

## LOCKED IN BOXCAR BY MASKED MEN

**W. H. BUTLER ROBBED OF A WATCH AND A QUARTER AND THREATENED WITH DEATH FOR FAILING TO OPEN SAFE OF WHICH HE DOES NOT KNOW COMBINATION.**

"We had better get this man out of the way for keeps. He is one of those smart guys; he's no fool. He would know you if he saw you again."

This remark was made by one of three highwaymen who held up Marlon E. Butler, night clerk at the East Side Southern Pacific ticket and freight office, located just south of the steel bridge, about 7:25 o'clock last evening. The robbers took a silver watch and chain and 25 cents in money from Butler, and \$4.75 from the ticket case. They then threatened to kill the clerk if he did not open the safe. Butler did not know the combination, so instead of killing him, the robbers locked him in a box car.

Butler left the office to take down some numbers of a few box cars standing on the siding near by. He reached the corner of the freight shed, when he was approached by the three men who had held him up. Butler's face and hands were covered with the masks that covered the faces of two of the men, and thought the order was only given in fun by some of his friends. He pushed away the arm of the stranger, when the cold muzzle of a revolver was put against his neck and the command repeated.

"I quickly raised my hands just as high as they could go," said Butler this morning, "and then I caught sight of the masks on two of the men. The other shaded his face with his hat. While my hands were away up in the air and my fingers scratching for a few stars, another gun was put against my neck and still another shoved in my face. The men quickly went through my pockets and relieved me of a quarter and my watch. The latter I valued very highly, as it was presented to me by my brother-in-law."

"The holdup men then demanded that I open the safe. I told them that I did not know the combination. The leader told me that he would blow my head off if I didn't open the strong box. He began to count. I thought my days were over, but when he had reached three he seemed to change his mind."

After taking the cash from the ticket box, the men asked Butler if he didn't have a pin on him. He handed them that and a O. L. W. pin, was all he was left with. This was not taken. Butler was then marched up the track to one of the box cars he had started out to number, and was locked in. He had been a quarter of an hour in there when a man, a member of the civil engineering department of the Southern Pacific, passed the car. He heard Butler calling for help and pounding on the car door. Olsen at once went after the watchman, J. M. Cheever, who released the prisoner.

Butler said that the man who did most of the talking was cool, but one of the robbers seemed nervous. Two of the men are about 5 feet 11 inches tall, the third a few inches shorter. They are heavy set, and were overcoats. Butler said that all three of the men said they would blow off his head if he looked around.

"I did not feel like some people say I felt to be held up. The barrels of the revolvers did not look as big as cannon, but still the feeling that one has when three guns are pointed toward him is far from being the most pleasant I have experienced. The gun was pointed at me when I was back of my neck felt very chilly all the time it remained there."

Superintendent Fields of the Southern Pacific said this morning that he did not think the road company was offering any reward for the capture of the highwaymen. Detectives Scott and Kerrigan are working on the case.

## QUARTERMASTER HAS TROUBLE AT TACOMA

(Journal Special Service.)

Tacoma, Feb. 26.—A strike was declared last night by the men of the Tacoma Longshoremen's union against the Boston Steamship company's steamer *Lyra*, in the employ of the United States government, 350 men have been temporarily thrown out of employment, the work of loading the vessel with coal for the Philippines has been continued and trouble was narrowly averted by the government officials on the dock last night.

Quartermaster Agent Cosper, in charge of the work of loading the vessel applied to the local police officers for assistance in putting the union men off the dock, but the chief of police refused to interfere. An appeal was then made to the mayor and he likewise held that the city should take no hand in the matter. In the meantime 100 idle workmen from work. Mr. Cosper has now taken steps to call in the assistance of the federal government in case of further need. Late in the evening the government dock was cleared and both wharf and warehouse have been boarded up so that the steamer cannot be reached except through the quartermaster's office.

"The strike developed in less than a day. The *Lyra's* cargo had been discharged and she then shifted to the government dock to load cargo under contract to the government. The union men, employed by the stevedoring firm of McCabe & Hamilton, who control all of the general longshore business of Seattle and Tacoma, were soon informed that about 20 'scab' warehouse men were at work pushing trucks and the union men numbering about 100, at once served notice on the company to withdraw the non-union men. The company refused and gave the union men an hour in which to return to work. A meeting of the union was called and a telegram sent to Washington, D. C., asking for help. At 11 o'clock the strike was declared and the entire wharf agreed to stand by the men who walked off the steamer *Lyra*.

M McCabe & Hamilton have announced their intention of hiring men wherever they can secure them henceforth, regardless of unionism.

## SCRANTON FAMILIES LEFT HOMELESS

(Journal Special Service.)

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 26.—A cave-in covering 20 acres and affecting 22 dwellings occurred in Bellevue near this city at 11 o'clock last night. At 3 o'clock this morning it gave indications of spreading. Some houses were completely wrecked and others were out of plumb until the doors and windows could not be opened. The cave-in was caused by the settling of the surface over the diamond vein in the Bellevue colliery of the Delaware & Lackawanna company. Many families are rendered homeless.

## HE'S ONLY NINE BUT HE'S MARRIED

Born during the war of the rebellion, and for several years a benedict, A. L. Morris, a Portland newspaper man, has experienced but eight birthdays. His ninth will occur on the last day of the present month, for he is one of those peculiar personages known as a "Leap-Year-baby."

The birth records of the city of Portland for the past 20 years show but seven names of persons born on the 24th of February. On February 29, 1884, and on the same date four years later, there were no births. In 1892 there was one child born on the last day of February. In 1896 the February 29 record shows six births.

The record of Portland's "Leap-Year babies" is as follows:

February 29, 1892.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nilson of Sacramento street, Alameda.

## F. BURGETTE SHORT IN TALBOTT'S PULPIT

Bishop J. W. Hamilton of San Francisco, presided at the recent session of the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, has appointed Rev. F. Burgette Short of Wilmington, Del., to supply Taylor street church until such time as a regular pastor may be appointed to succeed Dr. J. H. Talbott, who leaves next Monday for Salt Lake City to begin his work as superintendent of the Utah mission.

## CLAVERING WILL ARRIVE OVERDUE

**NEW ORIENTAL LINER WILL BE FOUR DAYS LATE ON FIRST TRIP — WILL ARRIVE ABOUT MARCH 2—TWO LINES FOR PART EAST IN PORT TOGETHER.**

Word has been received at the local office of the Portland-Asiatic Steamship company that the Oriental liner *Clavering* arrived at San Francisco last evening from Salinas Cruz, Mex., and that she is scheduled to sail for Portland on February 28. If this program is carried out she will arrive at this port about March 2.

A few weeks ago it was believed that the *Clavering* would reach Portland no later than February 24, but she lay longer at the Mexican port than was anticipated. It is also believed that she experienced a very rough passage coming up the coast. Nearly all the steamers of late have been more or less delayed on account of the recent severe weather.

The *Clavering* will arrive at about the same time as the *Indravell*. The latter sailed from Yokohama on February 13, and is expected to arrive at the mouth of the river by the first of the month. She is bringing about 5,500 tons of the usual run of Oriental freight that is brought to this coast. Among it is a big shipment of raw silk. She also has 78 steerage passengers.

Full outward cargoes are awaiting both steamers, but their arrival at the same time will make loading awkward. It was expected that the *Clavering* would be out of the river bound for Seattle before the *Indravell's* arrival, and arrangements were completed for giving the former quick dispatch. Why the *Clavering* is going to remain at the Bay City for four days before proceeding to Portland is not known locally. Aside from coming she will not take on any freight there.

## SHIPBUILDING TRUST KILLED THE PROJECT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Feb. 26.—In the house today a strong effort was made by Congressmen Jones and Cushman of Washington, and Livermore of California, to restore the old 4 per cent preferential under which the Union Iron works gained the naval contracts it has thus far been awarded. The effort came near succeeding, and undoubtedly would have done so, but for the course of Scott in extending the plant and the big share of contract work called for in the navy building program of the 55th congress.

## WILL OF CHARLES REED IS FILED

The will of Charles Reed, disposing of an estate valued at about \$10,000, was filed for probate in the county court this morning by Attorney John Legg. All the property is located in Multnomah county. By the terms of the will, which was executed at San Francisco, Cal., September 15, 1899, all the property is bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Cora Reed. The children are Mrs. Elizabeth Duff and Walter Reed, both living in this city. The testator says he leaves all the property to his wife because he knows that at her death she will look out properly for the children. Mrs. Walter Reed is well and favorably known as a singer.

## LEADING ATTORNEY KILLED BY FRIEND

(Journal Special Service.)

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Henry Schwartz, a prominent attorney, was this morning fatally shot by Hugh Knowles of Knowles and Gardner, a prominent dry goods firm. Knowles, after holding the police at bay for a few minutes, blew out his own brains. The murder took place in Schwartz's private office. The dispute originated over business troubles.

## POSTAL ARCHIVES WAR NEWS

The local office of the Postal Telegraph company received the following dispatch this morning from the Commercial Pacific Cable company:

"We are advised by the eastern company that an only between Hong Kong and Amoy have been intercepted. Messages from Chinese and Japanese points north of Hong Kong will be subject to increased delay until connection is restored."

## TO MAKE A ROAD INTO A STREET

**DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY DESCRIBES THE PROPER PROCEDURE WHEN A COUNTY ROAD IS IN THE CITY LIMITS AND IT IS DESIRED TO MAKE A STREET OF IT.**

How to convert a county road within the city limits into a street is explained in an opinion submitted to the city auditor this morning by Deputy City Attorney J. P. Cavanaugh. The city of Portland desires to extend macadam street from Lowell to Hamilton avenue, which at the present time is merely part of the county highway. Mr. Cavanaugh says:

"Section 422 of the charter provides that all county roads lying within the limits of the city of Portland, which have not been laid out or accepted as streets by the city, shall remain county roads until they shall be laid out or accepted by such authorities as streets, and be under the jurisdiction of the county court of Multnomah county, Oregon, and shall be worked, maintained and improved as county roads outside the limits of said city are worked, maintained and improved."

"The failure of the county to repair this road will not affect its charter as a county road. If the city desires to follow the boundary lines of the present road and does not attempt to appropriate any private property, or open a new highway, or afford a new additional means of access to the abutting property, it would not be proper to adopt such measures as the purpose of assessing benefits or damages to the abutting property."

"The charter provides that the costs of such proceedings shall be assessed upon the abutting property. The city auditor follows the boundary lines of the existing road, the abutting property receives no benefit and is not liable to assessment."

"There is no specific mode provided by the charter for the acceptance of a county road as a city street. But this may be done by a resolution of the council directing the city engineer to make a survey and report of the proposed extension, and by ordinance of the council adopting said report and accepting the road as a street. The report of the engineer should be embodied in the ordinance to establish a definite record of the boundaries and description of the extension."

"The cost of these proceedings must be paid by the city. The proceedings provided by article I of chapter IV of the charter relating to the appointment and duties of viewers and the assessments of benefits and damages do not apply to the acceptance of a county road within the city limits as a city street."

"The establishment of the grade and the improvement of the street can be done in the regular way after the street is extended."

## ANOTHER HORROR VISITS CHICAGO

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Feb. 26.—With a crash that startled hundreds of pedestrians on Clark and Adams streets the huge scaffolding beneath the dome in the interior of the city hall building gave way at 1 o'clock this afternoon carrying down 15 men. Thirteen are believed to be dead or fatally injured. The scaffolding, like a net work to the dome, was 160 feet high where the men were plastering the interior. Some men fell 11 stories.

The work of digging the bodies from the immense mass of wreckage was under way immediately after the accident. Not all the men were on top. Some collapsed at the side of the structure by falling timbers and carried down to death. Timekeeper Anderson stepped off the scaffolding to a place of safety 40 feet up just as it gave way. He says the scaffolding groaned and creaked and that immediately after the fall the planks pulled out and all fell.

## MINING EXHIBIT IS ATTRACTIVE ONE

General Superintendent W. H. Wehrung, of the Oregon exhibit at the St. Louis fair, said today:

"The mining exhibit packed and ready for shipment. The exhibit will be shipped in the early part of March."

"Fred Mellis' mineral exhibit will be a part of our mining display. He will be carrying on the exhibit at a salary of \$4 a day and his transportation to and from St. Louis. He will bear his own expenses while there. Nothing will be paid him for the use of his collection."

"Frank Williams and Doctor Rafferty of the committee on mines and mining of the state fair commission, have returned from a trip to Baker City in the interest of the Oregon St. Louis exhibit. This committee's report on the display from that part of the state is satisfactory as to the gold and gold-bearing rock, but we will have to obtain specimens of the other minerals that are found in the state to complete the exhibit. These will go forward with the rest of the shipment."

## WHOLE FAMILY IS DOWN WITH SMALLPOX

Seven cases of smallpox are under quarantine at Woodlawn, and one case has been reported from 328 Fourth street. Dr. C. J. Zan, city physician, said this afternoon that all the cases were very mild form of the disease and the Woodlawn patients were all inmates of one house. Mrs. Paisley and four children, Mrs. Henderson and W. Henderson are the Woodlawn victims. They contracted the disease from Mrs. Paisley's husband and the city physician believes that Paisley contracted the disease out of town, where he had been working.

"We have been unable to trace the Willig case," he said. "However, I anticipate no serious trouble and think we have the disease checked."

## COMMERCE CLEARED TODAY FOR MANILA

The schooner *Commerce* cleared this morning for Manila with \$21,474 feet of lumber, valued at \$9,977. She is being dispatched by Baker, Guthrie & Co. The schooner *Charles* has been cleared for San Francisco with 700,000 feet of lumber. Tonight the steamer *Aberdeen* will sail for the Bay City with a cargo of grain and lumber.

## BOY CHARGED WITH A BOLD BURGLARY

George Riley, a 14-year-old boy, was in the municipal court this morning on the charge of breaking into the home of A. L. Love, 191 East Monroe street, on January 29, and stealing two gold watch chains and a ring. Young Riley was arrested February 20 by Detective Kerrigan. Owing to the fact that the state witness, Edward Rose, left the courtroom a few minutes before the trial, the case was postponed until tomorrow.

Detective Kerrigan stated that when he had arrested Riley the boy told him that he had seen some one enter the Love residence on the evening of the robbery. The detective then said that the boy would say nothing more regarding the robbery. Mrs. Riley said that her son was at home from 5 until 7 o'clock on the evening of the robbery, and went from the house to visit a friend, where he stayed until about 10:30 o'clock.

Edward Rose, who is said to have told Love that Riley informed him that he had the chains and ring, was sent for, but owing to the fact that it would take several hours to bring the witness into court the case was postponed. The courtroom was enlivened by a short word war between Detectives Kerrigan and Snow who disagreed regarding the character of Riley.

## IRATE FATHER HAS NOT PROSECUTED

Though the father of Nevada Allen Dills, aged 16 years, called at the county clerk's office yesterday and declared he would make trouble for William P. King for marrying her without his consent, he has not yet taken any action against his unwelcome son-in-law. No complaint has been made by the aggrieved parent at the district attorney's office, where he would be likely to go in case he adhered to his intention of "making trouble."

The clerk was furnished with a letter purporting to have been written by Mrs. Minnie A. Faust, the girl's mother, giving her consent to the union. This letter the father declared a forgery. The groom is 21 years old.

## MAYOR'S DAUGHTER FIREBOAT'S SPONSOR

Miss Nellie Williams, daughter of the mayor, will christen Portland's new fireboat, the *George H. Williams*, tomorrow afternoon. The launching of the vessel is set for 3 o'clock and nearly all the city officials will be in attendance at the ceremony.

Engineer Fred H. Ballin, who has charge of the construction of the boat, called upon Mayor Williams yesterday afternoon and requested that Miss Williams be invited to act as sponsor for the new boat.

The ceremony will take place at the foot of Gibbs street, where the fireboat stands on the ways ready for her plunge into the water.

## CONTRACTOR MAY CLOSE BRIDGE

No order will be issued by the county court closing the Morrison street bridge, if such action is taken it will be by the Pacific Construction company, which has the contract for rebuilding. Though this is true, the county will take the position to adopt such measures as will not make it liable for damage suits in case of accidents. This may be stated as a result of the discussion this morning, relative to the bridge, between L. R. Webster, county judge, and Commissioners Barnes and Showers.

If the city should adopt the same course, it is probable that the company will close the structure to foot traffic while the work is in progress. In fact, it was stated by E. M. Butler, general manager of the company for this district, in a letter addressed to the mayor and county judge, that the company would be forced to take advantage of the opinion of City Attorney McNary and close the bridge unless it should be absolved from liability for accidents.

The county will post warnings at the bridge, and later on, if it is deemed necessary, furnish men as guards in addition to the policemen stationed there by the municipality.

The contract for repairing the bridge is with the city. Hence the action of the company will now depend on the action of the city engineer and board.

Superintendent E. B. Fields and Foreman Harry Richmond of the Pacific Bridge company, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death while at work on the Morrison-street bridge Wednesday. The roadway was congested with traffic and the two men stepped aside to allow a heavy wagon, lumber laden, to pass. The space between the railing and the wagon was barely wide enough for the men to stand in.

The driver, as soon as the front wheels of his wagon had passed the men, turned toward the inside track. Both Richmond and Fields were pressed against the railing and the latter was turned around several times by the long lumber before he could escape. His left hip was slightly bruised.

"If I had been standing in front of a post," he said, "I would have been crushed. I am thankful, too, that the railing did not give way."

General Manager F. M. Butler of the Pacific Bridge company work said: "I am glad that no serious accident occurred. A great many people think me contrary because I desire the bridge closed, but a glance at the heavy traffic across the structure and the lumbering incident will show that I have good grounds for my opinion. We had open a place in the sidewalk near the east end today and before long will have 10 such holes along the south walk."

Two cars of steel arrived yesterday and three more are expected soon. The work of unloading the material is in progress. A policeman stands on duty at the bridge to prevent accidents. Thirteen piles were driven this morning at the place where the first pier is to be erected. This afternoon piling are to be driven in the stream north of the bridge as a mooring place for the pile-driver scow.

## LEWIS AND CLARK BILL IS DELAYED

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Feb. 26.—Chairman Tawney of the house exposition committee has been called from the city and will be absent 10 days. He has informed the Oregon delegation that the Lewis and Clark bill will not be reported until his return.

Commissioners Scott and Boise, who reached here last evening, will work with the individual members of the house to promote a favorable feeling towards the exposition pending the return of Tawney. Commissioner Boise was taken ill this morning and is confined to his room.

## TO FIGHT ALL LAND GRABBERS

**NATIONAL IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION AT ANNUAL MEETING WILL START A CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLITICIANS WHO USE THEIR OFFICES TO PROMOTE GRAFT.**

Members of the National Irrigation association have been notified by the president, George H. Maxwell, that matters of great importance are to be considered at the annual meeting, which will be held in Chicago next Saturday. It is proposed to inaugurate a vigorous and determined campaign for the advancement of the national irrigation movement, and to prevent the irrigable public lands from being absorbed by speculators. To this end the members of the association will be asked to adopt an amendment to the constitution of the organization, creating a board of directors and vesting it with full powers.

In his letter to the members, President Maxwell called especially attention to the following resolutions which were adopted last month by the board of directors of the Merchants' association of New York:

"Whereas, The waters which now run to waste in such great rivers as the Colorado, the Sacramento, the Colorado, the Rio Grande and the Missouri and their tributaries would, if utilized, irrigate and make fertile and productive many millions of acres of land that are now an uninhabitable waste, and the reclaiming of this land and the settlement of these lands would enormously expand the home markets for merchants and manufacturers, and greatly enlarge our internal commerce through every channel of trade and promote our national prosperity; now, therefore, be it resolved, First, that the great irrigation works contemplated by the national irrigation act should be built by the national government as rapidly as the actual settlers will take the land in small tracts, and repay to the government the cost of the irrigation works."

"Second, That the rapid absorption into large private holdings of the public lands which should be so reclaimed and settled, should be stopped by the immediate repeal of the act, and the commutation clause of the homestead act, and the timber and stone act, and no one be allowed to obtain government land except the settler who lives on it, for the full term of five years required by the homestead act."

"Whereas, The forests are important factors in the conservation of water in all parts of the United States, and the essential source of streams watering the arid section of the country; and

"Whereas, Denuding the forest areas by unscientific cutting of timber, by fire, or otherwise, decreases the sources of the water supply, and consequently reduces the valuable irrigable area, increases devastation by floods, and diminishes the average constant flow of streams; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the federal government should give constant and intelligent attention to the preservation of the forests, and the reforestation of denuded areas."

"Resolved, That we approve and urge the carrying into effect the recommendations of the president of the United States, the secretary of the interior, and the secretary of agriculture, for the consolidation of matters appertaining to forestry into the bureau of forestry, now organized in the agricultural department."

In commenting upon these resolutions, President Maxwell says:

"I feel warranted in saying that this policy has the support of the press of the country, with the exception of a few papers dominated by the interests that are now profiting themselves at the expense of the business interests of the country. The result of the absorption of the public lands into large grazing estates or speculative private holdings in large bodies without settlement or increased population or trade."

"This systematic speculative absorption of the public lands into private ownership without settlement is a well organized industry in the west, and are engaged in it are so strongly entrenched in congress, especially in the public lands committees, and are so powerful politically in the west, where they practically hold the balance of power in both political parties, that apparently neither party in congress dares to antagonize them by any strong party advocacy of land reform."

"The east is apathetic, and the result is that nothing is done in congress, though the facts are notorious, and the land grabbing will continue with increasing rapidity until all the lands are gone, unless the business interests of the country take a determined stand in the reclamation of their property. It is very effectively and positively felt by a campaign which will rouse congress from its indifference and apathy."

## ROYAL PICKLING CO. IS BANKRUPT

Joseph Paus and F. Wallace Sr., who have been conducting business as partners under the name Royal Pickling company, at 355 Water street, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. The liabilities are given at \$2,573, the assets at \$1,000.

Paus claims his clothing, underwear, hat and shoes as exempt, while Wallace says he "has no clothing or personal effects, except such as he actually wears on his body."

## WILL REMAIN WITH PRESENT CHARGE

Rev. W. C. Kantner of the First Congregational church of Salem has sent word to the committee of Highland church that he will not accept the pastoral charge of that church, which is in congregation in Salem held a mass meeting last evening, and pledged during the meeting most of the money necessary for a new church. In view of this fact, Dr. Kantner will remain in Salem, where he has been most successful.

## EAST SIDE MASONS

A joint social session of all the east side Masonic lodges was held last night at the Burkhard building on East Burnside street. S. M. Moran of Eugene, grand master of the Oregon Grand Lodge of Masons, was present. Refreshments were served during the evening.

## KILLED IN SALVATOR

(Journal Special Service.)

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 26.—An elevator accident at the capitol building this morning resulted in the death of Mrs. C. Fournier of Valley Junction and her mother, Mrs. Hogue. They were visiting the senate proceedings. Both houses adjourned after the fatality.

## YOUNG CRIMINAL DIES GAME

San Quentin, Feb. 26.—Charles Wardrip, aged 20, the youngest man ever executed in the penitentiary here, was hanged at 10:40 this morning. He mounted the scaffold with a smile.