

ALL BY SAME GANG

Three Men Have Gone Into Holdup Business.

THE DESCRIPTIONS ALL AGREE

Recent Series of Highway Robberies Almost All Executed by Three Men of Same Build, but Convincing Evidence Lacking.

Recent Hold-Ups in Portland.

- May 21—Vancouver car; loss, \$140 and valuable jewelry.
May 27—Silverwood car; loss, \$100 and valuable jewelry.
June 4—White House road; loss, \$75 and valuable jewelry.
June 6—Lull's Bend; loss, \$11.
June 10—Unsub. couple; no loss.
June 11—W. P. Lull; no loss.
June 14—Four men on Hill street; loss, \$45.

Portland is having another epidemic of holdups. The men who are causing so much trouble to night riders this time seem to be working with a system, and have managed to escape with big gains. Most of the holdups of consequence have been accomplished by a band of three men, and in each case they have netted a good amount for their trouble. In each case where three men have been concerned their description has been much the same. A tall, rather slender man with a commanding manner has acted as leader of the party, and the others of less commanding appearance have executed his orders in a way which has kept them free from trouble thus far. The police have been diligently looking for this band, but have not managed to prove a case against any of them. They are clever and have managed to disguise themselves in so many different ways, as to change the view upon which the detectives are working after each robbery.

In the robbery Saturday night, when Emil Johnson, H. Peterson, and two friends were held up and robbed of about \$45, a new clew was obtained. The men were of the same build, and the other two had a different disguise from any mentioned before. The leader had a very long, dark beard which almost completely covered his face, and the other two had a disguise which was much the same. If the detectives can get a trace of the beard they think they will have a chance to find the men that own them. Thus far the highwaymen have managed to get money enough by their work to keep them going, and have not had to pawn any of the jewelry. This method of tracking them has not been available.

Vancouver Car the First.

The recent epidemic of holdups commenced with the robbery of a Vancouver car on May 21. Three men boarded the car and at the station a gun forced the conductor, motorman and all of the passengers to give up their money and valuable jewelry. About \$140 in money was obtained besides watches and other articles of value.

FIGHT ON BOARD SHIP.

Boatswain and Crew of the Oakley Cause Police to Intervene. A free for all fight yesterday between the sailors on the British steamer Oakley, which is anchored just above the steel bridge, became so serious that it could not be managed by the ship's crew, and the police were called to stop the trouble. Curt Weidel, William Johnson and John Gelse, the principal contestants, were placed under arrest, and will be tried in the Municipal court today.

Victims Not Positive.

The victims of this holdup differ as to the exact number of highwaymen, but as nearly as the police can learn it was the same band of three. The leader was of the same description and the other two men noticed corresponded to the two followers of the mysterious leader. In this job the highwaymen were so disguised as to give the impression that they were soldiers. Three soldiers from Vancouver were arrested, against whom the evidence seemed to be strong, but the police were not able to prove the case against them. The holdups immediately following were of a different nature. Louis Bender was held up June 4, a couple was held up in East Portland June 10, and W. P. Lull, city sidewalk inspector, was held up June 11. In each of these cases one or two men did the work, and none of them seemed to be particularly covered with victims did not lose anything of value. Saturday night the band of three ventured forth, and again accomplished a holdup which netted good money. This time the holdup was between Third and Fourth Hill street between Third and Fourth Hill street. H. Peterson and two friends were met by highwaymen and ordered to hold up their hands. Johnson and Peterson were immediately covered with guns, and the other two, seeing that the highwaymen were directing their attention toward their comrades, turned and fled. The two victims lost about \$45 between them.

All Were Whiskers Saturday.

Peterson called at the police station yesterday and gave a good description of the men. The tall, slender leader was again described, and the other two men were shorter and carried out the orders given by the leader. Peterson is sure that the robbers were false whiskers. "Are you sure it was not a black handkerchief?" asked the Simmons. "I am sure they had whiskers," was the answer. "I am not positive that they were false ones. They were very long, and covered their faces." "Would you know any of them if you saw them again?" he was asked. "I am sure I would know the leader, for I got a good look at him," he answered.

Difficult to Get Evidence.

Although the detectives have run down every clew that they could obtain in the highway robbery cases, they have not yet managed to get any convincing evidence. "They are among the worst cases that we have to deal with," said Detective Baz Simmons yesterday. "We trace up

HIS PROPHECY TRUE

Dr. Harris Content With Hermann's Majority.

DISSENSION IN CLACKAMAS

Faction Fight the Cause of Democratic Success There—Difficulties in the Way of Building Hotels—Milwaukee Gives a Hint.

RECENT ACCESSIONS.

List of New Books Received at Portland Public Library. Following are the recent accessions at the Portland Library: RELIGION. Haggood, Hutchin—Spirit of the Ghetto. SOCIOLOGY, INCLUDING EDUCATION. Ferguson, Charles—Religion of De-Findley, J. J.—Principles of Class Teaching. Hughes, R. E.—Making of Character. Jones, Sir William—Essay on the Law of Bailments. LANGUAGES. Meadows, F. C.—New Italian and English Dictionary. SCIENCE. Aaldman, F. T.—Practical X-Ray. Dickson, F. S.—And the Wild. Blossomed. M. H. History. USEFUL AND PINE ARTS. Chapin, H. D.—Theory and Practice of Infant Feeding. Creese, F.—Practical Pointers for Patentees. Day, L. F. & Buckle, Mary—Art in Needlework. Gay, G. E.—Business Bookkeeping. Graves, H. E.—Woodman's Hand. Hogan, Mrs. L. E.—Children's Diet in Home and School. Journalism for Farmers, Fruitgrowers, Nurseries, etc. Moore, H. G.—Business Practice. LITERATURE. "Aristophanes—(The Clouds). Bigelow, Jacob (ed.)—Elopolosia. Holbrook, R. T.—Dante and the Animal Kingdom. "Lacertus, Carus, Titus—De Berum Natura. "Pearse's Town and Times. "Xenophon—Narrative of the Expedition of Cyrus. The Retreat of the Ten Thousand. Yents, W. B.—Shadow Waters.

MYSTERIOUS SHOT FIRED

Affair Described by Witness, but Trace of Assassin and Victim Lost.

A mysterious shooting affair caused some excitement in North Portland yesterday. The detective spent most of the day trying to run down the mystery, but was unable to find who were the principals. That one was shot there can be no mistake for a track of blood was traced from the street to a saloon at Tenth and Couch, where the trail was lost. People in the saloon who saw them say that they do not think the injured could have been seen, and the men did not seem to be in a bad condition. The only eye-witness to the shooting was a girl who works at a house on Eleventh and Burnside streets. She saw two men walking up Burnside street. One according to her testimony, seem to be about 30 years old. The other was of even appearance. As they came to Eleventh street she heard a gun discharged and looking out of the window saw the younger man slip something under his coat hurriedly. They then turned the corner and hurried down Couch street. Word was telephoned to the police station and Detective Sam Simmons went to the scene. He found a track of blood leading from Eleventh street to Tenth. At the point the track turned into a saloon. Upon making inquiries, he found that two men had stopped there and asked for a rag to mop up the blood. After they left the saloon no blood could be seen, and he was unable to track them.

Columbia Overflow Will Also Benefit.

ST. HELENS, Or., June 14.—(Special.)—The water in the Columbia is still rising, and the dryness on Sauvie's Island are moving their herds to high ground on the mainland, wherever they can secure pasturage. If the high water continues, it will cause a big falling off in the cream shipments to Portland. The hay crop on the low lands will be ruined, but the overflow, even if it continues, will be of material benefit to lowland pasturage. Several farmers in the vicinity of Warrenton are cutting their hay two or three weeks earlier than usual to get it out of the way of the advancing waters. The shipping docks here are all under water, and the lumber at a point on the high bluff, or at the Oregon Wood Company's dock.

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