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SHOT TWO HIGHWAYMEN

A PLUCKY LITTLE RAILROADER

DUCKS A BULLET AND FIRES.

His Assassins Make Their Escape in the Woods at North Albina—One Arrest.

The wrong man was held up again last evening, and two highway robbers have disappeared in the brush of Multnomah addition, supposed to be badly wounded.

As John Hughes, an officer in the employ of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company, was going toward his home, 801 Montana avenue, about 8 o'clock, he saw three men approaching along the south end of Willamette boulevard. When they came within a few yards of him, two presented revolvers and ordered him to throw up his hands. Hughes, who is only about five feet in height, did not comply, but, stooping suddenly, fired at the nearest robber as a bullet just passed over his own head. The man, who was only two feet away, staggered, but turned and ran off. The second also ran, but Hughes is positive he struck him in the back, as his arm was good. He then informed the third man that a move on his part would cause a bullet through his body, and he clung to this man until a patrolman was met, when the prisoner was given over to the police.

This third man, on arriving at the station, proved to be B. Farr, driver in the employ of Bantfield & Rand, dischargers of ballast. Farr, who boards at the corner of Stanfield and Delany streets, protests his innocence of any connection with the robbers. He says he was walking along behind them until they met Hughes, when, to his surprise, the couple started in to hold the little man up. Nothing wrong is known of Farr, but the police think it queer that he should stand by and watch a hold-up in progress without either taking a hand or running away. He was not armed when taken, and nothing on his person indicated complicity in the crime.

A search of the premises last night revealed no trace of the robbers, but the police have good hopes of their capture. That the thugs are residents of the vicinity is evident, as yesterday was the usual weekly payday of the Terminal company, and the robbers must have known that Hughes had money with him.

The revolver used by Hughes was a Smith & Wesson, .38 caliber, and carried a bullet big enough to kill a man at 50 yards. He is therefore justified in feeling confident of having hit one, if not both. The second man, he said, groaned as he ran, as though suddenly stricken.

Farr is locked up in the city jail, awaiting further developments.

GIRLS TO BE ADMITTED.

Mr. J. W. Cook's Farther Proviso for the Industrial School.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—In reading, in your paper of this morning, an article headed "Woman and Her Work," I am pleased to know that there is a misunderstanding regarding the donation of land made by the subscriber for an industrial and technical school. The reason I am pleased with this misunderstanding is this: It has been the cause of the women's showing their interest in the work, and our experience in Portland has been that when women take hold of beneficent work they always succeed and accomplish the object for which it is intended; while the "Home," the "Woman's Union," the "Baby Home," and indirectly the "Boys and Girls Aid Society," together with all the churches for how long would the churches last without the influence of woman?

I do not deny that something was said to the gentleman who wrote the article in the paper of the 7th that it be left to the committee as to the advisability of allowing girls to enter this school. I now desire to say to the women of Oregon that a further proviso will be made that girls shall be admitted on just as advantageous terms and conditions as boys.

I close by saying that I hope the women will continue their interest in this work, because I think if they do it will come to ultimate success. J. W. COOK.

PIONEER MERCHANT DEAD.

Jacob Bloom, Who Came to Oregon Early in the '60s.

Jacob Bloom, a retired merchant, and an old citizen of Portland, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 163 Tenth street. Mr. Bloom, whose age was 74, was a sufferer from paralysis, and for the past four years had been incapacitated for work, though he still took great interest in charitable matters, and his deeds of kindness toward the needy were frequent and without ostentation.

Mr. Bloom was a native of Poland, and came to America while yet in his teens. In the early '60s he came to Oregon, by way of the isthmus of Panama, and San Francisco, and started a mercantile business at Champlin, then the business center of the Willamette valley. He prospered and established branch stores at Butteville, Corvallis and The Dalles, all of which proved paying enterprises. In 1880, he sold out his business, and returned to his native land, where his integrity gained him many friends in the business world, while his sagacity and business qualifications enabled him to amass a considerable fortune for his old age. He was an orthodox Jew, but liberal-minded, and tolerant of all beliefs. His study of the Bible and of Jewish history had long rendered him an authority on Hebrew chronology, and

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Bids for Improving North Twenty-First Street Opened—Other Matters.

The board of public works held a meeting yesterday and opened bids for the improvement of Twenty-first street, from Washington to Sherlock avenue. Four bids were submitted, the lowest of which amounted to about \$200, but as it will take some little time to summarize them and find out which is the most advantageous, they were all laid over for consideration.

The board, which rejected all bids for doing the city printing for the current year, on the ground that there had been collusion among the printers to advance prices beyond what was reasonable, and who requisitioned the Schwab Printing Company, who had the contract last year, for all the blanks, etc., possible for this year, have entered into an agreement with the Schwab company to furnish the additional work needed during the year at the usual commercial rates. In this way the board secures work for which the combine would have cost \$100 for less than \$40, and thereby effected a saving to the city of between \$60 and \$70.

The contract price agreed upon for the mayor's message and principal reports is \$1.10 per page. The lowest bid submitted by the printers recently was \$1.60 a page. Briefs under the contract will be printed for 50 cents a page, as compared with \$1.65, the lowest bid of the printers.

A communication was received from the Typographical Union and the federated trades, thinking the board for the recognition extended to them.

Petitions were received asking for arc lights in Milwaukee road, at the Baldwin street, and on Tillamook street.

It is understood that there is a possibility of an arc light being removed from Eugene street to a part of Tillamook street, where there is no light, and already the board has been notified that a remonstrance will be filed against any such removal. The idea of dividing with neighbors has not yet found a lodgment with citizens on Eugene street.

MAY BUY SLIDING LANDS.

Water Committee Negotiating With Grover and the King Association.

Negotiations have been in progress for a number of days between a subcommittee of the water committee and the King Real Estate Association, L. F. Grover, Rachel Hawthorne and others, looking to a purchase of the sliding lands west of the City Park by the city.

The water committee has taken up shortly after the termination of the King Association's suit against the city for damages.

It is thought by several members of the committee that the only way to solve the physical difficulties in the matter is for the city to own the sliding land, establish a perfect system of drainage, permit the city to stop the slides, which were caused by a superabundance of water underground, and thus make the reservoirs stable.

Details of negotiations could not be learned, but it is understood that the committee will be ready to report to the water committee at its regular meeting this afternoon.

DOG PULLED THE TRIGGER.

Fatal Accident to a Fisherman While Entering Boat.

A dog caused the death of A. H. Pullman, a fisherman, yesterday afternoon. He was hunting. He placed a double-barreled shotgun in his boat, called his dog, and, while entering himself, the animal caused the gun to be discharged, the hunter's left leg at the thigh and ranging downwards. The wounded man was brought to Portland yesterday morning on the steamer Lurline, from Astoria, and was placed in the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment. During the journey to Portland the man suffered the loss of considerable blood, and gradually grew weaker until he died, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THE MONOTONY OF TRAVELING BY RAIL

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To a passenger traveling from Portland to Astoria, the "Portland-Chicago special," the tedium of the journey is relieved by a visit to the library car. This car contains a buffet, library, writing-desk, etc., for the accommodation of sleeping-car passengers. Here one may select a book from the large assortment contained in the library. The current magazines and daily papers are also on file, and a writing-desk supplied with stationery and all facilities for correspondence is at the disposal of the occupants of this car.

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Full information regarding the two routes to the East offered by the O. R. & N. Co. can be had by applying to Mr. V. A. Schilling, city ticket agent, 254 Washington street.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind-colic and diarrhoea.

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Have you had your share of these bargains? The selling has been enormous, and no lot when exhausted can be renewed at the old price.

Silks, Dress Goods, Laces, Ribbons, Embroideries, Underwear, Hosiery, Wash Goods, Linens, Books, Drug-gists' Sundries, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Tapestries, etc. All remnants and odd lots at a sacrifice.

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250 Ladies' Silk Waists, of fine quality taffeta silk in black and colors; made in tucks and corded styles. Prices, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$12.00; reduced to \$4.75, \$5.50, \$6.50.

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A large assortment of odd pairs of Portieres at half price.

\$10.00 Portieres at \$5.00.

\$5.00 Portieres at \$2.50.

\$4.00 Portieres at \$2.00.

Tapestry Remnants at half price.

Odd Lace Curtains at 33 1-3 reduction.

\$2.20 Tapestry at \$1.10.

\$2.00 Tapestry at \$1.00.

\$1.50 Tapestry at 75c.

\$1.00 Tapestry at 50c.

BLANCHE BATES' ANKLES

KISSES AND HOSE THE BASIS OF A NEW FARCE.

Portland Girl Sits on Stage and Shows Many Pairs of Gaudy Silken Stockings.

Blanche Bates is again a New York sensation. She has set the tongues of all Gotham wagging by her portrayal of a part of Cora, a hosiery model in David Belasco's new play, "Naughty Anthony."

The New York Sun says that this is the first play on record to succeed in its stocking feet, but its success is only that of Blanche Bates. The idea soon got abroad that the farce had been built around a few pairs of long stockings and a kiss. The stockings are Blanche's and also the kiss. The World says there is one bright spot in "Naughty Anthony," and explains:

It was Blanche Bates as the hosiery model. Her gowns were beautiful and becoming; her smile was radiant, her spirit high and her hose—they were the whole show.

There were plain hose and plain hose; striped hose and figured hose; silk hose and lace. At least, so the audience was led to suppose, but they waited all evening to justify their suspicions.

The two long, unhappy first acts were saved at the end by the hosiery model.

Blanche Bates made the hit of the evening trying on hose. It was a delicate piece of business for a woman to hinge upon, and not every one could have done it. It could so easily have been done wrong.

There are so many ways of slipping off hose, but here is only one. The actress, in the Blanche Bates method, indeed, the scene was so carefully treated that an audience, which had waited through two long acts containing nothing but disjointed scenes, was rewarded by a natural sort of genius. She was destined to be a hosiery model.

Perhaps it was because she did it in such a business-like way that it did not seem the least bit naughty, for it certainly was the model's business.

It is odd no one ever thought of having a hosiery model before. There have been other plays that needed something to save them, but perhaps the managers couldn't get Miss Bates to do it all so gracefully.

"No good," said everybody after act one.

"Absolutely stupid," they reiterated at the close of act two.

And still they waited. A sense of something coming filled the air.

And it came.

The last scene was all that was looked for.

This play scene lasts about five minutes, and keeps the audience on the qui vive. Miss Bates, who Portland people know is a beautiful and talented actress, sits down on the floor facing the audience, pulls up her skirts, and the scene opens.

Then she pulls them off, and reveals another pair of different stockings, and equally elaborate. Then comes another and another, until finally the Salvation Army girls are on a settee and watch her with open eyes as she proceeds with her display.

The silk stockings are said to be richly embroidered and are very striking. She talks about their special charm while the band plays a soft accompaniment. Then she pulls them off, and reveals another pair of different stockings, and equally elaborate. Then comes another and another, until finally the Salvation Army girls are on a settee and watch her with open eyes as she proceeds with her display.

Blanche Bates' stockings are entirely innocent; that she doesn't put them on; she merely takes them off. This wickedness depends upon the point of view. Yet to the unprejudiced mind Miss Bates comes at as much naughtiness in taking them off as in pulling them on. When she undertakes to display her hosiery to those Salvation Army girls she wears half a dozen pairs of stockings, and the matter being between women, it is harmless enough for her to pull off each stocking to praise its merits. However, this strictly feminine business happened to be understood in front of the footlights—Miss Bates, being one of the cleverest players on the stage, has a good understanding. Here is a shapely ankle, too. Therefore, there seems to be more harm in the business than its author perceived, and no more difference can be found between pulling off and pulling on than between twiddling and twiddled.

It is not in hosiery alone that danger lies. There is an undercurrent of wickedness throughout "Naughty Anthony."

David Belasco, long confined in emotional plays, has run riot. Every one of the characters in his new piece is more or less immoral—some with aspirations, some with memories, some with present experiences. The dialogue is as saucy as if it came unbleached from Paris.

Mr. Belasco has not bothered his brains over the story. The argument of this new piece is the most slender foundation on which the author ever has built a play. His hero is a professor of moral culture—a man of quality too far for his surroundings. He is a man of intelligence, rounded himself with a number of intelligent men and women who espouse his original ideas for the government of society. The professor has an especial dis-

approval of kissing, which he considers not only pious, but unnecessary. Yet he is the first one of all his cult to transgress the law formulated by himself, for, under the temptations of a hosiery model, he gradually succumbs to the charms of woman's lips. The play hangs on a kiss, but great matters, from Olga Neidermeyer's "Carmen" to Cleopatra's beguilement of Caesar, have had no finer motive, and kissing is the least part of this story. Belasco is wicked and his players are wicked.

"Honi soit qui mal y pense" was said of a garter; why not of a stocking? A New York critic writing of "Naughty Anthony," says:

When I think what dull, stupid, coarse, unrefined actors and actresses might have done with the play, my half threatens to stand on end. One wink, one leer, one coarse suggestion would have turned comedy, not into farce, oh, dear, no! but into degrading pantomime.

For, what did we see during the evening's amusement? A charming, well-dressed, alluring woman; a woman with a sparkle in her eye and a throb in her voice; a woman not exactly of the world, but of the people, making desperate love to an unknown, human, temptable professor of moral philosophy.

It was a scene that any lover of good acting delighted to see, because Blanche Bates—clever, thorough, charming from start to finish—was here at her very best, and because it was the best scene in the play. They will talk this morning all over New York of the "stocking scene." They will describe Blanche Bates sitting on the floor and peeling off of fascinating hose in the presence of three Salvation armies; they will be wondering how any actress dared do such a thing, and do it with such consummate grace, tact and taste.

THRIVING SUBURBAN SCHOOLS

East Side and Suburban School Districts Are Prosperous.

At the close of the year it was found that the suburban school districts were more prosperous than they had been for a number of years. The districts of Mount Tabor are conspicuous examples of growth and improvement the past year. In the large district, No. 5, where there are two buildings, the clerk reports an increase in the school population of from 20 to 25 per cent. He states that the enumeration is 670 children of school age, while the attendance at the school has reached about 400. But this is not as satisfactory a feature of the financial condition is better than for years, and but for the bonded indebtedness of the district a special tax levy would not be required at all. Clerk Fields estimates that the district is \$500 ahead of what it was last year. There is no floating indebtedness at this time. This is not what was expected at the school meeting held a year ago, when it was freely predicted that the district would be behind \$1000, and would have to borrow money to pay current expenses, but this has not been required. The clearing up of past delinquencies has contributed largely toward the financial improvement of conditions of the district. The value of taxable property of the district has just been obtained, and is \$389,490. On this valuation the levy will be made, but it will be the largest in the history of the district when the taxable property of the district was fixed at nearly \$1,000,000, but that was under boom conditions.

In the Montavilla district the enumeration of children of the school age has not yet been completed, but as far as gone the increase is 25 per cent over last year. The annual special meeting will be held on the evening of January 25. The financial condition of No. 12 is in excellent condition. There is not a dollar of floating indebtedness, and all current expenses are promptly paid. The improved conditions in these two large districts for the past year are most remarkable. When the census of the Montavilla district shall have been completed there is no doubt but it will be shown that there are over 1000 children of school age in No. 5 and 12, and that the total population cannot be far from 4000. Two years ago the financial condition of both districts was regarded about as bad as it could well be, but from these reports it may be seen that all this has been changed. The districts will be able to carry their bonded indebtedness with low tax levies this year.

Second Oregon Veterans.

General Summers camp, No. 1, Second Oregon, will meet this evening in Gomez hall, Russell street, when it is expected that the officers will be made to conform to the state constitution. Officers of the camp were elected in the past year according to its own constitution, which was adopted before there was a state organization. The changes are mainly in name, and it is not expected that the present officers of the camp will be changed at this time, but only the names will be changed. The Albina camp continues to grow, and numbers 78. It is called "the outpost," and is a pretty strong outpost. At the meeting this evening also the new charter will be placed in its new case and hung upon the wall. The members are very proud of their charter, as presented them by William Denby. The entertainment committee has in hand a series of bi-monthly social events, which are being well attended, and the next one will take place Friday night, January 19. By means of these events the camp is accumulating a relief fund, which will prove very handy in case comrades need help. A smoker is on the tapis for the near future. The comedy several of the members are getting up, soon to be

All that I know is, that the facts I state are true as truth has ever been of late.—Byron.

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SHOE CLEARANCE

Broke Into the Houses.

Two vacant dwellings, one on East Thirtieth and East Ash, the other on East Thirtieth and East Oak streets, the property of John McGee and J. Floss, were broken into within the past week, and damage done to the amount of probably \$30. In both houses the plumbing was completely devastated, the lead pipe and connected, and even the faucets were carried off. Both houses were locked, but it is supposed that entrance was effected through the windows. It is thought the lead and pipe were taken to sell to junk-houses. It will cost considerable to repair the damage that has been done in these dwellings.

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Complaint is made to Humane Officer Wells that boys of all ages congregate in the barn on East Ash, between East Eleventh and East Twelfth streets, in the evening, and smoke. The owner of the premises, it seems, has been unable to prevent their gathering at this place, although he has tried to drive them away.

It is claimed that it is a sort of school to instruct young boys in the practice of cigarette-smoking, and quite a number of youngsters are said to have got their start in the habit here, and others are about to graduate. The humane officer has seen the boys there, but has not yet caught them smoking, as they have been too shy.

East Side Notes.

John Kubie, of Woodlawn, was knocked down and severely injured a few days ago by a scorching on a bicycle. His ankle was sprained, and he sustained several severe bruises. The wheelman was knocked down by the collision, but was not injured. Mr. Kubie has been confined to his home since the accident.

John Franklin, who lives near Mount Scott, was seriously injured by being kicked by a horse yesterday morning. The kneecap of the right leg was sprained by the horse's shoe. The horse, which had always been gentle, suddenly kicked at Franklin as he was hitching him to the wagon, preparatory to driving into the city. The injured man was brought here for medical attention. The injury is regarded as very bad, and it will be a long time before Franklin will be around.

Roll Call at Centenary Church.

This evening at Centenary Methodist church there will be a roll call and rally of the members, and all are invited to be present. A short literary program will be given. There will be a vocal solo by Mrs. E. A. Bamford; a reading by J. B. Easter; reading by Miss Dora Wiseman; music by the male quartet. The affair will be mainly social and a reunion of the members. Rev. Dr. Rockwell, the pastor, is pleased with his church work, and he thought that it would be a good thing to

Drive Over Rotten Roadway.