

BLOW UP BANK AND MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

Bold Missouri Robbers Flee With Plunder Before Leaden Hail.

POSSE IN HOT PURSUIT

Bank Completely Wrecked by Explosion and Several Other Buildings Badly Damaged—Outlaws Hiding in Rough Country.

RICH HILL, Mo., Feb. 12.—Securing \$25,000 in cash, after dynamiting and totally wrecking the \$9000 building of the Farmers Mechanics Bank in this city, five robbers, heavily armed, terrorized the citizens here at an early hour this morning, and after exchanging shots with the sheriff's posse, escaped to the rough country south of here. No one was injured by either the shots or the explosion.

A terrific explosion caused by the dynamiting of the vault of the bank awakened the town a half an hour after midnight, and the population hurried to the two-story brick bank building in the center of the city. Many persons arrived in time to see the robbers riding away. Some of the citizens opened fire on the fleeing outlaws, and the robbers returned the fire.

The sheriff of the county organized a posse, but as the robbers secured a good start, there was no prospect of their being overtaken before daylight. The rough country to the south of the city will afford a good refuge for the fugitives tonight.

CUTTING HAIR AND PRICES

Boss Barbers of Tacoma Having Interesting Price War.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—More hair cuts were sold in Tacoma during the past 48 hours than ever before in the same length of time. The reason is that there is a fight on between the boss barbers and the rest of the barbers as to the price of hair cuts. The boss barbers are insisting that the price be raised to 25 cents. Many declared they could make it, but the rest of the barbers are insisting that the price be kept at 20 cents.

In one shop the proprietor is advertising hair cuts and tonic for 20 cents and is also giving all his patrons coupons on a \$9.00 watch. In the meeting of boss barbers a few days ago it was decided to reduce the price from 25 cents to 20 cents. Many declared they could make it, but the rest of the barbers are insisting that the price be kept at 20 cents. It was reduced and now the fight is on.

ORGANIZE AND ADOPT NAME

Washington County Commissioners in Session at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—Washington State Association of County Commissioners is the name adopted for the permanent organization of the first meeting of County Commissioners ever held in the State of Washington. About 20 members were present at the meeting today. Officers will be elected and committee appointed Thursday. This afternoon Governor Mead made an address, heartily favoring good roads. Arrangements will probably be made so that committees from the county commissioners, the county treasurers, the sheriffs and the county clerks organizations of the state will meet with the State Auditors' association, some time during June at Mount Vernon. The Legislature will be asked to change the present law so that the county will be permitted to work its prisoners anywhere within the county limits.

Denies Grays Harbor Road Story.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—President Barling, of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, is in Tacoma tonight and says there is no foundation for a story in a newspaper today in which it was stated that a branch line from Tacoma to Grays Harbor would be immediately hurried through. "We are naturally bending all our energies," said he, "to completing the main line. In the natural order of things the branches will be attended to later."

Wants His Money Back.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—John A. Huffman and Charles L. Huffman have sued Arnold A. Zbinden, Campbellman from the Sixth ward, and James Dixon, charging that the defendants maintain a gambling house where poker is played, and that between January 1 and May 1, 1907, John A. Huffman gambled with defendants and other persons in the gambling house, losing \$900.

Farmers Want Warehouse.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special).—Farmers at Lexington, Morrow County, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order compelling the O. R. & N. Co. to permit them to build a grain warehouse alongside the company's switch at that place. The farmers allege that Kerr, Clifford & Co. have the only warehouse at Lexington, and charge 75 cents a ton for handling grain.

Want 1000-Mile Books.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special).—A committee of the Travelers Protective Association asked the Railroad Commission for an order compelling railroads doing business in Oregon to sell 1000-mile books for \$25 and 2000-mile books for \$75. This move has been under consideration for some time.

Salem Boosters' Rally.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special).—The Salem Board of Trade, the Boosters' Club, the Business Men's League and the Salem Women's Club will join in a great "get together" rally at the opera-house Wednesday evening of this week, when Tom Richardson, of Portland, will be present and deliver the principal address.

Littlefield Out for Judgeship.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—Judge E. V. Littlefield, of the 11th judicial district, whose residence is at Moro, filed his petition for nomination of Judge of that district to succeed himself. This district was created by special act of the Legislature of 1897, and Judge Littlefield was appointed by Governor Chamberlain.

Will Not Meet Out in Fare.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 12.—The Canadian Pacific Railway states that the cut made by the Alaska Steamship Company, which announces the rescheduling of the steamer Chippewa on the Victoria-Seattle route by the Rosalie, with fare cut from \$2 to 50 cents, will not be met.

Money for Boys at the Fort.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special).—Captain Dixon, paymaster of the United States Army, arrived yesterday and left immediately for the forts adjacent to the mouth of the river to pay the officers and enlisted men.

H. A. Bender.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—H. A. Bender, for 30 years a resident of the Walla Walla Valley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. L. Croup, tonight at 8:30. He had been ill for about a month.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES.

Cliff, Wash.—The first child born in Cliff since the town was platted was a 10-pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bevier. He has assumed the name of Cliff Lambert Bevier.

Oregon City, Or.—Burglars Monday night entered the residence of Mrs. Augusta Warner, while the house was unoccupied, and stole Mrs. Warner's purse, containing \$10. They forced a lock but went no further than the kitchen.

Albany, Or.—Rev. Tracy B. Griswold, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for the past six years, has resigned the pastorate to go to Portland, where he will work as a Sunday-school superintendent.

Silver Lake, Or.—The whereabouts of Julius Wallden, who disappeared from Silver Lake over a month ago, is as much a mystery as ever. A telegram was received Wednesday from Chief of Police Otto Macher, of Portland, inquiring if any trace had yet been found of him.

Sontagano, Wash.—A German whose name could not be learned, employed at Stevens' chicken ranch, just west of this city, was held up late Saturday night as he was returning from the city. The highwayman only got 25 cents and some jewelry for his trouble.

Colville, Wash.—A. S. Carmichael, of Spokane, accompanied by W. E. Parmelee, superintendent of grounds for the Spokane Interstate Fair Association, was here this week looking over the local conditions with a view to the establishment of a fruit canning factory at this place.

Bad Explosion in Furnace

Two Killed and Half Dozen Injured.

Blast at McKeesport Is Quickly Followed by a Second While Rescuers Are at Work.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—Two men were fatally burned and five or six others injured in two explosions early today at the Monongahela furnace at McKeesport, near here.

The fatally hurt: Thomas O. Tolle, McKeesport. Alex. W. Smith, McKeesport. The two men fatally injured were working about the furnace, when a terrific explosion of gas occurred. Others about the furnace hurried to their aid and in less than five minutes a second explosion occurred.

FAVOR STATEMENT NO. 1

But Labor Leaders Deny That They Support Any Candidates.

While not denying that a conference was held last Sunday, prominent members of organized labor in Portland declare the meeting had no political significance. They admit that the purpose of the gathering was to formulate some plan for defending Statement No. 1 from the attacks that are being made on it, but deny that the support of any candidates was discussed. The sole purpose of the meeting, it is asserted, was to determine some plan by which Statement No. 1 might be championed effectively among the laboring men who, those attending the conference insist, are unanimously in favor of that plan of electing United States Senators.

"I am unqualifiedly in favor of Statement No. 1," said R. A. Harris, editor-in-chief of the Portland Labor Press, official organ of the Federated Trades Council, yesterday. "And I believe organized labor is a unit with me upon that issue. I attended a meeting on Sunday, the purpose of which was to 'boost' Statement No. 1, but there was no suggestion of candidates and such a thing was never contemplated by those responsible for the movement. I firmly believe the informant responsible for the story in today's papers purposely injected the contents of his own imagination and that they were intended, if possible, further to widen a breach in union ranks that all real union men are bending their efforts to heal."

INDIAN SCHOOL BURNED

Girls' Institution Catches Fire—Loss Is \$35,000.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—While the entire school was at 7 o'clock mass yesterday morning, the Girls' Indian School, on the Indian reservation at De Smet, Idaho, on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, 12 miles from Tekoa, Wash., were totally destroyed by fire. The fire originated in the third story in the Indian girls' dormitory, from the falling of a stovepipe, it is thought.

Not even the personal effects and books of the Indian maidens were saved. The white girls' dormitory, which adjoins the main building, was also destroyed, but its inmates secured their personal property, furniture and two pianos. The school was a three-story structure. The loss is estimated at \$35,000, partially covered by insurance.

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SUES FOR FEATHER BED

Ex-Benedict of 80 Wants His Household Goods Back.

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Bank-Teller Kills Himself.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—William H. Zinner, for 17 years in the employ of the banking house of Drexel & Co., and for many years teller, committed suicide today by swallowing carbolic acid.

SET DYNAMITE TO KILL AMERICANS

Mexican Laborers Attempt a Wholesale Slaughter at Santa Rosa Mine.

BLOW 15 THROUGH ROOF

Many Buildings Destroyed at Sonora, but No Fatalities Result.

Plot in Sympathy With Los Angeles Prisoners.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Feb. 12.—A revolutionary attempt to kill every American at the Santa Rosa Mine in Sonora, 20 miles south of Douglas, was made on Saturday last, when Mexican employes placed sticks of dynamite under a boarding-house, the company store, the foreman's and superintendent's residences. The fuses attached to the dynamite were timed for the explosions to follow each other in quick succession. The hour selected was during the evening meal, when all the American miners were in the boarding-house and the foreman and the superintendent in their respective residences.

Series of Explosions.

The first explosion was at the boarding-house. It was demolished. Fifteen men eating there were blown through the roof, sustaining broken legs and arms, but there were no fatalities. The store was completely demolished. The foreman and superintendent were blown into their respective residences.

Motive of Conspirators.

The attempt to destroy the Americans is believed to be the work of sympathizers with the revolutionists at present under arrest at Los Angeles, who believe the prisoners are being persecuted by Americans. There has been no trouble at the mine previously and no other cause is conceivable.

OHIO SOLIDLY FOR TAFT

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Court today declared that the Rowdy Committee of Cuyahoga County, which is the lower court in the Federal election, and today's primaries will be held under the management of that organization. The committee was organized by the Supreme Court today had previously been declared regular by the Republican State Central Committee and by two of the lower courts in the Federal election, but the Board of Elections had final authority by implication to decide what was the rightful way of conducting the election. The committee was organized by the Supreme Court today had previously been declared regular by the Republican State Central Committee and by two of the lower courts in the Federal election, but the Board of Elections had final authority by implication to decide what was the rightful way of conducting the election.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR TAFT

Solid Delegation of 63 Chosen—Not One for Foraker.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 12.—A solid Taft delegation of 63 from this city and Cuyahoga County to the state Republican convention, to be held in Columbus, March 3, was chosen in the Republican primaries held here today. There were contests held here today. There were contests held here today. There were contests held here today.

NEBRASKA TO BREMERTON

Battleship Coming North From Magdalena Bay, Says Wireless.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 12.—Wireless messages this morning from Magdalena Bay state that the battleship Nebraska, Captain Nicholson, will sail from Magdalena on Friday for Bremerton and that Rear-Admiral Dayton and Staff, with the "big four" and the "patfinder" squadron will sail on Saturday from Mare Island. Rear-Admiral Dayton and his squadron will remain north, but Rear-Admiral Sebree will return to the Washington and Tennessee, will return to San Diego.

Japanese to Help Entertain.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 12.—The Los Angeles fleet committee having in charge the reception and entertainment of Admiral Evans' fleet upon the occasion of its coming visit to this city, at its meeting today unanimously adopted a resolution accepting the recent offer of the Japanese Association of Los Angeles to assist in the work of receiving the fleet.

Wasp Fleet Goes South.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Another torpedo boat flotilla, bound for St. Joseph's Bay, Florida, and composed of the Porter, Tingey, Blakeley, De Long and Thornton will leave Hampton Roads next week, returning north about May 1. While at St. Joseph's Bay, the crew will indulge in tactical drills, exercises and target practice.

Reynolds at Valparaiso.

VALPARAISO, Feb. 12.—The steamer Reynolds, with coal for the American battleship fleet, called here today.

EXPLOSION KILLS NINE

Thawing Dynamite Causes Terrible Accident in Mexico.

MONTERREY, Mexico, Feb. 12.—News has reached here that nine men have been killed by an explosion in the Standard Explosive Works at Vaudreuil, 25 miles from here. All the particulars available of the explosion are that the men were thawing out dynamite and that the explosion was the result. The Standard Explosive Works are used for the manufacture of big explosives.

HOTEL MEN TO ORGANIZE

Will Form Association, Including Pacific Coast States.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special).—The Oregon Electric Railway today announced that it is ready to handle freight business in a small way, but since it is not fully prepared it has asked the Railroad Commission to suspend the demurrage rules as to its operations. The Commission has not yet taken action.

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To have that perfect satisfaction the raincoat must be all wool, proofed by the cravenette process and then tested, as is done to all our fabrics. These coats are never cheap, but we have put a cheap price this week on all our heavy weights. \$11.85 for the \$15 and \$18 kind.



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A nice law point is involved relating to the Government's position toward its Indian wards. The defendant, Holcomb, married the youngest daughter of Joseph Gale, who is the granddaughter of a Umatilla Indian chief. Holcomb's wife died about 20 years ago and after she had been dead for about 18 years the plaintiff, Lester Bean, appeared and claimed that he was the natural son of Clara Gale before her marriage to Holcomb.

The wife after her marriage to Holcomb was given an allotment of some valuable tract of land in the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon. By the law of Oregon her husband was the sole heir, provided there had been no children. The case was tried out in the United States Circuit Court at Portland. The court found that the proof was sufficient to establish the illegitimacy of the plaintiff, and decreed that under the laws of the State of Oregon the husband had a courtesy title during his natural life in the property and its rents and profits, which so far has been about \$1000, the annual rental being in the neighborhood of \$1000.

The question before the Appellate Court is whether the husband is entitled to a courtesy title in an Indian allotment in which the Government has given an equitable title to the land to the allottee and retains the legal title for the protection of the Indian.

FORTIFY AT VLADIVOSTOK

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from San Francisco and Nevada to organize a Pacific Coast association, to include California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho, British Columbia and the boundaries generally accepted as the Pacific Coast.

A committee consisting of Kirk Harris, O. Rich, Gustave Mann, John G. Barker and Charles A. Stewart, met today for the purpose of putting the plan into shape. It was decided to invite delegates from all of the Pacific Coast cities, from Victoria to New Mexico, to attend a convention of hotel men to be held in San Francisco some time in July or August next.

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