

BANDIT RIFLE CLEW

Officers Hope by It to Trace Oregon Express Robbers.

KNOWN BY THEIR PROFANITY

Same Gang Held Up a Saloon at Kennet, 20 Miles From Redding, on March 20, and Stood 15 Men in Line.

REDDING, Cal., April 2.—The trip of the officers north on the railroad this afternoon resulted in clearing the skies of some suspects and proving to the satisfaction of the detectives that the bandits who held up the Oregon Express at Copley Thursday night and killed Messenger O'Neill were the same men who held up 15 men in Dave Endicott's saloon at Kennet, 20 miles north of here, March 20.

The officers say a dozen different informants had told circumstances that seemed to point strongly to three men living near Kennet as the train robbers, but an investigation today showed conclusively that the suspects could not have been the robbers. Detective Ahern said this evening that he is confident that the crimes were committed by the same gang. There are a number of reasons, he said, for arriving at that conclusion. Chief among them is the abundance of profanity that the men used in both hold-ups.

Nothing has yet been learned, according to Mr. Ahern, as to where the bandits secured the giant powder with which they blew up the express car. If that could only be learned the identity of the fugitives might easily be established. A point not heretofore made public is that the officers have been unable to find the bandits. It is a rifle. The manner in which it was secured brings out a new incident of the train hold-up.

It seems that when the gun of Frank Rockwell, the guard, failed to explode a cartridge and he was compelled to surrender, the bandits stood Rockwell against the wall of the express car while they made preparations to dynamite the safe. One of the robbers leaned his rifle against the wall near Rockwell. The guard cautiously moved his foot along until it came in contact with the butt of the weapon causing it to fall to the floor. After the fuse was lighted and all were filing out of the car, the robber who had laid down his gun picked up Rockwell's, which was still leaning against the wall, by mistake. The bandit's gun survived the explosion and is in the hands of the officers. It is said to be an ordinary rifle, but its possession may lead to the identity of the owner.

DROWNED IN CEMETERY LAKE

Young San Francisco Girl Supposed to Have Committed Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 2.—The body of a young woman, identified as that of Katie Bessler, aged 19, was found in a small lake in Cypress Lawn cemetery, San Mateo county. The girl disappeared from her home in this city March 22.

Katie Bessler lived at the home of S. Jesson, manager of the estate of the late John Thompson. She called him grandfather, and he had charge of her interests. Each of his sons she called uncle. On the day of her disappearance she left a note addressed to her "grandfather." It read:

"Dear Grandfather: Katie's last wish is that you write for her sister to come and get all of her things. Please do this, dear Grandpa."

The girl was last seen in the city at the Public Library, where she had gone to return a book after leaving the farewell note for "Grandfather" Jesson.

Two theories were immediately advanced to account for her disappearance—one that she had been kidnapped, and the other that she had encountered the same fate that overtook little Nora Fuller, the mystery of whose murder on Sutter street has never been cleared up. Color was given to this theory by the statement that Miss Bessler had an elderly admirer, residing in Ogden, Utah, from whom she had received postal cards. The body of the girl was found floating in the lake by Assistant Superintendent of the Cemetery W. E. Carr, and among the first to view the remains was 13-year-old Olive Davidson, whose home is just back of the cemetery, and who says she walked to the cemetery gate with the girl who was drowned during the afternoon of the date that Katie Bessler disappeared. She said:

"It was raining that Tuesday afternoon, and a strange girl I met near the cemetery had an umbrella, which she offered to share with me. She seemed very nervous and evaded every question I asked her. We parted at the cemetery gate. She went in the gate and I walked to my home. Before we parted she pressed me her umbrella, but I refused to take it from her, and that is the last I saw of the girl."

Miss Davidson readily identified the umbrella found on the lake bank as the one the strange girl had shared with her on that rainy afternoon.

S. Jesson, whom the girl called grandfather, positively identified the body this afternoon, and on his testimony the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death by drowning with suicidal intent.

MUST USE STATE TEXT-BOOKS

Attorney-General Crawford Gives Official Opinion.

SALLEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—The text-books other than those adopted by the State Text-Book Commission cannot be used in the public schools, was held by the Attorney-General in an opinion rendered today. Mr. Crawford also holds that supplementary books other than those adopted cannot be used.

While the opinion applies directly to text-books on the subject of drawing, it lays down the Attorney-General's view of the law generally. Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman had asked the Attorney-General whether the use of Ausberg's drawing-book in the hands of the teachers only, pupils using paper, would be a violation of the text-book law, and whether there would be any possible objection to the use of supplementary drawings from other sources than those now in use. In his reply Mr. Crawford says that neither can be permitted, and thus states his reasons:

"Text-books of other kinds have been selected by a committee selected and appointed because of their supposed special knowledge of the kind of text-books best adapted to the needs of the schools of the state, and to allow teachers who have the same effect. It would to some extent confuse the minds of the pupils, and if teachers were given that much latitude they could, if they wished, teach very little from the books selected by the commission, and put in most of the time on books of their own selection.

ators of the state, it is fair to presume their judgment is as good as the judgment of any one individual. However, that is not the real question. The text-books are selected as the law directs and in pursuance thereof, and no other book can be substituted except in the manner provided by the statute, therefore both of your questions must, in my judgment, be answered in the affirmative. To allow the requests would permit teachers to violate the law, which would be objectionable."

TO WORK FOR LOWER RATES

Eugene Merchants Will Use Peaceable Methods First.

EUGENE, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—An interesting and important meeting of business men was held last night at the rooms of the Eugene Commercial Club, which was well attended. The object of the meeting was to discuss and agree upon some action by which a readjustment of freight rates might be secured.

The meeting was addressed by a number of prominent men, all of whom had some argument showing conclusively the handicap under which the business interests of this valley are laboring. While there was no denunciation of the Southern Pacific Company, there was much argument showing exorbitant charges on freights, and the retarding of the development of industries throughout the state.

Among other specific items brought up was the rate on lumber, which has been raised from \$1.10 per ton from Portland and Valley points to San Francisco, the railroad claiming it could not do business at the old rate without loss, but they carry other commodities from San Francisco to Portland for less than \$1.10 per ton and want the business at that rate.

The sentiment of all business men present was to attempt by peaceable methods to secure better rates in the interest of the development of the industries of the country. Then, if nothing could be done with the railroad company in that manner, to proceed upon other lines and resort to measures by way of legislation and otherwise to enforce reductions which will be consistent and reasonable.

A committee on transportation consisting of R. A. Booth, F. E. Dunn and H. Gordon was appointed, and to them the matter was referred, with power to act. Another meeting of the club will be called when the committee has any progress to report.

PILES' PLAN IS DENOUNCED

"Warhorse Bill" Roasts Effort to Vote King Solidly for Senator.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—In a speech at the Grand Opera-House tonight, during the meeting held by Governor McBride, "Warhorse Bill" White, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court, and until 1901 a prominent Democrat, denounced the proposal to take a King County delegation to the state convention to be interested in the interest of a Senatorial candidate. Judge White declared the men were to be traded off like cattle, a proceeding he denounced as un-American and not good Republicanism.

Governor McBride spoke at the meeting, making a speech similar to that he has been making in Eastern Washington. Between 700 and 800 persons greeted him, giving him a demonstrative reception. McBride referred indirectly to the story of his alliance with George Stevenson, declaring that he had not retroceded one-hundredth of an inch from his position in favor of a Railroad Commission and would not do so if offered the support of King or any other county in the next state convention.

This was as near as he came to referring to the story. During the day he refused a statement declaring he would make his position known at tonight's meeting.

Heifner Is Turned Down.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—The King County Democratic Committee today turned down Charles G. Heifner, Democrat, of the Deming State Committee, who was anxious to be re-elected as the King County member of the committee. Six of the 11 members of the committee were pledged to re-elect him, and the other five friends withdrew his name before balloting.

Heifner is now living in Salt Lake. His name was made on his own ground that he had been dictatorial and was not entitled to re-election on that ground as well as lack of residence. Two years ago Heifner himself had the committee adopt a resolution forbidding the recognition of proxies. At that time he was trying to unseat a First Ward committeeman. His proxy was sent in today to be voted for, but he and the committee applied Heifner's own rule to throw it out.

SALOONS AND LOOSE COWS.

Burning Issues at the City Election at Woodburn.

WOODBURN, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—The anti-saloon advocates of this city held a public caucus at Remington's Opera-House tonight, and the following Good Citizens ticket was named: Mayor, Grant Corby; Councilmen, H. E. Cole, A. E. Austin and S. E. Hardcastle; Recorder, James H. O'Connell; Marshal, W. H. Boyles; Treasurer, George A. London. At Beach's Hall the Good Citizens' regular ticket in public caucus also placed the following ticket in the field: Mayor, Grant Corby; Councilmen, W. C. Miller, John H. Zimmerman and Roy M. Hicks; Marshal, Amos Beach; Recorder, Judge Frank C. Whitman; Treasurer, Spencer C. Berry.

The annual city election will be held on next Monday and at that time the question of license will again be voted on, also the question, shall cows run at large. Upon these questions an intense interest is shown and Monday's election will be an exciting one.

Bids on Astoria Improvements.

ASTORIA, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Bids were opened by the street committee of the City Council this afternoon for the improvement of Ninth street between Bond and Franklin and for the construction of cement sidewalks on each side of Fifteenth street between Exchange and Irving. The bids on the Fifteenth-street improvement were as follows: C. E. Palmberg, \$1320; J. A. Fastabend, \$1485; John McGuire, \$1215; Marshall Bros., Portland, \$1272.50; Mason & Dill, Portland, \$1285.00.

While McGuire's bid is the lowest, he neglected to specify a portion of the work, although it is included in his total, and the committee has referred the bid to the City Attorney to ascertain if it can be accepted legally. The bid of Mason & Dill, the next lowest, was not signed, so if the McGuire bid should be accepted, the committee will recommend that Marshall Bros. be awarded the contract. On the improvement of Ninth street the bids received were as follows: S. S. Dill, Portland, \$183.58; C. G. Palmberg, \$232; J. A. Fastabend, \$206. The committee will recommend that the bid of S. S. Dill be accepted.

Nebraska Requisition Honored.

SALLEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today honored a Requisition from the Governor of Nebraska for the extradition of William R. Herrick, who is wanted in Buffalo County, Nebraska, to answer to a charge of burglary.

Herrick is under arrest at Pendleton. Sheriff Logan Sammons of Nebraska, went to Pendleton this evening to take his prisoner home to answer the criminal charge.

LOVE SURVIVES PRISON

ROMANCE IN ITALIAN COLONY AT SPOKANE.

Papa Relents When Lover Returns After Serving Sentence for Eloping With Daughter.

SPOKANE, April 2.—(Special.)—A marriage this afternoon unites two Italian hearts after some of the most strenuous trials which ever beset a pair of lovers. Though sent to the penitentiary because of his attempt to set the law at defiance and secure his sweetheart willy nilly, Carmine Petinatto has just returned after serving 14 months of a three-year sentence and now weds the girl.

A little over a year ago Petinatto became enamored of pretty Marie Just, the 16-year-old daughter of a Main-avenue clothing merchant. His love was returned but Papa Just would hear of no marriage. Marie was too young, he said. When the young couple pleaded Papa Just threatened destruction of the lover.

Thereupon an elopement followed, the couple going to Hilliard. As the girl was under 18 the father's consent must be had to make a wedding legal, so they decided to cut out the ceremony, and began to live as man and wife. Arrest, conviction and three years' sentence swiftly followed for the elopement.

This week he returned from the Walla Walla penitentiary on parole and sought out his sweetheart. Again the couple pleaded with Papa Just, but were turned down. Then Marie's uncle interceded. The uncle gave a banquet to Petinatto, and in a speech extolled the faithfulness of the lover as worthy of emulation. The speech was applauded by the party and Papa Just capitulated.

The wedding was solemnized, and now the newly-wedded couple are living with Papa Just, who is proud of his son-in-law.

RICH FIND OF IRON ORE.

Metal Discovered Near Willamette Falls Assays Very High.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Residents in West Oregon City this week discovered a rich deposit of iron ore in the vicinity of Willamette Falls. The ore assays 34 per cent metallic iron, and the deposit is believed to be quite extensive, since the same quality ore has been found in a number of the ravines and side-hills surrounding Willamette Falls.

The land on which the discovery has been made belongs to the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, and members of the corporation are now investigating the extent and value of the deposit, which is the richest iron ore that has been found west of Michigan.

Fishermen Officially Cites Precedent.

ASTORIA, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Secretary Lornsten of the Alaska Fishermen's Union, made a statement today regarding the trouble between the members of the union he represents and the members of the Longshoremen's Union over the loading of the bark Harry Morse, which resulted in the Longshoremen declaring a strike against the Columbia River Packers' Association and Samuel Elmors.

Mr. Lornsten says the Fishermen's Union members signed a contract as coast sailors on the Harry Morse to take the vessel to Astoria and bring her back, and that their duties as fishermen do not begin until after they arrive in Bristol Bay; that it is the duty and is customary for coast seamen to load and discharge the vessels on which they are employed without any conflict or interference from the Longshoremen's Union.

In support of his assertion he says that during the past few days the American ship Berlin was partially loaded in Portland by the crew, assisted by members of the Longshoremen's Union, of that place.

Horsehoers' Law Unconstitutional.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 2.—The state law requiring horsehoers in cities of the first, second and third class to pass an examination and secure a certificate, was declared unconstitutional by Justice Stocker, of this city, today. Grant Hoffman had been arrested on the charge of working at the business without having a certificate. His attorney demurred to the complaint and the court has sustained the demurrer. He holds that the law is unconstitutional in that it classifies legislation and that it violates the constitution of the United States in depriving a person of the privilege of following any pursuit he desires.

Suit Over an Estate.

OREGON CITY, April 1.—(Special.)—Rasmus Rasmussen, of Denmark, today began proceedings to contest the will of the late Lars Anderson, who died last August at Highland, this county, leaving an estate of the value of \$300. A will bearing date of August 1, 1901, was admitted to probate, by which the decedent bequeathed all of his property to his two nephews, Fred and Peter Madison, of this county. Fred Madison was appointed administrator of the estate. The decedent in the will that was probated made provision that it should take precedence over any other like instrument he had executed.

Teachers' Institute at Philomath.

PHILOMATH, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—A teachers' institute, one of the most interesting held in Benton County in years, was conducted here today by County Superintendent of Schools George W. Denman. The programme contained practical and interesting questions, which were ably discussed by Mrs. W. C. Deines, W. C. Miller, John H. Zimmerman and Roy M. Hicks; Marshal, Amos Beach; Recorder, Judge Frank C. Whitman; Treasurer, Spencer C. Berry.

Mrs. Ames Sues for Damages.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—In the United States District Court today A. H. Ames filed suit on behalf of himself and wife against the Oregon Coast Steamship



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Company, to recover \$25,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been inflicted upon Mrs. Ames.

According to the complaint Mrs. Ames was a passenger on the steamer Alliance, running between this city and Marshfield, October 15, 1903. She asserts that while lying in her berth on the steamer, when a few days out from the port, she was criminally attacked by Thomas Davis, a porter on the boat.

Davis is under indictment, and his case comes up in the United States District Court on Monday.

Pacific Lost at Basket-Ball.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, April 2.—(Special.)—The first game of basket-ball ever played in Forest Grove occurred this afternoon between Pacific University and the intermediate team from the Portland Y. M. C. A., the latter winning by a score of 21 to 19.

The contest was hard fought and snappy from the first, but the local team showed its lack of experience, and the visitors won by superior team work rather than by individual playing.

O. A. C. Glee Club Concert.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Friday evening the O. A. C. Glee Club gave its first annual concert in the college chapel. The programme was rendered with much spirit and was enthusiastically received.

The singers were Misses Buell, Stewart, Kinnison and Bonney, and the programme distributors were Misses Margaret Kinsley, Amy Pernot and Louise Hayward.

Fire in a Garfield Warehouse.

GARFIELD, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Warehouse caught fire from a spark from an O. P. & N. engine attached to the Pendleton flyer at 10:30 this morning. Quick action by the fire department kept the loss down to \$300, covered by insurance.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

David Spiegel.

BOISE, Idaho, April 2.—(Special.)—David Spiegel died in San Francisco today, after a long illness. He was formerly a well-known merchant here, having engaged in business at this place in 1869 and continued a member of the business community until a few years ago. He was 73 years of age. He has three sons in business in Boise, and a son-in-law.

Mrs. Margaret Casey.

MINNIVILLE, Or., April 2.—Mrs. Margaret Casey died at her home near Minnerville, April 2, aged 69 years and 9 months. She was the mother of J. N. and W. H. Casey, of Portland, Or.; Mrs. M. A. Cadlen, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Hubert Sitton, of Carlton, Or.; and Mrs. A. C. McKenzie, of Oakland, Cal.

Funeral of Frances McPherson.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Miss Frances McPherson, of Dilley, aged 22 years, who died while visiting relatives in Tacoma Wednesday, was buried at Gale's Creek today. The deceased came here nine years ago from Kansas with her mother, who died at Dilley a month ago.

Not That Kind of a Democrat.

District Attorney Folk, of Missouri, notwithstanding the action of the Supreme Court in setting free the Democrats whose conviction for bribery and graft he had secured in the lower courts, shows no signs of wavering in his pursuit of the bootleggers, and no purpose of compromising his righteous principles for the sake of securing the nomination of the Democratic party for Governor. Of course, he is

accused of being a traitor to the Democratic party by the men whose corruption he has exposed and denounced, and by all the adherents of the unscrupulous party machine which excuses and promotes plunder of the people for selfish enrichment. With what spirit he meets the ac-

cusation and defies those who make it, appears from the following expressions in a speech lately made at Piedmont: "If one cannot be a Democrat in Missouri and insist that the cure of corruption is an issue, then I am no Democrat. . . . If to be a Democrat in St. Louis means

that one must bend the knee to the Butler-Hawley crowd, then I am no Democrat." It is a matter of great moment to the Democratic party of the whole country and the Democratic party of Missouri will elect to continue rotten or will face toward soundness.

out the use of alcohol, was positive in its action. After using this remedy for many years in his private practice he put it up in a form that would make it easily procurable, and it can be had at any store where medicines are handled.

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

Although many people marry without reasoning about it, and do not know the word romance, they feel it and act it all their lives and are content. There are unhappy married lives, but a large percentage of these unhappy homes are due to the illness of the wife, mother or daughter. The more civilized or cultured a race becomes, doing with less and less physical exercise in the outdoor air, and with the wearing of corsets and other modish customs, the more likely are the women to suffer from womanly ills. Every woman should know what right living is—for perfect health and a fair complexion she should occasionally take a vegetable laxative such as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of womb, which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure. Could any test be more fair showing the faith of the makers? Do not listen to the arguments of the dealer that his own make is better. It means better profit to him, that's all. He insults your intelligence when he tries to make you change your mind, to take a substitute for the standard remedy which has enjoyed years of success and the testimony of thousands in its favor.

Dr. Pierce by no means confines himself to prescribing his well-known medicine. He tells you in the most common-sense way what ails you, what you ought to do, what line of treatment should be followed out in your particular case, and if your case does not indicate the need of his proprietary medicine, he tells you plainly and frankly what you do need, and the best possible method of improving your health. If you are a young woman just entering upon the duties of life, you should have good medical advice of a confidential nature. If you're a mother of children, you may want advice about yourself and how best to put your system in order that your children may be healthy. To sufferers from chronic diseases which do not readily yield to treatment, or to people who are past the youthful stage of life and want confidential advice about their ailments or their physical condition, Dr. Pierce offers to carefully consider your case and give you the best medical advice within his power, free of cost to you.

YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE

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Miss Gertrude Mitchell

What She Saw In The Looking-Glass.

SHE stood before her glass in the sitting-room. The girl she saw there had a well-rounded face and figure, expressive eyes, and her cheeks had the freshness of rose petals; her hair was wavy and beautiful. She looked well and strong. The reason for it is given in her own letter, as follows: "I am glad to be able to testify as to the merits of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the many ills that women suffer with," writes Miss Gertrude Mitchell (President Young Ladies' Christian Endeavor Society), 45 Columbia St., E., Detroit, Mich. "After many years of suffering and pain, I took your medicine, and in a short time began to feel stronger, became more regular and didn't have the bearing-down pains which had been my lot for so long. Continued its use until I was a well woman, and shall never cease to be very grateful that it was brought to my notice.

I have no pains, and feel much stronger generally." The above is a fair portrait of Miss Mitchell in the looking-glass, although it by no means does her justice, as she is much handsomer than a mere picture like this can portray. The fact is that a woman can't look beautiful that is dragged down with pains at regular intervals, who suffers from headaches, back-aches, or spine-aches, frequently. Such a woman soon acquires wrinkles, a sallow complexion, dark circles about the eyes, and a general feeling of weakness, which brings misery of mind and body. To keep one's good looks the body must be healthy—the feminine functions must be regular. Woman was not intended to suffer, and there is no reason why she should. A healthy body will usually be a shapely body, and no means at hand will more quickly restore the womanly functions to a healthy state than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.