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A BOLD HOLDUP IN ST. JOHNS

M. J. Madison Beaten and Robbed by Thugs

One of the boldest and most dastardly holdups that has ever occurred in this vicinity happened Tuesday night. As M. J. Madison of the Central Hotel was returning from a visit to Richmond street between 10:30 and 11 o'clock and was making a near cut across the block in front of the Congregational church he noticed two men coming toward him. Being so near the central part of the town, and so many residences being close at hand, Mr. Madison never dreamed of a holdup. Therefore, he gave little heed to the men as they approached and nothing was said on either side. The men parted as they met him, one going to either side of Mr. Madison, and as they did so one quickly drew his arm back and struck the hotel man a vicious blow on the head with some heavy instrument. The blow was a stunning one, and before Mr. Madison could recover from its effects the other man drew a large knife and made a lunge at him. Instinctively drawing back, the hotel man escaped with a slit through his coat not far from the region of his heart. Mr. Madison then assumed the aggressive and by a lucky blow knocked the knife handler to the ground. The man with the black-jack or sandbag then came to the rescue of his companion and struck Mr. Madison twice on the head with the instrument. Everything then became oblivious to Mr. Madison and when he regained consciousness daylight had appeared, it being about five o'clock in the morning, and after several painful efforts he slowly dragged himself to the hotel, and medical attendance was hastily summoned. It was then discovered that while the wounds were painful they were not dangerous. Tuesday night was one of the coldest since early in the spring and lying for so many hours on the cold ground stiffened Mr. Madison up and it took several hours of vigorous treatment before heat could be restored to his body. Had he been a less vigorous man with a weaker constitution the exposure would perhaps have resulted fatally, but as it is he is now getting along in good shape and will be able to attend to his duties in a day or two. No clues have been unearthed as to whom the two assailants were, but Mr. Madison believes they are people who have been here for some time, knew of him and were laying in wait for him where he was struck down. One or two other parties claimed they were held up the same night, but they managed to escape without being relieved of their valuables. Night Policeman Dunbar took two or three shots at a couple of suspicious characters he found loitering around the north end the same night, who refused to stop when he had ordered them to do so. None of the shots apparently took effect, however. Mr. Madison found that he was minus 90 odd dollars which he had in his possession at the time of the assault. It was reported that a gold watch was also taken from him, but this is not correct. Mr. Madison had been peculiarly unfortunate the past year. About one year ago he was held up by two men. One kept him covered with a pistol while the other went through his pockets, and \$32 was taken from him at that time. This occurred in the woods along the path several hundred yards from the rear of Frank Clark's store. Again during the recent fire at the Central Hotel Mr. Madison had \$150 in a bureau drawer and when the fire started he pulled the drawer out and took it down stairs where he asked his sister to watch it. But somehow it became abstracted therefrom during the confusion. These instances, together with the latest occurrence, certainly works a hardship upon Mr. Madison. It is to be hoped the thugs will be apprehended and receive the punishment they so richly deserve. Efforts are foot to ferret them out and the public at large will have a great sigh of relief when they are placed behind the bars.

Found—Pointer dog. Owner may have same by paying for board and care and also for this ad. Give description of animal at this office.

GAS CO. PUSHING THINGS

City Presents Livelier Appearance as a Result

The Portland Gas Co., after making record time in reaching St. Johns with their gas mains, turned the illumination on for the first time Saturday last. Their new office on Jersey street, adjoining the First National Bank building, has been neatly and finely fitted up, and two huge arc lights placed in front gave a cheering, pleasing and far reaching mellow glow. Bonham & Currier, ever up to the hour, also had two large arc lights going in their dry goods department Saturday night, and the brilliancy with which the store was lighted attracted the attention and admiration of all the passersby. After witnessing the exhibition and satisfying themselves as to its practicability, cheapness and pleasing lighting qualities a number of our business men have made application for arc lights to be placed in their stores and in front of same. When these have all been placed the city of St. Johns will assume a modern and metropolitan appearance and will become noted for its well lighted business places and business streets. The coming of gas to town has already made quite a stir. More activity is in the air and a feeling of good cheer, optimism and buoyancy seems to have taken possession of all. The genial representatives have been busily engaged in explaining to those unfamiliar with the use of gas its many admirable qualities, the low price of service and a thousand and one things that the untold always desire to know. Good progress has thus far been made in securing applications, and our people seem to be taking to the new product in an agreeable manner to the management. Some of our citizens, however, do not deem it fair that the people of St. Johns should be compelled to pay \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet when Portland is supplied at the rate of \$1.00 for the same amount of gas. If one takes time to do a little figuring, however, he can easily understand that the rate exacted here is fully as low as could be expected. If the houses here were as close together as is the case in Portland and reached as high in the air the company could make more money at 75c per M than they now can at \$1.25 per M. It costs approximately \$30,000 to pipe the gas to St. Johns, and the buildings being so scattered much money is consumed in reaching each patron in the residence district. It will be at least five years before the company will realize a fair percentage on its investment in St. Johns, and therefore, our people should not feel that they are being impartially dealt with because they are compelled to pay a premium on gas over what Portland pays. It is only one of the disadvantages of residing in the suburbs of a large city, but which will be eradicated as the population increases. The franchise of this company was carefully inspected, section by section, by the city council, and none can say but that it is the fairest franchise as far as the city is concerned that has ever been granted by any council in St. Johns, and the present council is deserving of much praise for making it so, a fact that should not be overlooked in passing. Other so-called gas companies have applied for a franchise at various times, and as the result has proven the councilmen were wise in picking the wheat from the chaff and giving us what we are now receiving. Therefore, personally we can say that we are glad the Portland Gas Co. was given a franchise, glad that they are with us today and glad that they have the power behind them to perpetuate gas in St. Johns whether it is a paying proposition in five years or whether it takes ten years before it becomes so. As an attraction and an inducement for outsiders to locate within our boundaries its strength will be proven as time goes on. We have heard instances of where the absence of gas have kept residents from coming, and now since we have this commodity it cannot well help but have a tendency to attract and interest the seeker for ideal conditions.

CITY DADS HOLD LIVELY SESSION

Fessenden Street Complaints, Objection to Cement Used For Willis Boulevard, Street Obstructions and Dock Matters Keep the Councilmen Busy

The regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening was of more than usual interest. A large number of citizens were on hand, principally property owners who are interested in the proposed opening and widening of Fessenden street. All the members of council were present with the mayor in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, Mayor Hendricks, out of courtesy to the guests present, asked if there were any present who had anything to advance. Mr. Wilcox rose and protested against the assessment of damages on Fessenden street in regard to his property, claiming that he would be compelled to move his house back and that the damages allowed him would not nearly compensate him for having this done. Jack Hagerty asked that the St. Johns Lumber Co. be compelled to vacate the streets now occupied by the company, claiming that they charged three times as much for the wood furnished the residents of St. Johns than they did when shipping it out of town. Therefore, he contended that the company was deserving of no consideration at the hands of our people. He said that the mill was filled with foreign labor while there were many people in St. Johns eager for the opportunity to go to work, therefore, he emphatically requested council to force them to vacate the streets now used. A protest by Mrs. Eliza Maples was read. She claimed the viewers placed her damages entirely too low, as a portion of her building and three valuable fruit trees were in the line of progress and must be removed were the project to go through. A remonstrance from Frank Merrill was then read. Mr. Merrill protested that the viewers did not give him a square deal and he was far from being satisfied with their findings. Geo. McCullom arose and stated that the damages allowed him were entirely too low and that the assessments were not equalized as they should be. Chas. Linquist became quite indignant because the trolley people expected the property owners to improve the ground under their track, and he did not think it fair and just that this should be. Justice, he insisted, was all he asked for, and it was not justice for the property owners to pay for the improvement of the ground under the track. He said the trolley people were the only ones who were anxious to have the street improved, and he was not

willing to help improve the street unless the Portland General Electric Co. agreed to do their full share. A remonstrance was the read from the Smith-Wagoner Co. also claiming that the assessment was too low and that they should have been assessed damages instead of benefits to a greater extent. On motion the communications were accepted and together with the viewers' report were ordered returned to the body of viewers for an amended report. A communication from the city attorney relative to the proposed vacation of Philadelphia street at the city dock was read. The communication stated that it would require ninety days before this could be consummated, as there was quite a bunch of red tape that would necessarily have to be unwound before vacation could take place. Quite a discussion took place in reference to this vacation. It seems that two of the councilmen are not in favor of selling the dock at the present time, and as it will require a six-to-one vote to pass the ordinance vacating the street, some of the councilmen declared it would be a waste of time to do anything along this line when it was generally understood that at least two councilmen would vote against the ordinance. As the first legal step toward vacation is the circulation of a petition which must be signed by a number of voters before the next step can be taken, on motion of Councilman A. W. Davis the city attorney was instructed to prepare such petition. It is the intention of the councilmen to have the document circulated freely and as many as can be given an opportunity to attach their signatures thereto. In this manner the sentiment of the people in general in regard to the disposal of the dock will be ascertained and the council will then know just what the people want. A report from the engineer outlining a system of grades for the water front streets was read, accepted and referred to the street committee for their approval. The engineer's acceptance of Allegheny street was accepted by the street committee and finally by council. An ordinance providing for the removal of obstructions of the various streets and highways was then taken up. Before it reached final passage Councilman A. W. Davis stated that he believed the matter should be laid over for one week, as Mr. Ayer of the St. Johns Lumber Co. desired that a committee of five business men meet with him and discuss

matters in regard to the grievance some of our citizens have against the company, such as the high price of wood and the foreign labor question. Mr. Davis said that Mr. Ayer agreed to do anything within reason that the committee would desire along these lines. Therefore, he believed, before the stringent ordinance, which was evidently aimed at the lumber company, passed the council this committee should be appointed and perhaps matters could be amicably settled without being at loggerheads with the company. Council, however, could not see where any good would come from delaying the matter awaiting a conference, and all voted for the passage of the ordinance with the exception of A. W. Davis, who voted "no." The ordinance may be found elsewhere in this issue. An ordinance establishing the grade of Polk street, Willamette boulevard to Crawford, passed the council, and a resolution ordering the improvement of same was adopted. Bills to the amount of \$32.40 were allowed. Special Policeman T. F. Levens was appointed by the Mayor to look after the new city dock at a salary of \$10 per month, the appointment being confirmed by council. F. M. Parsons was present and objected to the kind of cement W. S. Lauthers was using in the cement walks on Willis boulevard. He said the sack cement was poor, uncertain and he would not pay for his walk if that kind of cement was used. Other complaints regarding the quality of cement had reached the ears of the council, and the engineer had objected to its use, but Mr. Parsons said he still persisted in its use up to Tuesday night at least. The mayor stated that the engineer and the city ordinance which designates the kind of cement that shall be used would be upheld and the contractor would be compelled to undo all he had done so far as he had used the inferior sack cement. When this street contract was let the bids between Mr. Lauthers and Thos. Cochran were so close that some of the councilmen favored Mr. Cochran's bid even though it was about \$35 higher, because his work has always proven first-class in every particular. But Mr. Lauthers stated on the floor of the chamber that if his bid (in the name of Mr. Moore) was accepted he would guarantee the work to be first class in every way, and as a consequence he received the contract. Council proposes now to see that he be compelled to make his word good.

"THE LAND OF PROMISE"

Geo. L. Perrine Points the Way Eloquently

We inadvertently neglected to mention the text last week that our eloquent and Socialistic townsman Geo. L. Perrine, did himself proud in dealing with the "Promised Land, or Land of Promise" on the street corner Tuesday evening of last week. Sparring neither saint or sinner, Republican or Democrat, Prohibitionist or mugwump, hypocrite or Pharisee, he delved into his theme in a forceful, dramatic and stringent manner. Taking the platforms of the various political parties for several years back, he tore them apart, dissected them, laid them bare and showed the glaring inconsistencies, big promises and unfulfilled pledges they contained—all froth and bitter apple. Geo. L. then drew a mental picture of the "promised land"—a land simply reeking with milk and honey, peace, contentment, happiness and joy without alloy. As the picture enlarged under his skillful manipulation, one could almost fancy he was being carried to a land where the cares and sorrows of life, the discouragements, the failures, the ruined castles and the bitterness of disappointed hopes were utterly unknown, where competition did not exist, and where man dwelt peacefully under his own vine and fig tree, in sweet communion with his fellow man, in love with and at peace with the whole world. The vision was so bright, so hopeful, so enthralling that his hearers were fairly carried away to the new, mysterious, and yet withal so strangely entrancing land of promise. Like Moses of old, he told of the manner in which this land could be reached, how better it would be to get out of the present rut, and by way of the ballot join themselves to journey on toward the new land, no matter how rugged the pathway nor how many difficulties obstructed the way. The address was well received and was highly interesting from start to finish, and the fame of Mr. Perrine as a public speaker was considerably advanced in consequence.

THE WASH TUB AND MAN

Man No Better Than Woman Along This Line

In a recent issue of the Review an article purported to show the difference between the way women work and the way men work by the illustration of the private wash tub. On each Monday morning every woman lugs out her own laundry basket, tubs and as much of the paraphernalia of washing as her means afford, and at the expense of much soap, time and labor works through the washing of her own family. Now if men had the washing to do, so this article professes, what a difference we would see! At once they would put together their brains and capital to organize a co-operative laundry company. Here the washing of the community would be done by improved machinery at a far lower expenditure of time, labor and money. Would they? Well, let us see. While the individual woman is drudging away over her wash tub she is interrupted by the order men from two rival grocery stores and sees two others go by her house awheel or afoot. The vegetable men halloo her to the door to view their produce—practically the same in each case. Two coffee agents alight from their trim wagons and implore her to invest in their brands. In the afternoon the separate delivery wagons of the four grocery stores (not to mention the small, basket-burdened boy from the corner grocery) trail past to supply the possible two or three housewives in that part of town who patronized their particular order men in the morning. If she goes up town, in a hurry for a spool of thread or a yard of silk to match the dress she is making, she spends half an hour visiting several small-stocked dry goods stores, only to find that she must make a trip to the city for the article desired. Yet these enterprises are all men-controlled. One large, well equipped store would require, perhaps, only half as many employees, for no route or work would be duplicated and advertisement would be superfluous. Less outlay of capital would be required for store room. Stock could be purchased and therefore sold to better advantage. The trade would be supplied more satisfactorily and the income would be larger. The article criticizing the private wash tub method contained much of truth, but the application was wrong. This wasteful method is not a peculiarity of woman's work, but is a blunder common to both sides of the house. Even where man's industries have been consolidated they have allowed the service to be deteriorated and the profits gobbled up by one or two individuals under the banner of private ownership. Hasten the day of the Co-operative Commonwealth, when both man's and woman's work shall be done in the very best manner at the least possible expense of energy and capital, with the profits remaining where they belong—with the people. Then, instead of marking time by stupidly repeating our neighbor's actions, each one of us shall work, but not drudge, at really useful labor for which society shall award us adequate return. Mabel Rundall, St. Johns, Oregon.

Coming Right Along

The contract for erecting the 2-story High School building at St. Johns has been awarded to the firm of Kelley & Mahoney and work has been started. It will be a 2-story brick building with a pressed brick front, will be 96x114 feet in dimensions. It will contain 12 rooms on the upper floors and in the basement will be a large gymnasium, fuel rooms, furnace rooms and shower baths. The building which will cost about \$25,000 is to be completed by April 1, 1910. The brick for the structure is to be furnished by the Pacific Brick & Marble Co. and will be very attractive in appearance. Architect C. H. Burggraf of Albany, Oregon, prepared the plans and specifications and will superintend the erection of the school. The plumbing contract has been awarded to E. M. Laney of Vancouver, and the grading will be done by L. D. Jackson of St. Johns. The new building will be placed directly across the way from the St. Johns City Hall and will present a very attractive appearance.—Daily Abstract.

Happily Married

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, S. I. Odgen, in the North End September 15th, at 3 o'clock p. m. The contracting parties were Miss Hazel R. Odgen and Raymond George Masters, Rev. E. A. Leonard, former pastor of the Baptist church in this city, pronouncing the words that made them man and wife. After the ceremony the guests partook of a sumptuous dinner. On Thursday morning the young couple departed for Falls City, Oregon, where they will make their future home. The bride is well and most favorably known in St. Johns, having for a couple of years been the faithful and accommodating assistant in the St. Johns Land Co.'s offices. Her admirable traits and sweet disposition made her many warm and admiring friends who wish her unbounded happiness in the new relation she has assumed. The groom is a sterling young man of excellent habits and qualifications, and is a resident of Falls City. May happiness and prosperity ever attend them. E. Zimmerman of Rockford, Ill., spent a couple of days the past week with his old-time friend, J. E. Williams. He was particularly delighted with St. Johns, and believes it cannot be excelled anywhere on the map.

The Livestock Show

The Portland Fair and Livestock Show is the big event of the week in that city. Bigger and better than ever, the annual event is attracting wide attention all over the Northwest. The attendance is outdoing that of last year and the attractions offered are far ahead of last season. The exhibition of livestock is valued at more than \$1,000,000 and is 25 per cent larger than last year. The State Fair at Salem exhibits of livestock were brought to Portland and numerous attractions have been added that will make the week's show a notable one. Stock entries have been made from the Central and Eastern states that have never been shown west of Chicago and Denver. Nearly 500 harness horses will contend for the \$25,000 in race purses this week. Livestock entries will bring close to 3,000 head of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and goats here. J. J. McCann who was recently severely injured by falling and striking his head against a concrete step while assisting to carry a bathtub upstairs, is able to be around again after a couple weeks in the hospital and a week spent at Collins Springs. He says the report that he was carrying the bathtub up alone is erroneous, as another man was helping him at the time.

Wedded Wednesday

Miss Nettie M. Marcy and John D. Prudham were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at 7:30 Wednesday evening, Rev. C. P. Gates tying the knot that made them one. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. B. F. Marcy. Arthur Marcy, a brother of the bride, acted in the capacity of best man and Miss Ella Edmondson as bridesmaid. The happy young couple are now enjoying a honeymoon at Seattle, where they will take in the exposition. Both are well and favorably known here having been residents of St. Johns for some time, and their friends join in wishing them all the happiness this world affords. Jerry Leahy, a prominent optician of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., with his bride is taking in the coast country, and while in this neighborhood stopped off for a few hours' chat with his old friend, S. W. Rodgers, the watch fixer and real estate man.

Have a Fine Time

Laurelwood Rebekah Lodge No. 160, I. O. O. F., celebrated the anniversary of the Order last Monday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall in a most pleasing manner. A large number of the Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and their friends were in attendance and made merry until a late hour. A splendid program was rendered, good music was furnished and the good things of life were on hand in abundance. Rev. C. P. Gates made one of the most happy and interesting addresses that was ever listened to and it was especially well received. The affair was a success all the way through and everybody was delighted with the celebration. Work for a Greater St. Johns.