$50,000 SAVED BY ROBBER'S FRIGHT

Masked Man Holds Sellwood Bank Janitor Prisoner, Then Flees.

CASH IN VAULT UNTOUCHED

Outlaw Cuts Hole in Floor to Gain Entrance to Building, Surprising Janitor — He Loses Nerve Before Finishing Work.

The evident miscalculation of a robber, who was lying in wait for an employe able to open the vault and safe and who either did not know or had forgotten that the janitor arrives first in the morning, saved the Bank of Sellwood, Thirteenth and Umatilla avenue, fresh being robbed of thousands of dollars yesterday.

The masked robber gained entrance to the bank building by cutting his way through the floor from the basement. Scrambling up, he hid in a cubby-hole underneath a counter. When the janitor, Nicholas Jensen, who lives at East Fifteenth and Tenino streets, Sellwood, arrived at 6:20 A. M. the man forced him at the point of a gun to lie on the floor.

Mr. Jensen, who is 75 years old, offered no resistance. A gunny-sack was pulled over his head, the robber remarking:

"You lie there and be quiet. I don't want you to see what I'm doing."

Janitor Fears Explosion.

Breathing with difficulty and terrified, the janitor remained on the floor with his face averted, expecting, he says, every moment that there would be an explosion of dynamite and fearful that his own life would be snuffed out at the same time as the vault door yielded.

Mr. Jensen remained on the floor for what to him seemed hours. Finally he twisted his head slowly around in the direction of the vault, but was able to see only indistinctly through the meshes of the sack.

"What time do the bank employes arrive?" asked the voice, which seemed to be almost on a level with the floor, indicating that the robber was scrambling back through the hole by which he gained entrance.

"Oh, they get here about 9 o'clock," was Jensen's reply.

Muttering an imprecation and again warning the janitor to keep still, the robber's voice trailed off into silence.

Nothing Is Disturbed.

Jensen says that it was about 15 minutes later that he decided to throw the sack off his head. It was then about 6:35. He looked around, but could see no sign of the man with the revolver. The vault door was closed and nothing in the room seemed to have been disturbed. Investigation later proved that this was a fact.

The Bank of Sellwood is housed in a two-story brick structure at the corner of East Thirteenth and Umatilla avenue. In the same building on the Thirteenth-street side is the Sellwood Barber shop, next to which is a staircase which leads both to the upper story and the basement. A wooden partition only separates the portions of the basement underneath the banking quarters and the barber shop.

All the robber had to do was to walk down into the basement and through a door in the wooden partition to get beneath the bank. Using an auger, he bored a series of holes in a square formation and then removed the flooring, leaving a hole about 18 inches in length by 12 inches in width, through which, with the aid of an improvised ladder, he gained the room above.

Vault Held Much Cash.

H. W. Ticknor, cashier of the Bank of Sellwood, said that the value of the cash and negotiable securities in the vault yesterday morning was about $50,000. The vault is equipped with a time lock, which is set to open every morning, with the exception of Sunday, between 8:30 and 9 o'clock. On Saturday evenings it is wound for 48 hours.

Mr. Ticknor believes that the man who attempted yesterday's robbery is the same who held up and bound L. H. Alexander, a bookkeeper in the employ of the bank, on November 16, 1910. The police did not become aware of the previous attempt till yesterday.

On November 16, shortly after the bank had closed for the day, Alexander descended by a private stairway to the basement. He was confronted by a masked man with a gun and was gagged and tied up with a rope. On this occasion also the robber seems to have lost his nerve, as Alexander found everything all right in the bank when he managed to release himself about a half-hour later.

Would-Be Robber Short.

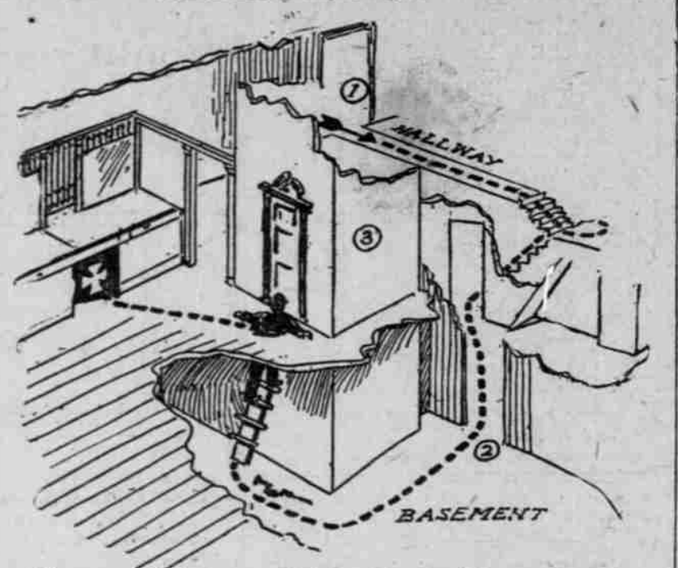
Mr. Jensen describes the man as being about five feet in height. His weight would not be in excess of 120 to 125 pounds, the janitor said. He was dressed in a blue serge coat made of heavy cloth. This is the only description of clothing Jensen can give. He explains that he was too much frightened to take much note of details.

The janitor told Detectives Coleman and Snow, who are investigating, that he believed he had heard the voice of the robber somewhere previous to yesterday morning, and was certain that he could recognize it if he heard it again. He has a theory as to who may have attempted the robbery, but declared that it was vague and refused to divulge it for fear of casting suspicion on an innocent person.

At the time of the Alexander hold-up the bank officials built a concrete wall around that portion of the basement reached by the private stairway. This wall will now be extended so as to make a strong barrier between the portion of the basement underneath the barber shop and the part underneath the banking rooms. It will be studded with a heavy iron door.

SCENE OF ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, WAY MASKED MAN ENTERED BUILDING, AND JANITOR, SURPRISED BY ROBBER.

SELLWOOD BANK



① HALL ENTRANCE FROM STREET. ② PARTITION DOOR LEADING TO BASEMENT UNDER BANK ③ VAULT ✖ CROSS SHOWS WHERE ROBBER WAS CONCEALED

ROAD AID IS ASKED

Kalama-Kelso Highway May Mean Much to Portland.

TRADE NATURALLY SOUTH

Washington State Senator Stewart Urges Local Interests to Contribute Funds for Finishing Needed Work.

To secure financial aid in constructing the Carrollton Mountain road between Kalama and Kelso, from Portland, Senator F. L. Stewart, of Kelso, Wash., arrived in the city yesterday and consulted with M. C. Dickinson, President of the Portland Automobile Club and the various heads connected with the city's commercial interests.

Owing to jealousness of Portland's rapidly growing business secured from Southwestern Washington and the fact that the Pacific highway, as the road is called, would largely benefit Portland, 27 members of the Washington Senate forced a deadlock during the closing hours of the recent session and blocked all action upon the good roads bills, thus leaving the Carrollton Mountain road without funds for the completion of the project.

Kelso Spends $51,000.

For months 100 convicts have been engaged in the work and the construction is completed except half a mile. Over a mile and a half of the difficult portion of roadway has been built. To date the city of Kelso, through its county officials, has expended $51,000 upon this single piece of good road-making. It is now felt by the Kelso citizens that some of the burden should be lifted and other interests assist, so that it will not fall entirely upon one community.

Believing that Portland is interested in the opening of this road, which leads directly to it, and opens up communication with a vast territory tributary, Senator Stewart expressed the opinion that it was Portland's duty to come to the rescue.

"We would have secured the money from the Legislature had it not been for the Seattle-Spokane spirit," said the Senator.

"They pretended to see in the project a further widening of the Portland trade territory. For that reason they proposed in the Legislature the construction of a state highway across from Seattle to Spokane and in this fight managed to leave the Pacific highway project without funds.

Convicts Still at Work.

Upon my arrival at my home in Kelso it was proposed to suspend the work, but I secured the aid of the state officials and the friends of the good road work in our community to retain the labor of the 100 convicts and they are still working. But we must have funds to pay for their maintenance. There is no way to get it out of the state unless we have a special session, and it is barely possible that we will.

"This piece of roadway is the most important in the country surrounding Portland, in my judgment. It is the only road which is used in making the run to Seattle. It is a very difficult piece of work. So far we have a fine piece of road building, and it only requires a small amount of work to finish it. But after spending $51,000 the citizens of Kelso and neighboring country find the burden very heavy to carry. If we can get Portland to see its way clear to aid us, it will be one of the most successful business strokes this city has ever accomplished in the history of its commercial progress."

Road Is Over Mountain.

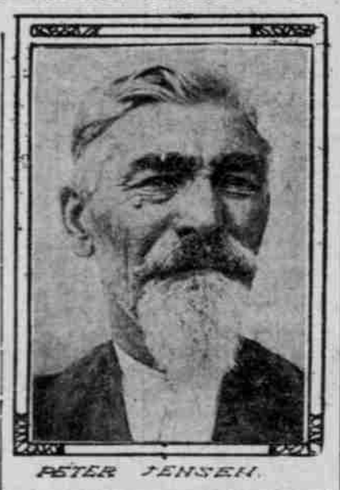
The Carrollton road runs over the mountain between Kelso and Kalama and consists of a two-mile grade, no part of which is over 5 per cent. This particular strip of ground has been termed "Profanity Incline" by automobile owners. It is the one sticking point on the whole journey to Seattle from Portland.

In the work performed, the county in which Kelso is located gave $18,000, the state $18,000, in addition to this $15,000 was expended for a bridge across the Lewis River, the balance of the bridge work being paid by the state.

President Dickinson, of the Portland Automobile Club, declared last night that "the Carrollton road near Kelso is the most important point in connection with the entire road system, which surrounds Portland.

"It is the one stumbling block to the opening of a large country tributary," he said. "To give Kelso citizens the aid they ask is a move in the right direction. I am going to put the matter up to the automobilists at their first meeting, which will be held April 5. We are bound to give something for this project, and I hope that Portland will take hold of the matter in a spirit of liberality."

Senator Stewart said last night before returning to Kelso that he hoped the Portland Commercial Club would take up the scheme of giving aid. "We are doing all we can up our way," said the Senator, "and would have secured the funds from the Legislature had it not been for the fear of Seattle that Kelso would give all of its trade to Portland."



PETER JENSEN.

SOUTH BEND OPPOSES SEATTLE

That City and Raymond Favor Trade With Portland.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Abundant evidence is at hand to show that, so far as this harbor is concerned, recent efforts of Puget Sound legislators to prevent the trade of Southwest Washington from going to Portland may not only fall far short of its intent, but be a boomerang to Seattle and Tacoma.

A leading contractor of this city was in need of $1000 worth of material and was called upon by a representative of a Seattle firm, who quoted satisfactory prices and terms. He was informed by the contractor that Seattle goods were not in demand in South Bend.

A careful canvass of South Bend and Raymond shows that the business men are determined to show Seattle that there are sufficient railway facilities for getting goods from Portland even if no more highways are built in this state.

Homeseekers! Chehalis, Washington.

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Steps are being taken to establish a button factory in Panama City. As the raw material, both shells and ivory nuts, is here in plenty and all now exported, such an enterprise might prove successful.

WERLEIN OUTLINES POLICY OF THRIFT

Candidate's Friends Inaugurate "Endless Chain" to Secure Votes for Nomination.

PLATFORM IS PRESENTED

Campaign to Be Waged on Proposal to Hold Expenditures Within Tax Levy and to Reorganize Methods in Departments.

Pledging himself, if elected Mayor, to keep the expenses of the city within the present tax levy, J. E. Werlein yesterday issued a more extended announcement of his candidacy for the Republican Mayoralty nomination. This promise contemplates important reforms in the present system under which municipal affairs are conducted. In his announcement, Mr. Werlein gives a general discussion on municipal problems and his views concerning them.

With no other candidate in sight to divide further the vote on Mayor, the three Republican aspirants now in the field—Werlein, Lombard and Rushlight—are waging active campaigns. With the assistance of a strong personal following, Werlein and his friends have inaugurated an "endless chain" vote-getting crusade. This programme already has been initiated in the several wards of the city and before the campaign closes the quest for support will be carried to the residence of every voter in the city. This will be supplemented by a series of public meetings, many of them conducted in the streets, which Werlein will address personally.

Other Candidates Active.

Lombard has started an active campaing also and intends that every elector shall be made personally acquainted not only with his record as a member of the Council during the last two years but with his specific promises as to what may be expected from him as Mayor. Equally industrious is Rushlight, who is devoting considerable of his time in meeting the voters individually. This affords him an opportunity to tell what he has sought to accomplish in the Council as well as what he proposes to do if elected Mayor Simon's successor.

With the primary election of May 6 nearly six weeks away, plenty of time remains for a decidedly interesting campaign to develop, even if other candidates do not get into the fight. Aspirants for city offices have until April 21 to file nominating petitions, but it is not believed other candidates for Mayor will appear among the Republicans.

Werlein Issues Statement.

The detailed announcement of Mr. Werlein, issued yesterday, follows:

"I have frequently, in the past, with much interest read platforms promulgated by different political parties. Enthusiasm would be roused to the highest pitch of American patriotism as I paraded forth to elucidate on the principles of the Republican party, knowing full well that the prosperity of our beautiful city was paramount to and had no direct bearing on questions of National and international importance and that the success of the Republican party from a local standpoint must of necessity depend upon the manner in which the business of the municipal government is conducted.

"No man can do better than is being done now in handling the affairs of the city if the same course is followed. I say this with no criticism of the present administration, for its course has been the course of other administrations in the past. And there is no secret connected with the successful carrying out of a business where the management has an unlimited capital to draw upon for conducting that business.

City Business Huge.

"The City of Portland is a great business house, the volume of business done last year aggregating $22,000,000, and that volume is destined to be much greater this year. The management of this great concern is vested in a Mayor, Council and Executive Board, together with other officials and agents, and their acts must conform to the rules and regulations laid down by the charter and ordinances. These rules and regulations can be followed and yet the most efficient service be lacking when the expense of management is compared with the aggregate amount of business done by the municipality.

"Our system of municipal government is entirely too cumbersome and complicated. It can and must be simplified. Efficiency to perform the service required should be the strongest recommendation for appointment. All complications must be removed.

Police Department Efficient.

"Portland has as fine a police department as there is to be found in the country. Of this I speak from personal observation and comparison, yet there is room for great improvement in this department of the municipal government. I would have the patrolmen, who are fine specimens of physical manhood, storehouses of knowledge in reference to our city laws and hold them responsible for all violations on their respective beats.

"Like the police department the fire department is as fine a body of men as can be found anywhere, yet owing to the equipment not being in keeping with modern requirements, Portland is not receiving the service to which she is entitled. As far as practicable and consistent with economy, I would have the present apparatus equipped with motor trucks. From the best information I can obtain, with a few changes in location of enginehouses, we will have ample apparatus to meet all requirements of the city covering its present area. These changes would effect a large saving annually in the expense of operation and at the same time dispense with the cruel sight of horses being compelled to draw the heavy apparatus up our steep grades.

Vacation of Streeps Up to People.

"I hold that the Mayor and Council are trustees for all property and from experience I have observed in some instances that streets vacated by ordinance in the Council (because some streets were useless as such or more beneficial for other purposes) have proved expensive to abutting property. I would never lend my aid to the vacation of any street but let the people decide for themselves upon the matter of vacation. I therefore would submit to the voters on initiative all such matters as might have merit in them. My reason for this attitude is that all property belonging to the city should be held in trust until other disposition is ordered by direct vote of the people.

"I shall treat the high and the low, the rich and the poor, with the same consideration, as I have no friends to favor or foes to punish. And all violators of the law, be they of the corporate interests or whoever they may be, shall be punished accordingly, in so far as it in my power lies."

Broadway Bridge Favored.

"It will be my aim and purpose to build the Broadway bridge as soon as the bonds can be disposed of. I promise furthermore that the trifling way in which the last sale of bonds was attempted will not be repeated. To accomplish this laudable object, it is my opinion that a more dignified course should be pursued and the letter of the law lived up to as well as the spirit. It is my opinion that the last attempted sale of Broadway bridge bonds has done much harm in depreciating the value of said securities. It will be my purpose, if necessary, personally to visit the money centers after the sale of bonds has been duly advertised and endeavor to secure their sale.

To Be Kept Down.

"Every department of our municipal government should be closely scrutinized. While I realize that the interest on the bonded debt cannot be decreased but will increase from year to year with the voting of additional bonds, yet the expenses of government shall and must be pruned to meet the income. I therefore promise the people of Portland that, if elected Mayor, the expenses of the city shall be kept within the present tax levy.

"It should be the ambition of every man, no matter how humble his walk in life, to own a home. Taxes, I know, in some cities present a formidable obstacle to the attainment of that ambition, but if the citizen is given a reasonable showing for the money paid in taxes he will have no fault to find.

"I promise efficiency and economy in every department. I shall encourge in every way possible home-owning, which tends to build a more beautiful and substantial city."

EX-HUSBAND IS MOURNER

Father of Vancouver Poison Victims, Divorced, at Funeral.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—The funeral of William and Clyde Goodwin, young sons of Mrs. Cora Goodwin, who were victims of poisoning Thursday, was held here today. Ransome Goodwin, ex-husband of Mrs. Goodwin and father of the children, attending. Rev. Otis E. Gray, rector of St. Luke's Episcipal Church here, presided at the obsequies.

The two bodies were in the same casket, six schoolmates, Ernest Speers, Hiram Blaker, Joseph Knapp, Cecil Hemminger, Dewey Crowley and Harry Crawford acting as pallbearers. Interment was made in the Wilson Bridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Goodwin has retained Attorney W. E. Yates to defend her and Raleigh Moon, who is held on a charge of murder in the first degree, in the County Jail, has retained Miller, Crass & Wilkinson as his attorneys.

Warning to Railroad Men

Look out for severe and even dangerous kidney and bladder trouble resulting from years of railroading. Geo. E. Bell, 639 Third St., Fort Wayne, Ind., was many years a conductor on the Nickel Plate. He says: "Twenty years of railroading left my kidneys in terrible condition. There was a continual pain across my back and hips and my kidneys gave me much distress, and the action of my bladder was frequent and most painful. I got a supply of Foley Kidney Pills and the first bottle made a wonderful improvement and four bottles cured me completely. Since being cured I have recommended Foley Kidney Pills to many of my railroad friends." Sold by all druggists. **

Acetylene torches for use in dense fogs have been supplied to the Paris police.

CAPITALIST'S BODY FOUND

Mystery Shrouds Death of Sacramento Man.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 27.—(Special.)—The body of Diedrick W. Wellers, an aged capitalist who mysteriously disappeared from this city on January 23 and for whom relatives and officers have been searching since, was found yesterday in the Sacramento River, a short distance below this city. It has not been determined whether death was accidental or whether the old man met with foul play. The condition of the body prevents the proof of injuries.

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Colonists and Old Residents Alike Enjoy Wonderful Weather. Farmers Begin to Plow.

"The rosy pink of its orchards every Spring is equalled only by the sunset glow of its peak of eternal snow," said Dr. Woods Hutchinson, physician and writer, in describing the climatic conditions of Oregon in a recent article. He added that "it is the most restful and soothing climate in the world and the land where it is always afternoon."

Dr. Hutchinson's description of Oregon weather was not belied yesterday for the sun came out early in the day and shone with a "subdued intensity" as described by the weather official. It is contended by weather observers that there is something peculiar about the heat and cold of the Willamette valley. The heat, it is argued, is less oppressive here than in any other land and the cold is less penetrating.

Throughout the valley farmers have begun to plow and reports from the various sections of the state West of the Cascades are that the Spring work upon the farm is a week or more ahead of former years. Trees are blooming in the Rogue river valley while in the Willamette valley a like condition is rapidly approaching. Roses are "leaving out" and in the gardens beginning to grow green. The mellowing rays of the Oregon sun with the gentle breezes bring content to the resident or colonist. The business man's only regret yesterday was that he could not play "hookey" as of old and enjoy a day in the green fields.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 55 degrees above zero, which was recorded at 3 o'clock and the minimum was 37 at 5 o'clock in the morning.

CUTTER ORDERED NORTH

Revenue Steamer Manning to Leave for Alaska, April 10.

ASTORIA, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Orders have been received from the department at Washington directing the revenue cutter Manning to leave April 10 on its annual cruise in Alaskan waters. The vessel will take on supplies here before starting.

First Lieutenant of Engineers Theodore G. Lawton, recently on the cutter Algonquin, stationed at San Juan, Porto Rico, has arrived to take charge of the Manning's engine-room. He was stationed here about five years ago on the cutter Commodore Perry.

Notice has also been received by Frst Lieutenant O'Malley, executive officer of the Manning and her present master, that Captain K. W. Perry, of the cutter Tuscarora, at Milwaukee, has been assigned to the command of the Manning. He is due to arrive here April 5.

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