SHOT DOWN FOR RESISTING THUG

August Schaffer Badly Wounded in Hold-up on Crystal Springs Farm.

ROBBERS STOP FIVE MEN

Schaffer Attacks Highwayman After His Three Companions Are Searched and One Has Escaped—No Arrests Made.

Held up last night by two highwaymen on Ladd's Crystal Springs farm just outside the city limits south of Sellwood, five farmhands were robbed at the muzzles of two revolvers and one of the men, August Schaffer, a German, was shot down because he offered resistance to the thugs. Schaffer is now at St. Vincent's Hospital in a critical condition and the police who arrived on the scene of the shooting soon after it occurred are scouring the country for the robbers.

Schaffer, Sinfon Rambo, Edward Spencer, Tony Skanderup and Fred Roefta, all laborers employed on the Crystal Springs farm, were paid off last night and started to the city about 7:30 o'clock. The men had left the greater part of their earnings at the farmhouse but each had taken enough with him for some small purchases. The house which is occupied by the superintendent, F. E. McEldowney, and his men sits back from the public road about a quarter of a mile and a dark lane leads from it. The shooting occurred about half way down this lane where it crosses a bridge over the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

Stopped at Dark Bridge.

The five men started from the house together, but Rambo soon took the lead and walked a few yards ahead of his companions. When they reached the bridge, two men who had been hiding behind a small embankment stepped forward and thrusting their revolvers in the men's faces, ordered them to throw up their hands. All of the victims except Spencer, are foreigners and speak very little English and attempted to remonstrate before obeying orders. While the others lined up in a row with their hands above their heads Rambo took to his heels and ran for the road.

One of the thugs stood guard over the four men while the other rifled their pockets. Spencer was relieved of $5, Skanderup of $5, and Roefta of 67 cents, but when the searcher passed on to Schaffer the latter cried a warning to his friends and attempted to grab the highwayman's revolver. Schaffer's companions either failed to understand his warning or were paralyzed with fright, for they stood motionless while he wrestled with the robber.

Schaffer is large and strong and, no doubt, would have overcome the thug had not the confederate intervened. Stepping to where his accomplice was out of range the robber shot Schaffer in the side and the fight was over. Turning their weapons on the other three men the thugs sent them running to the road. The robbers then started south on the railroad track and Schaffer was left alone.

Posse Starts in Pursuit.

Schaffer staggered back to the house, white with fear and excitement and nearly exhausted. He could not make Mr. McEldowney understand him until an interpreter was secured. By that time the highwaymen had ten minutes' start and the searching party organized on the farm could find no trace of them. Mr. McEldowney telephoned for the ambulance and Schaffer was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

In the meantime Rambo had gone to the residence of Morris Mann, nearby, and notified the police. Chief Gritzmacher immediately dispatched to the scene eight officers, headed by Detectives Baty and Coleman. The officers secured a description of the two men and for many hours searched the vicinity. Up to a late hour no trace of the robbers had been found.

Schaffer, who regained consciousness when he reached the hospital, said in German that he did not regret his injuries, as he had saved his money and cheated the thieves.

Holdup on Macadam Road.

Another hold-up occurred at 10 o'clock last night on the Macadam road. A. Howd, who lives at 1054 Macadam road, reported to the police that three men dressed in dark clothes and with hats pulled over their eyes halted and searched him. Howd said he did not have a cent of money with him. Policeman Newell, on whose beat the affair happened, met Howd just after the hold-up and searched the neighborhood without finding the men.

NEEDS FUNDS FOR BOOKS

ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY URGED BY THE PRESIDENT.

C. A. Dolph Makes Annual Report to Board—Directors Ladd and Smith Are Re-elected.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Portland Library Association held last night, W. M. Ladd and Milton W. Smith were re-elected members of the board to serve for a term of ten years.

The session was largely devoted to the reading of the president's report of the operations of the library for the year 1907 and the financial conditions of the association at the close of the year. The members of the board present were: C. A. Dolph, president; Miss Mary Frances Isom, librarian and recording secretary; Milton W. Smith, W. B. Ayer, Dr. T. L. Elliot and W. L. Brewster.

Mr. Dolph's report is in part as follows:

I estimate the income for the year 1908 as follows: From county tax, $23,333; city tax, $22,400; income from funds of association, $5600.

By reason of the rapid advance in settlement and population, more especially of the East Side districts, the branch work of the association has greatly increased in importance, its opportunities multiplied, and its necessary expenditures proportionately enlarged. Two valuable lots have been generously donated by a member of the board of directors as a site for the East Side branch, and the citizens of that portion of the city are now endeavoring to raise, by popular subscription, a sum sufficient to erect upon the property so donated a building suitable for branch library purposes.

The present need of the association is more books. Seventy thousand may seem a large number to the uninformed, but to any one who studies the situation and notes the fact that more than 280,000 books have been loaned by the association during the year, even this large number must be considered inadequate.

If the association is to retain the commanding influence in the community which it has so long enjoyed, it must keep abreast of the times, and to do this, means must be afforded to purchase the best books as they issue from the press. The estimated income from the funds of the association is insufficient for this purpose.

It is expected that the bequest of the late Amanda W. Reed, amounting to $10,000, will become available during the present year, but this will afford but temporary relief.

In my report made to you for the year 1903 referring to the contracts then and now existing between the library association and the city and county, and the Legislative act authorizing such contracts, I said: "It will be noted that the words 'maintenance of the library' are used in the act as defining the purpose to which the funds raised by taxation is to be applied. I interpret the word 'maintenance' to mean, 'to keep up in its present condition,' and I am of the opinion that it would be an unwarranted construction of the terms of this contract and the act authorizing the same to hold that the proceeds of the tax levy might, without limitation, be applied to the purchase of books, the title to which should vest in the association. But I am of the opinion that sufficient of these funds may, and of right ought to be, expended in repairing and rebinding such books as may from ordinary use require it, and the replacement of such books as may be worn out, lost or destroyed."

While I may have given too narrow a construction to the act, my views upon the subject are still unchanged. The amount required for rebinding and replacement is indefinite, depending largely upon the popularity of the books, the frequency of epidemics, and a variety of other circumstances, and it appears to me that either a fixed sum or such an amount as in the judgment of your board of directors is necessary for that purpose, should annually be appropriated to the purchase of new books.

I recommend that the present contracts with the city and county, and if thought necessary, the act authorizing the same, be so amended as to provide that a sufficient amount of the public tax fund be used in the purchase of new books without any question as to the right of the association to so apply such public funds.

BUSINESS BACK TO NORMAL BASIS

Remarkable Change for Better Noted During Past Month in Portland.

PROVED BY ALL STATISTICS

Every Known Trade Barometer Shows Steady Rise, Denoting the Passing Over of the Financial Storm of Last October.

Although the financial stringency and its depressing effect on business had begun to yield before the end of December, the month just closed has been the real turning point in the revival of business and the restoration of normal conditions. There was a remarkable change for the better during the month in every line of activity, as is shown not only by statistics, but also by the improved feeling noticeable in the business world.

"The ice has certainly been broken in my line," said a realty broker last night, as he pocketed a substantial check for a large commission, and he but echoed a sentiment that is general among others than realty dealers. Architects and contractors report more business, and bank clearances show a healthy increase. Merchants say their sales for January were never larger. In several lines, the records of January, 1907, one of the most prosperous months in the history of the city, were broken.

Perhaps the best record of all was made in building. The total expenditure for building during the month was $622,545, an increase over the preceding January, when the total was $604,475. It is true that the past month did not equal a number of months in the past, but it was an exceedingly good showing for this season of the year. Winter is not a favorable season for building operations in Portland, but the demands of growing business and increasing population make necessary the erection of numerous structures immediately.

The most noticeable feature of the building movement is the big gain in January as compared with December. Last month almost doubled the record of its immediate predecessor, the expenditure during December being only $319,245. Numerically, the total was more than doubled, 132 separate permits being issued in December and 297 in January.

This increase is, without doubt, indicative of returning prosperity, for building statistics constitute a barometer that can be trusted. The fact that $349,000 was spent in residence construction during the past month is also worthy of note. There is every reason to believe that building operations will continue heavy, for several important building projects have already been announced, to be taken up in the Spring.

In postal receipts the increase was 13.9 per cent, or $7,235.65 over January, 1907. The sales for the month amounted to $58,952.27, as compared with $51,706.62 for the corresponding month. This gain is much larger than was expected by Postmaster Minto, even in view of the steady increase in the business of the Portland office. The total for January is lower than that for December, but that is always the case, as the Christmas business always keeps December well ahead of any other month.

The volume of real estate transfers is still low as compared with the average for Portland, but shows considerable progress over December. In December the transfers were below the $500,000 mark, while for January the total is $879,741. In volume, however, the sales were well up to the average, 997 transactions being carried through.

This indicates a very healthy movement in small properties, while large sales are now picking up again, and it will not be long before the transfers are as heavy as during the Winter of 1906-1907.

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JUDGES OF PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

James S. Tyler.

W. J. Cuddy.

Professor J. F. Ewing.

Governor Chamberlain yesterday appointed James S. Tyler, news editor of the Oregon Daily Journal; Professor J. F. Ewing, of Portland Academy, and W. J. Cuddy, editor of The Weekly Oregonian, judges in the prize contest inaugurated by the Portland Commercial Club. These judges will pass upon the papers submitted by contestants for the 80 prizes offered by the club for articles dealing with the industries, natural resources and history of Oregon, which must have appeared in papers outside of Washington and Oregon during the past year. About 300 articles have been received, published in various parts of the United States and Canada. The judges' decisions will be rendered as soon as all of the papers have been reviewed. Following is a list of the prizes to be awarded: First prize, $1000; second prize, $500; third prize, $250; fourth prize, $200; fifth prize, $175; sixth prize, $150; seventh prize, $125; eighth prize, $110; ninth prize, $100; tenth prize, $90; ten prizes of $75 each, $750; ten prizes of $50 each, $500; ten prizes of $25 each, $250; twenty prizes of $15 each, $300; twenty prizes of $10 each, $200. Three judges named by Governor Chamberlain, $300.

TAP LARGE GYPSUM BEDS

American Capitalists to Build Road to Salmon River.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 31.—According to a report from Consul L. Edwin Dudley, of Vancouver, American capitalists are soon to begin the construction of a standard-gauge steam railroad from Kamloops, B. C., to Salmon River, a distance of 40 miles. The work will begin as early in the Spring as the weather will permit. Discussing this project, Consul Dudley says:

The orinigal purpose for the building of this line is to provide transportation facilities for the large beds of gypsum on the Salmon River. The plans include at $100,000 plant at Kamloops, where the gypsum will be manufactured into plaster of paris and by-products, employing 200 to 300 men. There are 285 acres of gypsum deposits at Salmon River. The country through which the new railway will pass is, according to experts, particularly well adapted to fruit-growing, and it is expected that there will be a great agricultural development in the region.

The Dominion Railway Commission some time ago issued an order that railways must discontinue the use of acetylene gas and requiring the use of Pintsch gas. The Canadian Pacific Railway has made the changes required. The changes necessary to adapt the pipes and fixtures that had been in use were not many nor expensive, the principal change being in the burners. The changes have all been made on the entire line, at Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver and other points, on December 16, 1907.

FOUR FLATS ARE BURNED

Fire on Jefferson Street Does $6000 Damage.

Fire originated from a defective furnace caused a loss of $6000 last night to the Reed estate, rendered 12 families temporarily homeless and damaged badly the four flats situated at 469, 469½, 471 and 471½ Jefferson street. The personal belongings of the various tenants were nearly all saved.

The fire started about 8:30 o'clock and was discovered by Chief Campbell, of the Fire Department, who lives across the street. The Chief rang in an alarm and then he and one of the tenants of the buildings fought the fire with a small garden hose until the department arrived. Smoke and flame burst from the basement windows and drove them too far away for their small stream to be of any service and in a few minutes the fire had gained sufficient headway to render their efforts fruitless.

By the time the firemen arrived the fire had gained the first floor and the buildings, being of wood, were quickly consumed.

CHILLY WEATHER

Should remind you of grates andirons, fire sets, grate renewals and spark guards. We also carry a complete line of grate renewals and do all kinds of fireplace repairing. M. J. Walsh Co., 311 Stark, between Fifth and Sixth. Both phones.

High hopes are entertained that much of the fiber of the cotton stalks in the South will soon be utilized for making paper, and scientific students of the boll weevil believe that if the stalks can be thus disposed of at a profit the weevil will do little damage to cotton.

SALE CREATES MONOPOLY

Therefore Bell Telephone Can't Control Kellogg Switchboard.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Judge Windes, in the County Circuit Court today, rendered a decision under which the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, known as the Bell Company, is directed to return to the original owner 4331 shares of stock in the Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Company, of this city. The court declared that the holding of the Kellogg stock by the American Company was contrary to law, in that it tended to create a monopoly.

The Kellogg Company was organized in 1892 by Milo Kellogg, who later went to California because of illness, leaving a power of attorney with Wallace de Wolf. He later, it is declared, transferred all of Kellogg's stock to the American Company and, as the Kellogg Company made a specialty of manufacturing for independent telephone companies, the effect on the trade of the transfer of the stock was felt severely.

DELIGHT AT THE SARGENT

Sunday Table d'Hote Never Fails to Evoke Enthusiasm.

Today's dinner at the Sargent Hotel is well worth trying. Served from 4 to 8 P. M., 75 cents. The menu:

Toke Point Oysters on Deep Shell
Celery.
Mock Turtle aux Quenele
Queen Olives.
Grilled Chinook Salmon Sauce a la Bearnaise
Pommes, a la Hanna
Vol au Vent of Salpicon, a la Chasseur
Pineapple Punch
Roast Young Turkey, Walnut Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Grilled Sweet Potatoes
Corn on Cob
California Fruit Salad, a la Waldorf
Caramel Ice Cream
Fancy Cakes
Apple Pie
Cafe Noir

Sargent Hotel, Grand and Hawthorne avenues.

Standard Oil Hearing Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Adjournment was taken today in the suit of the Government vs. the Standard Oil Company, so far as the Washington hearing is concerned, until February 24. On February 11 the hearing will be resumed at Albany, N. Y., and again in Washington on February 24. At today's session some odds and ends of the testimony respecting railroad rates were presented by T. W. C. Shindler and Deputy Commissioner of Corporations Durand.

Precinct Club Formed.

A Republican Club was organized last night in the Forty-fifth precinct in the building on the corner of East Twenty-seventh and Powell street. T. H. Compton, precinct chairman, called the meeting to order, after which C. Ben Riesland announced the purpose of the gathering. On motion the club proceeded to election of officers with the following result: President, C. Ben Riesland; first vice-president, Allen R. Joy; second vice-president, P. J. Kelly; third vice-president, M. J. Morse; secretary and treasurer, William Hale. P. J. Kelly, H. O. Canfield and M. J. Morse were appointed a special committee to consider names for the executive committee of three to be elected at the next meeting of the club. Following the election, J. F. Kretchem, chairman of the ward, delivered an address commending the action of the precinct Republicans. Among other things he said that it had been decided to call a mass meeting of representative Republicans of the county to be held in Portland February 19. This mass meeting would be made up of representatives elected from the various precincts, and would consider matters of importance making for the harmony of the Republican party. Other short talks were made. The club adjourned to meet February 15.

Includes Name of Spokane.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Portland & Seattle Railroad Company filed amended articles with Secretary of State today, changing its name to Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company.

Metzger fits glasses for $1.00.

DETERMINED TO DIE

W. R. Wheaton Shoots Himself Four Times in Breast.

FOUND IN COUNTRY ROAD

Portland Restaurant Man, Sick and Despondent, Attempts Suicide Near Oswego—Insists That a Strange Man Shot Him.

W. R. Wheaton, proprietor of the Popular Kitchen, a restaurant at 133½ Fourth street, is in the Good Samaritan Hospital with four bullet wounds in his breast, believed by the police to be self-inflicted. Wheaton was taken to the hospital at a late hour last night by the Constable of Oswego precinct, who said that he found him in the road a few miles this side of that village.

Wheaton had been missing since 10 o'clock yesterday morning and his absence had been reported to the police by his wife, who said that she feared that he had become demented and might injure himself. Mrs. Wheaton said that her husband had been ill for several weeks and of late had been despondent over poor business at his restaurant.

When the police were notified that a man had been taken to the hospital under suspicious circumstances Detectives Kay and Kienlen were sent to make an investigation. Although in a very critical condition and not expected to live, Wheaton still retained consciousness and denied that he had made an attempt to take his life. He maintained that he had met a man driving a farm wagon on the west end of the Burnside bridge yesterday morning, and had asked him for a ride. After he had gone some distance with the man, how far he did not know, he said he was suddenly surprised by a pistol shot and after that he could remember nothing.

Investigation by the detectives proved that a revolver owned by Wheaton and usually kept at his restaurant was missing. The surgeon who operated on the wounded man at the hospital gave the opinion that the bullets which made the wound were of the same caliber as Wheaton's revolver. When Wheaton was found in the road by the Constable a revolver, which is supposed to be the one mentioned, was lying by his side with four chambers discharged. Owing to the fact that the officer took the weapon with him to Oswego last night this connecting link in the suicide theory could not be positively proved.

Wheaton maintained to the detectives that he had $50 with him at the time of the alleged shooting, but this story is disbelieved as Mrs. Wheaton asserts that yesterday morning she gave her husband $2. This was the exact sum found on him when his clothing was searched.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Hurlburt, prominent in railroad circles, who has been seriously ill for the past few days in the Good Samaritan Hospital, is reported to be improving rapidly and a complete recovery is expected for him. Mr. Hurlburt has been prominently identified with the railroads of the Pacific Northwest for many years, having formerly been the general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. and afterwards president of the O. W. P. Since his retirement from active work in the railroad world he has been the president of the Land Company of Oregon.

James Cole, who resigned from the office of Assistant United States District Attorney, when Christian Schuebel was named by Senator Bourne as a successor to W. C. Bristol, returned yesterday after a visit of two weeks in San Francisco. Mr. Cole will again take up the practice of law with his brother. The firm has taken offices in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Carleton Bamberger, of Baker City, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, will leave February 15 on the steamship Cedric of the White Star Line for a six months' trip to Europe. He will go direct to Naples by way of Gibraltar. After spending some time in Italy he will visit Switzerland, Germany, France, England, Scotland, Egypt and other points of interest, returning to his home late in the Summer.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births.

WEINECKEN—At 285½ First street, January 31, to the wife of Frederick H. Weinecken, a daughter.

EMON—At Carvel and Tillamook, January 24, to the wife of Arthur E. Alan Emon, a son.

BLUE—At 903 East Couch street, January 27, to the wife of Wilton Clarence Blue, a son.

ALLEN—At 621 Myrtle street, January 22, to the wife of James M. Allen, a daughter.

AHERILL—At 384 Twenty-sixth street North, January 17, to the wife of Barley H. Aherill, a son.

FURRETTE—At 855 East Thirteenth street, January 30, to the wife of Gratone Furrette, a daughter.

DOWLING—At 887 East Main street, December 30, to the wife of Joseph Dowling, a daughter.

FLEGEL—At 301 Holbrook street, January 14, to the wife of Austin P. Flegel, a son.

USHER—At 305 Cook avenue, December 30, to the wife of Henry H. Usher, a daughter.

TOMLINSON—At city, January 13, to the wife of Robert H. Tomlinson, a son.

Building Permits.

MRS. MAMIE B. THOMAS—To erect a two-story frame building on East Sixth, between Weidler and Broadway; $3000.

CONRAD KINSO—To erect a one-story frame building on Mallory, between Mason and Skidmore; $1100.

D. M. DONAUGH—To erect a two-story frame building on Lexington street, between East Thirteenth and East Fifteenth; $2000.

MATTIE GALE—To erect a two-story frame building on Thompson street, near Mikkah; $2000.

JOHN CARLSON—To erect a one and one-half-story frame building on Knight street, end of Delaware; $1400.

Marriage Licenses.

OATMAN-WETZEL—P. Oatman, city, 20; Annie B. Wetzel, 17.

CALKINS-DAY—David H. Calkins, city, 34; Mary E. Day, 29.

MATTHEWS-MILLEN—John B. Matthews, city, 29; Olive Katie Millen, 19.

M'ELHANEY-BARLOW—Ambrose McElhaney, city, 29; Ethel Barlow, 31.

GANTENBEIN-SMITH—Paul Gantenbein, city, 23; Jessie Smith, 22.

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