

LAWYER HITCHINGS BLAMED BY POLICE

Accused of Making Conviction
Impossible in the Case
of Sellwood Suspects.

TELLS MEN NOT TO TALK

Gains Interview With Prisoners by
False Pretense, It Is Alleged,
and Then Appears as
Their Attorney.

POLICE FIND EVIDENCE.
The police are making some headway in securing evidence tending to prove that among the ten men arrested in a raid on a room in a front-street lodging-house are thoroughly desperate characters, sufficiently bold as to perpetrate such crimes as the robbery of the Sellwood postoffice and the attempted murder of Patrolman Sorenson.
Information now in the hands of the detectives is to the effect that Frank Kelley is an ex-convict, a jailbreaker and all-around desperate character. They will not state the source of their information or disclose when and where he broke jail. He has a bullet wound in his jaw. In the Municipal Court yesterday morning he pleaded guilty to variance and was sentenced to the rockpile for 90 days.
The detectives say they hope to fix the Sellwood postoffice robbery and attempted murder of Patrolman Sorenson upon Kelley, Rankins and Charles Anderson. The latter told a revolver when arrested. It was fully loaded.
The detectives believe members of this gang robbed a Vancouver, Wash., hardware store six weeks ago and stole the revolver they were carrying and this is being investigated. The numbers are filed from the weapons, which look suspicious.

Through the manipulations of J. H. Hitchings, a lawyer who is on very friendly terms with the police, it is believed that the members of the desperate gang captured Friday afternoon in a front-street lodging-house and who are suspected of perpetrating the series of crimes that have started Portland within the past few weeks, will escape with nothing more serious than sentences on the rockpile.
Hitchings called at police headquarters Friday night and said he wished to assist the police in the prosecution of the members of the gang, and after talking confidentially for an hour with Captain Slover, he was admitted to the jail and permitted to interview the prisoners at length. To the great surprise and chagrin of the police, Hitchings appeared in the Municipal Court yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to himself as counsel for the defense of J. S. Rankins and Charles Anderson, two of the men believed to have committed the Sellwood postoffice robbery Friday morning when Patrolman Sorenson was shot during a pistol battle with the robbers.
While representing himself as defense attorney, Hitchings is now declared to have turned traitor and is said to have advised every criminal in the city to maintain strict silence. His advice has been followed to the letter, for, although the "sweating" process has been tried on every one of the prisoners, not one has said a word that tends to incriminate any one of the gang.
It was hoped that sufficient information could be obtained from some of the members of the gang to fasten the Sellwood postoffice robbery and the attempted murder of Patrolman Sorenson upon Rankins, Anderson and Kelley, but it is now declared by the police that Hitchings' ruse thwarted this, and unless something very unexpected develops to fix the crimes upon the gang, the officials admit that nothing more serious than rockpile sentences can be meted out.

Hitchings Acts for Accused.
When the members of the gang were arraigned in the Municipal Court yesterday morning Attorney Hitchings appeared in the case of Rankins, Anderson and Kelley, the men who had large, blue-barreled revolvers in their possession when taken into custody by the police. He demanded that their bail be fixed at \$250 each instead of \$500, as originally set by Judge Cameron, but his demand was unheeded, and his clients went to the County Jail.

While the police declare that they believe Rankins, Anderson and Kelley, supposed leaders of the gang, perpetrated the Sellwood postoffice robbery and tried to kill Patrolman Sorenson, they admit that since Attorney Hitchings came into the case, they have been outwitted and that, in all probability, rockpile sentences will be all they can secure for the suspects.
Attorney Hitchings is on very intimate relations with the heads of the police department, and frequently spends much time at headquarters. He often holds confidential chats with Captains Bruin and Slover and with members of the plain-clothes staff, and frequently with Acting Detective Kay. Hitchings is said to "tip off" information to the police occasionally, in return for which he is accorded every privilege the officers can grant. In view of his latest coup, however, it is predicted by some that Hitchings will not be so royally received when he again saunters into the station.

Yesterday morning the police took up the case of the members of the gang, and endeavored all day to secure some evidence that would incriminate them. Each one was interviewed, but not one would talk, all having been warned by Hitchings to remain quiet.
Late yesterday afternoon Patrolman Kelly found five loaded cartridges in a box at First and Columbia streets, beside the patrol-call, from where the members of the gang were sent to the City Jail Friday night. These fit the revolvers carried by Anderson and Rankins, and were dumped into the box in the dark, when Anderson threw his revolver into the box after being arrested.

Revolvers May Be Traced.
Late in the afternoon the police detectives took up an investigation of a robbery of a gun-store that occurred in Vancouver one month ago, at which time several blue-barreled revolvers of the pattern carried by Anderson and Rankins were stolen. The numbers on the weapons held by the police in the cases against Rankins and Anderson

MEN CAPTURED IN A FRONT-STREET LODGING HOUSE BY THE POLICE



At the left in the bottom row is Patrolman Casey. To the right of Casey in the picture is F. B. Rankins and next to him is Charles Anderson, both of whom had revolvers. Directly above Rankins is Frank Kelley, ex-convict and jail-breaker. At the top are Acting Detectives Price and Maloney and Patrolman Goltz.

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The greatest general interest among the members was in the paper read by Sheldon, which was entitled "The State of the Science of the Future." He predicted that the future of science would be determined by the work of the academy, and that the academy would be the center of scientific activity in the state.
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The charter will be submitted first to the Council, which authorized the commission, and then to the people. On the question of annexation the Commission decided that the statute governing such matters should have to be followed in the movement to annex the whole of the Peninsula north of the Portland boundary line. That is, there must be both a vote in the territory to be annexed and inside the city. The boundary lines of the territory to be annexed have not yet been decided on, but practically they will embrace all the territory on the Peninsula north-west of Northern Hill, or the Portland boundary line.

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Prisoners at the County Jail went hungry last night, refusing to eat the food served them from a local restaurant which is under contract with the County Commissioners to provide meals to inmates of the jail. The food was delivered at the jail shortly after 5 o'clock, and the first ones to sample it, at once threw their rationed food, and Jailer Mitchell was notified and he in turn notified Sheriff Stevens.

After sampling the food and satisfying himself that the complaints were not groundless, Sheriff Stevens summoned Deputy County Physician McCormick. Dr. McCormick tested some of the food, found it was not poisonous, and found several pieces which he pronounced actually putrid. The whole consignment was thrown into the garbage barrel.

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