

OLD BOY BANTS BESTED NO DOG DAYS TO TERRORIZE SOUTHERN OREGON BATHERS

George E. Robbins, Ordered to Deliver Money, Chases Armed Youths and Captures One. Companion Later Is Brought In

Following closely to the usual epidemic of crime which has been prevalent among the youths of the northwest was the sensational holdup last night of George E. Robbins by Ernest Hutchings and William Boyd, two lads 14 and 17 years of age, respectively, who, in the most approved fashion, armed with pistols of large calibre, attempted to relieve him of his valuables at the corner of Ninth and Couch streets.

Equally sensational was the desperate hand-to-hand struggle of Robbins and one of the youthful highwaymen, the flight of the embryo knights of the road and their subsequent capture by the detectives. The story of the crime attacks of the exploits of the redoubtable "Dead-Eye Dick" and it is thought that an investigation may trace the daring deed to overindulgence in the demoralizing dime novel.

It was shortly after 10 o'clock that Robbins, while walking on Couch near Ninth street, was suddenly confronted by the two footpads, who leveled their revolvers at his head and with an ordered him to "throw up his hands." Robbins at first thought that he was the victim of a practical joke, but upon realizing the seriousness of the affair refused to comply with the command and started to fight the assailants.

Grabbing the pistol aimed at him by the shorter of the two robbers, Robbins attempted to wrest the weapon from his grasp, at the same time punning the youth about the face and head. Fearing the possibility of capture the pair of thugs took to their heels, with their victim in hot pursuit.

Down Couch street, to the park blocks and then across to Pine street, raced the two boys, and upon reaching the latter thoroughfare they made for Seventh street. At the corner of Seventh and Pine Boyd ran through a vacant lot, while his companion continued down to Oak street, where he secreted himself under the steps of a dwelling.

Robbins was close behind him, however, and dragged the lad from his hiding place. William McNeil, a messenger, who happened to be passing on a bicycle, was dispatched for the police and in response to his summons Sergeant Blay and Detectives Kay, Burke, Hill and Weavers rushed to the scene, where, with his prisoner, passed them on the way to the station without being noticed.

One Boy Confesses. At police headquarters the boy gave his name as Ernest Hutchings, his address as 225 First street and his age as 17 years. He was immediately taken back to the place where he was found and after being "sweated" by the police confessed to having committed the crime and gave the address of his companion. Detectives Kay and Burke were sent to the Knickerbocker house on Sixth street to find the lad. His father, William H. Boyd, a blacksmith, at 311 1/2 Burnside street, was found in his apartment. He was held pending the arrival of his son. In due time young Boyd appeared and was taken into custody by the waiting policemen. Upon interrogation by Captain Bruin at the station he finally confessed, but refused to reveal the hiding place of his gun. The weapon carried by Hutchings

was discovered under the steps where he hid. At police headquarters, Boyd senior created quite a scene and tearfully pleaded with the complaining witness not to send his son to the penitentiary. He declared that the boy's mother was dead and he had tried to make him lead a decent life. As the case was being taken upstairs, Boyd struck him on the back forcibly and wept bitterly.

Robbed Grouch Friday Night. According to Detective Joe Reising, young Boyd has been in trouble before. About a year ago it is alleged that he applied turpentine to the face of the accused. Prior to the capture of Boyd, Frank Van Allen was brought in on suspicion by Detective Hill and partially identified by Robbins but later it was found that there was no evidence against him and he was released.

Robbins Identifies Both. Robbins, who resides at 51 Ninth street, is employed by Allen & Gebby and he positively identifies both of the accused. Prior to the capture of Boyd, Frank Van Allen was brought in on suspicion by Detective Hill and partially identified by Robbins but later it was found that there was no evidence against him and he was released.

"It was dark at Ninth and Couch when I saw these two boys leaning against the livery stable," says Robbins. "At first I thought they belonged in the neighborhood and knew me, as I live just a short distance away. Then one of them stepped out and showed a pistol right up into my face. He had his hat pulled down over his eyes and I still thought they were jobbers. The one with the pistol cried, 'Throw up your hands.' I didn't do anything of the kind, but said, 'I haven't any money, boys,' and walked on without paying any more attention to the pistol. I didn't take the gun away from him, but I dodged across the street and hid behind a telegraph pole.

Chased Robber Under House. "Then I saw 'em start to run and I went after 'em. We ran four blocks to Seventh and Oak and I saw them go between two houses. I looked all around and under one of the houses and thought they had got away from me. Finally a lady said they might be under her house, and I lighted a match and crawled through a hole under the porch. I found the Hutchings boy hiding behind the garbage box. I thought he still had the gun and I didn't take any chances, but smashed him with my fist as soon as I could. He went down all right and then I nabbed him." Robbins struck the boy's head so hard that his hand was painfully injured.

in their acknowledgment of the great service President Roosevelt has done the country, also by inaugurating the reform. The next thing to happen will be that the text books for the public schools here will be revised and it will be such a thing as a book trust which may or may not have a tip, that trust will prosper.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Carnegie and the other professors are only doing what Spain did many years ago, when its academy of revision left out all the useless letters in words and began to spell philosophy with two 'f's. The Spanish academy have completely knocked out the content of the bad spellers who said that it was only a d-n fool who couldn't spell a word more than one way.

Unique Bible. The most costly book in the royal library at Stockholm is a Bible, and there is not another just like it in the world. It weighs 100 pounds and is unique. It is said that 100 seals' skins were used for its parchment leaves. Each page falls but an inch short of a yard in length. The width of the leaves is 20 inches. The covers are solid planks four inches thick.



Swimming in Rogue River. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 25.—There are no "dog days" in southern Oregon, and the last two weeks of August, which bring a strange terror to the youth of other lands, because the swimmin' holes are full of the "dog-see-ah" during that season, keep the river pools as clear and pure and as free of the "snake-doctors" as in the early spring. Because of its being a mountain stream, Rogue river is too cold to allow of comfortable bathing till August, but during all of this month the several "swimmin' holes" swarm with merry bathers every day. The rapids and treacherous undercurrents found in the river above and below town, confine the swimming holes to that section of the river near the bridge, and likewise near the city.

To make swimming more safe and to confine the youngsters to a more limited area of the river, a movement is on foot here to place swimming baths, or a floating bath-house on the Rogue river near the bridge. This would not only make it more pleasant for the boys and girls, but would also give parents less cause for worry when the boy is off for a swim.

Plasterers and Bosses Alleged to Have Formed Combination in Portland. TO MONOPOLIZE THE CONTRACTS Public and Small Contractors Will Be the Sufferers, the Latter Declare—Small Contractors Declare They Can Do Nothing but Fight.

A "capital and labor trust" such as Ray Stannard Baker has graphically described as existing in the building industry in Chicago is now being formed in Portland, according to certain elements in the plastering profession. The only difference is that the trust will extend its domain over the business of plastering instead of philosophy with two 'f's.

The alleged conspirators of the "capital and labor trust" are the Master Plasterers' association and the Plasterers' union. Their purpose is said to be to monopolize the plastering contracts for the master plasterers, to monopolize the labor for the journeymen plasterers, to boost prices high on the one hand, to raise wages on the other, and, of course, to make the public pay the fiddler.

SAILORS EXPECT TO WIN STRIKE IN MONTH Gill Believes Ship Owners Will Give Up Fight Within the Next Thirty Days. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Aug. 25.—The strike and lockout, constituting the troubles between the sailors' union and the Shipowners' association of San Francisco, which has resulted in handicapping shipping on the part of vessels affected, will not last more than 30 days, according to P. B. Gill, secretary of the local sailors' union.

HOT SPRINGS ARE TO HEAT BOISE HOMES Boise, Idaho, Aug. 25.—An immense flow of hot water at a temperature of 200 degrees was struck at a depth of 140 feet today in a well being drilled four miles from Boise. The water will be piped to the city for heating residences.

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