

HE CLAIMS REWARD

Albert Salmon Says He Captured Harshman.

WANTS \$300 FROM THE STATE

Statute Provides for a Standing Reward for Trainrobbers and Trainwreckers -- Matter Will be Investigated.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Albert Salmon today filed in the office of the Secretary of State a claim for \$300, "for the arrest and capture of Hay Harshman, alias Jack Williams, for attempting to hold up the O. R. & N. train at Corbett Station." This reward is claimed under the statute providing for "a standing reward of \$300 for the arrest of each person who shall place or attempt to place any obstruction on any railroad track, or who shall misplace any switch on any such road, whereby the life of any person passing over said road may be endangered, and for the arrest of each person engaged in the robbing or attempting to rob any person upon or having in charge, in whole or in part, any stage coach, wagon, railroad train, or other conveyance engaged in carrying passengers or any private conveyance within the state; the reward to be paid to the person making such arrest immediately upon the conviction of the person so arrested; but no reward shall be paid except after such conviction."

Under date of July 17, 1903, Governor Chamberlain issued his proclamation offering the reward as required by the laws of Oregon. The last Legislature made an appropriation of \$300 to pay rewards approved under this statute.

The claim filed by Salmon is based upon the capture of "Hay" Harshman, but it is evident that "Hay" Harshman is meant. The claim is not accompanied by any evidence that Harshman was convicted, or that Salmon was the person who captured him. The Secretary of State placed the claim on file, and will audit it when he is satisfied that Salmon, and no other person, is entitled to the reward.

In the case of nearly all other claims against the state there is some state officer who has authorized the incurring of the expense, so that the claim can be audited upon the approval of that official. In this case the Secretary of State must have other evidence before he can be certain that he is not paying the money to some person not entitled to it.

It is a matter of common knowledge that Harshman's capture was made possible by the assistance of Fred Kerner, the express messenger who shot and disabled the robber. But the statute provides a reward for the "arrest," and, therefore, the man who has actually captured the robber is entitled to the reward.

The Secretary of State will ask for the statement of the prosecuting attorney or the Sheriff as to the person who is entitled to the reward in this case.

DROWNED IN THE NESTUCCA.

George Browning's Body is Stripped by the Swift Current.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Sheriff Alderman and Coroner Reynolds returned to this city this afternoon from Blaine, where they had gone to inquire into the death of George E. Browning, whose body was found on Tuesday on the bank of the Nestucca River, above Blaine. It was at first thought that he had been murdered for money, for when his body was found it was devoid of all clothing, with the exception of a pair of gun boots.

Browning was about 28 years of age, and lived on his homestead on Powder Creek, six miles above Blaine. The last seen of him was about the 10th of the month, and since then the neighborhood has been wondering what has become of him. Some of his cows were found in his barn in a starving condition, and his gun was gone.

It appears that he had a cow stranded across the river and could not get her back on account of the freshet. Browning had crossed the river on a log and had milked the cow, placing the milk on the side of the river. In crossing or recrossing in the dark it is supposed the log gave way or broke and he fell into the swift current, and, being unable to get out, was drowned. His lantern was found half a mile down the river, and the body was caught in some brush and disintegrated of all its clothing. When found the body was about ten feet from the bank, the river having receded and left the body exposed.

Browning lived alone on his place, and previous to going there this summer worked for Henry John. He had no brothers at Seattle, who have been notified. Coroner Reynolds held an inquest on the remains, and the jury brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by accidental drowning.

PASSED FORGED CHECKS.

Logger on Thanksgiving Spree Gets Himself Into Serious Trouble.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Bawa went down to Junction City this afternoon after a man giving the name of Ernest Eastham, who is wanted here on a charge of forgery.

Eastham is a logger who has been employed in the logging camp of New Griffin, on Fall Creek, and with a number of other loggers came to Eugene to spend Thanksgiving. His sporting proclivities called for more cash than he had, and he produced a number of checks, which purported to have been written by Griffin, and secured cash on them at various places amounting to \$300 in the aggregate.

It was later learned that the checks were forgeries and search was commenced for Eastham, and he was caught at Junction City today.

GARNETT HELD FOR MURDER

He Says Shooting of Major McClung Was Accidental.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Alexander Garnett, who on Wednesday night fatally shot Major J. W. McClung, was today looked for murder by the police. He will be brought into court tomorrow, but it is thought his case will be postponed until after the Coroner's inquest, the date of which has not been determined. Garnett persists in his statement that the shooting was accidental. He, Lillie M. Colt, in whose apartments at the Palace Hotel the tragedy occurred, is seriously ill from the shock. Mrs. McClung is also suffering greatly from the same cause.

POOR EXTRADITION GRANTED

Writ of Habeas Corpus Immediately Issued for New York Officer.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Governor McBride today granted the application of the New York authorities for the extradition of Frank R. Poor, president of the Citizens' Light & Power Company, of Seattle, who is charged with grand larceny in connection with the failure of Marquam & Co., in New York, three years ago.

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