

WATCHED THEIR VICTIM

When John Whitney Displays His Coin Thugs Shadow Him and Use Their Guns as He Starts for His Home.

Sheriff Storey's Suspects Are to Have a Hearing on Wednesday, but Police Say They Are Not Men Wanted.

Detectives Had Worked on the Case and Found There Was no Evidence to Fasten the Crime on the Quartet.

With brutal oaths and threats of instant death in case of resistance, with the point of a large revolver pressing against his side, John Whitney was robbed of \$104 at the corner of Thirteenth and Alder streets last night at 10:30 o'clock.

The footpads were two in number, and from the manner in which they worked were undoubtedly experienced hands at the business. Before leaving their victim one of the robbers said to his partner: "You had better send a bullet into the robber's bowels to prevent him from following us and making trouble; or give him a crack on the head, and put him out of business." Mr. Whitney assured them that he had no desire to further cultivate their company and would go along and attend to his business whenever they said the word, and that injuring him was not necessary in order to facilitate their escape.

Indignant Over Police Laxity.

Mr. Whitney roams at 430 Washington street and has offices in the Commercial Block on Second and Washington streets where he is making preparatory arrangements for the establishing of a factory in the robbery of the executive, manufacturing of grocers and druggists' sundries to supply the demand of the Northwest. Mr. Whitney about a year ago returned from the Dawson country, where he was a successful mining operator on Gold Run and other rich creeks. Mr. Whitney is indignant over the boldness of the crime and the lack of protection afforded the people of the city. He says that conditions are such that the people should demand of the officials in charge of affairs that a vigorous effort be made to clean the town of all riffraff that has no honest occupation or means of livelihood.

Robbers Were Bloodthirsty.

"The men who held me up were bloodthirsty, and I don't think would have had any hesitancy in adding murder to the robbery if the executive had suggested it," said Mr. Whitney. "I consider that I was lucky in not being shot, knifed or clubbed. I had been to Shields' Park, and left the place when the last turn of the moving pictures started. I was walking slowly up Thirteenth street on the west side. When I arrived at Alder I stopped for a moment to light a cigar. I noticed two men come up back of me, but thought nothing of it. I started to move again and had reached the shadow of some trees across Alder street, when one of the men behind me thrust a revolver against my ribs, hissed a number of terrible oaths and stated that I would be murdered if I made any outcry or resistance. I told them to help themselves, and one of them reached in my right trouser's pocket from behind and took a buckskin sack containing five \$20 gold pieces and about \$4 in silver that was loose in my pocket.

Asked for the "Poke."

The robbers asked for my "poke," and must have had me spotted as a victim. After they gained possession of it they made no further effort to search for other valuables. I had a good gold watch and a pocketbook containing valuable papers, but these they ignored. "I bought a ticket to the park I had the small change and pulled out the 'poke' and poured the gold into my hand to get a \$5 gold coin. It is possible that some one in the crowd that was packed near the entrance saw the money and kept a watch on me until a favorable opportunity presented itself to get the money." It is also possible that I may have been watched by thugs for a number of days. I feel gratified that my loss was only \$104, as up to several days ago I had over \$1,000 on my person, but became uneasy over the continuous holdups in the city and put the bulk of it away for safe keeping.

Good Place for Holdup.

"The robbers selected a good place for their work. The spot was dark and no one was passing at the time. They stood up behind me and went through the 'poke' without giving me a chance to get a look at them. At the last moment they discussed whether to shoot or club me to protect themselves from being followed. I told them that I would make no trouble and they told me to move on. The men turned down Alder street and went in the direction of the city. About this time the Empire theatre was out and they may have turned to Morrison street and mingled with the crowd there or turned toward Washington street and mixed up with the crowd coming from Shields' Park. I do not report the incident to the police station, as nothing would have come of it but notoriety, and probable insult from your morning paper, which, from their writup of the Reed holdup, seems to think it is a good joke when men are robbed and brutally beaten by thugs. I do not wonder at the boldness of highwaymen when a newspaper treats their acts with levity and does not take seriously holdups and even murders."

Police Protection Awful.

"The police protection afforded the citizens of Portland is a farce, judging from my observations and the number of crimes committed where no arrests and convictions are made. The people of the city must be very ignorant, criminally careless, or have misplaced their

confidence when the enforcement of law is placed in the hands of men who either cannot or will not put a stop to crime. The talk that it cannot be done is childish. Take, for an example, the system preventing crime and the punishment of offenders as followed in Dawson in particular and other points in Canada generally, and apply it to Portland and in one month there would not be a crook or a dissolute character in the city, and a law and ordinance would be strictly enforced. There they look upon all crime as a matter worthy of serious attention, which must be punished without compromise or quibbling. Prosecutions are vigorous and sentences severe. The trying of a case is subject to no delay, the whims of those interested or the falling back on immaterial technicalities.

Swift and Sure Punishment.

"That punishment is at times swift and at other times slow but certain, the cases of Siorah and O'Brien demonstrate. Siorah murdered his mistress by shooting her at Dawson. The crime was committed on a Wednesday morning. By the next Saturday Siorah had been tried before a jury and sentenced to death. The murder of Fred Clayton of Portland, and two men named Relf and Olson on the Yukon trail was committed by John O'Brien. The case was worked up and O'Brien was hung two years later. To punish the murderer the government spent over \$100,000, secured evidence from all parts of the world and had men constantly at work on the case. The same certain and drastic punishment follows the lesser offenses. If a man is a dissolute character he must leave the country. If he does not take the hint he must go on the public wood pile, no matter if he has thousands of dollars, and hands that never before connected with the handles of a saw. After sawing for several months with a ball and chain in full view of the public he is generally ready to leave.

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"The edict went forth that the laws against gambling must be enforced and given several months to prepare for the change and to arrange to leave the city or go into other lines of business. The men knew the penalty of violating a law after they had been warned to discontinue gambling. They all closed, but a number who did not understand what they were up against started a few back-room games and were promptly sentenced to the woodpile. Another man tried to side step the edict by forming a club with paid memberships where only members could enter and opened up gambling. He was told to close, but ignored the warning, with the result that the police entered his place, seized all of the goods in the house and burned them. They took all the money in the bank rolls and further, broke open a bank in the building and took the money in that and turned it over to the Crown. They revoked the license of the man perpetually and sentenced him to one year on the woodpile or the option of leaving the country and remaining away, or serve out the suspended sentence in case he returned. With measures of this kind as an example there are no suspicious characters or vagrants hanging about, crime is prevented and laws are not violated.

"Such enforcement of law should be adopted in Portland. It is bad enough under ordinary circumstances, but when it comes to a man being robbed at the point of a gun and the discretion given the thugs as to whether they will let the victim live or not, it is high time to do something."

COMMISSIONERS WILL GO ON INVESTIGATING

Sig Sichel, member of the Portland Police Commission, today committed himself to an investigation of the Police Department scandal.

"Of course there will be an investigation by the Police Commission of the charges which have been filed against City Detective Frank Snow. If there are charges against him they must be investigated. That goes without saying. The newspapers and all others ought to know this without asking any questions."

"This was the statement Commissioner Sichel made to The Journal. Further than that he would say little.

"I have just got back from a visit to the Coast," he said, "and I know almost nothing about the case. I have not yet even been officially informed that charges have in reality been filed. No action by the commissioners can be taken until C. F. Beebe returns to Portland. I will look into the matter today."

Councilman J. P. Sharkey, who acted with C. F. Beebe in bringing charges against the Police Department, today said he felt confident that the Police Commission would investigate the accusations.

Mr. Sharkey's Views.

"It was at the solicitation of C. F. Beebe, one of the commissioners," he said, "that the charges against Snow were filed after having referred the matter to Chief Hunt, and while I do not expect anything to be done until Mr. Beebe returns, I do not think the matter will be dropped. At the very least a plain statement of the facts of the case has been made before the people and they are in a position to judge for themselves.

"It certainly seems to me that there are many things that could be attended to by the commissioners."

Councilman Sharkey expressed gratification at the action of the council in revoking the license for the Favorite saloon.

"I have no other places in mind against which proceedings will be instituted," said Mr. Sharkey, "despite the fact that many rumors are current. I am not a reformer and do not pose as such. However, a number of complaints have been made to me about other places. I have done nothing."

Councilman Sharkey said, also, that many have been to him to congratulate him upon his action in bringing charges against Detective Snow.

"I believe Snow to be a competent detective if he would work honestly and attend to his business," he said.

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Police Have Doubts.

At police headquarters there is a deep silence regarding the arrest of the suspects, although it would take no mind reader to see that the latest coup of the Sheriff has widened the breach between the two departments.

If the four suspects are guilty the police let a good case slip from them, while if the boys are innocent they consider the detectives showed good judgment in not taking them into custody.

Several hours before Sheriff Storey arrested McIntosh the police were on the latter's trail. They questioned him closely, searched his room, to which he willingly agreed, and concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest.

The "rightful Sheriff" hearing of this, and fearing that his birds were about to fly away, took immediate action and before daylight he arrested McIntosh, placed him in a dark corner of the jail and kept the matter secret for four days.

Naturally the detectives, after looking into the case, are inclined to believe that the Sheriff has been made the victim of an hysterical woman, and that the charges are nothing but "hot air." The Police Department does not wish to pose as being "sore," but the members are inclined to think that there is nothing to the accusation.

Whether it was intended as a shot at the police or not, the Sheriff's prisoners were arraigned in the Police Court, whereas county prisoners are usually taken before a Justice of the Peace. To the outsider, as well as to the Police Department, it looked as if the Sheriff was anxious to display his captures before the eyes of the very detectives who had refused to arrest them.

Chief Hunt Hostile.

Whatever the opinion Chief Hunt has of Sheriff Storey, the former accommodated the latter this morning by sending the patrol wagon to the jail for the alleged highwaymen. However, the chief was incensed that his officers had brought the men to the court without the presence of a deputy as the men were prisoners of the Sheriff.

Chief Hunt would not admit this morning that his men had been working on the clues which led to McIntosh and his alleged pals.

"We know nothing about this matter," he said. "They are Sheriff Storey's prisoners, and he knows why they were arrested. I hope they are the right men. We know nothing about them."

This was the opinion of the detectives. While they seem to believe that the Sheriff has made a mistake, they all expressed the hope that the right men had been caught.

Worked on Clues.

Officer John Price, who drives the patrol wagon, is given the credit for having first had his suspicions directed toward the four young fellows now under suspicion. About a month ago the driver took a room at the Potter House, Jefferson and Second streets, for the purpose of watching certain suspicious persons. He reported what he knew to police headquarters on Friday night.

Detectives Simmons and Hartman accompanied Price to the room. McIntosh answered their questions in a satisfactory manner and permitted the officers to search the room, in which nothing of a suspicious nature was found.

Capt. Simmons said this morning: "Yes, we talked to this man the other night, but he was very frank with us. He answered our questions all right, and we saw nothing there that would have convicted him of wrongdoing. We made no arrests because the circumstances did not warrant it. You cannot take a man into custody unless you can prove something against him."

It was but a few hours later when the sheriff swooped down upon the alleged holdup artists and locked him up.

People familiar with the case, state that a young woman, with whom several of the prisoners were friendly, accused them of trying to compel her to enter a place of shame, and in order to get rid of them concocted the story of their connection with the holdup. It is stated that she has left the city since the arrests.

A man who is a friend of the accused quartet states that the boys have been dissipating a good deal of late. Because of their drinking and gambling they lost their positions and finally found themselves "broke." In dire straits, they went to Simon, who sold a watch which he will be claimed by longed to McIntosh. The suspicion caused by the three young men keeping late hours is accounted for by the fact that they were out carousing and gambling.

While Sheriff Storey refuses to give out any information regarding the evidence he has against the prisoners, those who believe the four men guilty assert that the county official is holding

a trump card up his sleeve, which will be hard to explain away. It was stated on good authority that the rings, which one of the defendants had, and which were touted yesterday as being valuable evidence, were "foney" jewelry, cheap rings such as children wear.

Mrs. Whitlock, who was lodging in the house McIntosh roomed, is the woman who, about two years ago, gave the information which led to the capture of Wade and Dalton, a pair of murderers, who were hanged for the crime. Another lodging-house not far from that of Mrs. Whitlock's, was entered by the detectives, in search of evidence, but none was leading to definite results.

Storey's Secret.

One of the shady features of the entire affair is the fact that the Sheriff guarded his captive with such absolute secrecy. Far from the madding crowd, they were locked up and even to their friends it was denied that they were in custody.

Attorney B. S. Fague, who is representing the defendants, was told Tuesday that McIntosh was in custody and was requested to look after his interests. Fague went to the jail to see his client, but was told that no such man was known. The Sheriff and Deputy Matthews were present.

"I have no such man here," declared the Sheriff with such emphasis as to disprove his statement.

The next day the lawyer was again telephoned to and told that McIntosh desired legal counsel. A second inquiry at the jail was met with another determined denial and even at the District Attorney's office, it is said, Mr. Fague was informed that he was mistaken.

Certain that there was some truth in the rumor, Mr. Fague got out a writ of habeas corpus, but before having it served, made another request at the District Attorney's office, when, upon seeing the writ, it was admitted that the men were in custody. Even then the Sheriff, with his Sherlock Holmes instinct, refused to admit the truth, but was compelled to when the occurrence in the District Attorney's office was explained to him. Finally Mr. Fague secured an interview with his clients.

While Mr. Fague refuses to discuss the case he is known to have told a friend that the evidence against his clients is very slim. As soon as the prisoners are released, he expects they will be, suit for false arrest will immediately be brought against the Sheriff. McIntosh is said to come of a good family and his relatives are ready to put the case to the limit. When it was suggested that the photographs of the prisoners be taken this morning McIntosh became indignant and refused point blank to have this done.

"I have done nothing," he declared emphatically, "and I will not submit to be photographed. I will make some one pay for all this before I am through with it."

Jewelry Does Not Match.

The pawnshop tickets of watches found on the suspects do not correspond with the description of the watches lost during the holdup. The timepieces taken from the prisoners are in open-faced, screw, bevel and filled. The watches lost were of the stem-wind, Elgin movement. Another watch was an Elgin 15-jewel, case No. 6,141,211, movement No. 3,903,822; another Elgin case No. 6,884,031, and movement No. 9,902,662. One of the watches was for Faby's case, No. 1 watch, case No. 35,020 and movement No. 2,999,677. No watch answering this description has been reported lost during the holdup.

Illegal Search of Rooms.

Sheriff Storey and Deputy Fred Matthews entered the room of Annie Seo yesterday during her absence and, without a search warrant, broke into a trunk and bureau drawer and tumbled over her belongings. Miss Seo expressed indignation over the action of the officers over the liberty taken with her effects, as there was no reason to suspect that she had any stolen goods, and claims to not even know the suspects, with the exception of McIntosh, who had roomed at the same house on Front and Madison.

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Suspects Claim Innocence.

The four suspects stoutly maintain that they are innocent of participation in the robbery of John Whitney, and that they had been gambling and drinking, and all pawned jewelry to get more money with which to buy drinks and play. They claim that these facts were the sole basis for their arrest and attack upon the holdup.

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GOVERNOR DOES NOT AGREE TO ISSUE

Sends Telegram to Secretary Requesting Delay Regarding Swamp Lands.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, July 31.—Governor Chamberlain is in possession of information that certain parties, representing themselves as agents of the State of Oregon, have requested the Interior Department to issue patents to the state to a large tract of land claimed by the Warner Valley Land Company, and which is occupied by settlers who are contesting for the ownership of the land. If the state secures patents to the lands in question, the settlers contesting for the same will be unable to secure patents, and the Governor does not wish to have the lands deeded to the state under the swamp land act, until the merits of the contests can be fully investigated by the state authorities and the bona fides of the state's claim fully considered.

It appears that some one claiming to represent the state is urging the issuance of these patents to the state.

The Governor yesterday received, from the general land office, the approved list No. 76, swamp lands, in the Lakeview district, embracing the lands in question, and last evening he sent the following telegram to the Secretary of the Interior, urging that no action be taken in the matter until a further investigation could be made. His telegram is as follows:

"Hon. E. A. Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.—Approved list No. 76, swamp lands, Lakeview district, Or., received. Again I earnestly request that no patent issue until request therefor is made by me, pursuant to acts of Congress, September 28, 1850, extended to Oregon by act of March 22, 1860. No one has been named from me to represent the State of Oregon in requesting issuance of patents for the lands, or any of them embraced in said lands, though I am just informed that some one pretends to represent the Governor of Oregon for that purpose. The matter is being investigated by me and until satisfied as to the bona fides of the claim of the state to these lands, I will make no request for issuance of patent."

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Governor Will Visit the Locality.

Governor Chamberlain was asked regarding the foregoing telegram from Salem, and said:

"The issue involved in the Warner Valley case arose many years ago, and is a dispute between the corporation mentioned, successor in title to one McIntosh, who bought 5,000 acres of swamp lands from the state more than 12 years ago, and certain settlers who located the same lands under the homestead act. A decision has been pending and much correspondence has been carried on. Binger Forman, the one who is being investigated by me, is claiming to represent the state in requesting issuance of patents for the lands involved upon the request of the Governor of the state. Before taking such action I will visit the Warner Valley, and make personal examination. I expect to go some time during the present summer."

"Some time ago I was appealed to by the settlers, and took up the matter with Secretary Hitchcock. The statute extended the statute law pleading, and I would not do so until I have provided for the issuance of patents for the lands involved upon the request of the Governor of the state. Before taking such action I will visit the Warner Valley, and make personal examination. I expect to go some time during the present summer."

The Warner Valley Land Company's case has been the one issue that concerned people resident there for all time since it arose, and has affected politics, religion and social relationships. One of the settlers whose interests are bound up in the controversy, pleaded with tears in his eyes yesterday at Salem for action by the Governor, and that official determined that the matter would be handled carefully, and see that justice is done.

It is apparent that the key to the situation is in the Governor's hands, by reason of the statutory provision that patents shall issue only upon request of the Governor of Oregon.

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GAMBLING QUESTION AROUSES EUGENE

Citizens' Eyes Opened by Exposure in the Charles Griffin Case.

(Journal Special Service.)

EUGENE, Or., July 31.—The published statement of the Portland Journal last night concerning the reasons for the suicide of Charles Griffin created a sensation when appearing on the streets. The new phase of the matter had not been divined by but a few, and the information that the verdict of accidental drowning sent in by the coroner's jury was but a blind to cover the cause of death created a wholesome demand for The Journal. The matter was the talk of the streets today. Three of the four