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SUICIDE OF L. H. BELSER

Occurred Tuesday Night At Hotel

As a climax of a spree lasting a week, L. H. Belser, a real estate dealer at Wenatchee, Wash., shot himself in his room at the Hotel Nash at 9:45 o'clock last night, dying immediately.

The rifle part of a combination double-barreled shotgun and rifle was used for the deed, which was witnessed by A. E. J. Percival, an employe of the hotel, his son, W. E. Johnson of the Emerick restaurant and another man, who had just been engaged to stay and look after him for the night. It was done so quickly that none of them had a chance to prevent it, and almost the first thing they knew was to hear a report, the noise of which in the room sounded like a cannon. The man fell to the floor, knashed his teeth and was dead almost as soon as the horrified on-lookers reached his side.

It appears that Belser had not been feeling well last evening, and Dr. Hargrave was called to see him. He left a prescription, which Mr. Johnson had filled, and was in the room when Mr. Percival and his son entered with the man who was to stay with the sick man. He shook hands with both Mr. Percival and his son and walked through an archway into the other part of the double room. The gun was in the corner of the room and Belser grabbed it and, pointing the muzzle to his temple, pulled the trigger.

Mr. Belser arrived in the city July 27 and engaged a room at the hotel. He was about 40 years of age, well dressed and appeared to have plenty of money which he spent freely, mostly around the saloons. He was well behaved, however, and appeared to be a gentleman. He had known Mr. Johnson before coming here, and about an hour before the shooting turned over to him his empty pocket-book and his watch. These he returned just shortly before it happened.

The gun used belonged to Mr. Belser and he brought it here with him. He was in the real estate business at Wenatchee, and on his business card is the address of his office and the telephone numbers for both his office and his residence. It is known that he has a wife and family at home.

As soon after the deed as possible an automobile was sent to Gold Hill for Coroner Kellogg and nothing will be done until he arrives.

Although the unfortunate man had been drinking heavily, as before stated, there was nothing of the tough about him. All who met him that were seen testify to that and they feel very sorry that a man as smart and intelligent as he should have ended his life the way he did.

The inquest on the remains was held yesterday afternoon, and the following took part in it:

Coroner, A. E. Kellogg; constable, A. D. Singler; stenographer, Miss Elsie Eaton.

The jury was composed of W. T. Greave, C. W. Dech, C. M. Boardman, S. Cole, McNab and W. F. Maier.

The witnesses called were: Dr. H. B. Hargrave, A. E. J. Percival, W. E. Johnson, A. N. Percival and J. M. Howard.

It transpired yesterday that L. H. Belser, the real estate dealer from Wenatchee, Wash., who committed suicide in his room at the Hotel Nash in this city Tuesday evening, was a member of the city council in that place, and the people there were much surprised when the news arrived, telling about it.

Efforts were made that night and yesterday to inform the wife and family, but it was ascertained that they had gone to Portland. She was finally located at the St. Vincent hospital, where she had taken a young son for treatment. Yesterday she wired asking that the body be sent to Portland. The undertaking firm of Dunning & Entee will take charge of it there. Mrs. Belser also requested that his personal effects be sent, and this was done by W. E. Johnson. The Knights of Pythias, of which order the deceased was a member, looked after the arrangements here, and the same order will attend to them at Portland.

Some of the friends of the unfortunate man deny the report that came out last evening to the effect that Belser had squandered a lot of money. They say that he had drawn only the sum of \$100 since he came to this city, and that he spent no more than that. They also deny that there was any trouble between he and his wife.

Mr. Johnson, the proprietor of the Emerick restaurant, who knew the man for years, states that he was surprised when he found he was drinking while here, as he never knew him to do so before.

THE CANADA FOREST FIRE.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 People Are Fleeing from Flames.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 5.—A message received this evening from Fernie says that 12 bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Fears are expressed for the safety of hundreds of other persons, though many of the missing may have become separated from their friends in the general conflagration.

It is the general opinion that evening that the casualty list, as announced yesterday and repeated this morning, was greatly exaggerated.

Last night Thomas Biggs, secretary of the Miners' union at Fernie, wired this city that he believed 170 persons had been burned to death.

Late today the Associated Press correspondent at Nelson after interviewing many refugees from the burned city, wired that their deaths will not exceed a score. He adds that the report that 60 men and several women perished in the Elk creek logging camp is now generally discredited.

A message from Hosmer this afternoon says that residences on that townsite were burned this morning, but that Tipple and the mine building of the Canadian Pacific are still safe. Another fire also occurred at Michael today, though at midnight Sunday news was that that town was out of danger. The women and children have all been removed to the east of Michael.

A special to the Vancouver Providence from Nelson says that the rumor is persistent that the fire started in three separate places at once and it looked as though some one had started them intentionally. It is asserted that the friends of the "Black Hand" prisoners who escaped last week and who were recaptured, were responsible for the conflagration, lighting timber to create diversion and liberate the prisoners.

The story is doubted, but it is persistent and is accepted by some prominent Fernie men. Relief trains with provisions, clothing, hospital, stores, nurses and physicians are en route to Fernie from Winnipeg and Vancouver. It is definitely announced this evening that the town of Coal Creek, reported to have been destroyed, is practically uninjured. The loss at Fernie and surrounding points is probably larger than that originally estimated.

Relief of food and clothing is anxiously awaited. Late tonight the fires are raging on all sides of Michael and if the high winds should arise the destruction will spread. Should the fire cross the river and enter the town, as now seems likely, the entire place will be doomed. In Fernie the loss of life is the greatest in the west, where the flames spread so rapidly it was impossible to outrun the approaching heat. Searching parties are bringing in the bodies every hour.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 5.—The destruction of life and property in the fire which raged in East Kootenai since Sunday still continues. Tonight the Michael situation is critical. The number of dead is not estimated at 135. From 5,000 to 7,000 men, women and children are in flight from the flame-swept region near Crow's Nest. They are camped in Cranbrook and surrounding hills.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 5.—Prospects in the region of Fernie are somewhat brighter today, and every one is taking new heart. The coroner stated today that the deaths in Fernie will not exceed 20. Of the 62 persons said to have been burned in the Elk River company's camp all but two have been accounted for.

The losses at Hosmer will not pre-supply of coal December 1.

Though at in some danger, Michael is intact.

HANDSOME NEW CHECKS.

The officials of the First National bank of Medford deserve to be congratulated in connection with their new checks. These have just been received and it is doubtful if any other bank on the coast, small or large, has as handsome a check as has this enterprising local bank.

Not only are these checks very artistic, but each one issued is an advertisement for Medford and the valley. They are lithographed and in a brown tint, covering the whole front is a fruit orchard, while in the center appears a basket of fruit, on which is the letters L. N. B. in a monogram. The checks will be ready for distribution in a few days.

JAP WEDS AMERICAN.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 4.—Shogitaro Morikubo, member of a noble Japanese family, was married here to Miss Marie Louise Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harrison.

Mr. Morikubo is a graduate of two American universities, from which he holds degrees of master of arts. His brother is a leader in the Japanese parliament and his father, now deceased, was governor of a Japanese province under the imperial government.

OIL COMPANY BUYS LAND HERE

They Will Erect Six Iron Buildings

It will, no doubt, be good news to the citizens of Medford to learn that the Standard Oil company has decided to make this city its headquarters for supplying most of its trade between Portland at one end and San Francisco at the other.

In accordance with the secrecy always practiced by this huge corporation the land was purchased and all the plans made before anything in connection with it became public. In fact very few knew anything about it until they see a copy of this issue of The Morning Mail.

C. B. Watson of San Francisco the coast manager for the Standard Oil company, was here for several weeks making the deal for the property and other matters in connection with the enterprise. After completing those a few days ago he left for San Francisco, but will return in the course of a week or so.

In the meantime the work is going on. Yesterday Engineer Sawyer and J. S. Howard completed the surveying of the property and leveling it up to the foundations of the buildings to be erected. There will be six of them, and all will be constructed of iron. This is done so as to prevent them from being destroyed in case a fire should break out. One will be for an office and the others for storage purposes.

The land was purchased by the company from Vawter & Davis and lies a little north and west of the old distillery. It has the Southern Pacific railway on one side and the Crater Lake railway along one end. At the other end is the county road. This gives the company splendid shipping facilities.

Those who own land in the vicinity of where the plant will be located are fortunate, for the values will more than double in a very short space of time, as quite a number of men will be employed and most of them, no doubt, will want to live near there.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a diagram showing the exact location of the property.

KILLED BIG COUGAR.

E. C. Pomeroy, a prominent ranchman living at The Meadows, and a neighbor of his, had a thrilling and exciting experience about 11 o'clock one night last week with a cougar that they are likely to remember for some time to come. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that they got the animal and it weighs 150 pounds.

Although it happened to be late, Mr. Pomeroy could not resist the temptation of going after the cougar when he saw it in the vicinity of his house. Then he reasoned that as the animal had been causing considerable trouble to himself, and his neighbors lately, that it was his duty to get rid of it.

Hastily grasping his trusty rifle, Mr. Pomeroy followed the animal to a large pine tree. "Two minds with but a single thought," he murmured as he on reaching the tree, found one of his neighbors there, who was also armed.

"He is up in that tree," said Mr. Pomeroy.

"You bet he is, and we will get him, too, if it takes all night," said the neighbor.

Then the two men proceeded to tramp around and around the tree till they became weary, but failed to see the cougar. Then they noticed a dark object in a small tree near by where they were standing, and shot at it. Imagine their surprise when they examined it and found they had finished the cougar.

DELAYS HARRIMAN TRAIN.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 5.—Averell Harriman, the little son of E. H. Harriman, caused something of a sensation at the Union station by his absence when his father's special train, bearing the family to Klamath county, Oregon, was ready to pull out for the west. The train had remained at the station during the forenoon, and young Averell proceeded to make an inspection of his father's big railroad, its interlocking switches, block signals and other devices. His inspection took him well down into the yards, where he asked many questions of switchmen, section bosses and car-cleaners, much to their amusement.

When the Harriman special was ready to start the boy was missed and an army of employes started in search of him. These included Julius Kruttschnitt, Traffic Director Stubbs, Vice-President Mohler and others. The boy was finally found four blocks from the station and hustled to the train, which was delayed 40 minutes on his account.

THE MAIL FOR NEWS

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Grants Liquor Licenses to Three Saloons.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last night. There were present Mayor Reddy, Councilmen Olwell, Merrick, Trowbridge, Wortman, Eifert and Hafer.

Petitions of Harrington, Kennedy and Wilkinson, each asking for a license to sell liquors, were presented, and upon motion each taken separately, the petitions were allowed and licenses ordered issued. Councilmen Merrick, Trowbridge and Wortman voted no upon them all, and Councilmen Olwell, Eifert and Hafer voting yes. This made a tie in the vote and Mayor Reddy voted yes.

Petition of Harry Campbell to sell liquor was, upon motion of Eifert and Hafer, rejected, all councilmen voting yes on the rejection except Merrick, who voted no—from force of habit, as he explained.

A new bond was presented by Recorder Collins, with E. Pullinger and L. L. Hamilton as sureties, in the sum of 2,000. The bond was accepted. This new bond was made necessary because of the death of W. S. Jones, a former bondsman of the recorder.

A remonstrance was presented, signed by nearly all the property owners on both sides of Seventh street from DeAnjon street to Riverside avenue, asking that the sidewalks be not widened in accordance with the plans as now laid out. After a lengthy discussion from various parties present it was decided to ask the persons signing the remonstrance to meet with the city council at the council hall today at 10 o'clock a. m., and such a meeting was ordered.

Three petitions for water mains were present and, upon motion, were referred to the water committee.

Bills upon the several funds were read, and upon motion, were allowed. Treasurer Jacobs reported there were over \$500 of unpaid warrants against three sewer districts still out and drawing interest. Recorder Collins reported that there was money on hand in the general sewer fund sufficient to pay these warrants and, upon motion, they were ordered paid out of this fund.

The recorder was directed to purchase a new warrant register.

The resignation of Eugene Amann as fire chief was laid on the table until the fire department should decide upon some capable person as his successor.

Petition of F. W. Hollis to connect with lateral sewer referred to the city engineer.

The matter of purchasing new hose was referred to the fire department.

An ordinance creating a new sewer district in Southwest Medford was passed.

The city recorder was directed to advertise for bids for putting in a cement sidewalk along the south side of Seventh street, between H and I streets. This is along the north side of the City park.

The city engineer was directed to confer with Consulting Engineer Roberts and to draft specifications for the construction of a trunk sewer line. This is to be a large sewer with which all other sewers of the city will connect.

The city attorney was directed to commence condemnation suit to open a street through Manigau addition.

Council adjourned to meet again August 6, at 7:30 o'clock.

A special meeting of the city council was held at 8 o'clock yesterday forenoon for the purpose of meeting with those of our townspeople and property owners who signed and presented a remonstrance at the regular meeting Tuesday evening against the widening of the sidewalks on Seventh street, between D'Anjon street and Riverside avenue. None of the property owners were present and the matter was not discussed.

The mayor and all councilmen were present, except Merrick. Upon motion the city recorder was directed to draw a warrant in favor of A. S. Moyer for \$500 to be applied on the balance of something over \$700 still due him on the city hall contract. Mr. Moyer has agreed to replace the roofing on the city hall, and will so before the rainy season commences.

The matter of the street railroad franchise was discussed informally, but no action was taken because there were certain stipulations which this council asked to be made in the proposition when presented. It is not probable that this matter will come up at the meeting tonight.

The matter of establishing and maintaining auxiliary hose cart stations at three different parts of the city was discussed quite at length. Councilmen Trowbridge, Eifert and Hafer were appointed to confer with the fire department with regard to securing sites for these stations.

The city engineer was directed to correspond with Palm & Neldner with regard to repairing their sidewalk on Seventh street.

Possibly Chicago fell short of 2,000,000 population because the enumerators failed to count the citizens who are locked up.

BIG REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Bybee Ranch Sold to C. E. Staples

What is said to be the largest real estate deal in the history of Jackson county was closed last week. The amount of property involved was 1,249 acres and the price paid for it was \$45,000 per acre, making a total of \$56,205.

The property referred to is the Bybee ranch, which was sold by the owner, Mr. William Bybee to C. E. Staples, of Ashland. It is said there are other parties behind him in the transaction. Who they are cannot be ascertained at present but will no doubt become known later on.

It appears that Mayor Reddy, of this city, acting for several parties, had an option on the land for a price that was several thousand dollars less than that paid. It is said that they had ready to pay down the sum of \$7,500 in cash and were prepared to take care of a mortgage amounting to \$20,000 on the property and which was held by Benton Bowers of Ashland. It is also said that when Mayor Reddy went to see Mr. Bybee to close the other deal that he was greatly surprised to find that a sale had been made to other parties.

It is not known what disposition the new owners of the ranch will make of it but the general impression is that they have purchased it for speculative purposes.

TO ADVERTISE THE VALLEY.

Arrangements have been made by the Commercial club for a whole page advertisement in the Sunset magazine for a year, and a write-up of Medford and the Rogue River valley in the October or the November issue that will occupy six pages of that publication.

The deal with the Sunset people was made by the Commercial club through Secretary A. H. Miller. It appears that the publishers of the magazine were anxious to secure the contract for the advertisement, but the organization held off. Finally an offer was made to give a full and complete descriptive write-up of the city and valley without costing a cent.

Yesterday Secretary Miller received a telegram from William McMurray, the general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railway, stating that Mr. Aitken would be here in the course of a few days for the purpose of getting the material and photographs for the article. Mr. Aitken has the reputation of being an able writer and makes a specialty of this line of work.

It might be mentioned that the Sunset magazine is published by the Southern Pacific Railway company, and consequently has unlimited capital behind it. For the last few years the circulation of the publication has been increasing at a very rapid rate not only on the coast, but throughout the east, where thousands of people are taking it so as to keep in touch with and learn about the conditions on the coast and throughout the west.

GUESS AGAIN, LYNCH.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 5.—More than usual significance was the visit to Fairview today of Frank B. Lynch of St. Paul, Johnson's campaign manager, and B. F. Nelson of Minneapolis, president of the State Fair association. Lynch lost no time in conveying Johnson's assurance of Johnson's loyalty to Bryan, and of Johnson's intention to take the stump in his behalf.

Lynch says there is no animosity in Minnesota to Bryan; and, although he could not promise that the Democrats would carry the state, he thinks they have a fighting chance.

Nelson came to invite Bryan to attend the state fair. The invitation was accepted, and August 31 was set as the date, with the understanding that there be no admission charged to the grounds that day.

TO DEAD INDIAN SPRINGS.

C. I. Hutchison of this city started early last Sunday morning with his family and his father for Colestin Springs in his Thomas 40 automobile. It took the party just two hours and 15 minutes to make the trip from Medford to the hotel at Colestin, although they had considerable trouble in finding the proper place to leave the Portland-San Francisco wagon road to get to the springs. It was necessary to go about a mile past the springs to find a road leading there. However, they reached the hotel in the time given in first-class shape, and it was the first automobile ever driven up to the door of the hotel. Mr. Hutchison reports that the roads are in first-class condition, except between here and Ashland and for a short distance on top of the mountains.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED.

Many Avail Themselves of the Privilege of Drawing Books.

The public library, provided by the ladies of the Greater Medford club, assisted by the various social, religious and civic organizations of the city and private contribution, was opened to the public for the first time yesterday. Although the books have been in the hands of the committee for several weeks, it was not convenient to place them on the shelves to be drawn out until this time.

The 700 volumes with which the library opens is but a nucleus around which it is hoped an adequate library may be built up. The section devoted to standard and current fiction comprises much of the best and limited amount of the latest imaginative literature. Kipling, Mark Twain, Frances Hodson Burnett and Mary Johnston are well represented. The best liked English and American poets are also on the shelves, as well as the newer works on history and biography, among which are Ida Tarbell's popular lives of Napoleon, Lincoln and Washington.

The juvenile section is especially complete in proportion to the size of the library, with tales of adventure, stories of animals and animal life and the regular line of young people's classics, while the Henty books, Louise Alcott's charming stories and those of Kate Douglas Wiggin furnish reading of the highest type for children. A complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica is also a valuable acquisition.

Much interest was evinced by the townspeople yesterday afternoon, and the librarian has kept busy making out cards and registering books.

The efforts of the ladies in this direction are surely appreciated, as will be shown by the wider interest in good reading, leading to the purchase of a larger number of books covering a more extensive field of thought.

In all public libraries difficulty is experienced in keeping absolute track of books, and it is to be hoped that the most careful and exact methods will be employed to prevent the loss of volumes in this way.

FIGHT WITH OUTLAWS.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 5.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Lewiston, Idaho, says that George Moore, an alleged cattle rustler, is dead; A. J. Sloan and W. P. Reed, his companions, are wounded, while Dan Carr, complaining witness, received five wounds late this evening; in a gun fight at the Carr homestead, seven miles from Orofino on the Pierce City road.

The shooting is the result of a break for liberty made by Rice and Reed, who were arraigned in Orofino this morning, charged with cattle stealing. The men started at break-neck speed out of the town and were joined in the suburbs by Moore and Sloan, for whom the officers have been seeking several days on cattle stealing charges.

The outlaws followed the Pierce City road, and when within a quarter of a mile of the Carr homestead, met Albert Carr and Samuel Craig in the road. The desperadoes opened fire and drove young Carr and Craig to cover. The shots were heard by Dan Carr, Albert's father, and he, with a rifle and three cartridges, started for the scene of the trouble. Telephone messages from Orofino warned Carr of the escape of the cattle thieves, and when the shooting commenced he knew his son and his companion had encountered the outlaws. When Dan Carr met the men a fusillade of shots grazed the rancher, but Carr killed Moore at the first shot, wounded Rice with a bullet through his neck and sent a ball through Reed's right arm. Carr himself received two scalp wounds, neither of which are very serious.

The shooting was reported to Sheriff Lydon, and under his direction possees were organized and started in pursuit. The latest reports are that the men have been driven to cover on the ridge between Orofino and Ford's creek, and it is expected their capture will be effected tomorrow.

PROF. BALLARD APPOINTED.

It will be good news to the fruit-growers of the valley to learn that Professor Ballard has been appointed by the department of agriculture to investigate and look after all plant diseases throughout this district. Professor Ballard is an expert on apple mildew, peach mildew, pear scab and all fungi diseases. He will make his headquarters in this city.

Last week Professor Ballard and George W. Taylor, county fruit inspector, traveled all over this district. Mr. Taylor reports that the fruit crop will be a fairly good one and that good prices will prevail on account of the poor crops in many eastern fruit districts.

At a meeting of the country fruit-growers, held in this city Saturday, it was decided to petition the government to appoint permanently an expert on pathology for this district. They ask that Professor P. D. O'Gara, or some other expert on plant diseases, be sent. The petition was sent to Washington Saturday evening.

PEACHES COMING IN.

E. A. Hoag, accompanied by his nephew, J. T. Blackburn, was in the city yesterday with some fine peaches, grown on their nicely located fruit ranch south of Talent. They had no difficulty in disposing of the peaches to the groceryman at fair prices.

PROF. SMITH HAS ARRIVED

He Is to Be Our School Superintendent

Ulysses G. Smith, the new superintendent of the Medford schools, arrived in this city yesterday on train No. 13. He was accompanied by Mrs. Smith and was met at the depot by several friends who reside here and who gave him a warm welcome.

Mr. Smith comes here from Meadville, Pa., and was superintendent of the schools in that city up till the close of the last term, when he resigned to take the position offered him here. In an article regarding his leaving one of the Meadville newspapers has this to say about him:

"He has been successful here, professionally and socially. He has maintained the schools in a state of high efficiency, giving the best of his energies and his life to the work. Furthermore, he has made for himself a permanent place in the good feeling and the affections of this community. We all regret his going; we wish him well, in profession and in health, and extend to him the heartfelt Goodspeed. He has left a permanent influence upon this city and its people. His genial countenance and his kindly character will be missed. He is a prince among good men, as well as a scholar and an accomplished educator; bon voyage."

Mr. Smith was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1864, and later went with his parents to Indiana, where they settled on a farm. He attended the district school until he was 17 years of age and then taught school for three years. After that he attended the Dennison university in Ohio, where the course was supposed to take seven years, but which Mr. Smith completed in six years and graduated with high honors.

After graduating Mr. Smith taught high school for three years and then that went to Union City, Pa., where he was superintendent and principal of the high school for six years. He then took the position of superintendent of the Meadville schools. In between times he attended the Chicago university. Altogether he has had six years' experience teaching village schools and 14 years of city school work.

WAS AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE.

A. J. Lathrop, a young newspaper man, who dropped off a freight train here Monday night, intends to leave this morning, but it is safe to say that he will remember Medford for the rest of his natural life, no matter in what part of the world he may be, and this is not to be wondered at when the reason for it is given.

Mr. Lathrop called at The Morning Mail office soon after his arrival in town and explained his desperate plight. He did not ask for any assistance in a financial way, but was given enough to keep him from going hungry for the day. A few hours later he called again and he looked like a different man as he exhibited \$15 in gold and told his remarkable story.

It appears that while walking down the street, a stranger in a strange land, he was accosted by a complete stranger.

"I understand you want to go to San Francisco?" he remarked.

"That's where I want to go," replied Mr. Lathrop.

"Well, you come along with me," and the young man went along, thinking that he was on his way to jail. In place of that he was escorted to the depot, where the care to San Francisco was ascertained. As they were walking away this man handed Lathrop the \$15.

"My name, he said, 'is R. H. S. Donaldson-Selby; I live here, but I don't want you to tell a single soul anything about this."

When Lathrop came back to earth again the man was gone, and he wandered around awhile in a semi-dazed condition, alternately pinching himself to see if he were awake or dreaming, and then looking at the two gold pieces to make sure that they were not counterfeit.

After Lathrop had told the above he was asked if he would be willing to make an affidavit to that effect, which he readily did and the same was sworn to before F. M. Stewart, a notary public for Oregon.

"You bet that Mr. Donaldson-Selby is one of nature's noblemen," remarked Lathrop, as lovingly fondled the gold pieces and then carefully replaced them in his pocket.

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