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HOLD-UP AT RIDDLES.

TRAIN NO. 15, NORTH BOUND, WAS THE UNLUCKY ONE.

THE ROBBERS SECURED A BOOTY OF \$4000
AND EASILY ESCAPED.

At 10:45 o'clock Monday night as train No. 15 neared Riddles station, at the North end of Cow Creek Canyon, North bound, the determined command of "Halt," sent home the throttle and brought the train to a stand still.

The robbers were three in number. Two of them were engaged in detaining the train while the third went through the cars, "collecting." The safe could not be opened but about \$4,000 was taken from the passengers, one man handing over \$400.

Western Union lineman from Glennville, on board the train, had \$50 or \$60, and when the robber asked him how much he had, replied: "Only a few dollars and I intend to keep it," and succeeded in talking the robber out of searching him.

The hold-up was a quiet affair, but one shot being fired. It was directed at Conductor Kerney but did no harm.

Mr. Plotner describes the robber who went through the car as a slender man about six feet tall, wearing a white silk handkerchief for a mask, and dressed in blue bib overalls and a jumper. He had a large bag slung over his shoulder and carried a common grain sack in his hands which were rough and cracked, looking like a workingman's. His voice was deep and coarse and easy of recognition if heard again.

The night was too dark to see the other robbers plainly enough to describe them.

We obtain from the Medford Mail, the intelligence that Medford is to have a Steam Laundry. There will then be no need of people in this part of the valley sending their Laundry work to Northern cities nor encouraging "Chinese cheap labor," when by patronizing American home industry, the money can be kept in circulation here at home.

A TRULY REMARKABLE CASE.

FROM THE "MEDFORD MAIL."

There is a peculiarity connected with the accident which befell L. Larsen, the painter. About three weeks ago he fell and broke his leg at the thigh and since that time he has experienced no feeling of pain. The leg was set, properly cared for and is knitting together very nicely but there is no pain. He states that any cut or bruise that he has previously received were also without pain. This hardly seems creditable, but it is true—and a condition which would be envied by people with broken bones. While we are speaking of Mr. Larsen we will state that the gentleman is in destitute circumstances and any little moneyed consideration that could be extended would be fully appreciated.

TIME CARD TO BE CHANGED.

The new time card that went into effect on the Southern Pacific railroad about ten days ago is doomed to short life. We are informed by reliable authority that another card is to become effective in a short time. The South-bound passenger will leave Portland at 8:00 p. m. and arrive in Ashland at 8:15 a. m., making the entire run in 12½ hours, and the North-bound passenger will arrive at 7:00 p. m.

The express messengers are to have helpers, and there are chances of some of them being employed from Ashland.

If you need water only when the wind blows; if you are satisfied to utilize but a small fraction of the water in your well; if you prefer heavy bills for repairs after each storm in Winter, by all means use a windmill; but if you want water at any time, and up to the full capacity of your well, put in an Ajax Coal Oil Gas Engine, the latest thing in mechanics, an engine that uses common coal oil for fuel, and is built by the well known firm of Palmer and Rey, San Francisco, Cal.