

ROBBED ON A TRAIN

Experience of Two Well-Known Yakima Men.

THIEVES COMPELLED THEM TO JUMP

One Man Was Quite Severely Injured—No Clue to the Robbers—Like a Year Ago.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 4.—John Cleman, a wealthy sheepowner of Wenah Valley, and Fred Brooker, proprietor of the Fashion hotel here, were both robbed on a freight train about 15 miles west of town last night. They were then forced at the point of a gun to jump from the moving train. A small crowd gathered on the side of Brooker's head. In getting off of the train Cleman was severely, though not dangerously hurt.

The thieves took \$180 and a watch from Brooker, and \$10 and a watch from Cleman before forcing them off of the train.

Cleman and Brooker were passengers from Ellensburg but on account of the discomfort of riding in a caboose had gone forward and were sitting on top of a car of lumber when approached by four robbers.

The robbery of Cleman and Brooker recalls a similar crime at the same place about a year ago, and the description of the robbers is much the same.

Fred Brooker tells the following story of the hold-up:

"Cleman and I were sitting on top of a pile of heavy timber loaded on two flat cars. When the train slowed down at Lenthams creek the robbers got on the train. They climbed up on the top of the lumber and talked with us for a few minutes. One sat down by Cleman. The other, a large, muscular fellow, pulled a gun and said: 'I want what you fellows have got; hold up your hands.' The smaller man then went through Cleman, and afterwards took my money. I had \$200 of notes with the money. When I protested that these were of no value to the thieves they gave them back.

"Having robbed us they fled handkerchiefs around our faces. They stood around and seemed at a loss to decide what to do with us. One of them fired his revolver once or twice to intimidate us. Finally it occurred to them to come up to get off. We were running down through a rocky canyon at a pretty good speed, and the suggestion that we get off alarmed us more than the robbery. Cleman was ordered first. He jumped from the top of the flat car on the throat that he would be shot. He was badly hurt when he fell. I got off the lumber and caught hold of a tree trunk as the next to our car. The big man followed me down with his gun. I parleyed with him, and told him I would get off when the train slowed up, as a jump then meant almost certain death. He said, 'or I'll certainly kill you.' As he said that he either nerved at me or struck me on the side of the head, and fired at the same time at the bullet from the blow and dropped. I was not hurt by the fall. I went back and found Cleman. He had cut himself on the rocks, and was bleeding profusely. We walked nine miles to Rosena station, woke up the operator and telegraphed the sheriff at North Yakima."

No clue to the robbers is obtainable. The descriptions given by the victims are vague. Sheriff Tucker was not notified until the train had passed here, and the robbers had plenty of time to escape before he could make any effort to apprehend them.

HOPER ACCEPTED NOMINATION.

But Professor Jory, the Vote-Getter, Declines to Run.

SALEM, May 4.—Late tonight E. Hoper, one of the Democratic-Citizen nominees for the Legislature, filed his certificate of nomination and acceptance with the County Clerk. This is the last day for filing nominations. The vacancies on the fusion ticket are two places on the Legislative ticket, and one on the School Superintendant and Coroner. These may be filled by petition.

The hardest blow the fusion ticket has yet received was the refusal tonight of John W. Jory to accept the nomination for the Legislature. Jory was the choice of the Populists, and was considered the best vote-getter among the Legislative nominees. When seen this evening, Mr. Jory said that he had several reasons for declining to run for the Legislature on the nominations tendered him. In the first place, the Populists of his precinct declared unanimously against fusion with the Democrats, and to be consistent with his instructions he could not accept a nomination on the ticket made up. While the ticket is called "Citizens" Mr. Jory said he could not see that it is anything more or less than a fusion. A second reason for declining to run was that he favored a genuine citizens movement, and since this had not been accomplished, he thought the ticket lacked the prestige it should have. Again, Mr. Jory said that if he accepted the nomination at all, it would be for the purpose of working mainly for the initiative and referendum. As some of the Republican candidates have expressed themselves as favorable to that amendment to the Constitution, he felt that he would be, in a measure, working against the initiative and referendum if he should oppose those Republican candidates who favor the principle.

Two nominations by petition, with acceptances attached, were filed in the office of the Secretary of State today. One was that of J. E. Simmons, of 467 Macdonald street, Portland, for Congressmen from the Second District. The other was that of Thomas G. Greene, of 49 Market street, Portland, for Supreme Judge. The time for filing nominations by petition will expire tomorrow. All the signatures to the Simmons petition are residents of Portland. The Greene petition is signed by residents of a number of towns in different parts of the state, principally in the Willamette Valley. It is committed by those who have looked over the list of signatures to the petition that few of the names of the Democratic nominees of state reputation appear in the list.

The Macdonald Republican Club will hold its first meeting for the present campaign tomorrow evening in the public hall at Macleay. While it will not be a campaign rally, strictly speaking, the club will recognize under inspiring conditions. Governor Geer and other well-known public speakers will address the members of the club, and a number of the Republican candidates will be present.

TOUGHS TOOK THE TOWN.

Residents Got Together, However, and Secured the Injunction.

PENDLETON, Or., May 4.—The residents of Umatilla, gives a detailed story of the fracas at Umatilla Tuesday night, in which a gang of travelling toughs took possession of the town for a time. Mr. Meana is in business there, and brought the leader of the gang, Ed Clayton, to Pendleton, turning him over to the sheriff.

Mr. Meana states that, at about 9 o'clock Tuesday night, a number of men, rather tough in appearance, appeared on the streets of Umatilla and defiantly proclaimed that for the night they would run the place. They were not armed with pistols, but carried knives, razors, clubs and stones, and the number is variously estimated up to 20. They tried to hold up several of the citizens, and appeared in force before the Condon Hotel, into the windows of which they threw stones, striking a number of persons.

This had gone on for some little time, when a number of the men of Umatilla procured rifles and pistols, gathered at one of the places of business, and determined to clean out the gang of invaders, shedding all the blood necessary. Bloodshed was averted, however, by the cooler heads, who advised simply taking the leader in custody, and obtaining authority from the Sheriff so to do.

Politics in Jackson County.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., May 4.—The Democratic ticket nominated here Tuesday Saturday has intensified the bitterness between the two wings of the party, and the chasm is now so wide that no opportunity is offered to bridge it. The Nickell-Neil-Solms unit refuse to be reconciled or comforted.

There are three tickets in the field, with a sprinkling of independent candidates, and a rumor is current that others yet to be announced. The Republican party is harmonious and intact.

"Cyclone" Davis at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, May 4.—"Cyclone" Davis, from Texas, spoke in the Dalwin Opera-House last night, on the political issues of the last campaign. He was greeted by a "hot" crowd, not only by the staid citizens, but by a number of the more extreme. His speech was simply an attempt to please his hearers at the expense of the Republican party.

The Campaign for Folk.

DALLAS, May 4.—The Republican Central Committee has met and organized the county campaign, which will commence May 21, in Douglas and Jackson precincts, and end the Saturday before election at Dixie.

HOSPITAL FOR FORT STEVENS.

Order From Washington to Advertise for Bids.

ASTORIA, May 4.—Captain Downs, constructing quartermaster at Fort Stevens, today received instructions from the Department at Washington to call for bids for the construction of a 24-bed hospital at the barracks. The hospital is of the type necessary for a four-battery post, with a building to be erected on the site of the barracks. The main building is to be 50x50 feet, two stories high, with a French roof. In addition, there will be a wing 30x30 feet, to be used for the wards. The building is to be erected with a basement of stone, and the structure will be one of the finest at the post.

Charles Mayers is making preparations to start a sawmill in the woods back of Mayers's Station, and will flume his lumber to the river. He has purchased part of the mill formerly in the Seaburg mill at Iwaco.

The American barkentine Chelusa has finished taking in about \$60,000 feet of lumber at the Columbia mill, at Knappa, for Australia. Her departure is delayed on account of the difficulty in completing her crew.

The preliminary examination of Charles Bacon, charged with stealing four salmon from the Columbia River Packing Company's cannery, resulted in his being held to the Circuit Court.

ARE NOT YET SATISFIED

FOREST GROVE PEOPLE THINK CORONER'S JURY SHIRKED.

Hurried to Render Verdict as to Mrs. Hatch's Death Before Available Evidence Was In.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 4.—While few, if any, here believe that E. W. Fletcher is guilty of the murder of Mrs. Anna C. Hatch, there are many who think he knows all about it. These content that the coroner's jury should have probed deeper into the case. There is a feeling here that Fletcher and his attorney were too close to the jury, while the general public was shut out. No one likes the idea of the state taking a bribe. The coroner's jury, he asserts that it was left to a vote of the jury whether members of the press and the public should be excluded or not, and the jury voted for exclusion. The fact that the jury was one which the coroner could have induced to vote either way. One member of it was a close personal friend of his. Another was his nephew, while most of the others were men the coroner would have found easily persuaded.

Little inquiry was made concerning the letters that passed between Mrs. Hatch and Fletcher.

Mrs. Hatch's son had taken all the letters found to his home at McCoy. At the suggestion of one of the jurors, the coroner went after the letters, and the jury got in a hurry Wednesday and rendered the verdict a few hours before the son returned with the letters, notwithstanding they were expecting him that afternoon.

So far as is known, no effort was made to find the woman's missing rings, which all of her intimate friends and her children say she wore.

The bed clothing and garments worn by the woman were not examined. The woman's clothing was examined, and it is smelted of chloroform, though she did not make this fact known until after the jury had adjourned.

No examination was made of the condition of the dead woman's throat or lungs, nor was the contents of the stomach analyzed.

It is said that at least one of the physicians at Forest Grove, who is reputed from some anesthetics. This was before the autopsy was held. Not all of the physicians were sure that the heart was sufficiently affected to cause death.

With these and other facts unearthed, many are ready to censure the jury, both for its star-chamber methods and its apparent lack of interest.

One of the jurors was firmly convinced that the woman died before Fletcher left the room. The others seem to have only been able to look upon the prompt return and open story told by Fletcher.

There is abundant evidence that the woman had at one time expected to marry Fletcher, but of late her hopes in this direction seemed to have diminished, and what her oldest son objected, it is said, to her receiving attention from Fletcher on the ground that he was immoral, and had a bad temper. Last Fall the son asked Mrs. Hatch if she would marry Fletcher. She at first hesitated and then answered that she was not. All of these facts could have been brought out by the jury. Why they were not brought out appears to know, but many would like to know.

It is now reported that Miss Maud Sparks called at the home of Mrs. Hatch Thursday evening, the night of her mysterious death, and tried to sell her a ticket to a lecture at the Christian Church that night. Miss Sparks told Mrs. Hatch that she would willingly purchase a ticket, but was feeling too tired and ill to attend.

Mrs. Hatch's most intimate friends are worrying, and a good deal of comment has been indulged in as to what became of the dead woman's rings. They seem to think that the rings might figure prominently in the case, and they would be glad to see them. Her friends do not remember ever having seen her without them.

Frank Waters, of Forest Grove, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Anna C. Hatch, deceased. His bonds are \$2000.

TO MEET OREGON SHEEPMEN.

Superintendent Ormsby to Make Grazing Arrangements at Dalles.

SALEM, May 4.—Superintendent S. B. Ormsby, of the Cascade forest reserve, will meet the Eastern Oregon sheepmen at 9 o'clock May 26 in the office of the Chamber of Commerce at The Dalles. The purpose of this meeting is to appoint the grazing ranges among the sheep-owners. The date for this meeting has been changed twice and was set for May 26 in accordance with a dispatch received this afternoon from Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles, who is secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association.

The object of having a meeting of the sheepmen instead of letting each one send in his application for grazing permit separately, is that it will facilitate the work. It is Superintendent Ormsby's experience that few of the applications will be prepared in proper form, and that they must be returned for correction causing great delay. Even applications prepared by lawyers are sometimes found defective when only blanks are required to be filled.

The sheepmen who do not attend the meeting on May 26 will still have an opportunity to apply for grazing privileges, but they will avoid a probability of delay in getting their permits if they are present.

The contention upon which the attorney for Mark Savage expects to secure a portion of Minto Island by purchase from the State Land Board is regarded as a rather novel one, although it is claimed the law under which the contention is made is as old as Blackstone. Minto Island is situated in sections 21 and 22. The accretions extend across part of these sections and into sections 21 and 22. That portion of the bar to section 21 is all that Mr. Savage is asking for. His claim is that the owner of land may acquire title by accretion up to the section line, but that as soon as the bar extends across the line, the right ceases to follow the accretion.

The tract which Mr. Savage seeks to purchase does not include a portion of the Salem Water Company's filter is located, and is valuable chiefly for the gravel and future accretions that may be made.

T. S. Reynolds, driver of the Wells Fargo Express wagon in this city, yesterday pulled a handful of wild clover in which he found stalks bearing two, three, four, five and six leaves. He hunted for a one-leaved clover, but couldn't find it.

Governor Geer went to Portland today to confer with Adjutant-General Gantenbein regarding the holding of a National Guard encampment and also to confer with the members of the Oregon Convention Commissioners regarding their work.

A sale of 145 bales of hops outside the association is reported by a local buyer. The price paid was 5 cents.

State Treasurer Moore today received a remittance of \$12,500 applied to Marion County's 1899 state taxes. This is Marion's second payment.

FATTENS EASTERN OYSTERS.

Novel and Profitable Enterprise of an Oysterville Man.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 4.—Mr. Wachsmonth expects another crop of Eastern oysters to be raised near Oysterville. With him the raising of Eastern oysters is no experiment, as he is the pioneer in the business on the North Pacific coast. He has been fully and successfully raising oysters for two years past, and each year has increased his

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