

MURDER SUSPECTS PROVE AN ALIBI

Officers Arrest Men Whose Acts Pointed to Connection With Auto Tragedy.

"HONOR MEN" NOW SOUGHT

Convicts Who Escaped From Rock Crusher Gang Said to Have Headed Towards Portland on March 28.

Two crawfishers, living near the Tualatin River, almost convicted by a strange conjunction of circumstances, and then apparently cleared by an alibi furnished by a woman, who says they were visiting her at the time of the crime, was the best lead obtainable yesterday by the combined efforts of the Sheriff of two counties and a large detachment of Portland police and detectives, in relation to the murder of George Hastings and Donald McCloud Stewart, in an attempted automobile holdup on the White House road, Friday night.

As an alternative Sheriff Stevens and Mass were engaged last night in tracing the path of two escaped "honor men" from the State Penitentiary, who gained their liberty while working on a rock crusher at the Tuberculosis Institute, on the night of March 28, and are believed to have taken a direction toward Portland. It is said that the Sheriff in the line of their flight were not notified of the escape, and gained only knowledge through press reports.

Murderous Purpose Indicated.

Murderous purpose of the lone bandit who fired a shotgun at Hastings and Stewart and their companions, Bruce D. Stewart, Irving Lupton and H. L. Tabb, after an attempt to stop their automobile, is indicated by the precision of his shots. Though at least two charges of buckshot were fired after the fleeing machine, only two shot-marks were visible on the back of the car, and both of those were just below the heads of the men in the back seat. That the murderer was an expert, with weapons and was actuated by a fiendish purpose out of keeping with an ordinary highway robbery, is argued from this fact. That he was half-demented, or addicted to the use of drugs, is another inference drawn from his ruthless barbarity.

Taking the field shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night, when they received the first report, Captain Kellier, Sergeant Stahl, Patrolmen Stanton, Shaffer and Robson, with Sheriff Mass, Deputy F. A. Miles and Chauffeur J. R. King, worked without intermission late yesterday afternoon, and almost entirely on the one apparently good clue of the day. In conversation with a farmer, they were led to investigate Frank Racey, two men living in a log cabin on the banks of the Tualatin River near its mouth.

Men Found Sound Asleep.

The posse approached the cabin quietly, and discovered the men asleep inside. Against the wall leaned a double-barreled shotgun, with clay on the butt. As Sheriff Mass was not present at the time, and those at the cabin had no wish to go to an arrest in Clackamas County, they posted four men to prevent an escape, and the rest drove to Oregon City for the Sheriff. When they returned they found that the two men had crept out of the cabin unnoticed. They were overtaken and brought back.

The Most Striking Feature in the Circumstantial Case Against This Pair was the discovery of a few dried cherry-pits in their cabin. Earlier in the day the officers had picked up, near the scene of the murders, a piece of black cloth, fashioned into a mask, and prepared to be tied over the head with strings of sack-twine. In each knot to prevent it from slipping, they found a dry cherry stone, a rare article at this season of the year.

Suspects Prove Alibi.

The suspects asserted their innocence and averred that they had been calling, Friday evening, on a widow, Mrs. Ballou, living a mile or more in the opposite direction from the place where the crimes were committed. They were conducted to Mrs. Ballou's house, where she sustained their story in convincing detail. Upon this showing Sheriff Mass decided not to detain them.

The fact that two desperate criminals, having just escaped from the penitentiary, were supposed to be working toward Portland, is taken by the officials to be significant, and the country was being scoured for them last night. The fugitives are George Benson, sent up from Baker County, and William Smith from Malheur County. They were arrested in succession in the open, and were missed at breakfast time, March 28. That peace officers were not notified of their escape, has aroused much comment.

Nothing Found to Give Clue.

In addition to the black mask, the officers found on the White House road a bit of leather, dropped from a boot-heel, an old transfer, and a card bearing the name of John Gillinski, cobbler, 321 Overton street. Except for the mask, there is nothing to indicate that these articles were dropped by anyone connected with the crime.

Failure to find any ejected cartridges has inclined the officers to abandon the belief that the weapon used was a pump-gun or automatic weapon, and also to question whether more than two shots were fired. They argue that with a double-barreled gun the bandit fired both barrels in quick succession and carried the empty shells away in the gun. That he would have stopped to pick them up in the dim light, if any had been ejected, is deemed improbable.

That a deliberate intent to attack some certain automobile was entertained by the criminal is indicated by the statement of J. W. Tice, in the service of the Home Telephone Company. Accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. William Tryon, Tice was out for a ride on Friday night, and at a point considerably nearer the city than the place where Hastings and McCloud were shot, observed a man acting strangely. He stood at the side of the road, with an odd grin on his face, and as the car passed, walked behind it, as if to get a view of those in the back of the car, or of the number.

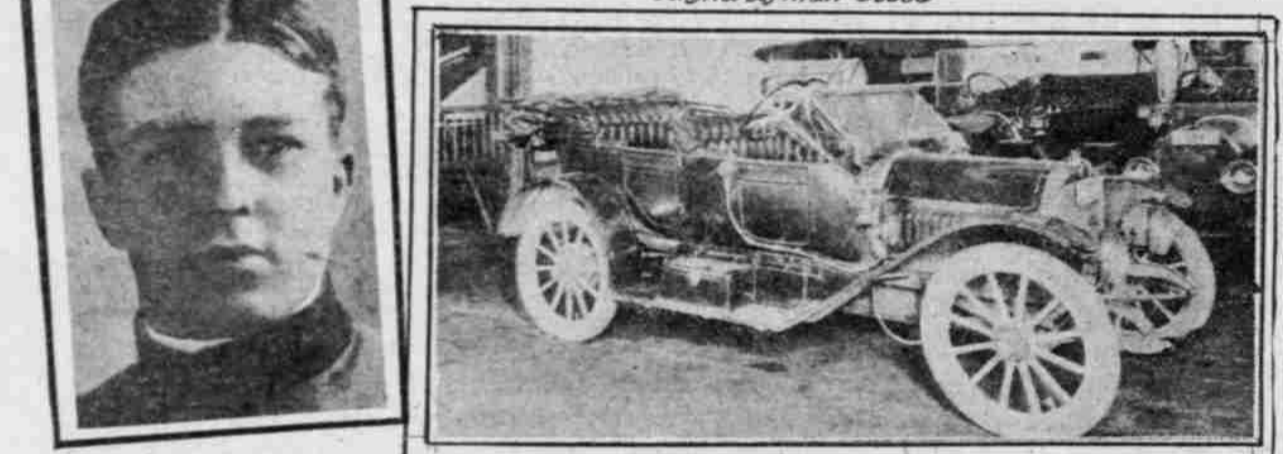
Returning toward the city a short time later, Tice and his party observed the same man, trotting behind another automobile, going in the opposite direction, as if seeking to learn the number of the car. He continued following it as long as the Tice party could keep him in view.

Mr. Tice and his friends can identify

POSED PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING CRIME RE-ENACTED ON SCENE OF HOLD-UP, THREE VICTIMS, CAR IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING, AND POSSE THAT HUNTED MURDERER.



Scene of the Holdup. Man with Shotgun Stands Where Highwayman Stood



Bruce Stewart's Automobile



From Left to Right—Patrolman Robson, Deputy Sheriff Miles, Shaffer, Sergeant Stahl, Patrolman Stanton, Sheriff Mass of Clackamas County, Chauffeur King, Police Captain Kellier, and Kellier's Setter Which Was Tried on Trail

This man if he is found. He was bare-headed, and had light hair, parted in the middle. He was well-dressed in a "pepper-and-salt" suit. He had no weapon that was visible. At the time the observers thought he was demented, but on hearing of the murder yesterday, they reported their observation to the police.

Inquest Set for Tomorrow.

Inquest over the two murdered men will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Casual examination discloses that both were killed by buck-shot simply. The automobile which carried the party is a greasewood sight, blood being spattered on every part of it, even to the tires.

Donald McCloud Stewart's body lies at the Holman undertaking parlors, but will be taken to the home, at 233 East Third street North, where funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. Earl Dubois will conduct the service.

The body of George Hastings is in the custody of Dunning & McEntee. Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 1:30 P. M. Monday. Both bodies will be interred in Riverview Cemetery.



Donald McCloud Stewart, Killed



George Hastings, Killed

WOUNDED MAN GIVES DETAILS

Lupton Thinks Robber Wore "Gunny-Sack" Over Face.

Irving Lupton, who received three ugly buckshot wounds in his left arm at the same time two other members of an automobile party were mortally wounded Friday night, yesterday told the story of which was published in The Oregonian Saturday morning.

Lupton, who is being cared for at the Good Samaritan Hospital, was struck by three leaden pellets. One buckshot entered the arm at the elbow, coming out just above the wrist; the second passed through the muscular part of the upper arm, and the third entered the forearm, plowing its way into the flesh. This was removed by Dr. Sanford Whiting after the young man had been brought to the hospital.

"We were coming toward town at the rate of perhaps 25 miles an hour. The road was perfect and we had enjoyed the ride from Oregon City, when suddenly, as we turned a bend in the road, not far from the Southern Pacific bridge, I saw a man standing at the foot of the hill, at the side of the road. He didn't make any move to get in the road and stop us, though that may have been because we were going too fast."

"My first thought was that he looked like a scarecrow; he seemed to have gunny sacks wrapped around his legs and the strings hanging down. It was quite dark and our front lights were very dim. Then I saw him raise the gun to his shoulder and shout:

"This is a holdup, and it's no joke."

We dashed past him, but hadn't gone but a few feet till he fired. I think there were three shots, but they really sounded like one long one or like a machine gun. I had my left arm along the back of the seat and around Hastings' neck to keep him in the seat, as there was not quite room for three. Tabb had his right arm adjusted the same way for the same purpose.

"When the shot was fired Hastings pitched forward. My left hand, which had been around his neck, slid away from him as he fell and then I discovered that it was useless, for it dropped into the seat. I reached over with my right hand and caught Hastings around the neck and held him until we reached Judge Carey's. My

arm was bleeding so much and I was so faint I thought I might not be able to hold out.

"When we reached the house, Judge Carey came out and with another gentleman carried me into the house and placed me on a couch. They tied towels around my arm and that was all I remembered. The next I knew Judge Carey was giving me brandy, and after that I felt better, though the pain was excruciating.

"I was brought to town in the automobile of Carl Gray, Jr., who, with Adrian McCalmann, arrived at the Carey's at the same time as the ambulance. They took me first to my home on Sixteenth street, but there was no one home and they then took me to Dr. Whiting's house, and later Dr. Whiting directed them to take me to Good Samaritan."

"The highwayman at first looked to me like a woman," said H. L. Tabb, whose clothing was pierced by buckshot, in talking of the holdup yesterday. "As we got closer I saw it was a man and that he was leveling a gun at us. As he shouted to us to stop, Bruce Stewart speeded up the car. Then the man fired and I felt something burn my wrist and tear through my sleeve and saw that Lupton was wounded. Hastings pitched forward and then I saw Donald Stewart lurch toward Bruce Stewart and in the way of the wheel, I reached over and caught Donald by the shoulder and held him in place until we reached the Carey's."

"Lupton, who was bleeding profusely, was trying to hold Hastings up with his uninjured arm.

"As we went up the Elk Rock Hill the holdup fired into the rear tire, which caused it to explode with a loud report. When we reached the house we telephoned for the police and the ambulance."

Tabb describes the man who fired the shot as about 5 feet 10 inches in height, and 35 years of age, with smooth face, and wearing light clothes. Tabb's coat and gloves were covered with blood stains.

Bruce D. Stewart, owner and driver of the car, also thought the highwayman was a woman when he first saw him. In fact, Stewart says he slowed up as the car came down the slight grade toward the solitary figure. But when he saw the man raise his gun to his shoulder, the young driver speeded up the car to the 40-mile limit.

"When Donald was struck he fell forward and against me, and I had to keep grabbing at him to keep him in

his seat and steer the car at the same time," he said. "Tabb was holding onto Hastings and I called to him to help me with Donald. I ran the car up the path to the Carey home and Judge and Mrs. Carey came out and helped us. I don't know what we would have done but for them."

Lupton, Tabb and Stewart all expressed their deep appreciation of the assistance given them by Judge and Mrs. Carey, Carl Gray, Jr., and Adrian McCalmann. Bruce Stewart followed the ambulance in his blood-filled car, but while turning a corner near the Falling school he broke a wheel, and was obliged to leave the machine, and was picked up by a passing automobile.

Both Stewart and Tabb showed pluck after the first shock of the tragedy was over. They went calmly about looking after their wounded friends and in telephoning for the ambulance and in trying to get word to the families of the stricken men.

"This automobile tragedy comes very close to us here at the hospital," said Miss Emily L. Lovridge, superintendent of the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday. "Young Hastings and Lupton, who attended the medical college across the street, have been here often. They are both young men of high type, of whom any parents would be proud. I hope the authorities will soon have the desperado where he cannot repeat his act."

TRAGEDY SHOCKS STUDENTS

"Bub" Hastings Popular in O. A. C. Circles at Corvallis.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 30.—(Special.)—News of the fatal shooting of George Hastings by an unidentified highwayman last night, when he and four companions were motoring south of Portland, comes as a distinct shock to his many friends at Oregon Agricultural College.

"Bub" Hastings, as he was known to everybody on the campus, completed his junior work at O. A. C. last year. He entered the college in 1908, after graduating from one of the Portland high schools the preceding June. He was a student in the department of pharmacy, and left an enviable scholarship record, but upon deciding that he would prefer the medical profession to that of the drug business, entered the medical school at Portland last Fall

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Sheriff Gets Desperado's Mask.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Sheriff Mass and Deputy Sheriff Hastings, who searched all of today and part of last night for the lone highwayman who fired into an automobile party, killing two men and wounding another, at the White House road near Riverdale, Friday night, returned to Oregon City late this afternoon with virtually no clue to the identity of the man. The Sheriff brought back with him the mask that the desperado is thought to have worn. It was made from a black flannel shirt, and two strings were used by the man in tying it over his face.

FAR EAST TRADE OPENS

Government Investigator Says Portland Can Get Share.

Opportunities for developing the trade of the Pacific Coast with the nations of the Orient were outlined Friday by Lovett M. Wood, special investigator for the Department of Commerce and a luncheon of the officers of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the Multnomah Hotel. Mr. Wood has just returned from a year's visit in the Orient, where he made a study of trade conditions, with special reference to the outlook for the extension of trade from the Pacific Coast.

"Portland can get her share of the great commerce from the Far East if she will but make an active effort to do so," said Mr. Wood. "The Orient is coming to be more and more actively a bidder in the markets for Occidental goods, and the Pacific Coast is the logical point from which she will seek to secure this trade, which is destined to be of continually increasing volume as the ideas and habits of the American and European nations come to be more strongly incultured into the life of the Orient."

Mr. Wood informed President Knapp of the Chamber of Commerce that he will put in written form the salient points of his findings in his tour of the Far East, and will turn it over to the Portland Chamber. The Orient has obtained a large share of the business in the hands of the Oriental traders' committee, for use in its activities to build up the commercial relations of Portland with Oriental countries.

Mr. Wood left yesterday afternoon for Seattle. He will go direct from that city to Washington, D. C., where he will attend the conference of commercial organizations called for April 22, by President Taft.

Railroad Officials Coming.

J. M. Hannaford, vice-president of the Northern Pacific, in charge of traffic, will be in Portland today and will remain until Monday afternoon, when he will be met here by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific. Mr. Elliott is making a tour of the lines in the Northwest, and Mr. Hannaford has been accompanying him over the territory.

Postoffice Robbers Brought Here.

George Ross, the confessed Bay City postoffice robber, was brought to Port-

land yesterday by Postoffice Inspector Durand and Deputy United States Marshal Griffiths. He will be bound over to await the action of the next grand jury. The man is but 25 years of age, but an experienced operator with nitro-glycerine. He absolutely refuses to tell of his past history, but it is known he worked with a construction gang in Eastern Oregon two years ago.

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