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Safe Is Looted In Billiard Hall

Rear Of Vernonia Billiards Is Scene Of Robbery.

\$35 In Envelope Missed

\$100 In Cash and About \$500 In Checks Taken Early Sat. Morning

Robbers forced their way into the rear of the Vernonia Billiards hall at 4:15 a. m. Saturday morning by prying open a panel in the door, blew open the small safe there with a charge of nitroglycerine and made their escape without being seen. About \$100 in currency and \$500 in checks was taken. An envelop containing \$35 in currency was lying among papers in the safe and was missed by the men. They did not disturb the till in front of the store.

J. C. Lincoln, whose home is about 50 feet from the scene of the robbery, heard the explosion, men's voices and immediately after heard them running past his house. He immediately aroused Marshal Kelly and a quick search was made, but they had made their getaway. The safe was completely wrecked by the explosive, which was much too large a charge to open a safe that size, in the opinion of many. They drilled a three-eighths inch hole to put the explosive in.

A close check-up of all the articles they might have handled failed to reveal any fingerprints. In the opinion of the marshal, the men used gloves all the time they did the work.

Narcotic Week Was Observed at School

Last week being narcotic week throughout the nation, the evils of narcotics was made a special feature of the civics class of the high school on Friday. The members of the class gave it as their opinion that the local school has no pupils addicted to the narcotic act.

This week is the end of the first six weeks period of the first semester and report cards will be due today. The teachers have said that the cards will show better work by the majority of the pupils than any report during the first semester.

Definite arrangements have been made by the student body to give letters to all honor students of this year and last year. The average number of honor students for each year will be about 12.

The sophomore class had charge of the program for Washington's birthday. Della Cline spoke on the life of Washington, Myrna Poynter related interesting incidences in Washington's life, and Frances Lappe read an essay portraying Washington as seen from the eyes of a very small girl. Patriotic songs were also a part of the program.

A considerable number of pupils are absent this week from school on account of illness. Indeed, the list of pupils absent Tuesday was a long one. The per cent of attendance during the present school year has never been below 96 for any month.

Junior Class.

The junior class play, "Sally Lunn," which was given in the high school auditorium February 24, was a success. The total receipts were \$80, which was considered to be good.

A picnic meeting was held Monday noon at which plans for the coming junior prom were discussed. The prom is going to be one of the biggest social activities of this season.

The class has several on the staff of the annual who will be busy from now on. Spring is about here and that adds to the annual work. Some juniors are complaining about the sleepy weather.

30 From Here Attend Legion Conference

Legion and Auxiliary members from ten cities in Columbia, Clatsop and Multnomah counties attended the district conference held in St. Helens Wednesday, which started at 11 o'clock with registration of visiting Legionnaires and Auxiliary members in the court house, and ended about midnight with a dance in the Blue Rose room. It was estimated that about 175 attended the conference. Flags adorned the streets and public building in honor of the event.

The Legion delegates were met at the train and stage depot by a special committee from the local post and conducted to the court house. The Auxiliary members were shown directly to the county court room and the Legion members to the circuit court room where the renewal of acquaintances was in order as the first thing on the program. The majority of the business was taken up in the afternoon session, after the visitors had lunched at the Arcadia restaurant.

Many important matters regarding the welfare of the veterans of the world war, such as hospitalization, compensation for the partly disabled, pensions for widows and orphans of ex-service men, etc., were taken up and discussed at length in the afternoon session. A. A. Murphy, state department commander, now of Seattle, presided over the session. Other department officers present were: M. E. Carkin, Vernonia, district committeeman; J. W. Valiant, state service officer; Charles J. Johnson, national committeeman for Oregon and Carl R. Moser, state adjutant.

Talks were given by Argyle Jones commander of the St. Helens post; Kenneth L. Cooper regional manager of the U. S. Veterans' bureau Jerry Owen, editor of the Pacific Legion; Mr. Hall, Vernonia post, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. McGraw.

Considerable stress was laid upon child welfare work within the Legion. Many posts, it was pointed out, had undertaken the promotion of Boy Scouts activities with very gratifying results. Several Boy Scouts were on hand during the meeting to run errands for the Legion men, Ben Perkins and Julius Stevens of squad 63 recited the Scout oaths and the Scout laws for the benefit of the Legionnaires.

The banquet was held in the Congregational church. It was largely attended, many late arrivals being included in the list of guests. Short talks and musical numbers featured this part of the program included Mrs. Hershner of Hood River, department president; Mrs. W. Cox, Antelope, vice president; Mrs. McInturff, secretary, Marshfield; Mrs. Minnie B. Eastman, Gresham and Mrs. O. J. Deming, St. Helens.—Mist.

To Talk on Trip To Europe's Battlefields

C. C. Murton, treasurer of the Miller Mercantile company, will deliver an address Friday evening in the high school auditorium at the regular Parent-Teacher association meeting on his trip to the battlefields of Europe. He is said to have proven a very interesting

Oregon Legion Delegation Are Assigned Boat

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—The Oregon delegation which will attend the Paris convention of the American Legion next September will sail from Quebec on the SS. Montclair of the Canadian Pacific line instead of on the SS. Orca of the Royal Mail line from New York it was announced today by Carl R. Moser of Portland, department France convention officer of this state.

The change in assignment of the Oregon Legionnaires will not only afford better travel accommodations but will enable the veterans to land at Antwerp, Belgium, with a stopover in Brussels while enroute to Paris without additional charge. Under the new assignment the advance and return sailings for the Legionnaires of the state will also be much better, it was announced by Mr. Moser. Under the new assignment the Oregon Legionnaires will shove off from Quebec on September 9.

The SS. Montclair is one of the fastest ships on the trans-Atlantic service and with a length of 613 feet and 25,000 tons displacement is steady in all kinds of weather. An outstanding feature on the SS. Montclair is the excellent ventilation throughout the entire ship. With special air shafts from the promenade the inside rooms are as well ventilated as the average outside room. The public rooms on the SS. Montclair, including a richly furnished smoking room, a veranda cafe with windows on three sides, a large dining saloon, lounge, and an airy winter garden deck with large windows and wicker furniture, are some of the added attractions of the ship assigned to Oregon under the change.

Under the better sailing conditions for Oregon, announced by Mr. Moser, the Legionnaires who wish to go in advance of the main movement may sail on the SS. Montclair of the same line from Montreal to Liverpool on August 26. A total of four return sailings are available for the Oregon veterans under the new travel plans. The return sailings are: SS. Montclair September 25 from Cherbourg to Quebec; SS. Montclair October 6 from Southampton and Cherbourg to Quebec; SS. Montclair October 20 from Southampton and Cherbourg to Quebec; SS. Montclair November 4 from Liverpool to Montreal.

Oregon Legionnaires who have already made reservations will be assigned the nearest equivalent on the new ship, Mr. Moser announced. A two color "On to Paris" Steamship folder showing the SS. Montclair and containing the official plans and information concerning the coming convention may be obtained by writing to Mr. Carl Moser 207 Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, Oregon, or to the France Convention Committee, National Headquarters, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

speaker in the numerous towns where he has delivered addresses.

Mr. Murton tells of his trip to the battlefields and the American cemeteries as well as many interesting experiences in France Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, England and Scotland. There will also be a short talk by Professor J. B. Wilkerson and two musical numbers. The evening is known as "Daddies' night," since the men are in charge of the program.

A. E. Allen To Speak At Next Meeting of Chamber of Commerce

Word has been received by Secretary Lester Sheeley of the Vernonia chamber of commerce that Representative A. E. Allen will attend the next meeting of the local chamber on March 11 and speak on the subject of strawberries and other small fruits that he believes can be grown profitably here by local farmers.

If sufficient acreage is planted to warrant it, Mr. Allen has previously stated that he will put in a receiving station here to take care of local production in strawberries in particular and perhaps some vegetables, such as beans and beets. It is believed by many that this industry could be extended to the point where a cannery would eventually be built in Vernonia.

W. C. T. U. Wages War On Narcotic Menace

Last week was national anti-narcotic week and was not only national but world-wide in its scope, 23 nations having entered into an association to fight the drug menace which threatens the world.

Associations and organizations that are working to promote human welfare are everywhere cooperating in this world-wide plan. The Columbia county organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance union has mailed to the teachers of the county a booklet giving facts that should be presented to the boys and girls and their cooperation in this work has been asked.

Efforts have been made and are being made to limit production of opium to the 100 tons needed for legitimate purposes. But as yet little has been accomplished along this line. At the present time 1500 tons of opium are being produced and our consumption of grains per person is 35 grains, 27 for India, 4 for France, 3 for England and 1 for Italy.

In addition to this, cocaine from South America, heroin and synthetic drugs from Europe are being smuggled in spite of laws and inspectors. Education against this peril is our only hope for present results.

Such men as Richard Pearson Hobson, one of the heroes of the Spanish-American war, and the Hon. Stephen G. Porter, who represented the United States in the conference on narcotics called by the League of Nations, tell us there are five times as many drug slaves as there ever were human slaves and that the bondage is far more degrading, appalling and dangerous. Drug addiction is a slavery of mind as well as body and as yet the cures are few and far between.

Only education will save from the dangers of this peril which comes in so many forms and in so many different ways.

The three W. C. T. U. organizations of our county are cooperating in this plan in various ways and we hope by this time that every child in Columbia county will at least know the danger of taking a smell or a sniff of any white powder offered by any one; or of accepting headache powders or tablets from any one but the trusted physician.

Maud J. Mills,
County Anti-Narcotic Director of
the W. C. T. U.

Incidents Along Road To Florida

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 7, 1927. This is Gasparilla Day in Tampa, the great carnival day of the year, corresponding to the Rose Carnival in Portland. The Southern Florida state fair is on, and is a wonderful exhibit of Florida's resources. A great parade of floats, with the crowning of the king and queen, took place this afternoon and the route of the parade was thronged. The parade ended at the fair grounds with a display of fireworks and a regular 4th of July atmosphere. County exhibits of fruits and agricultural products at the fair are very attractive, with each county competing for prizes, and everything that grows in Florida, which is about everything that grows anywhere, is on exhibition. We saw one exhibit of naval oranges that looked very fine, but very few of that variety are grown here, as they are light yielders. The ordinary Florida orange is full of seeds and not very large, but a very sweet.

Around this section are many truck gardens, both east and south, most of the products being shipped north. The freeze early in January did lots of damage, and many vegetables are off the market at present. Most of the lettuce and cauliflower comes from California. No green peas on the market and but few beans. Cuban pineapples are on sale, but the Florida product is quite small.

Tampa claims to be the largest commercial city, as regards general business, in the state. While the tourist population of three or four months amounts to 150,000 (and that does not include St. Petersburg and Clearwater) the general business makes a permanent resident population of 171,000, with a weekly payroll from industries of over \$1,000,000. A fine deep harbor makes it an important gulf port for shipping, and many permanent industries are located here. In spite of the collapse of the real estate boom, business this year shows a steady increase, and even tourist population is larger than 1924, although less than the boom years of 1925 and 1926.

Evidences of the collapse of the real estate boom is seen everywhere in unfinished buildings in subdivisions, many of which have streets laid out and cement walks, with dead grass lying in the cracks in the cement, and no indication of activity. Very little building is going on. This whole country was apparently platted out like other boom cities, and many large projects started, but they are apparently at a standstill. Many fine beach resorts surround large high class hotels, and along the bay shores are many fine homes, yet no new development is apparently going on.

One of the big projects was the building of Davis Island by filling in mud flats in Hillsborough bay. The work was promoted by Stone & Webster, formerly of Seattle. It is a very pretty drive and is reached by a bridge (one of the few free bridges) a short distance from the business center. Dredges are still filling in land. A large hotel on the island is in operation, and but few fine residences have been built, but the island still awaits substantial settlement.

Good paved roads run out from Tampa in all directions and two railroads, in addition to regular steamship routes afford easy access to all points.

The climate here is the chief asset. It is summer time all winter, except for an occasional cold spell of a few days. It seldom rains in winter, so a St. Petersburg paper had a standing offer of free papers any day the sun doesn't shine, but a spell of cloudy and rainy weather last winter caused them to withdraw the offer. It is usually 72 to 80 every day in the winter, with 10 degrees less at night. The hottest day last summer was 94. The humidity, however, is much greater than on the Pacific coast, so the heat is felt more. The warm weather, however, is a lure to people who live in the north, and will always be an attraction to winter tourists. This country is just beginning to wake up to the tourist business in the last three years. The natives do not pay much attention to winter visitors in the way of providing good, clean accommodations, but northern people are tak-

Clatskanie Wins Big Hoop Game

Vernonia Loses The County Championship.

Last Few Minutes Decide

Clatskanie Will Play As- toria For the Dis- trict Honors.

Pulling away from a two-point lead at the end of the third quarter, Clatskanie won the championship of Columbia county against Vernonia high school at Clatskanie 29 to 22 Friday night. Both teams were tied for first place with but one defeat each for the season. Clatskanie now plays Astoria a three-game series to determine which team shall represent the district at the Salem tournament.

A large crowd, estimated to be about 100, from Vernonia attended the game to support the team. Even the Legion drum corps was there. With all the noise and excitement that prevailed prior to the game, and the importance of the contest, both teams were wild in their early throws for the basket. The first quarter ended 4 to 4, with each team having scored but one field goal.

The second quarter was a little better, and getting rougher as each man became the more determined that his team should win. The first half ended Clatskanie 10, Vernonia 9. More noise and more excitement for the players. The two teams came on the floor for the second half with unconquerable determination written on their faces. Then a Clatskanie player was taken from the game for personal fouls. The game was getting rougher all the time, not intentionally, it seemed, but from the speed with which they were playing. Many fouls that were called appeared to be merely accidents, but the referee called them anyway. In the last quarter the playing became so fast that one more Clatskanie player and two Vernonia players were taken from the game on account of fouls. But Sundberg of Clatskanie had an unusual streak of luck in the last quarter, which gave that team their needed margin. Vernonia made but one basket that quarter, against Clatskanie's three. Clatskanie threw four fowls and Vernonia three.

The grade school game was won by Clatskanie 13 to 12 in a close contest. Because of the delay in reaching there, the grade school game was played after the other contest instead of before as had been originally planned.

Legion Post To Vote On Building Site

(By Lee Schwab)

Because of a detailed investigation conducted by the executive committee of the American Legion post here Monday evening into the kind of a building they favor for the post headquarters, a vote on the location and the acceptance of definite plans will be taken by the post at its next regular meeting on Tuesday night.

Some 50 Legionnaires, with the justly famous drum corps, trotted down to Clatskanie Friday to give their support to the local high school and grade teams in their basketball games. Although Vernonia did not win the county championship, Vernonia post 119 is proud of the splendid showing the schools here have made this year and promise their heartiest support next season.

The Auxiliary dinner which was held Saturday was a success according to the Auxiliary president, Mrs. H. E. McGraw. More than 140 persons were fed that afternoon.

Sergeant-at-arms Washburn, chairman of the next show committee, reports fine progress on his show. It is planned to present the production in about one month.

Comrade Covington and Dr. A. J. Hughes are reported on the sick list.

SS. Montclair To Carry Oregon Legionnaires.

