TRAINMEN HELD ON ROBBERY CHARGES

George Melbourne and Frank White Face Accusations at Hands of Officers.

ALLEGED CONFESSION TOLD

Engineer Said to Have Taken Police to Cache Under Dock Where Loot Was Found and Some of It Identified.

Charged with three holdups and two burglaries, George Melbourne, an engineer, 37 years old, and Frank White, a switchman, 28 years old, were arrested in a lodging-house at First and Salmon streets yesterday morning by Sergeant Carlson, with Patrolmen O'Brien, Bales, Evans, Tennant and Special Officer Potter. Detectives Coleman and Snow say that the men confessed. Part of the alleged loot has been recovered.

The crimes with which the men are charged are the robbery of Y. Takuta, proprietor of the Minnesota Hotel, at 12:30 last Saturday morning; the robbery of Brooks Halworth, of the Mallory Hotel, at Thirteenth and Morrison streets Monday night; the robbery of George Condos' restaurant at 270 Third street yesterday morning; and the burglary of the home of A. D. Charlton, Northern Pacific assistant-general passenger agent, 400 Vista avenue, and the home of R. E. Bristow, 535 Montgomery drive, on last Friday night, while the families were viewing the Rose Festival parades.

One Tells of "Stick-Up."

From Takuta the men are said to have obtained $3 in cash and besides a stickpin and a watch. The men who robbed Halworth forced him into a corner with a gun and rifled his pockets, taking about $6. R. D. Cole reported to the police that he came along during the robbery and struck one of the robbers in the face for trying to stop him. This statement was indignantly denied by Melbourne.

"Say, bo," Melbourne is said to have told Detective Snow, "if dat gink had been at the Country Club dey couldn't have caught him with a racing automobile. I sticks the shootin' iron into his map, and you couldn't find us fer the dust he made runnin'."

The crime which led to the men's arrest was the alleged robbery of George Condos' restaurant yesterday morning. As Patrolman Tennant passed the restaurant, he saw a man at the cash till, but supposed it was the proprietor. A few seconds later Condos dashed into the street yelling that he had been robbed.

Tennant followed the men to their rooming-house at First and Salmon streets. Then he telephoned the police station for reinforcements. Sergeant Carlson, with Special Officer Potter and Motorcycle Patrolmen Evans and Bales, responded, and the men were arrested.

The case was turned over to Detectives Coleman and Snow for investigation. They say that the robbers confessed the three holdups, as well as two burglaries.

Smith Insists on Robbery.

When Smith, in the hands of the detectives, pointed out Mr. Charlton's house as one which they had robbed, the Charlton family at first denied that they had lost anything, says the officers. Convinced that the man was lying, the officers took him on to the home of R. E. Bristow. Bristow knew that he had been robbed. As the party came back past the Charlton residence, Smith is said to have again asserted that he had robbed that house.

"That side door there has jimmy marks on it," he insisted. "Just lamp it for yerself."

His statement was verified by the officers. Again they called out the family and told them that the house had been robbed. The statement was scouted.

"I kin take ye upstairs and show you where I got it," volunteered Melbourne, the police say. The detectives say that the Charlton family was decidedly impressed when Melbourne opened their jewel box and showed that it was empty.

The men confessed that the loot from these houses was concealed under a beam under the Washington-street dock, according to the police. The officers found it there, wrapped in two handkerchiefs. It has been partially identified. The two packages contained three wrist-watches, six stickpins, a bracelet, several neckchains, four rings and several brooches. The men are said to have told the detectives that they had thrown some of the loot in the river because it was "phony."

Prisoners Not Identified.

The detectives say that none of the men robbed was able to identify the prisoners. Without their confession, they say, only the restaurant robbery charge could have been prosecuted.

Melbourne and White waived examination in the Municipal Court yesterday and were bound over to the grand jury. The police say that Melbourne has a long criminal record, and has served time in Oregon and other state penitentiaries. Chief of Police Clark thinks that the men may be wanted for murder in San Francisco. The San Francisco authorities have been notified of the arrest.

New Photo Plays Open

Majestic.

SMILING babies and crying babies, all fat and roly-poly, some with curly hair, some with straight hair, all pretty, are being shown at the Majestic Theater in a "Better Babies" picture taken by the American Lifeograph Company, of Portland.

A lecture by Mrs. L. L. Livingstone accompanies the picture. She tells how to feed the babies and care for them, giving advice to the many women who attend.

"The Right of Way" is a picture of merit, dealing with a financial situation and a shrewd young woman. A railway company sought to secure a right of way for $5000, but paid $100,000 because of the wit of the girl.

Wally Vans appears in a comedy, "The Widow of Red Rock," that is a scream.

The Hearst-Selig Pictorial concludes the picture offering.

Miss Esther Sundquist, violinist, and Mme. Lotta Othick, prima donna, offer new musical numbers.

A Klaw & Erlanger production, "The Billionaire," will be the Sunday offering.

Star.

LILLIAN WALKER, the dimpled girl, and Earle Williams are appearing in the leading roles in "Eve's Daughter," a Vitagraph drama headlining the picture offering at the Star Theater. The millionaire falls in love with the sculptor's model, not knowing her profession. They live happily until the artist threatens to expose the woman unless she pose for another statue. She, fearing her husband, consents, but he finds it out and the situations that follow lead up to a "ripping" climax.

The last of the series of the Kathlyn adventures ends with her freed from the throne and on her way to California with her sweetheart, father and sister. "This Is the Life" is a brand-new Essanay comedy, founded on the song, now so popular.

Marc McDermott appears in "The Gap," in the series "The Man Who Disappeared." He, by his ingenuity and $25, helps to land an important contract.

The bill changes Sunday.

Columbia.

THERE are many unusual features in "The Intruder," a two-part Majestic drama of high society life, which opened yesterday at the Columbia. It is an offering of exceptional merit and exemplifies conditions in many homes of the present time. The husband, busy with business affairs, neglects his wife. The wife, becoming lonely, welcomes the intruder into her life. Soon deep water is reached, when the husband discovers the condition of affairs and realizes the mistake he has made.

"His Enemy" is a highly dramatic offering by the Princess players. It depicts the struggle made by a released convict to gain a livelihood for himself and daughter, but everywhere he went he was hounded by his enemy, who was instrumental in sending him to prison.

The Thanhouser players present "The Scrub Lady," a mirth-provoking, side-splitting comedy that contains a moral that many men might heed. It is: "Do not make love to your stenographer." It is a scream.

Pictures of the Juvenile Rose Festival, held by the boys and girls on Willamette Heights last Saturday are shown. Harker S. Perkins plays a selection from the "Bohemian Girl" as a special organ number.

Globe.

THE third episode of "The Perils of Pauline," being shown at the Globe Theater, introduces a new character in Blinky Bill, the pirate. He is a bold, bad man, according to his own story. He cleaned up an entire crew, single handed, but when confronted by Harry he is ready to give in quietly.

Alice Joyce appears in "Nina of the Theater," a two-part drama of more than usual interest. Nina obtains a position through the influence of an actor friend. The friend meets with an accident. To defray his hospital expenses, she consents to submit to an operation herself. He never knows this. Later she marries the doctor, who goes mad through overwork, and Nina goes back to the stage. Here she again meets her former friend, and, her husband having died, they marry.

A good farce comedy, "Eugenics at Bar U Ranch," completes the bill.

22 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

LIBERAL ARTS CLASS AT WILLAMETTE LARGEST IN HISTORY.

Rev. Matt S. Hughes, of Pasadena, in His Commencement Address, Appeals for Noble Ambition in Graduates.

SALEM, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—What is said to have been the largest liberal arts graduating class in the history of Willamette University received diplomas at the commencement exercises held in Salem today. The class consisted of 22 members.

Rev. Matt S. Hughes, D. D., LL. D., of Pasadena, Cal., delivered the commencement address, speaking on the value of education in developing the well-rounded man. He made an appeal for noble ambition and against what he considered the too practical trend of modern life.

Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of the university, gave the charge to the class and presented the degrees. Vocal solos by Mrs. W. H. Fry, Portland, Miss Harriett Leach, Portland, and Miss Ava McMahon, Richfield, Idaho, and an organ solo by Dean Fredericck S. Mendenhall, of the Willamette College of Music, were well appreciated.

Those receiving degrees were: Aggie B. Alford, Salem; Robert Hatfield Allen, Salem; Laura F. Austin, Woodburn; Lola Belle Bollinger, Salem; Ethel Casebere, Salem; W. W. Herman Clark, Salem; Errol Clarence Gilkey, Grants Pass; Laura Heist, Salem; Paul T. Homan, Salem; Rena Mickey, Turner; Benjamin C. Neustrel, Rathdrum, Idaho; Lottie Lee Penn, Salem; Waldo O. Mills, Salem; Mary L. Pixler, Salem; Esther L. Plumer, Salem; Lester Proebstel, Salem; Edith L. Sherwood, Salem; Elwina E. Schram, Salem; George V. Vandevert, Bend; Edna J. White, Salem; Vivian A. Young, Salem; N. L. Zimmerman, Portland.

Miss Ava McMahon, Richfield, Idaho, received the degree of bachelor of music.

A Song Book With a Soul.

Books have been said to possess personalities. If this be true, then they may be said to have souls, and if there ever appeared a book that had both personality and soul—that book is "Heart Songs." We have been placing these books—thousands of them—in the houses of our readers during the past few weeks, and we have never undertaken a task that has given us more satisfaction and our readers more pleasure. We announce elsewhere the closing days of the distribution and urge those of our readers who have not yet participated in the distribution to lose no time in clipping the coupon that appears daily in this paper. "Heart Songs" is bound to grow in value with the years.—Adv.

Banquet Follows Contest.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—After a two weeks' membership contest the Corvallis Commercial Club winners were banqueted last night by the losers at the Hotel Julian, of this city. N. R. Moore, president, was toastmaster and called on each of the new members, 35 in number, to say in 10 words what needed activity of the club he had in mind.

Corvallis to Be "Aster City."

CORVALLIS, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Corvallis is to be become a "city of asters." This has been adopted by the Parent-Teacher circles and the Commercial Club as the city flower. Twelve hundred asters have been sold by the high school during the past two weeks, and an effort is being made to dispose of 1000 plants this week. The first annual aster show will be held in the Fall.

Douglas Justice Vote Unchanged.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—In rechecking the votes of the recent primary election in Douglas County for Justice Charles McNary and Judge Benson, County Clerk Edward Lenox found them as published at the time the official count was announced. The recheck of the votes showed six additional votes for Lawrence Harris and one additional vote for Samuel Richardson.

Norway has 144 tree-planting societies. The first was founded in 1900, and since then 26,000,000 trees have been planted.

HOME RULE UPHELD

Supreme Court Decision in Police Pensions Cited.

IMPORTANCE IS ASSERTED

City Attorney La Roche Comments on Interpretation of Oregon Act and Says It Has Been Satisfactory Elsewhere.

That the decision of the state Supreme Court in which the police pension act passed by the State Legislature was invalidated is of the utmost importance in determining the standing of "home rule" in Oregon cities, is the statement of City Attorney La-Roche. He says the decision establishes home rule with only such limitations as are prescribed by the state constitution and the criminal laws:

"This decision as well as that in the Knapp case," said City Attorney La-Roche yesterday, "is based on Section 2 of Article XI of the constitution, passed by the people in 1906, which says:

"'Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly by special laws. The Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend, or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charter, subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon.'

Amendment Is Interpreted.

"The purpose of the amendment is apparent. 'It was to prevent the constant tampering with matters which concern only or chiefly municipalities by the Legislature. Generally it may be said that experience has shown the necessity of organic provisions more exactly defining and limiting the power of the Legislature to enact laws which affect the local and private or distinctly corporate rights of chartered cities, and which involve expenditures of money, the creation of duties and consequent pecuniary burdens without the consent or against the will of the local authorities of the municipality or the people thereof.'

"This quotation is taken from a decision by the Supreme Court of California rendered in a case involving the construction of a similar constitutional provision. The states of Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado adopted somewhat similar constitutional provisions, while in several of the states, where there is no constitutional provision of this kind, legislation which attempted to deal with matters that were purely local self-government is inherent in the people of the various municipalities. The court, in a case arising in Wisconsin, speaking of the important right of local self-government said:

"'That right, under our system of government, has from the start been regarded as the very foundation thereof, and absolutely necessary to its success.'

Indiana Decision Cited.

"And the Supreme Court of Indiana, in a case of similar kind, said:

"'No provision is found anywhere in the constitution which takes from the people the right of local self-government. . . . Before written constitutions, the people possessed the power of local self-government.'

"In Michigan, the Legislature of the state directed the City of Detroit to purchase a park. The Common Council declined to follow the instructions of the Legislature, and Judge Cooley, one of the great judges of this country, declared the legislative act void, but in discussing the power of the Legislature to interfere with purely local and municipal matters, Judge Cooley pointedly directs attention to the evils of its practice in the following language:

"'It may not be improper to state that in that sister state in which a like power has been most often exercised, and whose legislative precedents were cited on the argument, while the pretense always was that the interference was necessary to correct some local evil or promote some local good, the general result of a disregard of sound principle followed and a system of corruption and disorder was introduced which became at last appalling to contemplate. But as bad motives cannot render a constitutional law invalid, neither can good motives legalize usurpation.'

"Had our Supreme Court announced the principle of law that the Legislature had the power to pass laws controlling the city in its municipal affairs, it would then be possible for the Legislative Assembly to direct the Council of the City of Portland to construct hospitals, to purchase given areas for parks at a given sum of money, to pension all of its officers and employes, and in a hundred other ways to direct and control the local affairs of the city in matters about which it could have only partial knowledge, and in which it would have neither the interest nor the pride of the people residing within the city.

"There is absolutely nothing in the idea that by these decisions a state is created within a state, for all cities of the state are subject to the sovereign will of the state in every municipal matter, and whatever power may be exercised by any city within a state may be withdrawn by the sovereign people of the state at their will and pleasure. This idea was advanced in an attack made on the charter of the City of St. Louis and argued at length before the Supreme Court of the United States, but that high tribunal approved the charter of St. Louis and held it legal in all respects. The distinction between that which is municipal and that which has to do with the state at large has been discussed in several cases, and the experience of states within which the principle of home rule is recognized has demonstrated the fact that it is not only a workable principle proved by every-day experience, but that it is really for the highest and best interests of the state and the city."

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT

Merchants Life Association, of Burlington

In the State of Iowa, on the 31st day of December, 1913, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital stock paid up	None
Amount of net ledger assets	$ 83,010.35
Income.	
Total premium income	577,139.80
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	45,277.05
Reserve fund	219,106.28
Income from other sources received during the year	2,802.90
Total income	$ 844,326.03
Total	1,852,579.38
Disbursements.	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	$ 302,881.10
Annual payments and assessments returned to registered applicants	98,114.03
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year	None
Guarantee fund returned during the year	90.50
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	175,554.05
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	12,200.48
Amount of all other expenditures	54,758.56
Total expenditures	$ 643,418.72
Balance	1,188,960.66
Assets.	
Market value of real estate owned	None
Market value of stocks and bonds owned	$ 26,256.75
Loans on mortgages	802,421.52
Reserve notes and policies good standing	241,035.52
Cash in banks and on hand	114,409.34
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	None
Other assets (net)	4,835.73
Total assets	$ 1,188,960.66
Mortuary call to become due only for outstanding claims	$ 18,000.60
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	29,899.63
Accrued interest. Agts. Dr. Bal.	4,835.73
Balance value of bonds	1,188.75
Res. fund notes	241,035.52
Deduct items not admitted—total	$ 247,050.00
Total admitted assets in Oregon	989,810.29
Liabilities.	
Net reserve taxes accrued (estimated)	8,000.00
Total policy claims unpaid	18,000.00
All other liabilities	23,375.11
Value of outstanding benefit cert. or policies as provided by 32 G. A. Chap. 82, Iowa	362,481.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock	$ 411,856.11
Total insurance in force December 31, 1913	$53,392,000.00
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$ 128,000.00
Gross premiums received during the year	1,478.73
Premiums returned during the year	None
Losses paid during the year	None
Losses incurred during the year	None
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1913	30,000.00

Statutory general agent and attorney for service: HENRY A. ORTH.

MERCHANTS LIFE ASSOCIATION.
F. J. KUHLEMEIER, Sec.