

DETECTIVE RIDDLED BLACKMAIL TRAP

Criminals Penetrate Disguise of Impersonator of Victim and Shoot Him Down.

PLOT OF LONG STANDING

Wealthy Residents of Ogden Harassed Since 1911 With Demands and Threats, and Dynamite Has Been Resorted To.

OGDEN, Utah, Nov. 9.—Endeavoring to trap blackmailers who demanded money from Ralph E. Bristol and Leroy Eccles under threats of shooting, Dave Edwards, special detective and expert gunman from Bingham, Utah, fell on a lonely road in the northeast part of Ogden about 4 o'clock this morning, his body riddled with bullets.

Edwards was disguised in Eccles' clothing. It is believed the blackmailers recognized the disguise. They opened fire without warning. Edwards returned the fire, even when wounded. Though others reached the scene moments later, the attackers made their escape. Edwards is at a hospital in a serious condition.

Letters Sent to Woman.

The shooting is the direct outgrowth of a series of blackmailing plots which have involved wealthy residents of Ogden since 1911, but have been especially prominent since April, 1912. Late in March last Mrs. Thomas Dea, a wealthy widow and builder of the Dea Hospital, and Mrs. Ralph E. Bristol, wife of the manager of the Ogden Portland Cement Company, both received letters demanding \$500 each, to be delivered under certain conditions to be prescribed later by the blackmailers. Answer was made to their demand through an advertisement.

Home Is Dynamited.

The front of the Leroy Eccles home was dynamited on November 2. Myron Smith was arrested by the following day and complaints were filed in the Federal courts accusing him of sending the letters to Mrs. Bristol and one to David C. Eccles. On the evidence of similarity in handwriting he was held to the Federal Grand Jury and is now in jail. Another letter in different handwriting was received by the Eccles on Sunday at 5 o'clock and, acting on the demands in this letter, Edwards was detailed this morning.

F. C. SHOEMAKER DIES AT 40

Well-Known Raymond Lumberman Falls to Rally From Operation.

F. C. Shoemaker, secretary of the William Lumber Company, of Raymond, Wash., and connected with several lumber and other enterprises in and about Raymond, died last night at St. Vincent's hospital, at the age of 40 years. He was operated upon for appendicitis October 21, and failed to rally from the operation.

Mr. Shoemaker was trustee of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, vice-president of the Pacific Lumber Agency, of Aberdeen, Wash.; treasurer of the Sunnet Timber Company and of the Pacific & Eastern Railway Company. He went to Raymond in 1905, from the service of the Musser Lumber Company, of Muscatine, Iowa, a predecessor of the Weyerhaeuser Co.

STORM IN CENTRAL WEST

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days the big steamship foundered in the rough seas, averaging much more than six knots.

SNOW HEAVY IN PITTSBURG

Sleet and High Winds Contribute to Widespread Discomfort.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 9.—A snow, sleet and wind storm crippled transportation and disrupted wire communication throughout this section tonight. Ten inches of snow fell today and the wind blew 40 miles an hour. Telegraph companies succeeded in making a few shift circuits tonight, replacing those blown down.

WEST VIRGINIA SNOW DEEP

Clarkburg and Fairmont Cut Off From Rest of World.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Northern West Virginia is covered with a snow blanket of from 12 to 14 inches tonight and a storm that started early today continues unabated. Clarkburg and Fairmont are practically isolated. Steam and trolley traffic is tied up by snow drifts, while wire service is paralyzed.

Snow Deep in Alleghenies.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 9.—Snow has reached a depth of 15 inches at Elkins, W. Va., and other points in the eastern Alleghenies in Maryland, West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania. The wind is blowing a gale. Traffic on the Western Maryland and Baltimore & Ohio railroads is hampered by wire trouble and drifts.

Lake Vessels Hurry to Port.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 9.—Shipping of lake vessels has taken refuge in the nearest ports. The steamer W. C. Pollock, of Cleveland, was forced on to the bank of the St. Clair Flats Canal tonight. The steamer Mary Elphicke, of Chicago, which went ashore yesterday in Lake Erie, has been floated and has reached shelter. All local telegraph wires were affected tonight.

Falling Tree Wrecks Train; 3 Dead.

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Three of the train crew were killed when a locomotive pulling a work train on the Lacquette Lake Railroad ran into a tree which had blown across the tracks today. A severe storm swept this part of the state and did extensive damage to the Adirondacks.

Kentucky Experiences Snowfall.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 9.—Accompanied by a high wind and low temperature, a snow storm swept over a large portion of Kentucky today. At Middleboro a fall of six inches was reported.

SOME FACE SUSPENSION

GAMBLING MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE TO BE CLASSIFIED.

Commissioners Feel That Dropping All Those Implicated Would Cripple Service Too Much.

The segregation of the ringleaders from others who worshipped at the shrine of the Goddess Chance will be the next step in the Civil Service Commission's investigation of gambling charges against 23 police officers and patrolmen. This will be necessary, the commissioners say, because the winter crime season is coming on and the loss of 23 or more men by suspension would so cripple the force that it would be unable to work efficiently.

Commissioners Caldwell and Clark, who in the recent absence of Commissioner Logan in Europe, have been conducting the investigation, do not wish at this time to indicate possible action on their part as to the individuals involved. They say that their final action will be to make recommendations in the various cases to Mayor Albee, who would take official action.

Suspension of a large number of patrolmen, the commissioners say, would not be feasible for another reason. The last civil service lists for appointment to the police bureau were made under the Knickerbocker register and they have become somewhat "tainted" by the exposure of the relations of A. P. Armstrong and the men who secured positions in the police bureau at the last examinations.

Commissioner Caldwell last night confirmed in detail the version of the scandal as printed in The Oregonian. It is authoritatively announced that the persons named as ringleaders in the investigation are Mayor, Sergeants Pressley, Thatcher, Casey and Rupert.

25 RIGHT AGE TO MARRY

Y. M. C. A. MEMBERS DECIDE 30 YEARS SHOULD BE LIMIT.

Young Men "Lack Sense" and Older Ones Are "Too Cranky," According to Views of Speakers.

A man should not marry at an age of less than 25 years, was the general opinion of the young men who attended the discussion meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, the subject of which was "How Young Should Men Marry?"

The general opinion set the age between the years of 25 and 30.

Reasons why a man should not marry younger than 25 were variously advanced, several holding that he "didn't have sense enough" before that age. It also was the opinion of most of those who attended the discussion that a man who marries after 30 is liable to be "too cranky," and a divorce may follow.

The discussions were held in three of the assembly rooms of the Y. M. C. A. A census taken in one of the rooms after the discussion showed that only two out of about 30 men in the room were married.

The financial consideration and the increasing movement of women toward the industrial field, with the result that their ability as homemakers and housekeepers is impaired were among the causes of holding the market steady and preventing an advance that usually comes at this time of year. When a larger quantity of foreign butter is brought in, the market probably will break.

BUTTER CONTINUES HIGH

Importations From New Zealand Fail to Break Prices.

The New Zealand butter brought to this market has had no effect yet in reducing prices, but probably has been the cause of holding the market steady and preventing an advance that usually comes at this time of year. When a larger quantity of foreign butter is brought in, the market probably will break.

"HELLO" GIRL ARRESTED

Nellie Martin Is Accused of Robbing E. G. Mullin of \$150.

Nellie Martin, a telephone girl, was arrested at Park and Yamhill streets last night by Detectives Hvide and Vaughn on a charge of robbing E. G. Mullin, a cook who works for Hoffmuth Brothers' liquor house, 20 Grand avenue, of \$150 Saturday night. She is held on \$500 bail, and Mullin on \$50 bail as a witness. Edith Smith, another telephone girl arrested with Miss Martin, is held on \$50 bail.

Carl S. Parker, who says he is Miss Martin's husband, was booked on a technical charge of vagrancy.

LAUGHTER RAMPANT AT HELG THEATER

"Stop Thief" Hilarious, Rapid-Firing Farce, Makes Hit on Opening Night.

DULL CARE TAKES FLIGHT

Playwright Cleverly Comes to Aid of "Thief" and Audience Approves Vociferously—Capable Cast Handles Situations.

CAST: Joan Carr.....Glad Wilcox Mrs. Carr.....Emma Campbell Caroline Carr.....Marie Vaughn Madge Carr.....Laura Walker Nell.....June Keith William Carr.....Albert Tavernier James Cluney.....Sydney Stone Mr. Jamison.....Henry Hubbard Doctor Willoughby.....Sydney Mason Rev. Mr. Spinlin.....Chlo Burnham Jack Deegan.....Kimer Booth Joe Thompson.....John McCabe Sergeant of Police.....Henry Horna Police office O'Malley..... Police office O'Malley..... Police Officer Casey.....A. C. Doyle Police Officer O'Brien..... Larry McCarthy A chauffeur.....George Graham

BY LEONE CASS BAER. ALWAYS a proof of stock-acting lies in its dramatic production. In comedy the lines, almost as much as the artists, make the laughs. In the presentation of plays wherein every point must be driven home with brevity and the delivery of a lawyer's argument; where delivery of a lawyer's argument; where the spoken word and the thought must follow the spoken word and the thought must follow the spoken word and the thought must follow the spoken word.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. It may take a thief to catch a thief. But it takes a playwright to let the thief wiggle out of conviction once he's caught. Carlo Burzio has written an evening full of laughs around just that very subject. He calls it "Stop Thief," and Cohan & Harris have sent it to the Helg for a week's stay. There isn't a dull minute sticking around anywhere in its development.

Here's the idea—and you can see for yourself that "situations" tramp quick on each other's heels. In the Carr home a wedding is on the carpet. The eldest daughter is to become Mrs. Cluney at noon. Now Mr. Cluney is a kleptomaniac and wants his secret hidden. Years before he was a thief, Pa Carr has also been a victim to this pretty habit—and is still an absent-minded gentleman. He is mistaken for a plainclothes man and is set to watch for the thief.

Valuable disappear in a most amazing manner and the bridegroom thinks it is he who has stolen them. Also fixing the blame on himself is the old confirmed in detail the version of the scandal as printed in The Oregonian. It is authoritatively announced that the persons named as ringleaders in the investigation are Mayor, Sergeants Pressley, Thatcher, Casey and Rupert.

Farce "Pure"; Hardly "Simple."

Of course it's a farce—pure and simple. At least it's pure in the sense that it's only evident after it's all over and "I told you so's" are exchanged. Trusts of its comedy are complex. Many of its situations are coincidental and managed cleverly—but it's made for laughing purposes only. There is no cleverness in its composition that is conducive to brain-fac—no even a trace of to laugh—or commits a faux pas and laughs in the wrong place.

Laughs Always Timely.

You can laugh right through "Stop Thief" and never get tired. The reason is it has so many really humorous moments tucked away in its lines, and not only the lines, but the actors are clever. To put a few of them to one that laugh trails on another, and apparent coincidences happen as apparent coincidences requires excellent dovetailing of word and action.

These players sent by Cohan & Harris are capably fitted for the portrayal of the various roles. The Rev. Mr. Spinlin is the snippy Miss Nesbitt, Nancy Dorrall has a cleverly played part as the Rev. Mr. Spinlin's maid, Madeline Osborn as Eudoxia, a maid, completes the cast.

The stage settings are extremely handsome, particularly the second and third scenes, which is the library in John Ryder's home.

GIRL'S CONDITION SERIOUS

Injured Circus Rider Unconscious at Intervals.

Part of the time conscious, Miss Mabel Starr, who was thrown from her horse at the Winter quarters of the Al G. Barnes Wild Animal Show at the Country Club Saturday morning, was in a serious condition at Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday.

The extent of her injuries has not been definitely determined, but the worst of them are to her head. Her spells of unconsciousness, which extended over a great part of the day, were more like sleep than unconsciousness, in the opinion of hospital attendants.

Louis, the lion tamer, whose act was marred Saturday by his hand being torn by a lion, visited the young woman yesterday, with his hand tied up. He made the cause of her grief over the injury to the young woman interfered with his control of his animals.

NEW CLASS IS TO BEGIN

Domestic Science Students May Enroll Tonight.

New students who wish to take evening work in domestic science should enroll tonight at 7:15 o'clock at the Lincoln high school, where Miss Julian Thie will organize a class for instruction on Wednesdays and practice work the following Mondays. The class is for beginners only and not for experienced housewives.

Other classes are arranged as follows: School of trades—Teachers, Miss Vera Haskell and Miss Mad Chollar. Lincoln high school, 6 o'clock, boys, 2 and 3—Teachers, Miss Edna Groves. (No new students can be taken in these divisions); Division No. 4, teachers, Miss Gertrude Blackstone and Miss Emily Rodgers; division No. 5, Wednesday (instruction only), teacher, Miss Gertrude Blackstone; Jefferson high school, Monday (instruction for all students)—Teacher, Miss Gertrude Black-

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Figures Assembled by Advisory Committee Will Be Ready Tomorrow.

MINOR ITEMS OUTSTANDING

Year Will Be Started With Balance on Hand and Money for Road Improvements Will Depend on Recommendations Made.

With the estimates for the 1914 expenses of Multnomah County practically all in, Assessor Reed and Carl S. Kelly, of the advisory budget committee, yesterday assembled the general budget and expect to have it in complete form for the entire committee to begin its final work thereon not later than Tuesday. All of the estimates will be in by then and an effort will be made to complete the work before the end of the week so that the budget can be turned over to the County Commissioners.

Multnomah County will start the year with \$262,000 in the general fund, \$189,000 in the road fund and \$12,000 available from sources other than taxation. Estimates that are not yet in are on the Circuit Court, insane, relief, veterinarian, real estate matters and a few minor matters.

The amount of money to go to the two road districts will depend upon the total amount of road improvements that the committee may recommend.

Regarding the items upon which estimates are not yet in, the expenses for the nine months ending September 30, 1913, which may serve as a basis were as follows:

Table with financial data: Insane... 1,186.00, Army... 733.30, Relief... 9,214.06, Sheriff... 2,900.00, Veterinarian... 253.31, Real estate... 1,461.00, Scip county... 1,461.00, Circuit Court... 68,174.13, etc.

VICE CHARGES MADE

G. A. TRACHER SAYS POLICE UNABLE TO COPE WITH CONDITION.

Assertion is That 75 Hotels Thrive on Income Derived From Illegitimate Sources.

"There are perhaps as many as 25 hotels in Portland that would be closed, and 50 more whose incomes would be so damaged that there would be no particular income on the money invested, if commercial vice were to be wiped out," said George A. Tracher, who is a member of the Vice Commission during the Rushlight administration, speaking last night at the Unitarian Church on vice and jail conditions.

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