

IS CAUGHT ROBBING SALEM POST OFFICE

**William Martin, Deputy Mail
Messenger Caught With
the Goods.**

11 BIG BOXES OF PLUNDER

**Had Been Robbing Parcels Post Sacks
for Three Months and Also Many
Salem Stores.**

What is said by the postal authorities of Portland to be the greatest postal robbery ever brought to their attention was unearthed in this city this morning by special inspectors Harry Durand and C. M. Perkins when they searched the mail wagon in charge of Deputy Mail Messenger William Martin, and found a gunny sack full of packages stolen from the parcels post bags which were delivered to him by the train messenger at the Southern Pacific depot.

Sheriff Esch was called at 7:30 this morning and the mail messenger was arrested. He is now confined in the county jail pending the action of the government authorities. Sheriff Esch will prefer charges against Martin for stealing goods from local mercantile establishments also, which are valued at several hundred dollars.

Robbed Mail for Three Months.

Martin has been robbing the parcels post sacks for three months, or ever since the parcels post law became effective, according to the postal authorities and Sheriff Esch. The local postal officials have been in a quandary as to the source through which different parcel packages were lost in the past few months and reported the matter to headquarters. Last night Inspectors Durand and Perkins came to Salem and started an investigation. They posted themselves at the Southern Pacific depot this morning and when Martin received his consignment of mail from the train, they followed him to the post-office and ransacked his wagon. The inspectors found a gunny sack full of parcels taken from the mail bags, containing laces and other valuables, and promptly called the sheriff to arrest the messenger. An effort was made by the inspectors and Deputy Postmaster John Farrar to glean information from Martin as to where the remainder of the stolen goods were sequestered, but the messenger refused to talk.

Admits Guilt to Sheriff.

Sheriff Esch arrived and took charge of the prisoner, and upon the way to the court house, Martin divulged his past actions. He told Sheriff Esch that he had been robbing the parcels post bags since the first of the year and that he had all of the stolen property locked up in his home on the corner of Twenty-second and Trade streets.

After locking Martin up, Sheriff Esch visited the messenger's home. Mrs. Martin responded to the knock on the door and upon seeing who it was that called, broke down and confessed, corroborating her husband's story. The sheriff and the postal inspectors were shown into a bedroom which was completely filled with wooden boxes, each securely fastened by a padlock. The sheriff opened the locks by the keys taken from Martin at the time he was arrested, and every conceivable article of merchandise in the clothing line was displayed. Laces, ladies' suits, boots, shoes, men's clothing, thread, yarns, silks, satins, broadcloths and a long list of other goods were found in the room.

Stock for Store.

There were eleven wooden chests in the bedroom all locked and prepared for shipment. The estimated weight of all the goods found was figured at 1500 pounds. Mrs. Martin informed Sheriff Esch that she and her husband were intending to move to eastern Oregon and had prepared the boxes containing the stolen goods for shipment.

The officers engaged a large dray to remove the boxes to the postoffice and the wagon was loaded to capacity. Two chests as large as an ordinary office desk were filled to the brim with valuable goods while nine other smaller cases were found to contain ladies' wear and pieces of silverware which the officers consider of great value. Even chinaware was found in the cases and one chest contained a complete assortment of valuable silks and satins. In all there is a sufficient stock of goods in the chests to start a good-sized emporium and the officers believe this was the plan Martin and his wife had in view when they had moved to eastern Oregon.

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Must Pay for Their 'Fun.'
Sacramento, Cal., March 19.—Maury I. Diggs and Drew Caminetti, two married men who eloped with two girls of this city to Reno, Nevada, are at liberty today, each under \$10,000 bonds, to appear before United States Commissioner Krull at San Francisco, March 27. They will answer to two charges each, one of having obtained transportation for the two girls—Lola Norris and Marsha Warrington—from this city to Reno, and the other of having induced and incited the girls to leave their homes.

CAPITAL JOURNAL'S PICTURES OF PARADE

**Taken By The Journal and
Printed as a Souvenir of
Big Event.**

SOME SPLENDID VIEWS

**If Filed Away Will Prove Interesting
When the Greater Salem Cele-
brates Future Events.**

The big celebration in honor of the completion of the steel railroad bridge, and the "wedding" of the valley, the biggest thing of the kind ever held in the state, outside of Portland, is over, but its results are all yet to come. The Capital Journal had some views taken of the big parade, and the cuts appear in today's issue. It is recommended that subscribers put this number of The Journal away, for it will surely prove intensely interesting in the years to come, when Salem is in the six-figure class, and other and bigger but not more important events are being celebrated. Old issues of a paper containing stories of such events always come in handy, and who knows but that 20 or 30 years from now, when Salem celebrates some big occasion of this kind, but that the story of our celebration, and, mayhap, the very pictures in today's Capital Journal will be reproduced. Anyway, they will prove of interest to the coming generation, when it goes back into "ancient history," and studies the early life and manners of the folks who preceded them. The picture on the front page shows the Salem end of the big bridge, with the crowds lined up alongside the approach, just as the train from the West Side touched the barriers, the big American flags stretched across the bridge. It was at this point the governor's daughter, little Helen West, strewed carnations on the track, and cast some on the beautiful blue Willamette below. The other pictures are views along the line of parade, etc.

PANKHURST WOMAN IS NOW GETTING HERS

London, March 19.—That her gums bled continually as the result of a steel gag being pressed into her mouth as a part of the operation of forcible feeding, and that she suffers excruciating stomach pains as a result of the feeding are statements made in a letter from Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, in the hands of the Militant Suffragette Union here today. The letter was sent from Holloway jail.

It is stated that Home Secretary McKenna is trying to force through parliament a bill that will legalize forcible feeding.

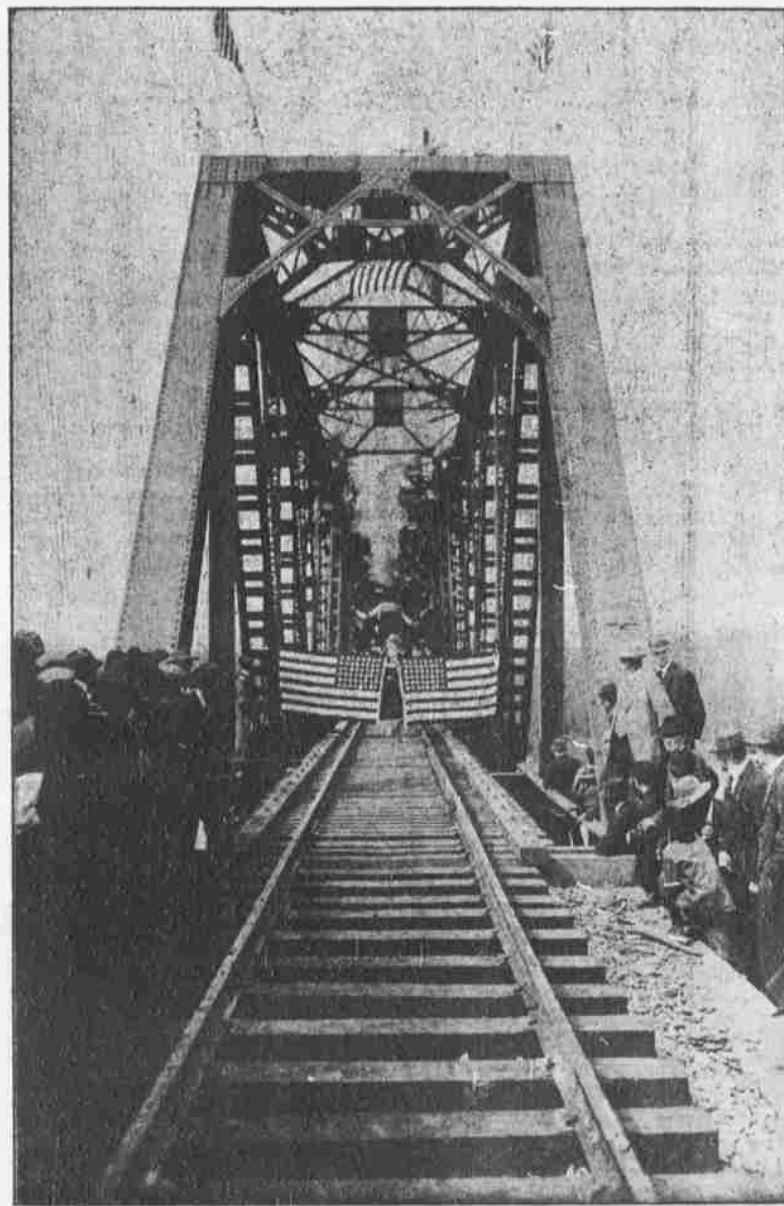
SAFE CRACKERS MAKE A SAFE GET AWAY

San Francisco, March 19.—Satisfied that the two safe-crackers pursued from Shumate's drug store, where they were foiled in a robbery attempt, have made good their escape, Captain of Detectives Mooney called in the posse of sharpshooters from Sutor forest today. The robbers are believed to have taken refuge in the forest and then doubled back on their tracks. Other parts of the city are being searched for them.

It is declared the yeggs had a woman accomplice.

Tired of Her Job.

Chicago, March 19.—Because she has grown tired of beating her husband's soles to arouse him from alleged drunken slumbers, Mrs. Jessie Anderson Sears, a \$100,000 heiress, is seeking a divorce today from John B. Sears. Sears is a prominent business man.



THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THE BIG CELEBRATION.

CAUSE OF HATFIELD DEATH A MYSTERY

**Doctors Unable to Agree as to What
Caused Mrs. Hatfield's Death—
Coroner Is Busy.**

Forest Grove, Or., March 18.—The continuation of the investigation being conducted into the death of Mrs. Chas. Hatfield, who died at her home in this city Friday evening, has been postponed until 9:30 tomorrow morning, in order, it is presumed, that a report of the results secured from a chemical analysis of the dead woman's stomach may be presented to the coroner's jury. It is also understood that the nurse, who attended Mrs. Hatfield previous to her death, will be called upon to testify tomorrow.

Mrs. A. F. Rodgers, a well-known resident of this city, said today that she called upon the dead woman about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, and although she found her in bed, she was to all appearances in a bright and cheerful frame of mind and uttered no complaint. Mrs. Rodgers remained but a short time and when she left Mrs. Hatfield seemed to be feeling comparatively well.

Dr. E. R. Brookbank, who was called in the absence of the regular physician, when the dying woman was first found, and Dr. W. H. Vollmer, the family attendant, who reached the scene shortly afterwards, exerted all the knowledge and methods at their command to restore life, but without success. Artificial respiration was kept up from about 6 p. m. to 10:30 o'clock. Dr. Vollmer had been treating her for a slight indisposition, but says that no serious conditions existed. Dr. Brookbank says that he made a thorough and careful examination and that the body showed no marks of any character and that there were no visible signs such as acid would have left. No signs of suffering were evident and the features bore a peaceful and natural expression.

Neither physician could arrive at a decision as to the cause of death, due to the puzzling aspect of the case and the fact that the woman was in apparently fair health just before she was discovered gasping for breath. For these reasons they refrained from signing the death certificate and summoned Coroner Barrett from Hillsboro to hold an inquest and discover, if possible, the immediate cause of death. Sheriff Reeves and Deputy District Attorney Tom Tongue, of the county seat, accompanied the coroner to this city and assisted at the inquest Saturday afternoon.

RALPH A. WATSON GETS NEW POSITION

**Governor Names Him as Corporation
Commissioner—The Appointment
is a Surprise.**

Governor West sprung the biggest political surprise of the year today, when he announced the appointment of his private secretary, Ralph A. Watson, as state corporation commissioner, a new office created by the enactment by the last legislature of the famous "blue sky" law.

It is not considered a wild guess that the governor will effect a greater surprise by the appointment of Babcock as one of the members of the industrial insurance commission created by the passage of the workmen's compensation act. Babcock and the governor have worked hand in hand to procure the passage of the "blue sky" law, and while the men are of different political affiliations, it is not believed that Babcock will be left out in the further important appointments that are to be made.

"In announcing the appointment of Watson," said Governor West, this morning, "I want it distinctly understood that he made no effort to rob any person of a job. He made no pull for the office whatever. He did not even know that he was a candidate until informed of his appointment by me this morning."

While candidates for the position of corporation commissioner were not numerous, it was believed that C. D. Babcock, present corporation clerk, and an untiring worker for the "blue sky" measure, was sure of the place. It is said that many who desired the office made no application because they were so sure that Babcock would be named for the place.

Watson Newspaper Man.

The office of corporation commissioner carries a salary of \$3000 a year. This is no increase over the present salary of Mr. Watson, who has received

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Ralph A. Watson.

SERVED SEVEN YEARS FOR PIECE OF BACON

**Governor Pardons Man Who Was Sent
Up for Life for Stealing a Little
Food.**

Columbus, Ohio, March 19.—Stirred by the "injustice of the sentence," Governor Cox today pardoned William Welch, aged 35, who was given a life sentence in the state penitentiary for stealing \$1 worth of bacon when he was hungry. A few months' of prison life brought Welch face to face with his fate, and constant brooding over the sentence broke his mind, and today he is believed to be hopelessly insane.

Six years ago, Welch, penniless and hungry, was wandering through Southern Ohio, looking for work. At Greenville he opened the door of a dwelling and stole a few pounds of bacon. Welch was caught, brought into court and admitted his guilt. Then the judge sentenced him to life imprisonment, declaring the laws of Ohio provided that sentence for anyone breaking into an occupied dwelling with intent to steal, and that he "had no other alternative."

ANYWAY, THE WOMAN IS A VERSATILE LIAR

Chicago, March 19.—Claims that she eloped with Owen D. Conn, the \$100,000 society burglar, captured in San Francisco, because her husband, Rev. Nestor Clarkson, of this city, "flaunted his love of certain spiritual affinities in her face," are made here today by Mrs. Mabel Clarkson.

Aroused by the disappearance of her five children, whom she believes have been hidden by their father, Mrs. Clarkson threatens to reveal certain alleged relations between Clarkson and other women that she declares will shock the whole city. She denies that she is making any effort to return to him.

A Means to Progress.

W. B. Skjole, secretary of the Board of Trade, hopes to see strict police prevention of the habit of spitting on the sidewalks. He would also have the people of Salem clean up their back yards, especially those who live near the railroad stations.

The secretary declares that these two precautions are necessary if Salem advertising is to count for anything, and not be offset by bad appearances. He argues that thousands of people will be coming through our city soon en route to the San Francisco fair, and it behooves Salem people to make the most of their presence here.

An Immense Searchlight.

San Francisco, March 19.—To aid in the night illumination of the Panama-Pacific exposition, the most powerful searchlight ever constructed is to be placed on the top of Mount Tamalpais, near here, according to plans being formulated here today. Experiments on the searchlight are already under way. A year will be spent in building, adjusting and testing the searchlight. It will play continually upon the exposition, and probably will be used as an aid to navigation when the exposition is over.

STATE SHOULD LEASE NOT SELL RESOURCES

**Francis J. Heney Calls Attention
to Value of California's
Water Power.**

SWEDES SET AN EXAMPLE

**By Leasing Instead of Selling School
Lands Have Absolutely Free
Schools for the State.**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Sacramento, Cal., March 19.—There would not be any trouble about trusts or interlocking directorates—no "unscrambling of eggs" necessary—if we preserved under public ownership what belongs to all of us; if we leased instead of surrendered our natural resources.

That was the keynote of an address by Francis J. Heney, in which he discussed the fundamentals involved in the proposed administration water commission before a joint committee of the assembly and the senate at a public hearing in the capitol last night.

"Let's forget we are Americans for a time, and imagine we are Norwegians," he said, after he had called attention to the fact that, while California had school lands containing great natural wealth for \$1.25 an acre, the Swedes in Minnesota have added \$19,000,000 to one of their school funds, as well as retaining the original lands, by leasing the iron mines in school districts.

WILL NOT RECOMMEND WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Washington, March 19.—It was learned definitely here today that in his special message to the extra session of congress, President Wilson will not recommend the woman suffrage amendment and currency reforms. The single recommendation will be for revision of the tariff. The president wants the tariff alone considered at the special session and wants the work expedited as much as possible.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Port Gamble, Wash., March 19.—Five men were burned, one of whom, Sven Larsen, will die, when the steam drum in the engine room of the Puget Mill company's plant here, blew up at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The boiler had been tested by the inspector Monday, and reported safe.

Consumptive Suicides.

Chicago, N. Y., March 19.—Suicide followed the unsuccessful attempt made by Robert Williams, aged 35, a former jockey and tuberculosis sufferer, to see Dr. Friedmann, the discoverer of a supposedly infallible cure here.

KING CONSTANTINE PREVENTS OUTBREAK

**Puts City Under Martial Law
to Prevent Wholesale Mas-
sacre of Jews.**

GREEK SOLDIERS FURIOUS

**The Murderer, Schinas, Is Kept Closely
Secreted by the Military Au-
thorities.**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Salonika, March 19.—Only the strong hand of King Constantine I and his brother prevents a terrible retaliation here today against the Turkish and Jewish residents for the assassination of King George of Greece, whom the mass of the Greek populace believe was slain by Aliko Schinas yesterday as the culmination of a Turkish plot.

While the dead body of his victim is being prepared for transportation to Athens for a state funeral, Schinas has been secreted by the military authorities to prevent his being torn to pieces by the infuriated populace, and the Turks and Jews of the city, whom the Greeks persist in believing partly responsible, are cowering behind the barricaded doors of their homes, expecting every moment the outbreak of a massacre.

Promptly upon his arrival here today from Janina, King Constantine took action to second the efforts of his brother, Prince Nicholas, in preventing any outbreak. Martial law is in practical effect, and it is believed the Greek soldiers and residents will be restrained until the departure of King George's body for Athens.

Claim It Was Bulgarians.

Constantinople, March 19.—The Tanin, a Turkish newspaper here, charges today that Bulgarians were responsible for the assassination of King George of Greece at Salonika yesterday, referring to alleged friction between Bulgarians and Greek officials.

Evidence that Schinas was intoxicated when he shot King George was developed this afternoon. For some time before the crime he sat in a cafe garden drinking with two companions. After Schinas left, one of his companions cried "murdered," when he heard the shot. He supposedly referred to King George, and knew that Schinas intended to shoot.

The Turkish and Jewish residents are living in a state of terror, fearing a massacre. Hundreds have barricaded themselves in their shops and homes.

BOILER EXPLODED KILLING ONE EMPLOYEE

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Fifty men who work in the mill eat their lunches in the boiler room at the noon hour, but nearly all had returned to work before the explosion occurred.

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