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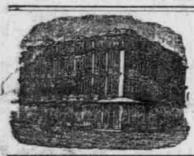
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Gang of Robbers Make Raid at Sheridan.

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MAYOR TAKES SHOT AT THEM

Bandits Force the Vault of Scroggin & Wortman's Bank With Nitro-Glycerine and Borrowed Tools -- No Trace of Them.

## TOWN OF SHERIDAN.

idan, a town of 1200 people, lies in a pocket of rolling hills. To the south between the town and Dallas are knoils, heavily covered with oak These furnish ideal hiding places in the daytime. The country is generally open, however, and is criss-crossed with countless roads. The town is 57 miles southwest of Portand, and about 25 miles west of Salem. Newberg, where a bank was last week, is 31 miles by rail-

SHERIDAN, Or., Oct. 26.-(Special.)-With nitro-glycerine and borrowed tools, three safe-crackers forced the vault of the private bank of Scroggin & Wortman, here early Monday morning, took \$5000 in gold and silver and escaped without leaving a clew, notwithstanding that J. Z. Eakin, the Mayor of Sheridan, took three rifle-shots at them from close range.

So similar were their methods to those of the bandit gang who attempted to rob the Newberg Bank on October 1, that no doubt exists in the minds Sheriff Sitton, of Yambill County, and his deputies that the robber bands are

The robbers entered the bank by gry-ing open the front door. A brick vault with walls three feet thick were cut through with tools borrowed from the large vault was then drilled, nitro-glyoccurred, which wrecked the safe, the vault and the interior of the bank, and the place himself on record as the place glass windows in front. Pieces being either for or against it. the plate glass windows in front. Pieces of the safe were thrown through the steel door of the vault and into the street.

# Mayor First on Scene.

The sound of the explosion alarmed Mayor Eakin and other citizens. With bullets singing over their heads, the robbers climbed into a buggy with the valuable contents of the bank as freight, and drove to the southward. Within half an hour all Sheridan knew that the only bank in town had been robbed. At first there was talk of a citizens' committee taking charge of the remains, but the cooler-headed element decided that S. L. Scroggin, manager of the bank, should Brooklyn. not be interfered with.

The bank was only slightly crippled financially, as most of the funds are kept in Portland vaults. Had the robbery ocin Portland vaults. Had the robbery oc-curred a few weeks later, however, several general in this district. thousand dollars more would have been the prize. The vault and safe have always by the management. Now the interior of the building, a small, one-story brick | New England, structure, is a ruin. A \$10 gold piece bent double by the explosion was picked up by George H. Howe, who, with Mayor Eakin, was asked by S. L. Scroggin to enter the

liately to Portland. If this true in the Sheridan robbery, the

Monday morning the gang procured their tools in the same way as at Newberg Again was the nearest section toolhe broken into and a clawbar, two picks and a sledge taken but left behind at the bank These were used to drill through the vault

Sheriff Sitton and Deputy Sheriff Henry reached here from McMinnville at day-light. All tracks of the burglars' buggy had long before been obliterated by the excited and curious townspeople. After riding several miles to the southward, the Sheriff returned and passed the day in ommunication with the Sheriffs of adacent counties. Sheriff Ford, of Polk County, is laid up by an injury and can-

not join in the search. Mayor Eakin, a hardware merchant, whose store and residence is almost opposite the bank, was the only man actual ly to see the forms of the retreating bandits. He was awakened by the sound of the explosion, and at once thought of the bank. Said Mr. Eakin:

## Fired at the Robbers.

"I went through the store and got eavy Winchester rifle and began to load Then through the window I saw e man moving along the sidewalk toward the bank. I think that he was the lookout and heard me in the store and was about to warn his companion. I opened the front door and fired directly across the street at him: It was dark and foggy, however, and he did not seem hurt. When I saw two others come from the bank building I fired two more shots. From the way they were bunched I am sure they went off in a vehicle. They went southward and were lost in the fog in a minute. To attract attention I yelled fire, but it seemed several minutes before any one answered."

Some of those living on the same street, the main thoroughfare of the little town, believe there were two explosions, but as they were timed very differently it seems almost certain that one explosion wrecked the safe, the vault and the interior of the bank. The time generally given is 3 o'clock. Eakin saw the three bandits leave the looted bank less than five minutes after. So much more explosive was used than necessary that it looks as if the safe crackers were not expert in the use of high explosives, but they certainly made Major Delmar time in the get-away.

### ALDERMEN SIDE WITH STRIKERS Trouble With Messengers May Become a Political Issue.

BOSTON, Oct. 36 .- The strike of the Western Union Telegraph Company's mes. mic. but of a British army officer senger boys threatens to become an issue of high family by a "Scotch marin the coming municipal election. At a meeting of the Board of Alderman Lowering, on a motion of Alderman Lowering (Democrat), at order was passed providing that the Western Union Telegraph Company be company by the company of the com graph Company be compelled to remove all of the poles in the city limits within railroad tool-house at Baliston, four the next 60 days, and if the order is not miles away. The small safe inside the compiled with the poles are to be removed large vault was then drilled nitro-size by the Superintendent of Streets. The and an explosion to 5.

The order now goes to Mayor Collins,

## COLD WEATHER IN THE EAST. Buffalo Has Hail, but It Disappears as Fast as It Falls.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 26.-Hall has been falling here since daybreak, but disappears almost as fast as it falls. Snow feil at a number of places in the State today. The first of the season,

## First Snow in New York. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.-The first snow-fall of the season came, this afternoon

when flurries passed over Manhattan and

## Light Snow at Pittsburg. PITTSBURG, Oct. 26.-The first snow of

Snow in New England.

### Congressman Sent to Prison. HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 28.-Ex-Congress.

man Corona, who in a fit of rage shot and was asked by S. 12. Scroggin to enter the bank with him.

The identity of the safe rebbers is as much a mystery as their present location, and it was the belief of Sheriff Sitton that demnity for the death of her husband.

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Dowie Not Son of Man Whose Name He Bears.

# MOTHER SINNED AGAINST

British Army Officer Robbed Her of Virginity.

TRICKED INTO A MARRIAGE

Zionist Leader, With Tears Streaming Down His Cheek, Tells the Tale of His Life to New York Audience.

In answer to the publication of letters passing between himself and John Murray Dowie, of Essex, Iowa, John Alexander Dowle, the Zionist leader, Dowie, but of a British army officer of high family. He goes on to say that his mother was tricked into her first marriage. The parents of her usband spirited him away, and then to hide her shame she married John Murray Dowie, whom the Zionist describes as a base scoundrel, else he would never have sold the letters passing between them.

His father he refers to as a gallant

## NEW YORK, Oct. 26.-In a broken voice with tears streaming down his face, and his body shaking with emotion, John Alexander Dowle stood on the platform in Madison-Square Garden tonight, before an audience of 10,000 persons, and announced that, in truth, he was not the son of John Murray Dowle, of Essex, In., from whom he takes his patronybeen taken away by his relatives, his mother in the first flush of her shame had sought to give her son a name by marrying John Murray Dowie.

The revelation was made at the end of an hour's tirade against the press of this He said, in a faltering voice: city, its treatment of his work and himself being styled a "conspiracy of falsehood," the reporters denounced as "yellow dogs, poisonous reptiles who have wrecked | me. thousands of homes and broken thousands of hearts."

He led up to the publication this morning One day later he gave me some papers of extracts of letters passing between him- which explained everything. I knew that self and John Muray Dowie, indicating I had been robbed of my birthright by Dowie's denunciation of the latter as a that villain lying in front of me. I knew parent, and which were responsible for the that I was not his son. I knew that general overseer's partial exposition of he had married my mother in March, and the great secret of his life.

violent rage at the newspapers, Mr. Dowie to me, I saw also that my good, noble would the next moment speak in the most gentle voice of his mother and his wife. marriage with a British army officer of The great audience was moved by his high standing, whose relatives had hurevident emotion. Women wept, and at times bursts of applause greeted his dec-Dowie announced that just one year ago

he had addressed a meeting in Chicago, in which he had told of an attempt at blackmall by a man writing from Boston world. For there is no doubt that her who said he possessed certain letters which had passed between himself and Dowie was invalid. And the Scotch mar-John Murray Dowle. Attempt to Blackmail Him.

# "That man wrote me," said Mr. Dowie.

"that the letters, if published, might cause cago newspaper. Garbled extracts from

### to produce the original letters which, as printed, being only misrepre ented extracts, distortions and largely ncotions obtained either from the man who tried to blackmajl me a year ago, got from John Murray Dowie by him at Essex, Ia., or else John Murray Dowie, poor, wicked man, so far lost to me as to sell the letters of him whom he falsely said was his son. These letters have com either by robery, or in a much deeper and nore wicked way, the basest of all sin." Mr. Dowle was becoming greatly excited and tramped the platform with nervous

### steps, his frame quivering with the intenalty of his emotion. Proof He Is Not His Father.

"The best proof that John Murray Dowle was not my father is," he shouted, "that he has given up my letters to him, rebuk ing him for the most terrible sin a man could ever commit, in my judgment, Were it all against myself, I would not care but there is one, the dearest, sweetest purest woman that ever was, who is now to years, thank God, in heaven-my mother. "I denounce the publication of these let ters because they are false in many parts, large extracts being omitted, thereby dis

torting the meaning of the rest." Mr. Dowie, up to this point, had told the history of the letters from his knowledge, and explained that he had laid the matter a year ago, before some of his high church officials. He called out Overseer V. V. Barnes, formerly a Judge in South Dakota, and now judicial arbitrator of Zion and general counsel, and Charles J. Barnard, Zion's fiscal agent, "Have I told the truth, Elder Barnes?"

"You have stated the facts to my mowledge," was the reply. "Have I told the truth, Elder Barnard?"

asked of the fiscal agent. "It's true, General Overseer; every word s true," that elder replied.

Overseer Excell also verified the truth

f Dowle's statements. Then with dramatic intensity, the Zion eader began his recital of the facts befind the letters.

"Now that this comes before the world," ne said, "I had better tell the story. I had determined long ago that if ever it must come, wherever I was, no matter what, the assemblage, I should tell my

### Had No Sympathy for Him. "My mother was a no

was greatly beloved by the privates and officers of one of the foremost regiments of the British army. Our home was near the post of the regiment. My people had been connected with the army for cen-I supposed I was the son of John Murray Dowle, who now lives in Essex, Iowa, and I never ceased to wonder how he could have been my father. He was mean and hypocritical, and as years sympathy for him. For many years, I did not see John Murray Dowle, Then evil times came upon him and at my own expense I brought him from Australia and was him a home in my own house One day he became iil. He dared not call upon God to save him, and as I was passing his door he called me in. He asked my help and I said:

"'You will never recover, nor will God been a sham. Something is on your conscience and you will have to confess."

"'John, that's true; but I am so sick I cannot tell you now; but I will if you

## wait until I am better. Ask God to help Prayed, and He Was Saved.

"I prayed, and John Dowie was saved. Shouting at one moment in a fit of knowledge that had come so strangely I had been born in May. And, with the mother had been tricked into a Scotch ried that vile scoundrel who sat there before me, and had done that which, had I known of it 20 years before, would have given me the right place in the marriage to the scoundrel John Murray riage could not have been invalidated. and I was the rightful son of my father. What that place might have been, is not for me to say. I shall never seek it, for if it carried with it the finest ducal coronet in the United Kingdom, I would not want to change it for the office I

# in Bennett Will Case.

LETTER MAKES TROUBLE

Honesty is Questioned

Writes Widow Her Attorney is Off-Color Politically.

## LATTER THEN UNVEILS HIM

Last Testament of the New York Man Declared Not His, but That of the Boy Orator and His Wife.

will of Philo S. Bennett, were be-queathed \$50,000. Mrs. Bennett entered a protest against the payment. Mr. Bryan, after the case had been called, wrote Mrs. Bennett that she had nothing to gain by contesting the will, and on account of his being a Gold Democrat, would fight the case to the bitter end for that reason, as well as to gain his fee.

George Stoddard, the attorney attacked, in reply denied that politics entered into the question, and that Bryan's tactics showed how desperatehe was driven in avarice to gain this \$50,000.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 26.-Argunents in the Philo S. Bennett will case, the testimony in which, including the un sealing of a letter in which a bequest had een made to William J. Bryan, was preented last week, were heard by Judge Cleveland in the Probate Court tonight, Judge Henry Stoddard, of this city, counel for Mrs. Bennett, the widow: Mr. Bryan, in his own behalf, and Henry G. Newton, his cousin, addressed the court, After Mr. Stoddard had asked the court to disregard the so-called sealed letter, and the paragraph in the will referring to it, Judge Cleveland announced that he re-served his decision and adjourned court, t being midnight.

When court opened, counsel for Mrs. Bennett had several documents read so that they might become a part of the records, Mr. Bryan identifying them as in turn nanded to him. Judge Stoddard, Mrs. Bennett's counsel, then handed him a letter written October 21, 1905, at Chicago.

# Letter Written by Bryan. Mr. Bryan acknowledged it was his and

that his signature was subscribed to it. The letter says: I have not yet recovered from my sur-

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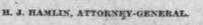
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