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FRANK M'BRIDE SAYS HE IS INNOCENT OF ROBBERY.

Baggage Seized With Idea He Was in Salt Lake Postoffice Adair Will Be Returned.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 21.—Frank M. McBride, whose baggage was seized by postal inspectors yesterday with the idea that he was connected with the robbery of the Salt Lake postoffice on July 21, still protests that he is innocent. He made a demand today for the return of the keys and his wife's letters, which were taken from him yesterday, alleging that the search was unjust and that the officers authority to take United States registered mail. The postal inspectors threatened to arrest McBride if he attempted to compel the authorities to return his property. The matter was finally adjourned tonight, when the postal inspectors agreed to turn over to McBride the goods taken from him in the morning. Postal Inspector Sharpe said he had joined Inspector Bennett today, and the two are working on the case. If they have found out anything they will not say as much. Mr. Sharp did remark tonight that if McBride told the truth about his whereabouts on July 21 and 22 he could not be connected with the robbery of the Salt Lake postoffice on those dates. McBride says he has been hounded ever since he got out of the difficulty in 1895, when it was shown his accounts were straight, and can prove an alibi in this case. He says the inspectors are on the wrong track. The originals of the following dispatches were shown here today: "Baker City, Aug. 20.—Hon. P. H. Lannon, Manager Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake. "If necessary will come Salt Lake to meet any charges against me. Am persecuted from Atlantic to Pacific. It will be pleasant to meet you here. Kindly answer. F. M. M'BRIDE." "Salt Lake, Aug. 21.—To Frank McBride, Baker City. "I do not know of any charges preferred against you. Governor Thomas assures me he knows of no charge against you. "P. H. LANNON." McBride says the keys found in his things were the keys he recently used as timekeeper at the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine.

No Record of "Rolling" Against Him.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 21.—The post-office authorities here have not yet heard from Inspector Bennett, of the United States Postoffice Department, in regard to the arrest at Baker City, Or., yesterday of Frank McBride, ex-Assistant Postmaster at Salt Lake City, suspected of complicity in the recent postoffice robberies here. There is no record at police headquarters of charges against McBride of "rolling" a man here, and both Postmaster Thomas and Inspector Bennett Service Hilton are inclined to believe that McBride has not been in Salt Lake City since his release from the penitentiary two years ago, after serving a five-year sentence for embezzlement.

ROBBERS STILL AT LARGE.

Men Who Held Up Baker City Saloon Went Toward the Mountains.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 21.—The officers are still on the lookout, but have been unable to locate the men who robbed the Log Cabin saloon Monday night, while many men in the city are reported to point to the fact that they were familiar with the place and knew just what to do. One of the men seems to have been a novice, the others being veterans of the trade. He became so nervous that he could not hold his gun steady, and it was accidentally discharged before the other men had finished the work. The money from the hold-up was taken from the street, and in this supposition they were not mistaken. As the people rushed in the front door, the robbers retreated through the rear entrance. They had their horses tied about seven blocks away, as was afterwards learned, and they ran to them and rode away to the foothills east of Baker City. A young woman heard the shot says two men ran by his home shortly after the robbery. One of the men began to swear like a brute. His partner came to his assistance, and they were soon on their way again. The woman did not know of the hold-up until morning, when it was found that the robbers had retreated in that direction. The officers started after them at daybreak, but the trail could be followed only a short distance.

HELD UP BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Treasure and Mail Taken From Ager-Klimath Falls Stage.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 21.—The stage on the Ager-Klimath Falls route was successfully held up by highwaymen, 10 miles east of Ager this morning. After securing the Wells, Fargo & Co. express treasure box and the United States mail, the highwaymen made good their escape. The location of the hold-up was a flat country not over-heavily timbered, and in a neighborhood not heretofore infested with stage robbers, who have so frequently operated along this line.

Hold-Up Near Houston.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 21.—Another hold-up is reported to have taken place on the board walk between Houston and St. Helens, last night, just a few minutes after the Astoria train left Houston. Sylvester Mitchell, who had been down the river and was returning home, met a footpad about midway between the two towns, and was relieved of a few dimes. Just a little before meeting the robber he had taken the precaution to place his pocketbook on the inside of his clothing.

WORK OF DEPUTY FISH WARDENS.

All Are Content of Securing a Large Number of Salmon Eggs.

ASTORIA, Aug. 21.—Several letters were received at the Master Fish Warden's office today from the deputies in different parts of the state, and all speak of an encouraging outlook for securing large numbers of eggs at the various stations. Thomas Brown, who is in charge of the work at Bowler Creek, states that he has secured 90,000 eggs and expects to get at least 200,000 more. H. A. Webster, in charge of the upper station on the Umpqua, writes that after two months' work he has everything in readiness to take care of the salmon when they arrive, but at the time he wrote the spawning season had not commenced. W. C. Brown, writing from Salmon River under date of August 15, says he expects to secure all the eggs there that the hatchery can handle.

Fined for Illegal Fishing.

Fred Hartman was held in the Justice Court this morning on a charge of fishing without an individual or gear license, he having been arrested some time ago during the fishing season. He pleaded not guilty, but his own testimony was sufficient to convict him. He was fined \$5 and costs, and in default of payment was committed to the County Jail.

Signed by the Mayor.

The ordinances passed at the last meeting of the Council were signed by Mayor Bergman today, with the exception of the one granting a 25-year franchise to the telephone company. The Mayor has until August 30 to report upon this ordinance.

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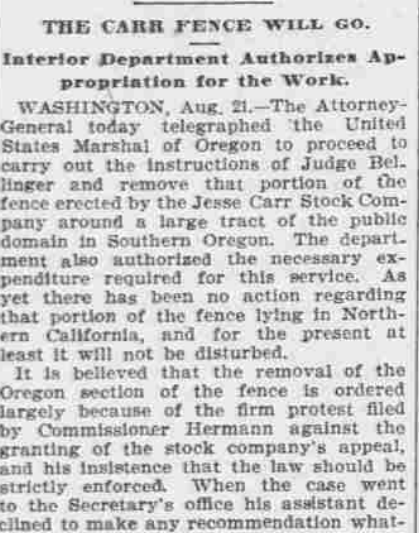
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