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YOUNG ROBBER SOON CAPTURED

PORTLAND OFFICER HINDERS CASE

SHERIFF MASS DOES SPEEDY WORK IN TAKING YOUTH INTO CUSTODY

"Paddy" Maher's Efforts at Grand-standing Nearly Spoil Plans of Deputies Engaged in Tracking Desperado

A bank robbery, with serio-comic trimmings, was pulled off in Milwaukee Saturday afternoon, and within an hour Sheriff E. T. Mass had the robber in custody and en route to the county seat, where the desperado was lodged in jail. In the course of the capture County Detective "Paddy" Maher of Portland, made desperate efforts to get into the limelight, but only succeeded in getting into a small creek, and into the bad graces of all the duly authorized officers concerned in the affair.

The robber, Virgil Parnen, formerly of St. Louis, but for the last year or so a hobo, entered the Milwaukee bank at about one o'clock, thrust a .38-caliber Winchester revolver of deadly power into the face of the bookkeeper, and ordered him to throw up his hands. The bookkeeper, Roy Nils, promptly obeyed. A. A. Zander, cashier of the bank, at the time, but made no effort to come to the front and upset the robber's plans. Parnen, seeing that the bank employee was thoroughly cowed, proceeded to fill his pocket with gold and silver from the paymaster's tray. When he had thus acquired \$365, he told Nils that he "passed that is all my pickets will hold," and in spite of the fact that there was close to \$1,000 available, backed from the bank and ran east through the city.

The alarm was spread almost immediately, and a constantly increasing crowd of citizens took up the pursuit. One of these, Mayor Elmer, gained the lead, and called upon the robber to stop. In reply Parnen paused long enough to fire a shot at the mayor, who discreetly ducked behind a telephone pole. The bandit then kept on his way, plunging into the brush in the eastern part of Milwaukee, and taking refuge beneath a small water-power mill on the Lester property. Here he was surrounded by the volunteer posse.

Telephone calls had meantime been sent to Portland and Oregon City for assistance. Deputy Sheriff Curtiss and "Paddy" Maher turned up from Portland, and were the first outside officers to arrive on the scene, though it should be developed that they had started out on a private venture before the alarm reached Portland. They searched the brush surrounding the robber's hiding place and concluded that he had made a safe getaway.

Sheriff E. T. Mass, with deputies Eddy, Staats, Miles and Reckner, and accompanied by Constable Jack Frost, reached Milwaukee 22 minutes after the alarm was received here, burning up the roads in an automobile to get to the scene of the crime. Curtiss, of the Multnomah county forces, told them that there was no use in looking about the water-power mill, but Sheriff Mass decided to make a thorough search, and lined his deputies and force of citizens in a cordon about the place, and gradually closed in. While he was doing this, Lectner, who owned the property, was told by one of the citizens that he had seen a man's hand under the mill, and the sheriff was at once notified. His line then closed in promptly, and Sheriff Mass and Deputy Staats called on the man to come out.

The sheriff walked as near as he could to the robber and without displaying a revolver, told the man that the best chance lay in surrendering and in returning the money. Parnen seemed to recognize the truth of this, and was coming out from his hiding place in the water beneath the mill, when "Paddy" Maher rushed in ahead of Sheriff Mass, and pointing a revolver at the young robber, ordered him to "surrender, you blankety-dash, variously qualified person, surrender, throw up your hands, or I'll pump you full of lead."

Sheriff Mass ordered Maher to one side, and on his refusal to go Deputy Staats waded into the creek that ran under the mill, grasped the rogouband "Paddy" in no gentle fashion, and threw him to one side. Parnen then came out and surrendered to Sheriff Mass.

After Portland newspaper photographers had done their duty the prisoner and Sheriff Mass started for Oregon City. The young robber—who later gave his age at somewhere between 18 and 20—arrived here in a pitiful state, being wet and chilled by the swift ride. He was given a change of clothing and locked up in the city jail until the evening, when he was transferred to the county jail for the night.

Of the \$365 which he stole, \$326 was recovered on his person. The other \$39 he said he dropped on the highway, during his pursuit. In his clothes was also found a keen saw, which it is believed he supplied himself with.

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GOOD TIME SUNDAY, JULY 20TH
Kirkpatrick Council No. 2227 Knights and Ladies of Security, will entertain members and the public with singing, athletic games, etc., at Canemah Park. The finest orchestra in Portland has been engaged for special excursion and picnic, and plenty of refreshments will be sold on the grounds. Admission to dance, 25 cents. Come and spend the day in Oregon City, the beautiful city on the Willamette river.

BRIDGE CAVED IN BY STUMP PULLER

A government stump-pulling outfit weighing some 20 tons or more, caved in what is known as the Baker's ferry bridge on the south Clackamas valley road Friday, putting that structure out of commission, and providing a problem for government men to raise the heavy apparatus from the ravine some 20 or 25 feet below the level of the road. The county commissioners looked over the wreck of the bridge Saturday, and took steps for its repair.

Owing to the general closing down of country telephones on the Fourth, notification of the failure of the bridge was not received in time for the road supervisor to post barricades notices along the road leading to the bridge, and as a result many farmers drove to the structure before finding out that the road was impassible; and then had to make a long detour to continue on their way. Barricade notices have now been posted at considerable distance above the structure, so as to prevent continuance of this inconvenience.

BROWN INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

EDITOR OF COURIER MUST DEFEND SELF AGAINST CHARGE OF CRIMINAL LIBEL

ATTACK ON COUNTY COURT GROUND

Inquirers Present Many True Bills As Further Result of Deliberations During Term of Official Service

M. J. Brown, editor of the Oregon City Courier, a weekly paper, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of criminal libel. The indictment was returned Wednesday night by the Clackamas county grand jury. The particular charge against Brown is that he charged County Judge R. B. Beattie and Commissioners N. Blair and W. H. Mattoon with rebating their own taxes, and that the allegation is false.

Brown, who came to Oregon City about two years ago, made a sensational publication of the Courier, and has been one of the leaders in the movement looking toward recall of Judge Beattie and Commissioner Blair. His misdirected zeal in attempting to lead the public to believe that these members of the county court are dishonest has caused him to publish statements that ran afoul of the libel statute, and his indictment is the result.

About a month ago the Courier published, in the list of county court proceedings, under the head of "Tax Rebates," the following lines:

W. H. Mattoon \$20.20
N. Blair 14.30
R. B. Beattie 4.00

These disbursements were made by the county court under the head of "general roads," and were listed under that head in the copy furnished the Courier by County Clerk Mulvey. Either wilfully or unintentionally these lines were transposed from under the head of "general roads" to "tax rebate." This might have been allowed to pass under the excuse of a typographical error, had not Brown, in the Courier of June 26, reprinted the notice on the first page of his paper, with the following comment:

"The above rebates are to the three members of the county court, audited by themselves." This was conceived by the grand jury to be a plain intimation that the members of the court had been dishonest to the extent of rebating their own taxes.

Wash Smith and Louis Himler have been indicted charged with exploding dynamite or giant powder in the Clackamas river on June 26.

H. H. Hughes was indicted for larceny of a conveyer chain and three lumber trucks, valued at \$84, from Shannon Bros. The offense is said to have been committed June 15.

The grand jury returned indictments against Clarence Miller and C. W. Carothers, charging Miller with permitting gambling in a house in which he was in possession of on April 15. Carothers is charged with having given false testimony before the grand jury in the Clarence Miller case. Miller was formerly road supervisor in the Needy district.

A not true bill has been returned in the case of W. S. Smith, who was arraigned on a statutory charge. Smith is employed at the Eighth street dock.

**VETERANS CHARGE
CEMETERY RIDGE**
GETTYSBURG, Pa., July 3.—A handful of men in uniform re-enacted today the charge of Pickett. Across the field of Gettysburg, up the slope of Cemetery Ridge, where death kept step with them in '63, 150 veterans of the Virginia regiments of that immortal brigade made their slow parade. Under the brow of the ridge in the bloody angle, where the Philadelphia brigade stood that day, was a handful of Blue, scarcely larger, waiting to meet the onslaught of Peace. There were no flashing sabers, no guns roaring, only eyes that dimmed fast and kindly marks the angle. At the end, in place of wounds or prison or death, were handshakes, speech and mingling cheers.

OAK GROVE GIRL HAS CLOSE CALL

CHARLES WRIGHT, OF OREGON CITY, TRIES TWICE TO KILL MISS UTIKER

ASSAILANT IS CRAZED BY LIQUOR

Well Known Local Character, Refused by Young Woman, Uses Revolver in Effort to Commit Murder

Charles Wright, for many years a barber in Oregon City, fired two shots at Miss Elsie Utiker Tuesday morning at Oak Grove, and only his bad aim, due to his intoxicated condition, saved the girl's life. Wright, who is well past middle age, had become infatuated with the girl, who is but 20, and had met her in Oregon City several times, and according to the girl's story had twice asked her to marry him, but she had refused.

Tuesday morning Wright went to Oak Grove, armed with a revolver and carrying a bag, in which he had a quantity of .32-caliber shells and a bottle of whiskey. He deposited the bag at the station and snatched up the track, concealing himself in the grass along the Vossburg property.

Miss Utiker came down the track, and when she passed the spot where Wright was hiding, he exclaimed: "Now I've got you," and calling her a vile name, fired a shot, which missed her.

The girl screamed and ran, and had not gone more than 100 feet when Wright fired another shot, but again his aim was bad, and the girl found refuge in Mr. Port's residence.

In the meantime, E. C. Warren, Claire Harpole and Deputy Sheriff, C. Worthington, hearing the shots, went to the scene and Wright promptly surrendered to them, and Worthington brought him to Oregon City on the car. On the way to Oregon City Wright said to Worthington: "Damn her, I wish I had got her."

Miss Utiker is a niece of Mr. Graf of Oak Grove.

Upon his arrival here Wright told Sheriff Mass that the girl had ruined his life, Wright had been drinking heavily of late, and his confusion is pitiable, as he is said to be a sufferer from Bright's disease and cannot live long. He recently disposed of his interest in a local larder shop and has been trying to sell some of his personal effects.

John D. is 74 Years Old
CLEVELAND, O., July 8.—John D. Rockefeller entered upon his seventy-fifth year today. Mr. Rockefeller passed the day quietly with his family at his country home here.

COUNTY FAIR LIST SOON TO BE READY

The premium list for the county fair, which is to be held at Canby, is now in course of preparation, and will be published within a few days. Delay in composing the list has been caused by doubt on the part of the fair directors as to the sum they would receive from the state. This sum has now been determined, and work on the premium list is under way.

A new departure in prizes will be made this year, in the offering of four prizes, of \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the best community and grange exhibits. Duplicate prizes will be put up for both varieties of exhibits. In addition to this it has been determined that any exhibitor taking part in a grange or community exhibit may also enter his own individual display for competition in the general exhibition. Heretofore this has been impossible, all community exhibits being judged as a whole.

The fair directors feel that the new plan will not only be more just to exhibitors, but believe that it will also stimulate community exhibits, and will result in the several sections of the county giving to greater care in producing a display of their resources. This year's fair is expected to surpass all former ones in the wealth and quality of exhibits.

LINEN WORKS COMING HERE?

R. Crawford, of Belfast, Ireland, said to be one of the world's flax experts, visited Oregon City Monday to look over this territory in the interests of the linen industry. At the exhibition rooms of the Commercial club Mr. Crawford saw some samples of Clackamas county flax, and pronounced it the tallest he had ever seen. Length of stalk is a great item in flax, as it assures long fibres, which make for better weaving in the manufacture of linen.

Mr. Crawford would not commit himself as to the extent of his investigations, and would not say whether or not those in whose behalf he was making a tour of the coast country were planning to erect a linen mill. He did say, however, that he was at present in the employ of a syndicate, of which Sir Thomas Lipton, the tea magnate and prominent yacht sportsman was heavily interested.

Aside from looking over the display in the Commercial club rooms, Mr. Crawford made a trip into the surrounding country, and also viewed a number of factory sites along the river.

HOME RAILROAD IS HEAVILY HIT

CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN MUST INSTALL INTERLOCKING PLANT AT S. P. CROSS-OVER

STATE COMMISSION TAKES ACTION

Work Ordered to be Completed Within 120 Days, and Local Line Must Bear Whole Cost of Apparatus

SALEM, Ore., July 9.—(Special to The Enterprise)—For the safety of the public, which is held to be menaced by the present condition of the crossing, the railroad commission has just entered an order directing the installation of a positive interlocking plant at Fifteenth and Center streets, Oregon City, where the tracks of the Southern Pacific cross those of the Clackamas Southern Railroad company.

This order grows out of a hearing held by the commission on January 3 in Oregon City, at which time the railroads interested presented testimony in the matter. The plant is ordered to be installed within 120 days, and the complete cost is to be borne by the Clackamas Southern.

The commission reserves the right to approve specifications as to the type of plant and manner of installation. It will be of a kind that will avert all danger of collision, derailing switches being provided to divert trains in case signals are deliberately disregarded. Complete home and distant signals are ordered on the Southern Pacific and home signals on the Clackamas Southern, distant signals not being required on the latter line because of the topography. Such installation will cost about \$30,000.

ELKS FILL ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 7.—The week of the forty-ninth annual reunion of the Elks' Grand lodge was ushered in here today under conditions of the most favorable nature. So great was the crowd yesterday that it was almost impossible to get correct registration of the arrivals, but Rochester's hotels are already more than filled, and the downtown rooming houses are crowded to their utmost capacity. All the principal streets are flaring with purple and white decorations.

The gathering formally opens in Convention hall tonight with prayer, songs and the exchange of greetings. The regular business of the convention will be taken up tomorrow morning. Edward Leach, of New York city, a candidate for grand exalted ruler, seems to lead for that high honor and his election is freely predicted. New Orleans and several other cities are contesting for the 1914 convention.

CASE IS IN COURT OVER THREE YEARS

On June 2, 1910, somebody told A. J. Kitzmiller that J. L. Ellis had stolen some poles that were lying in the county road and that belonged to Kitzmiller. Kitzmiller had Ellis arrested. Ellis came back with a warrant for assault and battery against Kitzmiller, and Kitzmiller was arrested. Both men were discharged, and following that Ellis filed suit for \$1,500 damages for malicious arrest against Kitzmiller.

The case was tried before Judge Campbell, and a jury awarded Ellis \$500 damages. On motion of Brownell & Stone, in November, 1910, Judge Campbell set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial. The case was heard the second time before Judge Morrow, in 1911, and the jury failed to agree.

This week the case came up again before Judge Eakin, in the circuit court, Brownell & Stone still being attorneys for Kitzmiller. Testimony dragged along for two days, and Tuesday afternoon the case went to the jury for the third time. The jurors considered it five minutes, and then returned a verdict in favor of Kitzmiller, so Ellis gets no damages.

CHAUTAQUA ON WITH BIG RUSH

THROGS ATTEND OPENING OF ASSEMBLY AT BEAUTIFUL GLADSTONE PARK

TENT MEN STILL WORK OVERTIME

Interest in Attractive Program and Study Courses is Greater Than Ever Before—Many Features are Secured

Before a first-day audience of approximately 1500 Chautauquans, Dr. Fletcher Homan this afternoon officially opened the 29th annual assembly of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua with an eloquent address. Dr. Homan, who is president of Willamette University is also head of the 1913 session. His remarks, which were largely concerned with the general Chautauqua movement, and its place in this country, were eagerly listened to. He welcomed the people to the "college of the people—the university of the world," as he called it, and made brief mention of some of America's greatest men who have been closely identified with the Chautauqua movement. He outlined the features of the coming assembly, and proved himself an excellent platform manager with his witty references.

Hon. C. B. Moores, of Portland, made the responsive address. Tracing the Chautauqua movement in the Northwest along with the historical development of recent years, he gave an interesting analysis of the purposes and aims of the general movement.

As a prelude number the Sierra Mixed Quartette gave two beautiful renditions, and made a great hit with the audience. The Sierras are real artists, and were the feature of last night's program. The Ladies' Band of Portland, made a very commendable appearance on the main platform, and gave two concerts, at 1:15 and 7:15, as "curtain-raisers" to the main afternoon and evening attractions. There are about twenty-five or thirty members to the band, and the ladies present a natty appearance in their white uniforms and caps. They are to appear twice each day.

Headquarters tents were completed yesterday. The state institutions the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college are each occupying large roomy buildings, and each school is featuring the work of the students with excellent displays, along with the daily course of lectures. Dr. James Gilbert is giving a course of daily talks "Problems of Large Scale Production," and practical farm life subjects are being handled by the agricultural experts, among whom are Mr. A. G. Lunn, Walter S. Brown, H. S. Jackson and Prof. Beck with. The school of music, under Prof. J. H. Cowen, of Portland; Miss Lamkin's "Supervised Play;" Mrs. Ada F. Elder's class in outdoor sketching will all open in the morning with large attendance at each.

CARVER SEEKING FRANCHISE NORTH

Application has been made to Commissioner W. H. Daly, of Portland, for a franchise for an interurban line from Oregon City to the metropolis. The rights have been asked by Stephen Carver, a heavy stock-holder in the Clackamas Southern railway, and were sought in the name of that road, though Mr. Carver has recently incorporated the Portland & Oregon City railroad to operate a similar line.

In his application Mr. Carver's road seeks entrance to Portland on East Seventeenth street. It is understood that the road is to have a freight depot at East Third and East Madison streets, and is to have its passenger terminals Broadway (Seventh street) and Washington street, on the west side. Speaking for the company Mr. Carver said that if the franchise were granted construction work would be started within 30 days, and the line completed within 18 months. Exceptionally liberal terms are promised the city.

BULL-RUN PLAN RAISES QUERY

PORTLAND COMMISSIONER FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO SALE OF WATER TO CITY

COUNCILMAN ALBRIGHT OPPOSES

Believes Oregon City Should Be in Control of Entire System, and Ought Not to Agree to Prepayment Rental

Commissioner Will Daly, who has charge of Portland's water department has received a communication from the Oregon City Commercial club in regard to furnishing Bull Run water to this municipality. That the plan appeals to Mr. Daly may be judged from his declaration a day or so ago that unless the Portland water department's revenue could be increased, it might be necessary to raise Portland's rates to pay for water meters, which are to be installed throughout the metropolis. Mr. Daly is quoted as saying that possibly the revenue from furnishing water to Oregon City would be sufficient to care for the cost of meters, and so Portland taxpayers would be saved any advances in rates.

While this is very nice for Portland, and is also interesting to Oregon City, in showing a willingness on the part of the Portland commissioners to grant this city Bull Run water, it does not please everyone here. Among those who find objections to Bull Run as a source of supply for Oregon City is Councilman John Albright, who, while he likes Bull Run water and believes in its purity, does not approve of it for Oregon City for financial reasons. Speaking of this he says:

"While there is no question in my mind that Bull Run water is pure, and while I realize that the citizens of Oregon City want the best water they can get, still I think this municipality would be foolish to enter into a contract with Portland to buy its water. If we are going to build a pipe-line eight miles long to tap the Bull Run line at Grays Crossing, why not go just a bit further, and build our own pipe-line to the south fork of the Clackamas, and there get water just as good as Bull Run, and just as well protected."

"A pipe-line to Grays Crossing is going to cost considerable. It seems to me that this city, if it is going to bond itself for a pipe-line, might just as well go a bit further and build its own line. Maybe it will cost more at the start, but when we get it paid for it will be ours. We can get water on the south fork of the Clackamas that is just as good as Bull Run, and we can get the water shed included in the reserve, just as Bull Run is. Then, when we get our own pipe-line, and get water by gravity that won't need to be pumped up on the hill, we'll have something that is all our own."

"Personally, I don't like this idea of buying water from Portland, and agreeing to buy it forever. Oregon City will never get anything that way, and future generations will have to keep on paying Portland for water just as long as water is used to drink. We will never get out of debt. On the other hand, if we put in our own pipe-line, we will have our own water supply system when he get that line paid for. And it will take very long to pay for it either, for there will be other just as we can sell our water to, just as Portland would sell us lines. There will be West Line, for instance. They have to get water somewhere, and they can buy it from us."

"With a gravity system we could also utilize our present pumping plant as a municipal electric light plant, and furnish power and light for ourselves. Tacoma has its own light plant, and makes money from it. On the other hand if we get water from Portland, our pumping plant here won't be worth anything, and we'll still be paying for it. I believe that the city ought to own all its public utilities—and I am absolutely opposed to saddling a never ending debt on future generations, as we will do if we contract to buy water from Portland."

"The situation will be just like the man who lives in a rented house—it is always paying out something, and in the end he has nothing but a bunch of receipts. On the other hand, if a man buys his own house, it may take him a long time to pay for it, but every cent that he puts into the house is money that he is putting into something that is his. And when he gets through he has a house. It is the same way with water—if we buy water from Portland we never will have anything but receipts from Portland. If we put in our own system, it may take up a long time to pay for it; but when it is paid for future generations will have a water system that will produce a revenue, and something that will belong to the city and the taxpayers."

JULY 15 IS DATE OF PHONE HEARING

SALEM, Ore., July 7.—The complaint of William Beard, F. J. Toose and W. A. Long of Oregon City against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company on account of alleged discrimination among patrons of the company in that city has been set for hearing on Tuesday, July 15, before the railroad commission. The hearing will be called at the Oregon City courthouse at 9:30 a. m.

This complaint involves an increase of rates from \$1.25 per month to \$1.50 for subscribers on four-party lines, which has been charged all new subscribers since December 1, 1911, service to old subscribers being continued at the \$1.25 rate. The company asserts this increase is necessary and reasonable, and it appears that the general practice of the company has been, when rates are increased, to make the increase apply to new subscribers only, continuing old subscribers at former rates.

Here's Latest Pictorial Evidence of Mad Acts Of Militant Suffragettes In Arson Campaign.



Photo by American Press Association.
Here is new pictorial evidence of the campaign conducted by the arson squad of the militant suffragettes in England. It shows the ruins of the grandstand at the Hurst park race track. The militants followed this fire with the mad acts of Miss Davidson and Hewett in stopping horses at the Derby and Ascot gold cup race. The leaders planned to hit at the "sport of kings" as one way of impressing the public and the officials with their claims.