy sheriff. He is employed in Sheriff Low's office on tax matters.

MASKERS HAVE A GREAT EVENING

UPWARDS OF FIFTY COUPLES SKATED EN MASQUE AT PAVILION LAST NIGHT—BIG CROWD OF SPECTATORS

The first masquerade skating party of the season, which was held at the Pavilion Friday eve, proved one of the most enjoyable events of the kind held since roller skating came into vogue here. There were at least 50 couples masked, and every manner of costume was worn by the revelers gliding around the room on wheeled shoes.

Miss Jessie Low and Miss Violet Spradling, as Indian maids, were awarded the ladies' prizes, and Geo. W. White's representation of "Casey Jones" won him the men's first prize.

Music was rendered during the evening by the Pavilion orchestra, an eleven-piece aggregation just organized by Manager Hinsley. The gallery was crowded with spectators.

Allen Stansbie, formerly a member of the Klamath Falls council, but now a rancher, was in from the Spring Lake district Friday, attending to business matters.

Social Events of the Week

A novel method of spending a social evening came to the front Wednesday night, when a number of young people assembled in the Club Bowling alleys and spent several hours playing the tenpin game. This was the first time that several of the young ladies of the party had ever essayed to play the game, and their efforts at bowling caused a great deal of merriment. It did not take them very long, however, to learn the principles of the game, and several creditable scores were made during the evening. Joe B. McAllister was in fine form that evening, rolling one score of 74 and another of 93, while Joe Brett could only roll up a 200 score. The bowling party was composed of Miss Rose Reed, Miss Lois Myers, Miss Maude Rippey, Miss Claudia O'Laughlin, Miss Elsie Low, Miss Kathryn Williams, Miss Adelaide Anderson, Miss Florence Bowen, Miss Fern Wood, Miss Hazel Summers, Arthur Leavitt, Albert H. Loewe, Harry Goeller, Joe Brett, John Siemens Jr., J. B. McAllister, E. W. Van Bellen, Phillip J. Sinnott, John Yaden and Wellington Templer.

The Ladies Aid Society of Grace Methodist church held an "at home" last Thursday at the home of the President, Mrs. H. E. Momyer, for the members of the church. An enjoyable program of instrumental and vocal solos by Mrs. F. H. Cofer, Mrs. R. R. Hamilton, Miss Louise Benson and Miss Iris Turner was rendered. A guessing contest and a conundrum luncheon were among the features of the afternoon. The ladies assisting Mrs. Momyer were Mrs. C. C. Lewis, Mrs. L. Lewis, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. J. S. Elliott. Present were: Mrs. W. W. Masten, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. W. Roberts, Mrs. Carey Ramsby, Mrs. Chas. Martin, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Mrs. Steinmitz, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Feese, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Skillington, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. F. Cofer, Mrs. W. D. Cofer, Mrs. J. J. Parker, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. C. E. Lewidee, Mrs. C. B. House, Mrs. Charles Graves, Mrs. H. F. Wilson, Mrs. L. M. Fitch, Mrs. S. L. Walker, Mrs. Kay North, Mrs. Percival Sholl and Mrs. C. B. Garcelon.

Mrs. J. J. Whitcomb was pleasantly surprised Friday afternoon, when a number of her friends called at her home on West Main street to spend the afternoon. All brought their needlework and refreshments, and a memorable day was spent by the assemblage. Members of the surprise party were Mrs. E. C. Lyons, Mrs. William Sargeant, Mrs. J. R. Clark, Mrs. R. J. Sheets, Mrs. Oscar H. Breneman, Mrs. A. Carlson, Mrs. L. M. Fitch, Mrs. J. Fred Goeller, Mrs. J. S. Stubblefield, Mrs. Robert E. Wattenburg, Mrs. Charles Graves, Mrs. S. C. Davenport, Mrs. Mary McClure, Mrs. Rufus S. Moore, Mrs. Karl G. Cummings, Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. O. A. Stearns, Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, Mrs. B. E. Hayden, Mrs. Arthur R. Wilson, Mrs. W. W. Patch, Mrs. Carey Evans, Mrs. Edgar Virgil, Mrs. William E. Pelley and Mrs. John McCall.

The Happy Hour Club met at the home of Mrs. Will Houston last Tuesday afternoon. Among those present were: Mesdames Geo. Beihn, Geo. Humphrey, Shipley, Floyd Munday, Loy Hillyard, Ray Atherton, Vernie Houston, Geo. Haydon, John Hamilton, K. D. North, Provost, S. T. Summers and R. A. Emmitt. A dainty luncheon was served and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Mrs. J. H. Hayner, who has been visiting relatives in California, returned to Klamath Falls Friday.

OFFER OF \$25,000 WILL BE PASSED

SAN FRANCISCO WRITERS COMMENT ON THE OFFER MADE TO DICK DONALD, ANDERSON'S MANAGER

The report that Dick Donald had turned down \$25,000 for a contract with Bud Anderson, offered by Jack Root, is thus treated by San Francisco sport critics:

Real estate is not the only thing they fall for in Los Angeles. Almost any sort of "item" that isn't wearing King Lear whiskers has a chance to slide over the sporting editor's desk in that community. First, Billy McCarty sprung that "kayboy" stuff on the brilliant young writers of Los Angeles, and they fell for it like a pail of milk from a top shelf.

And listen to this: Jack Root met Donald, manager of Bud Anderson, the other day, and offered him \$25,000 for his contract on Bud. Get that? \$25,000 for Donald's contract on Bud Anderson! And the busy little sporting editors of L. A. all chased back to their offices and "writ it up."

Jack Root has always been a clever kiddier, but when he says that he would give \$25,000 for a contract on

anyone and fails to specify that he means the Richmond engravings of the series of 1861, we have to give a laugh. Or maybe it is that Mr. J. Root intends to branch out in some theatrical venture in Los Angeles, and is not averse to jimmying him way into the "nonpareil," even with such a yarn as offering \$25,000 for Bud Anderson. If Bud Anderson were made of diamonds Jack Root wouldn't give that amount of money for him until he had him tested by every diamond expert in Los Angeles.

County Clerk De Lap and wife leave this afternoon for Richmond, where they will spend a few weeks visiting their son, True De Lap, who is practicing law in that city.

Mrs. E. B. Ramsby, who has been visiting relatives in Santa Barbara and other California towns for the past six weeks, returned to Klamath Falls last night.

Rev. J. H. Brendell, pastor of the Baptist church, is expected home tomorrow from Poe Valley, where he has been holding services.

A. Kalina of Malin is here to attend to business. While here he is at the American hotel, and he reports everything prospering in the Bohemian settlement at the southern end of the county.

ATHLETIC CLUB IS NOW CERTAIN

INTEREST MANIFESTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING CLEARS ALL DOUBT OF THERE BEING AN DRAWBACK

With a large number of men in attendance, a preliminary meeting of those interested in the formation of an athletic club held at the White Pelican hotel Friday night, and before the gathering dispersed, temporary organization was effected, and a committee composed of J. C. Brockenbrough, H. D. Kinneer and Arthur D. Hay was appointed to gather data and formulate a tentative set of by-laws.

This committee will make its report at another meeting to be held Friday night. At that time a copy of the constitution of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club of Portland will be read for the guidance of the local organization.

It is the intention of the club, when formed, to take over the basement of the White Pelican hotel. This is already admirably suited for such a purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson of Medford are guests at the Hotel Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Van Riper returned Thursday night from Sisson, where they have been visiting friends.

Clyde Bradley of Merrill left on Thursday for California points, to be gone for several weeks.

AVERAGE KLAMATH COUNTY FARM'S YIELD WORTH \$933

The income from the average farm under the Klamath project amounts to \$933, according to figures compiled by the local officials of the reclamation service in the annual report of the operation and maintenance department. This is based upon the average for a farm of 65 acres.

According to this report, the irrigable area of farms reported is 27,939 acres. There are 430 farms in the project, and this makes the average farm area 65 acres.

Of this acreage, 55 acres on each farm is irrigated by the government. Fifty-one acres, on the average are irrigated under water right application, the remainder by vested water rights.

Thirty-six acres was the average amount of land cultivated during the season of 1912, and this brought the total value of crops for the year up to \$314,593. The value of crops for the preceding year was \$286,469.

The total increase of stock in the project amounted to \$39,215. For the average farm, this amounted to \$116.

Brings in Five "Cats"

Five bobcat hides were brought to Klamath Falls this afternoon. B. W. McCormick, who has a ranch on the Midland road, was the man who had them, and he was awarded \$10 bounty by the county. In addition to the bounty money McCormick will realize a good sum from the sale of the skins, as they are all prime.

Local members of the Pythian Sisters decided at a meeting held Friday night to disband the local organization, and the charter was ordered returned.

It is claimed that there are too many lodges, and that the members find little time to attend the regular meetings.

CORPORATIONS GET SLAM IN 'FRISCO

DECISION IN CORPORATION MATTER RENDERED

Efforts of Prominent Companies to Evade the Corporation Tax Is Frustrated by Decision of Judge Sturtevant of San Francisco—Claim of Companies Is Not Sustained by the Findings of Court

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Judge Sturtevant today ruled against the Pullman company, the Pacific Gas and Electric company, the Bank of California and thirty-seven other corporations, who attempted to evade the corporation tax.

The corporations contended that the state assessed the gross earnings instead of the interstate business.

TWO BROTHERS TO BECOME CITIZENS

Application for citizenship was made Friday afternoon by Henri Andrieu and August Andrieu, brothers, who are residing in this county. Their petitions will be considered at the June term of the circuit court.

The two men are natives of France, and they came to the United States in 1907. They are farming in the vicinity of White Lake.

KLAMATH DISPLAY IN SAN JOSE H. S.

Secretary C. T. Oliver of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from the San Jose high school, stating that the Klamath county exhibits occupy a prominent position in the Commercial Museum just opened at that institution.

The museum contains displays of agricultural and industrial activities from all parts of the United States, in addition to exhibits from Mexico and Canada. In itself it is a great educational feature, and all the exhibits were collected by the students of the high school, which makes the collection of more than usual interest.

As soon as the plan was first discussed, the assembly of the school took the matter up of a suitable display with Mr. Oliver, who was then in attendance at a land show, and he forwarded a creditable collection to the school.

In addition to this representation from Klamath county, the students of the San Jose high school have further knowledge of Klamath Falls and vicinity, as Mr. Oliver also sent the schools his excellent collection of colored stereopticon views in this section. This was used to illustrate a lecture on the Klamath country, and it attached a great deal of interest on the part of the faculty and students of the California school.

William P. Johnson and wife returned last night from Corvallis, where the former has been taking a "short horn" course in creamery work.

C. F. Sevits, who owns a fine ranch near Keno, spent the day in Klamath Falls, attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kilgore, who are among the best known residents of the county, were in Friday attending to shopping and other matters. Their ranch is on the Merrill road, near Wilson's bridge.

J. W. Adkins was in today from his ranch near Keno.

Indian Agent Edson Watson will arrive on this afternoon's train from Chiloquin. He will spend several days in Klamath Falls.

SEPARATED FOR FOURTEEN YEARS

Mrs. John Moreland left Saturday for Ashland, after a visit of several weeks with her brothers, Steve Low and Sheriff Charles Low of this city.

Although Mrs. Moreland resides at Ashland, the two local brothers had not seen her for fourteen years when she visited them.

Roy Tabor of the firm of Tabor & Sly, proprietors of the "Idle Hour" pool room on Fourth street, left last evening for Dorris, after spending a couple of days in the county seat on business. Mr. Tabor resides in the California town, where he conducts a jewelry store.

R. L. Dalton and E. L. Hosley are among the Merrilites visiting Klamath Falls.

Mrs. John Jones of Dairy is a guest at the Hotel Hall.

Charles V. Nelson, a well known resident of the Keno section, was a Saturday visitor in the county seat. He was one of the witnesses for Henri and August Andrieu, who are applying for citizenship.