

QUEER TALES ARE TOLD BY MADISON

Thugs, Drug, Hypnotism and Robbery Cited by Hotelman in His Story.

MADISON MYSTERY DEEP

St. John Bridegroom Picked Up, Battered, on Jefferson Near Natilla, Gives Strange Accounts of Plight—Will Recover.

The mysterious assault upon Matt J. Madison, the hotel man of St. John, who was found, dazed and bleeding, at the corner of Jefferson and Natilla streets by William Morrow, of 275 Natilla street, Saturday night, rivals the mysterious assault upon Raa F. Brackett at Fourteenth and Yamhill streets last July. But the stories told by Brackett seem to be wells of truth compared with evident highly improbable tales told by Madison to explain his plight on his wedding day.

Two mysterious men, knock-out drops, hypnotic influence, black masks and robbery go to make up the settings for Madison's disappearance and return. Upon being found by Mr. Morrow the injured man said he had been robbed of \$500, a diamond pin, a gold watch and a ring. On being taken into the home at 275 Natilla street he proceeded, according to Mr. Morrow, to relate his story, unsolicited. He said he had come to town with \$500 to pay a contractor on his wedding day, and that he had gone into a downtown saloon and had taken a drink of soda water. Then, recounted Madison, he had been taken by two men into the brush back of the Canyon road and there robbed. When asked how he had met his assailants, Madison said when he came out of the saloon on Morrison street he had met two men who seemed to be of very influence over him and by their very presence compelled him to go wherever they wished. He said they took him up the Canyon road, where they put on black masks and robbed him. He said he thought he would be able to recognize one of the men.

Morrow states that Madison seemed rational while telling his strange tale. He produced his marriage license he obtained Friday evening, and gave his telephone number and home address, cautioning Morrow not to telephone to his home, as his aged mother was sick and he did not wish to alarm her. Instead he directed that a taxi cab be ordered. Morrow gave the chauffeur the address and Madison was then taken home.

He's Out of Danger. Madison is out of danger. Practically all the injury received by him Saturday was a severe blow on the top of the head, from which no bad results are expected. However, he still suffers from the effects of blows about the head and body received in the assault of last Tuesday night. Then, he stated, he had been robbed of \$50. Later developments account for all of this sum but \$20.

Miss Esther Olive Moe, who was to have become Madison's wife, states that, while the wedding was necessarily postponed on account of Madison's disappearance, the ceremony will be performed as soon as Madison recovers from the effects of the two alleged assaults. Madison also declares that the wedding will take place as soon as he is able to be up and about. Miss Moe scouts the idea of Madison ever having been previously engaged, and states that, while he may have had former sweethearts, the report is preposterous that a woman had ever threatened him in any way. She has implicit faith in the stories told by Madison.

Madison was able to talk freely yesterday. He was unable to account for any reason for his double beating. He says both attacks on him were made by the same men. He states he left St. John with a friend at East Third and East Burnside streets, going from there to the First National Bank, where he drew \$500, expecting to use it in paying a deposit on a home he is building in Piedmont. After leaving the bank, he said, he made some purchases at Roberts Bros' store, and started for the office of A. G. Herrald, who is building his home.

Soda Sought in Saloon. Becoming thirsty, he related, he went into a saloon—he thinks it is on Morrison street, between Third and Fourth streets—and ordered a glass of soda water. He is positive he did not know the bartender, and states that he drank the soda at once, declaring if it were drugged he has no idea how the poison could have been put in the bottling of meeting two men with hypnotic influence, Madison said he remembers nothing after leaving the saloon until he found himself staggering along upper Jefferson street, dazed, wounded, without a cent and with his valuables gone. He says someone took him into a house, washed his face, and, finding out where he deposited his cash, cab and sent him home. He cannot locate the saloon where he received the soda, and, except for a hazy vision of a watering-trough and two men urging him along, says he has no idea what took place.

Madison states there is no reason to believe he was attacked by the brothers of an old sweetheart, and does not believe she made threats against him. When asked why he, who never drank or smoked, went into a saloon for a glass of soda, he answered it was a custom of his, as he liked the kind of soda served in a saloon.

Residents of St. John state positively that Madison was not only not addicted to the use of liquor, but that he had never been known to drink at all. His father, declaring to son how he does not know the taste of liquor. The assaults of Saturday and Tuesday are not the only affairs of the kind in which Madison has figured since his engagement to Miss Moe. He was attacked and robbed of \$3 a year ago last August, shortly after he became engaged to Miss Moe.

POOR PAY FOR PREACHERS

Because They Shun Billy Sunday's Methods, Says Writer.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's editorial regarding the low salaries paid to Methodist ministers furnishes food for much thought—but is the "money making spirit of the age" entirely responsible? Contrast, if you please, the income of the Rev. "Billy" Sunday, the baseball evangelist, who it is authoritatively stated, has purchased a ranch at Hood River and is the owner of farms in other localities, and whose income, according to the "Chicago Inter-Ocean" is at the rate of \$64,000 per annum. The amount of money available for church purposes immediately after a Billy Sun-

day revival in any city is nil, and there can be no question that the enormous sums raised by and for him materially diminish the amount which otherwise would be contributed for such uses. Mr. Sunday is very business-like in his methods. He has an up-to-date advance agent who knows the importance of advertising. This advance agent selects a city and makes all arrangements with the local clergy, who agree to close their churches, giving Mr. Sunday a monopoly of audiences for the occasion. He exacts a guarantee that a tabernacle will be built according to his own designs, the cost of which is obtained from subscriptions at the early meetings. It would seem that ministers who combine to bring competition and especially competition of such a nature, into their own field, should not complain if the amount of money taken away by Mr. Sunday and his kind is deducted from the sum which goes to their support. The young men of talent and self-respect who might otherwise enter the ministry cannot be blamed if they refrain from doing so, when they see the manner in which his rewards are distributed. It is not merely a question of money. To preach the gospel earnestly and respectfully to a small audience, or to manhandle the word of God with current slang, the argot of thieves, and crass vulgarity, to an enormous and apparently sympathetic audience, is an altogether different matter. A public who will encourage a "Billy" Sunday and his ilk, to the extent of contributing enormous sums for their personal benefit, cannot escape some part of the blame for the beggarly salaries paid to decent ministers of the gospel who refuse to mix with dirty politics, anti-boose crusades, and the like. G. B. F.

UNDERTAKERS TO MEET

OREGON AND WASHINGTON ORGANIZATION HERE TODAY.

National Convention to Follow Wednesday—Special Trains Coming. Taft May Address Them.

Funeral directors from all parts of Oregon and Washington will meet in convention this morning at the Masonic Temple, to be followed Wednesday morning by the annual convention here of the National Funeral Directors' Association. Two or three special trains from the East will bring delegates to the National convention. One of these will come by way of the Canadian Pacific, and will carry 36 delegates from Chicago and points east of that city. One of the more important subjects to be considered by the National convention will be the passage of a law opposing burials at sea. Nearly all modern vessels carry men who are able to embalm, and it is desired by the funeral directors that all bodies should be brought ashore for burial.

Another feature of the convention will be an effort to get lower rates for shipping bodies across the country. Now two first-class fares are required for each body shipped. This is deemed excessive by the undertakers.

The National convention will be in session next Saturday when President Taft arrives, and an effort is being made to have him speak at the afternoon session. A request to this effect has been made, but as yet no definite reply has been received. Those who are making the preparations for the convention have been informed that President Taft will have Saturday afternoon free from any other engagements, and it is believed he will accept the invitation to appear at the convention.

Several subjects of local interest will be taken up at the Oregon and Washington convention, which opens today. One of these is the formulation of a law that will require all embalmers to have licenses in this state. E. E. Ericson, president of the Oregon Association, stated yesterday that Idaho and Oregon are the only states in the Union that do not require embalmers to procure licenses. The railroad companies, however, have a rule that prohibits them from accepting bodies for shipment unless they have been prepared by licensed embalmers, and this, in a way, has replaced the law.

Various delegates to the local convention arrived in Portland yesterday from distant points in Oregon and Washington.

Christ's Use of Wine.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—According to newspaper reports, the members of the Ministerial Association have pledged themselves to support Prohibition and Dr. Brouncker, Dr. Luther R. Doynt, Dr. Hiram W. Foulkes, Dr. Benjamin Young and W. Reesor are the committee to assist in making Oregon dry in 1910. What I wish to know is, how can Christian ministers stand for prohibition? Can they ignore the acts of Jesus at the wedding feast? If Jesus wanted the guests to drink water, he would never have turned the water into wine. Are the ministers greater authority on what is good for man than Jesus? If we can ignore the lesson at the wedding feast, why not ignore the sermon on the Mount? JOHN A. GOLDRAINER.

Detroit to Play Double-Header.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Detroit and New York will play two games here tomorrow, permission to pull Tuesday's contest forward having been granted by President Johnson, of the American League. The change is made, too, as not to conflict with the Hudson-Fulton historical parade.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—Arrived—Norwegian steamer Selja, from Hongkong and west; steamer Yellowstone, from San Francisco; steamer Theos. L. Wand, from San Francisco; steamer Breakwater, from Coos Bay; steamer Geo. W. Elder, from San Pedro and way ports.

CAPTAIN DOW TALKS

National Counsel Addresses Local Harbor.

STRONG UNION FAVORED

Masters, Mates and Pilots Are Urged to Put Forth United Effort for Revision of Shipping Statutes.

Captain Luther B. Dow, National counsel of the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots, addressed an open meeting of the local harbor yesterday afternoon, in the office of the Columbia River Pilots' Association. Masters, pilots and engineers were represented in the gathering and listened with interest to the two hours' talk of the Columbia River Pilots' Association. Captain Dow was introduced by Captain Harry Emsken, of Willamette Harbor No. 25. Captain Dow's talk led along the line of the duty of the licensed man to himself and his family and toward a united effort on the part of the master mariners for reconstruction of the shipping laws of the United States. The speaker laid great stress on the alleged injustice of the imprisonment of the master of the ill-fated steamship General Slocum, the burning of which cost 1000 lives and for which the captain was given ten years in prison. He also laid stress on the position of the shipmaster, showing by several illustrations how he was placed between the owners and inspectors.

While Captain Dow is a firm advocate of the organization of licensed officers of steamships, he declares for an open shop. "Let the masters organize and then the owners can hire upon or non-union help as they see fit," he said. It is the organization of the officers and the weight that can be brought to bear that will effect a reconstruction of the shipping laws.

C. J. MILLIS VISITS PORTLAND

General Manager of Coos Bay Line Arrives on Breakwater.

C. J. Millis, general manager of the Coos Bay Steamship Company, arrived in Portland last night on the steamer Breakwater from Marshfield. Mr. Millis was accompanied by Mrs. Millis. He is here on business connected with the company. The Breakwater reached the Alneworth dock at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She brought 71 passengers and 356 tons of freight, the largest cargo for several trips. The manifest on the Breakwater shows 100 tons of coal, 30 tons butter and cheese, ten tons fish; 46 tons of apples, 15 tons Government supplies and 15 tons of general cargo.

Selja Arrives From Orient.

With 600 tons of general merchandise and 750 tons of sulphur for Portland, the steamer Selja, of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, arrived yesterday afternoon. The vessel came from the Orient by way of San Francisco. At the California port she discharged 3190 tons of cargo, 1200 tons of which was for Eastern cities. The Selja made the Pacific in 20 days. A full cargo of flour and lumber will be taken for the outward trip.

Explosion on Della Injures Captain.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—As the gasoline schooner Della was crossing the Nestucca Bay last Tuesday her engine broke down. Captain Tabell, master of the craft was assisting in repairing the machinery, when he was knocked down by an explosion of gas and was unconscious for nearly an hour. He was not badly burned, however, and later assumed charge of the vessel.

New Boat for Nehalem Run.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Captain Leary left here today for Coos Bay and will bring back the new gasoline schooner Osmokoh, which was recently built at that place for the Nehalem Transportation Company to run between the Columbia River and coast points. The craft is equipped with two 100-horsepower gasoline engines.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Hoquiam will begin discharging scrap iron at Columbia No. 1 this morning. With general cargo from San Francisco the steam schooner Yellowstone arrived yesterday. From San Pedro and way ports the steamship Geo. W. Elder arrived yesterday morning. The steam schooner Theos. L. Wand arrived last night with a full cargo from San Francisco. The steamship Kansas City is due to arrive tonight from San Francisco with passengers and freight.

Tides at Astoria Monday.

High. 11:28 A. M. .81 feet; 10:52 A. M. .61 feet. Low. 11:20 P. M. .87 feet; 11:30 P. M. .19 feet. Harris Trunk Co. for trunks and bags.

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In answering, write fully, giving age, residence, present occupation, references, and also any other information that will assist us in selecting our men.

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FINE HORSES TURN OUT

MANY GO THROUGH PACES FOR OCTOBER SHOW.

Classy Portland Studs Are Taken to Seattle, Where They Will Be Exhibited This Week.

Riders and drivers who will participate in the Portland horse show to be held October 7, 8 and 9, turned out in large numbers at the Von Gilman School of Riding and Driving in the Oriental Building on the Lewis and Clark Expedition grounds, where the show will be held. A large number of the finest steeds in Portland were put through their paces in the show ring yesterday and the informal exhibit in horsemanship was well worth seeing. With the practice given by two former horse shows here, the thoroughbreds owned in Portland have become accustomed to exhibiting their fine points

in the show ring and the various animals went through their paces yesterday as well as could be desired had the big building been packed with critical spectators. The show ring at the Oriental building is 210 feet long by 100 feet wide, giving ample room for the riders and drivers to show off their horses to best advantage.

Some of the finest Portland horses were shipped Saturday to Seattle, where they will be exhibited this week in a big horse show to be held in the Puget Sound city.

United States land area still unappropriated and unreserved in 1908 were 784,898,000 acres, of which 368,022,000 acres were in Alaska, 41,177,000 in Nevada, 46,032,000 in Montana, 14,778,000 in New Mexico and 42,702,000 in Arizona.

ENTRIES IN PORTLAND HORSESHOW WHICH IS TO SURPASS SIMILAR EVENTS OF PAST



The Silver Horde

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DASHING with breathless interest to an unexpected and triumphant climax, this new Rex Beach novel—from the first page to the last—has all the sheer power of The Spoilers and all the quick humor and human sympathy of The Barrier. The background, superb in its robust romance, is Alaska, not the Alaska of the mines, but another phase altogether—the Alaska where red blood runs in the veins of men—yes, and of women. The hero is a young civil-engineer, in love with the daughter of a financier. In search of a fortune, he has faced all forms of hardship in Alaska. When he has almost given up hope, he meets Cherry Malotte—the Cherry of The Spoilers—all fire and grit and tenderness, and the two join forces. Their battle with fate is a page from life itself—intense, powerful, passionately true.



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