

2 ROB 6 OF \$825 IN HOLD-UP AT EMPIRE

Coos Bay Strangers Among Victims Allege That Robbery Was "Frame Up."

POKER GAME PLANS MADE

After Firing at Man Behind Bar Masked Duo Makes Five Face Wall—Complaint Made That Tip Was Given Robbers.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Opening the door of the Edgar saloon at Empire last night between 11 and 12 o'clock, two masked men commanded "Hans up!" and proceeded to fire toward Thomas Edgar, the proprietor, who was on duty. Edgar dodged under the bar, but was soon forced to come out, as there was no place of refuge.

Five other men were in the saloon. These were lined up against the wall and their pockets rifled, while the robbers kept their guns pressed against their bodies. The victims of the robbery carried notes and secured their losses afterward to amount to \$825 and a few cents.

Robbery Reported Late. After taking all the money from the till and turning the pockets of the victims inside out, the masked men retreated, advising the men in the saloon, however, that the first one who made any attempt to follow or give an alarm would be shot. The lone police officer of the town was not notified of the robbery for more than an hour later, when the men in the saloon were afraid to venture out for help. The streets were deserted when the robbery was committed.

The men who held up had gone to Empire at the suggestion of Frank Jennings, of North Bend, who assured them they could find a poker game of almost any limit. Frank Jennings and his brothers, Thomas and L. Jennings; Fred Trotter and Coy Elston were the victims. Trotter and Elston are strangers on Coos Bay and arrived from the North, where they had gambled along the Willamette. Trotter's right of way. Elston was arrested last week by Sheriff Quine at Florence as a suspect in the Gardner bank robbery, but was released, as there was no evidence against him. Elston and Trotter came to Marshfield today and complained they had been "framed" last night and said they doubted whether the robbery was not made up for their especial benefit.

They said they had gone to Empire purposely to play poker, but after arriving there Jennings did not say anything more about the suggested game and they stood around about a half hour, when the robbers suddenly burst in on them.

Elston slipped a purse containing \$50 on a high window sill when he faced to the wall and saved his money, as his purse was overlooked. Elston's loss of \$30, Trotter's \$91, L. Jennings \$125, Thomas Jennings \$12, Frank Jennings \$167 and Edgar's a few dollars short of \$400.

Complaint Is Made. The party went to Empire in a car belonging to Verner Barker, who operates from Marshfield, the start being made from North Bend. Both Elston and Trotter have advised the District Attorney of their belief that the robbery was a frame-up and it is expected an investigation will be made. The robbers were described by Elston and Trotter as men of slight build and weighing not over 150 pounds. They were masked with white linen handkerchiefs drawn across their faces just below the eyes and appeared to be mere youths.

Elston, in detailing the story, said he was certain the men who did the work were amateurs and must have had advance information about the money being in the saloon at that time. When asked whom he suspected of planning the job, he refused to say.

The robbery is believed to have been committed by the same gang that has terrorized the district between North Bend and Empire for the past four months by automobile holdups and other robberies along the county highway.

and Martin arrested Nathan Shlberg at First and Clay streets early yesterday and charged him with white slavery. He will be held for the Federal authorities. It is alleged that Shlberg transported Annie Smith from Spokane to Portland. She is held as a witness.

CONSTANCY GREAT ASSET

Right Choice of Purpose Aid to Success, Says R. D. Carpenter.

That the right choice of a purpose, and constancy to that purpose, is the greatest asset in business life, was asserted last night by R. D. Carpenter, manager of Meter & Frank Company, in his lecture on "The Secret of Success," at the Portland Y. M. C. A.

"I passed a large portion of my youth living in expensive hotels at other people's expense," said Mr. Carpenter. "But, finally, I made up my mind that I should do it myself. I got a job as an elevator man at \$30 a month. But I always kept looking for the main chance. My purpose was to fit myself for the job higher up.

"Truth and honesty in business are more appreciated every day. A short time ago a young man came to me with \$65 that some customer had overpaid us. He asked me what he should do with it.

"Give this money to the owner just as though it was a personal matter," I told him. The money was returned."

Other speakers were N. F. Sturges, instructor in salesmanship, and Stanley Baker, vocational and employment expert. A. J. Robinson presided.

BEND PRAISED BY ADMEN

Returning Excursionists Impressed With Hospitality.

Reporting Bend as one of the most hospitable cities they had ever visited, about 100 members of the Ad Club returned from their excursion to Eastern Oregon yesterday.

The only blot on the excursion was the injury received by E. Roberts, who set off the "fake" volcano at Lava Butte for the amusement of the party. The high wind blew the fuse from his hands, igniting some powder close by. His trousers were burned from his legs, his hands badly burned, and his face scorched. Fearing that his injuries would detract from the enjoyment, he asked to be taken to the city and that the accident be kept secret.

Officials See Railroad.

William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, is on a tour of the lines in Oregon and will remain in the territory for about a week. He went over the Corvallis & Eastern lines yesterday, accompanied by D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager, and F. L. Burkhalter, superintendent. He will be in Portland tomorrow and will remain here for a few days.

Mr. Sproule also will go over the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, the Southern Pacific electric subsidiary, and will inspect other company property in the state.

Mrs. Sophia Green Is Dead.

Mrs. Sophia Luella Green, aged 65, mother of Mrs. Florence E. Evans, of 1905 East Taylor street, passed away suddenly last night in a rooming-house at 1821 East Eleventh street. Death is believed to have resulted from cardiac trouble, as the deceased had been known to have a weak heart.

Harmon Child Dies.

Edwin Wakefield Harmon, the 4-year-old son of William H. and Eleanor Wilcox Harmon, 675 Tillamook street, died at Elwood, Ind., on September 8, after 48 hours' illness. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon arrived in Elwood August 31.

OSTEOPATH ROUTS DOCTORS IN COURT

Clackamas Judge Says Board Had No Right to Oust Dr. Van Brakle From Post.

EVERY ATTACK REBUFFED

Three Efforts to Remove County Health Officer Prove Failure Though Appeal Threatened by Physicians' Attorneys.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Dr. J. A. Van Brakle, an osteopath and a graduate of an Eastern school of osteopathy, is County Health Officer of Clackamas County and the State Board of Health exceeded its jurisdiction in attempting to remove him last July.

This was, in substance, the decision of Circuit Judge Campbell today on the writ of review, filed by Dr. Van Brakle following the dismissal order of the State Board.

The court held that the State Board exceeded its jurisdiction in attempting to remove the osteopath in that it did not bring definite charges against him. The law provides that the County Health Officer may be removed by the State Board after definite charges of drunkenness, failure to report statistics and cases of contagious diseases or neglect in answering inquiries have been proved. The health officer also must have a chance to defend himself at an open hearing.

Board's Order Ignored. The hearing, at which charges made by Dr. Guy Mount and Dr. M. C. Strickland were heard, was held in the latter part of May and on April 8 the State Board wrote to the County Court that Dr. Van Brakle could not legally qualify for the position. The letter was ignored, as was also a second order of removal.

Judge Campbell held that the State Board of Health could not judge the qualifications of a County Health Officer. He decided that in appointing Dr. Van Brakle, the County Court passed upon his qualifications.

Appeal Is Threatened. C. D. Latourette, representing the physicians of the "regular" school and the State Health Board, said this morning that the case would be appealed to the State Supreme Court. C. Schuebel, L. Stipp and John N. Sievers represented Dr. Van Brakle and the State Association of Osteopaths.

The fight between the State Board of Health and the city physicians, on one hand, and Dr. Van Brakle, on the other, has been progressing for a year. The State Board has made three attempts to remove him during that time but each one has failed.

After the decision, Dr. Van Brakle said: "This clean-cut and conclusive decision is gratifying to me. In reversing the removal order of the State Board of Health, the Circuit Court has sustained the County Court and myself in the opinion that my removal under such artificial and false charges would have been not only a gross miscarriage of justice toward myself as Health Officer, but also toward the public whom I have done my best to serve, despite the unending embarrassing efforts of a few of the local

medical men and of a bitterly partisan State Board. I have felt throughout the controversy that if only I could get the matter before an impartial court, the manifest injustice and illegality of the proceedings brought against me would become so immediately evident that there would be no question as to the outcome."

WHEAT LAND VALUES RISE

Two Deals, Involving \$50,000 Each, Made Near Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Reaching the top notch price of wheat land in these parts, the John Kellaugh ranch of 400 acres, on Mission Ridge, was today sold to John J. McPhail for \$50,000, or \$125 an acre. It is predicted this land will be worth \$150 an acre within five years.

Another sale of equal magnitude was closed this morning when McPhail, the purchaser of the first ranch, sold out his own ranch of 1440 acres on the Umatilla Indian reservation for \$50,000. The purchasers were Frank Curl and Frank Rogers. Both are prominent wealthy ranchers of this county. Old farmers and wheat raisers say that this, too, is an exceptionally good purchase as the land is well improved, irrigated and will increase greatly in value.

The last highest purchase of wheat land brought \$115 an acre. Within the past three weeks there is a marked interest in wheat ranches, with offers from strangers. It is believed the war has something to do with this.

TIMBER RECRUISE WANTED

Assessor at Hoquiam Asks Appropriation of \$140,000.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Application was made by the County Assessor's office to the County Commissioners today for provision in next year's budget of \$140,000 for a recruit of the timber of Chehalis County. The reason given for the request is that the owners are not satisfied with the present cruise, but the Assessor claims a recruit would add \$10,000,000 worth of timber to the rolls.

The county cruise now shows about 25,000,000,000 feet of standing timber in the county outside the Olympic Forest Reserve and the Quinalt Indian Reservation.

DUCK DECOYS PERMITTED

Washington State Attorney-General Says Feeding Also Allowed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Feeding ducks and geese and shooting them after using decoys is not prohibited by the 1913 season law, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, who has rendered an opinion at the request of L. H. Darwin, State Fish Commissioner, who has so advised J. M. Hoff, Clarke County Game Warden.

So decoys may be used in hunting ducks and will not be prohibited by the Game Commission. Neither will the Game Warden stop the feeding of ducks in lakes.

GERARD MADE CANDIDATE

Ambassador to Germany in Democratic Race for Senatorship.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 8.—A petition naming James W. Gerard, Ambassador to Germany, as a Democratic candidate for the nomination for United States Senator was filed tonight with the Secretary of State.

A petition designating Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, as a Democratic candidate for the nomination for United States Senator also was filed.

C. M. BAIR, MAGNATE, IS SUED BY WOMAN

Seduction and Breach of Promise Alleged by Cora Ensminger, of Billings.

\$355,000 IS BALM ASKED

Montana Multi-Millionaire Is Defendant in Two Actions—Federal Inquiry Reported—Defendant and Family in Portland.

BILLINGS, Mont., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Charles M. Bair, of Billings and Portland, multi-millionaire stockman and banker, is made defendant in two suits aggregating \$355,000 filed today by Mrs. Cora Ensminger, 29 years old, who has been a resident of Billings since 1907. The charges are seduction and breach of promise.

Mr. Bair, a Montana pioneer and owner of extensive ranch interests in three counties, until recently was rated as the largest individual sheepowner in the world. Mr. Bair, with his family, moved to Portland, Or., three years ago. He is vice-president of the Merchants National Bank of Billings and chief owner of the two Billings newspapers.

Two suits were filed, one for \$100,000, charging seduction, and the other for \$255,000, charging breach of promise. Mrs. Ensminger, who is a widow, alleged that Bair promised to marry her, and that in 1912, after he and his wife and two daughters had been living in Portland for two years, he represented to her that the divorce had been obtained. Later, she declares, she learned she had been deceived.

Federal investigators, it is understood, have been interested in the case by Mrs. Ensminger and have been at work for several weeks gathering evidence to be used in the prosecution of Bair under the Mann act. Miss Ensminger will leave for Chicago and Washington Wednesday in connection with the investigation, which is said to involve numerous trips to Eastern points on which she accompanied Bair. Mr. Bair's attorneys declare the suits to be "pure blackmail."

"BLACKMAIL" SAYS MR. BAIR

Repeated Attempts to Get Money Made, Defendant Avers.

"It is a case of pure blackmail," declared Mr. Bair last night at his home in Portland. "Mrs. Ensminger, who is a widow, has made repeated and unsuccessful demands for various sums of money.

"I make a general denial to all the specific allegations she makes in the complaint. Her efforts have been 'raw' all the way through, and I predict the case, before it is ended now, will be shown to be one of blackmail and plot throughout."

Mr. Bair lives at 251 East Sixteenth street North. He came to Portland with his family three years ago and has resided here with them since. He is a voter and taxpayer in Portland

Majestic Theater advertisement for 'VENDETTA' featuring Miss Marie Corelli. Includes showtimes (11 A.M. to 11 P.M.) and admission (10 cents).

and has made investments of consequence in Oregon. A chance once in a lifetime. Very highest grade pianos and talking machines of all makes. Most costly instruments made can now be secured for less than the cheap ones. Bankrupt piano sale. For full particulars, read page 16, this paper.

Columbian Optical Co. advertisement for KRYPTOK lenses. Includes text: 'The Columbian Optical Co. is the exclusive manufacturing licensee of the Genuine Kryptok Lenses for the State of Oregon.'

The Wiley B. Allen Co. advertisement for pianos. Includes text: 'Are You a Piano Expert?' and 'What Do I Know About a Piano?'

SERGEANT IS SUSPENDED

EVERETT S. PECHIN MAY FACE NEGLECT OF DUTY CHARGES.

Mayor's Secretary Says Officer Has Not Been on Beat at Times, and Other Complaints Received.

Pressing a general cleanup in the police department, Sergeant Everett S. Pechin, who has twice figured in unsavory episodes of the department, was suspended yesterday from the police force and today Chief of Police Clark probably will file charges of "neglect of duty." Mayor Albee is out of the city, but it is understood Chief Clark acted under instructions from the Mayor's office.

If Mayor Albee discharges Sergeant Pechin, which as Commissioner of Public Safety he has authority to do, the only recourse Pechin will have will be an appeal to the Civil Service Commission.

Sergeant Pechin also is accused of giving his address as 245 Dupont street, Portland, while, as a matter of fact, he does not live inside the city, it is said. Further, a letter recently mailed by the Mayor, alleging "gross immorality" of the officer, it is stated.

Sergeant Pechin came into prominence in June, 1912, when he was shot by his wife, who afterward committed suicide, and later in connection with the Anna Gillette case in which several officers were involved. Anna Gillette figured as a confederate for the department, claiming rights to privileges in return. This was in the Slover regime.

"The Mayor expects every sergeant to give his work the attention for which he is paid," said Secretary to the Mayor W. H. Warren. "We find that Sergeant Pechin scarcely ever was in his district at times he was on duty, and that he never paid proper attention to his work, but spent his time in other ways."

Pechin has been in the employ of the City of Portland for the past five years, being raised to the rank of sergeant in May, 1912, under Mayor Rosenthal's administration. It was a month later that he was shot.

This is the second suspension under the present municipal administration. The first was December 12, 1913, when Captain Harry Riley, Sergeant C. J. Rupert and Officer H. Christofferson were discharged, and nine other officers suspended on charges of gambling.

Alleged White Slaver Taken. Sergeant Harms and Patrolmen Wise