

BRYANT AT PARSON CALLED OLD TRICKS IN MURDER CASE

Confessed Leader of Sellwood Postoffice Robbers Organizing New Gang of Crooks to Carry on Operations in City.

"Toots" Bryant, who confessed to complicity in the Sellwood postoffice robbery, was one of the leaders in the gang of thieves and highwaymen who held up the Sellwood postoffice and committed many other crimes in and around Portland, is now organizing another gang of professional thugs for future operations in the city.

If his plans are not blocked by the police he will in a short time have about him another series of choice criminals, even more hardened and dangerous than the one broken up a year ago.

Bryant was arrested together with Charles Anderson, Frank Wayne, Frank S. Rankin, "Tex" Kelly and others for having committed the Sellwood postoffice robbery. He pleaded guilty, turning state's evidence against his accomplices and testifying that he had served



"Toots" Bryant.

as a fence while a bartender at Tom Fallon's notorious resort in the north end. Largely on his testimony, Anderson was sent to McNeil's island.

Bryant, however, after lying some nine months in the county jail awaiting trial was released by the federal court at the suggestion of Deputy District Attorney Cole, on the theory and his promise that he could secure valuable evidence for the officers in tracing another crime.

Since being released from jail Bryant has been working up his "gang" for future operations in the city. At the present time he is hanging about a couple of upper Washington street saloons frequented by crooks and hard characters generally and is culling from these the shrewdest and most dangerous for his organization. He goes armed with an automatic revolver and a razor, and is in reality one of the most dangerous of Portland's criminal class.

Since his confession to the officers of the United States court and his subsequent release from jail, Bryant has not been seen much about his old haunts in the north end. By his "speaking" he incurred the enmity of many of the habitués of Fallon's resort, while Fallon himself holds a grudge against him for "queering" his resort so openly before the people and the officers. Because of this, Bryant has shifted his headquarters to the upper Washington street places.

Bryant seems also to have cut loose from his old paths in many other ways. He is at odds with the woman known as "Helen Bryant," with whom he lived at Montavilla prior to the time of his arrest, and has transferred his affections to Grace Lacey, the woman who carried opium to him while in the county jail.

The Lacey woman is "one" who made frequent visits to Bryant during the time of his incarceration. It was she also who was to have been the go-between in Bryant's plan to break jail and liberate those held with him awaiting trial.

According to this plan, Miss Lacey was to have gone to California and enlisted the aid of "Big Johnnie," one of the gang who had escaped the officers. He, in turn, was to have gathered together all the members of the gang outside the jail and this gang was to have liberated the prisoners.

Miss Lacey, however, was spending a good deal of time at the massage parlors operated by Regina Herman on upper Washington street, and, becoming confidential, told of the plot. Her arrest of Mrs. Herman the latter told what Miss Lacey had related to her, and the plan fell through.

It is understood that the police are on the lookout for Bryant with the view of either bringing him to book for some crime charged against him or of running him out of town as an undesirable citizen. In the meantime he is working in the dark to further the organization of his gang.

NEW TRAIL ORDERED IN WENAHU FOREST
(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Nov. 29.—Supervisor J. M. Schmitz of the Wenaha national forest, Oregon, has been authorized to expend \$1,000 in the construction of a new trail to be known as the Thomas Fork trail in his forest. The trail will be 11 miles in length and will be a great assistance in fire patrol of the forest and will establish a convenient route for settlers and persons who travel through this section of Oregon.

The new trail will extend from the junction of the Thomas fork and South fork of the Umatilla river up Thomas fork in southeasterly direction to the Summit house, a distance of six miles, thence five miles down Dry creek to the boundary of the forest. Work on the trail will begin immediately and it is expected that the work will be completed before the next fire season.

A settlement of the boiler-makers' strike on the Pacific division of the Harriman roads, which threatened to extend to all roads in which Harriman is interested, has been made.

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Minister Says on Witness Stand That Mrs. Bradley Talked of Gun Play.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Nov. 29.—The defense in the Bradley trial sprung a surprise in its rebuttal this morning when Rev. David Usher, pastor of the Unitarian church of Denver, who officiated at the baptism of the elder of the two Bradley children, was called to the stand. The pastor is frequently referred to in letters written by the defendant as "the priest."

When the trial was resumed Dr. Shute, who attended Mrs. Bradley immediately after her arrest, was called to testify as to her physical condition at the time.

Edward McLean, a reporter, testified that he believed the defendant to be insane.

Pastor Usher then took the stand. He testified that he had been the defendant's pastor for many years.

The witness testified that he urged Mrs. Bradley to quit Brown and added: "The defendant told me on one occasion, 'when the senator is brought to the point of a gun and told that he must, he will marry me.'"

"You can't bluff Senator Brown," I said. "Suppose he called you bluff, would you shoot?"

"She replied that she would not, saying that she referred to her husband, who was the member of her family when she spoke of the senator being brought to the point of a gun."

Dr. Edward Brush, a Baltimore alienist for the prosecution, testified that he had observed nothing unusual about the defendant's demeanor in court and that on the stand she showed a high degree of intelligence. Answering a hypothetical question he said:

"I see no reason for assuming that she is anything but sane. She knew right from wrong and was able to control her actions."

Arthur Montgomery Brown, the defendant's son, is suffering from membranous croup and is said to be in a dangerous condition.

INFLUENCE FOR EVIL
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His 205 Washington street, was held up on the Burnside street bridge. He reported to the police that \$45 had been taken. McPherson says that Johnson and Wilson acted as lookouts.

Enter Metzger Home.
November 19 is the date of the next robbery. This was during the afternoon when McPherson says he and Simpson entered the home of Herman Metzger, 424 Park street. The boys had drawn revolvers in their hands, but were seen by a servant girl and frightened away. They did not secure anything of great value. Several days afterward Simpson, Wilson and Johnson were arrested.

Of all the jobs McPherson claims that this proceeds netted him but \$7. The watch taken from Byerley is now in the possession of the authorities at Oakland. It having been turned over to a friend by McPherson soon after his arrival there.

With the exception of a few minor details the four youthful highwaymen agree in every particular. The three arrested last week say that McPherson was the leader of the gang and planned most of the robberies. McPherson, however, asserts that Simpson and Wilson had as much to do with arranging the scheme as he did.

The night of the postoffice robbery the quartet had also intended to rob Burns' grocery store, Eleventh and Montgomery streets. They went to the store, but were frightened owing to the fact there were too many people about the store and on the streets. They proceeded to Tenth and Jefferson streets.

Merely a Boy.
McPherson is particularly young in appearance, is a blond and somewhat of a dresser. When he appeared before Attorney Cole this morning he wore a high collar and his hair in the lap of his coat he wore a Seattle high school pennant pin. But in spite of his high school pin, his hair and his appearance and, although he is aware that a term in the penitentiary or a reformatory was staring him in the face, he told his story this morning as unconcerned as if he had been before his class in the high school which he left only a few months ago.

McPherson's confession, in some ways, is stranger than fiction. It was not the need of money that evolved these ideas in his brain. It was nothing more or less, he says, than the desire for excitement—the fascination for something unusual and to appear among his confederates as a hero.

From the information gathered by the authorities of the movements of McPherson, Simpson, Johnson and Wilson, it is believed that they have been implicated in a series of holdups and robberies in many cities throughout the west. These jobs are said to have been brought off in Denver, Salt Lake and other cities between here and the Rocky mountains. According to their first confessions, however, the boys claimed that they all became acquainted here in a poolroom where they congregated to gamble.

All of them have traveled extensively from one end of the country to the other.

ROMANCE CULMINATED AFTER MANY YEARS
(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Barbara, Cal., Nov. 29.—A romance begun 24 years ago in this city and continued through two marriages of one of the parties, culminated today when Francisco Lopez, 42, wedded the sweetheart of his youth, Josefa Dominguez, the same age.

Twenty-three years ago Francisco and Josefa were sweethearts. They were engaged to be married but after a lover's quarrel they parted. Lopez married several years afterward and his wife died three years later. After six years of loneliness he married again. His second wife died three years ago. During all those years, however, Josefa never married. The two met here recently and the old love was renewed.

ATTEMPTS TO WRECK CALIFORNIA TRAIN
(United Press Leased Wire.)

Ventura, Cal., Nov. 29.—With all the cunning displayed last spring by the Burlingame wreckers, an attempt was made near Rincon to derail the Southern Pacific San Francisco-Los Angeles train No. 26. An ordinary spike was driven firmly into a tie on the inner side of the rail and securely fastened by wind-lass strong copper wire many times around. The spike was intended to catch the flange of the driver and throw the locomotive off the track.

As No. 26 runs fast at the point selected, the results would have been frightful. It happened, however, that a track walker passed that way and found the obstruction, which he removed in the nick of time. Five minutes afterward the train thundered by.

McMinnville Gives Thanks.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., Nov. 29.—The annual Thanksgiving service was held in the First Baptist church last night with Rev. F. H. Adams, the pastor, in charge. The Thanksgiving sermon was preached by Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Music was furnished by a double male quartet of the college. The auditorium of the church was crowded. The Thanksgiving services here are always well attended.

WEEK MORE OF HOLIDAYS

Business Men Chaff Under Tight Strings—Probable That Other Steps Will Be Taken to Protect Bankers and Others.

One more week of holidays will be proclaimed by Governor Chamberlain tomorrow for the further protection of banking and business interests from the evils of the existing unsettled condition of the country. During this week the governor will do some tall thinking in an effort to solve the problems of the future in order to determine whether or not he will continue these special proclamations, and if so for how long.

Over the state the holiday plan as a protective remedy is meeting with favor, but business men generally are deploring the necessity of keeping the strings on so tightly. Because of the various drawbacks to the plan many people are continually urging Governor Chamberlain to think up to some other remedy that will be effective in protecting business men and bankers and the people generally. A special session of the legislature for the amendment of the attachment law and for the amendment of the statute governing special and legal holidays is being urged and is being considered by the governor.

The Oregon law governing attachments in civil actions is one that is wide open. By it any one who is a creditor can sue out an attachment, no matter what the conditions.

Those who think a special session would remedy matters contend that the Oregon attachment law should be amended so as to conform with the Washington law. This latter provides that fraud, either actual or intended, has to be shown before an attachment can be levied on the goods or business of a debtor, either actual or intended, proven, in other words, by the creditor that the debtor has entered into fraudulent plans or practices to escape the payment of a debt. This statute still permits creditors to sue for claims not paid, but prevents them from attaching the goods or possessions of the defendant without just cause.

Under the Oregon law it is possible for any eastern or other creditor to attach the stock or business of a firm in Oregon for failure to pay cash on demand. This law under present conditions would not only stand as a menace to the state, but to the banks and the people generally.

It is also desired to amend the statute governing acts on holidays so that court business and other business can be transacted on specially appointed days. With these two changes it is believed there would be no further trouble or inconvenience in the business transactions of the state.

These propositions have been laid before Governor Chamberlain and he is considering them. If he decides it would be for the public good to call a special session of the legislature to make the amendments he will take such action. If there is a special session it will probably be called during the first of December.

BURNS WINS FIRST BLOOD WITH MOIR
(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Nov. 29.—A cable dispatch from London says Tommy Burns and Gunner Moir met at the National Sporting club to select a referee for their championship fight to take place at that club December 2.

Burns insisted that a non-member of the club should serve as third man in the ring, and this at once raised a rumour, for while it appeared that the fight would be declared off, as both sides were unyielding. Finally Burns called for a "show down," and the club officials for a week. Eugene Hellborn, a noted sportsman, was finally decided upon. He has accepted and has notified Burns, Moir and the club officials.

EUGENE'S BOOSTER IS ON THE GROUND
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Nov. 29.—John H. Hartog, Eugene's new publicity promoter and booster, has arrived from Colusa, California, and will at once take up his duties as manager of the Commercial club. He is accompanied by his two daughters, Korine and Rita. Mrs. Hartog having died about two weeks ago. Mr. Hartog is delighted with Eugene and his surroundings and enters upon his work here with the assurance that there will be great results in the way of increased immigration to Eugene and Lane county. The people of this city have raised a fund of \$12,000 a year for

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CASS ACCUSES HOTEL OWNER

J. C. Donnelly Named in Answer to Complaint for Divorce.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29.—Declaring that J. C. Donnelly, the well known hotel man of Tacoma, had not only taken his wife on a yachting cruise about the sound, but had likewise figured in many automobile tours with her, J. C. Cass, who is being sued for a divorce by his wife Charlotte, has filed an answer to the suit for legal separation instituted by Mrs. Cass wherein he further declares that Donnelly has in reality furnished the money with which to prosecute the divorce case.

The coming trial, which will be aired in the local superior court, promises to be sensational and serious reflections upon the moral character of both defendant and plaintiff are grounded in the complaint and answer and other papers readily filed with the clerk of the court.

Donnelly is named by Mr. Cass as co-respondent in a number of alleged forgeries on water and land, wherein he is said to have entertained generously with Mrs. Cass as the guest of honor. He is declared to have provided the money for the divorce costs in the guise of a loan of \$500 to S. F. Milham and wife, parents of Mrs. Cass. Cass is a well-known traveling salesman.

BRAKEMAN STABBED FOR EJECTING NEGRO

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Nov. 29.—Because William F. Healey, a brakeman on the Northern Pacific railroad, ejected Charles Campbell, a negro, from a freight car at Inter Bay a few weeks ago, the colored man stabbed Healey in this city. The assailant is now in jail under \$2,000 bond.

Healey was slashed across the back and given a straight thrust in the breast, which twisted the blade of the negro's knife.

STEVENS COUNTY PEACHES ARE GOOD

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 29.—Cyrus Whitney arrived in Spokane this morning with 24 boxes of luscious peaches raised on his ranch near Tum Tum, Stevens county, Washington. The peaches, which were in perfect condition, were picked just four weeks ago, and have since been kept in storage and preserved by a system of temperature changes which Mr. Whitney has not revealed. Next year he hopes to be able to keep them for the Christmas market. The peaches were sold for \$1.50 a box.

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