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FREMONT OLDER IS KIDNAPED BY ORDER OF THREE FORD'S ATTORNEY

BAY CITY EDITOR IS RESCUED FROM SOUTHERN TRAIN

ARRESTED FOR LIBEL

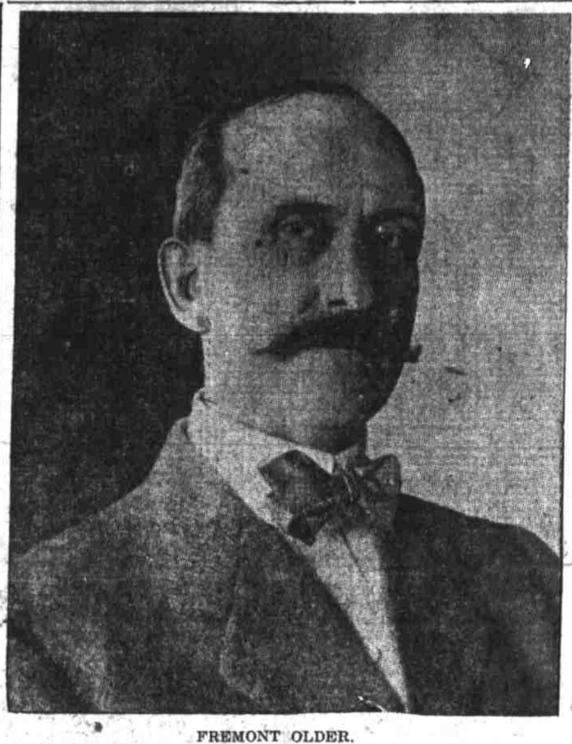
Warrant Is Read to Victim Who Is Then Forced Into Auto and Hurried Aboard South-Bound Limited—Is Saved by Friends.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Kidnaped in broad daylight in the busiest part of Van Ness avenue, Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin and an earnest worker in the graft prosecution, was for seven hours last night lost to all his friends and acquaintances. After six hours of fruitless search by the full force of Special Agent Burns and the entire police department of San Francisco, Older was located on board a Southern Pacific coast line train en route to Los Angeles.

An urgent telephone message, the service of a Los Angeles warrant, authorized late Friday by Judge Carroll Cook of the superior court, the flight of an automobile to Redwood City and then close captivity in the stateroom of the limited train—this, in brief, was the manner in which the bold attempt of the kidnaper was carried out.

It was at 5:15 Friday evening while he was in the office of Assistant District Attorney Henry that Older received a telephone message to come at once to the Savoy hotel on a matter of urgent importance. He was in a room with Heney's partner at the time and was waiting the arrival of Rudolph Spreckels.

Deputies Flash Warrants. Older left word for Spreckels that he would return within a short time and started to walk to the Savoy. As he passed the main entrance of the building in which is located the offices of Calhoun's detective agency, in charge of Luther Brown, Luther Brown himself, a constable from Los Angeles county and two deputies stepped suddenly out of the doorway, and the constable flashed quickly before Older's eyes two warrants from (Continued on Page Three.)



FREMONT OLDER.

WANTED MARK HANNA'S AID

Governor Steunenberg Asked Campbell to Have Republican Boss and Senators Foster and Spooner Stop Investigation of Timber Land Frauds in Idaho.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Idaho, Sept. 28.—That United States Senator Addison Foster of Washington was asked to intercede on behalf of Ex-Governor Steunenberg, to call off the Government Inspector L. L. Sharp, was the startling testimony of A. B. Campbell this morning. "Any time you can make an appointment with Senator Foster," again wrote Steunenberg, "I can come. This feature of the timber deal is getting into bad shape. Sharp, the inspector, and local land people, have worked so secretly and with so much deception, even with their friends, I have not been able to learn the situation, much less do any work. If it is not asking too much, I wish you would ask Foster to hold Sharp off until I can meet the senator."

In an earlier letter he stated that the tie-up of 12 timber claims was giving the writer much bother, but that he had faith that through Campbell and his friends it would soon have the solution of the problem. Barber also first brought in the name of Borah, telling of visits to the latter in Boise. This testimony was admitted over objection of the defense, but witness did not relate what occurred. The witness said Sharp came to Spokane, and that time he received the first intimation that anything was wrong in the transaction. He said Steunenberg later requested him to see Mark Hanna and Senator Spooner and have the investigation of the frauds stopped. He did not comply. There was no cross-examination.

Through T. N. Seale, assistant cashier of the Exchange National bank of Spokane the prosecution has commenced to trace moneys from James T. Barber and Sumner G. Moon in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to A. E. Palmer at the depositions may obtain dollar for dollar here and finally into the hands of State Senator John Kinkaid, who turned it over to the entrymen. The investigation of the frauds stopped. Judge Whitson reserving his decision until this afternoon. Cashier Howe identified deposit slips of Palmer showing receipts for \$45,000 from Moon and Barber.

Special Grand Jury. The special grand jury which is investigating the charges of misconduct against District Attorney N. L. Ruick in securing the indictment of Senator Borah and other matters, has determined the scope of its inquiry far beyond what was originally intended. The charges against Ruick were contained in an affidavit of the former grand jurymen, who stated the attorney had made an argument while they were bringing in the indictment and had requested the room when requested to do so by one of their number. The new body, however, has determined to go into the details of the case, and has called for a report which seems to have been prepared by the woman told the jury that Ruick was paid by the Western Federation of Miners to secure this action by the grand jury. The investigation thus far, it is said, has not been very productive in bringing out startling evidence bearing on the alleged motives of Ruick. A woman was called before the body yesterday to relate a conversation she had bearing on the case. So far as can be ascertained, the woman testified that she had been sitting near a widow during the Haywood trial. When she heard Fred Miller, attorney for the labor leader, remark: "Oh, we will get Borah, all right." It is reported that the woman told the jury that the full significance of the remark did not dawn upon her until she heard that Borah had been indicted. She said the long-expected clash between the opposing counsel in the Borah case occurred (Continued on Page Three.)

SHERIFF IGNORES ALL LAW

Multnomah County Official Reduces Taxes of Firms and Individuals Upon Complaint Being Made That They Are Too High.

Reductions Made Contrary to Statutes Requiring Affidavits—Stevens Annuls Function of County Court and Equalization Board.

Without authority of law, Sheriff Stevens has taken it upon himself to reduce taxes of people in Multnomah county in a large number of cases, probably more than 100 in all. In explanation of the reductions the sheriff exhibits a file of so-called affidavits which are merely signed statements, never having been sworn before a notary public or other official empowered to administer an oath.

A reduction of an assessment from \$26,050 to \$12,050, and a corresponding reduction of \$224 in the tax is perhaps the most glaring of these unauthorized reductions on the county tax rolls. This was in the case of the Nott Davis company. On June 8, 1906, George H. Towler, then manager of the company, submitted to Assessor Sigler a sworn statement that his company had taxable property worth \$25,055. Assessor Sigler accepted this estimate, and after making a reduction of \$5, charged the company on the rolls with \$26,050 on which to pay taxes.

On April 26 of this year, W. Miller, who succeeded Towler as manager of the Nott Davis company, went to the sheriff's office and stated that the company's taxes were too high. Miller requested that the company's taxes be reduced to \$12,050, and that Towler had made his statement without any of the usual formalities. Miller was placed on a blank affidavit and he signed it, but he was never sworn by a notary or other official. Deputy sheriff administrator verbal oaths in such cases, they say, but the law does not permit a deputy sheriff to administer an oath. When the county clerk extended the tax rolls, he found the assessment of the Nott Davis company to be \$26,050 and charged the company with \$26,050. The rolls were then turned over to the sheriff for collection. Relying on Miller's affidavit, he collected \$128 of the taxes of the company's taxes as error, and collected the remainder, \$19,770. The alleged affidavit, without notarial signature or seal, is preserved on file as an explanation of the reduction.

Other Reductions Made. Other cases where the sheriff has reduced taxes were the Oregon Guaranty & Trust company assessed at \$51,000 and taxes amounting to \$816. The sheriff took \$8,000 off the assessment, leaving a balance of \$43,000. The assessed \$688; T. T. Murphy had taxes amounting to \$12,800. Sheriff charged off \$8 of the taxes. Joe P. Myer, assessor of the household furniture, made a statement that his furniture was worth only \$300, and the taxes were reduced by \$100. P. W. Wornley, a reduction in assessment from \$900 to \$800; Mrs. J. Woolwick from \$400 to \$75; H. Oberg \$300 to \$150; and the taxes of Mrs. A. C. Newell from \$350 to \$500; Mrs. A. J. Winsor from \$300 to \$100; J. J. Nonan from \$300 to \$100. Mrs. George Wentworth complained of an assessment of \$300 on a steam launch, signed a so-called affidavit that \$200 was enough, and the sheriff made the reduction. There are 160 of the alleged affidavits on file, a few of which represent double assessments, or instances where the person and no property to assess. But in probably 100 of the cases the sheriff reduced the assessments made by the assessor.

Acts on Repealed Law. A repealed provision of the law which authorized the sheriff to correct double assessments and similar errors is relied upon by the sheriff to justify his action in reducing assessments. The section is 3141, which was repealed by the legislature. It followed: "No person in any county, through mistake or otherwise, shall return as taxable property any property which should not be assessed to any person, the sheriff may remit the excess upon the person owning such property, or his agent, making affidavit that the same was wrongfully assessed, and giving, under oath, a list of all his property liable to taxation; and the sheriff shall report the name of the person and the property so illegally assessed, and shall be credited by the county court with such excess." Sheriff Without Authority. Even if the sheriff had valid affidavits as his authority for reducing the taxes, this section gives him no power except in case of a double assessment, where a person has been assessed with the same thing twice or has been assessed with property he does not own according to the opinions of prominent (Continued on Page Three.)

RADDING TOLD LABOR LEADER HE WAS TO GET \$1,000 FOR JOB



Mayor Lane's offices in the Hamilton building are shown in the above drawing. Room 38 is the reception room and adjoining his private office where the sensational scene of Thursday evening occurred. The door of room 38 was not locked, nor was the door connecting the two offices. The door broken in by the conspirators was that opening from the hall into the private office.

MAKES OPEN CONFESSION

Was to Be Paid Sum for Following Woman, He Told West—Mrs. Waymire Relinquished Lodgings Few Hours Before Scene.

According to statements made this afternoon to the district attorney, E. E. Radding boasted several days ago that he expected to pull off a job for which he was to get \$1,000. Radding is, under arrest, as is L. L. Mandley, both being held as accomplices in the plot against Mayor Lane. Mrs. Waymire, the woman in the case, is still missing. It is known that she was living with Radding and W. F. Bell, but gave up the premises last Thursday morning, only a few hours before the sensational occurrences in Mayor Lane's office. Mrs. Waymire's relations with Bell and Radding are under investigation.

Less than a month ago E. E. Radding, arrested last night for complicity in the alleged attempt to blackmail Mayor Lane, admitted to Secretary John West of the Painters' union that he was on the trail of a woman and a wealthy Portland business man in the hope of securing damaging evidence thereon.

Last week West again saw Radding and the latter told him, he says, that he had about finished his job and expected to secure \$1,000 for his part on Wednesday night of this week. According to West, who gave an account of the affair to the district attorney this morning, Radding appeared in the painters' headquarters in Drew hall on Second street, wearing a new suit of clothes. West playfully drew the lapel of Radding's coat back and revealed a deputy sheriff's badge. Radding laughed and explained that he had secured permission to carry a gun because he feared some of the union men were "after him." Later he met West again and when the latter spoke to him about the badge he replied that the real reason he wore it was that he was on the trail of a woman who was mixed up with a rich Portland man—a "north-ender." West says Radding called him "a damn fool" and said "I am watching them all the time" and said Radding, "and expect to get the evidence we want against them before long." Last week West met Radding again, and when asked how his case was coming out he replied: "I am watching them all the time" and said Radding, "and expect to get the evidence we want against them before long." Last week West met Radding again, and when asked how his case was coming out he replied: "I am watching them all the time" and said Radding, "and expect to get the evidence we want against them before long." (Continued on Page Two.)

TO PROBE INDIAN FRAUDS

Next Federal Grand Jury Will Investigate Unlawful Acquisition of Lands on the Umatilla Reservation—Many Indictments Are Expected.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Sept. 28.—Government officials here expect that startling action will be taken by the federal grand jury in Oregon which convenes soon. Among other lines of investigation inspectors and special agents have been re-covering the ground in the cases involving the recent acquisition of lands on the Umatilla Indian reservation. Indictments are expected, one official says, on as many as 30 in and near Pendleton. The Umatilla reservation lands were before the interior department and after all the Indians had received their individual allotments. A large area remained unsold. The unsold lands were sold under successive acts of congress, and the claim is made that many persons have been guilty of violation of the law. Recently 42 of these entries have been under investigation, of which 101 have been relinquished to the government. It is from this list of 101 that the officials here look for indictments. They make it clear that by no means all of these 101 who relinquished are susceptible to prosecution, as some were unable to comply with the requirements of the interior department and were guilty of no wrongful act. But they allege that many committed unlawful acts which they were doing so and should be punished. While care will be taken in differentiating between the innocent and guilty, it is said the authorities in Oregon probed deep, sparing no man of high or low degree. The policy is first to be sure before publishing any names, thus avoiding injustice to innocent persons, which has several times occurred in the past. The alleged wrongful acts on the Umatilla reservation grew out of the purchase of lands which remained unsold after the general sale of 1890. Under the act of March 3, 1885, each settler was allowed to purchase 160

PRESIDENT PREPARES FOR MEMORIAL TALK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—President Roosevelt will leave tomorrow for Canton, Ohio, where on Monday he will make an address at the dedication of the McKinley national monument. He will leave Canton immediately after the conclusion of the exercises for Keokuk, Iowa, where he will begin his trip down the Mississippi.

HEALTH ASSOCIATION AT ATLANTIC CITY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 28.—The American Public Health association will meet here for its thirty-fifth annual session next week. The initial meeting will be held Monday, when the American Association of Registrars for Keokuk, Iowa, will be merged as a section of the general organization. The first general meeting will be held Tuesday.

NEILL CONFERS WITH OPERATORS' PRESIDENT

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Sept. 28.—Commissioner of Labor Neill admitted today that he and President Small of the telegraphers were in conference last night. Small is now on his way to Chicago. Commissioner Neill declined to state the nature of the conference or whether he was asked to act as mediator in the strike.

DEPOSITORS TURN OVER \$100,000 FOR BONDS

Single Subscription of \$35,000 Expected to Close Up Record Breaking Day—Depositors' Association Urges Every One Holding Account to Lend Assistance.

It is believed that today's bond subscriptions by depositors in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank will reach the sum of \$100,000, a record-breaking figure. A single subscription of \$35,000 is expected to be closed up this afternoon, and the remainder are small deposits. Should the small depositors continue to come in, and not hang back with the expectation that others will subscribe, the requisite amount for enabling the bank to reopen may be subscribed within the next two weeks. The Depositors' association has hopes of inducing the bulk of the depositors to enlist in the cause within the next week. It is said that whatever is to be done must be done quickly, and the workers are exerting their efforts to arouse the backward ones to a realization of this fact. The bank's reorganization cannot be seriously taken up until the bank is relieved of its present burdens, and of these the foremost is the claims of depositors. They are now being offered the best securities in possession of the bank in the opinion of those who have charge of its affairs. A circular has been issued by the Depositors' association, containing the following advice: "Every depositor having an account of \$100 and over in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, must support the reorganization plan to make it operative. It is the only feasible project whereby the depositors may obtain dollar for dollar here and finally into the hands of State Senator John Kinkaid, who turned it over to the entrymen. The investigation of the frauds stopped. Judge Whitson reserving his decision until this afternoon. Cashier Howe identified deposit slips of Palmer showing receipts for \$45,000 from Moon and Barber." (Continued on Page Three.)

FACTS, FICTION, FUN—IN TOMORROW'S SUNDAY JOURNAL

EVERYTHING THAT ANY READER CAN DESIRE is to be found in this Mammoth Newspaper. All the news, interesting fiction, and the best comic supplement ever seen in America. SOME OF THE BEST WRITERS IN THE WORLD contribute to the success of the Sunday Journal. You cannot afford to miss it. There will be so many things in it which will interest you. HOUSEWIVES WILL BE INTERESTED in the article on Short Weight and Scant Measure which exposes an annual theft of \$200,000. ALL OREGON WILL ENJOY the story of Harriman's trip through this state. Joe Smith, who followed the railroad magnate, relates his experiences in a most entertaining manner. BRAND NEW FUNNIES THE BEST THING YOU EVER SAW in the line of comic supplements is to be found in the Sunday Journal. Some new features have been added, and the adventures of Ambitious Teddy will amuse young and old alike. THERE IS MONEY IN LAUGHTER—A prominent New Yorker tells how a smile brought him millions of dollars. PORTLAND WOMEN WHO WRITE—Bessieanna tells a few interesting facts about authoresses of the Rose City. TRAVELING WITH MARK TWAIN—Portland woman as passenger with famous humorist on "Queen City." TWO LEASED WIRES AND AN UNEXCELLED SPECIAL SERVICE—The Journal is better equipped to cover the entire news field than any other paper in the west. Oregon's Popular Paper—The Wonderful Sunday Journal