

CATCHES WIRE THIEF AT WORK

Railway Company's Detective Has Thrilling Experience on Cazadero Carline—Brings Fleeing Marauder to Bay in Forest.

After a chase which involved the commandeering of a late car by an officer and an attempt to escape which was stopped by three pistol shots, John Miller, thought to be a confirmed copper wire thief, was arrested near Wichita station, on the Cazadero line of the Oregon Water Power division of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, soon after midnight and lodged in the county jail. He will have a hearing in the justice court this afternoon.

The station agent at Lents Junction notified Special Agent Lillis of the railway company, late last night, that he had discovered a bond wire thief at work. The agent called upon the rails in order to permit free passage of the electric current. As a result of the depredations of the wire thief, the Cazadero line cars had much difficulty in climbing the grade between Wichita station and Lents Junction today.

Lillis found that the alleged thief had disappeared from the Lents Junction station when he arrived. He walked to Wichita but could see nothing of the man. When a late car came along the line, Lillis explained the situation to the carmen, and going on board turned out all the lights except the headlight, and called upon the track, the detective being in hope that the thief would be surprised at work.

As the car was rounding a curve near Wichita a man was seen to dash across the path of the headlight. Lillis started in pursuit and a chase through the woods began. The fugitive soon hid behind a tree, and paid no attention to the officer when called upon to surrender. Lillis fired three shots and called to the man behind the tree to throw up his hands. Last Miller complied and surrendered.

"I suppose you'll take my mug the first thing in the morning," said Miller. This is taken to indicate that he has been arrested before and knows the course of procedure. He was brought to Portland and lodged in the county jail soon after 1 o'clock, the police patrol wagon meeting the car on the east side.

Thunder Is Recovered.
A gunny sack containing 150 pounds of copper wire was found where Miller had been working. The wire is short bits of bond wire and the longer pieces which run across the track from rail to rail. Copper is worth nearly 10 cents a pound in the junk shops.

It is understood that the Oregon Electric Railway company has been robbed of 3000 pounds of bond wire during the past few weeks. In the justice court this afternoon an attempt will be made to prove that Miller answers the description of the man who sold this wire. Bond wires along the streetcar tracks on Glisan street also have been stolen within the past few days.

Miller, who is 25 years old, said he lived in a rooming house at 9 North Second street. He has been charged with larceny.

LABOR CHIEFS WILL FIGHT KAVANAUGH
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men and our demands have all been reasonable.

What Labor Demanded.
The council directed that the over-head wiring ordinance be sent to the city attorney for revision. We asked that the extension of time asked for by the company be granted only until

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RESIDENCE PROPERTY ASSESSED AT HALF VALUE

Rise in Prices of Real Estate in All Sections of the City Outside of the Business District Disclosed by Many Recent Sales.

Additional investigation into the difference between the assessed value and the actual selling value of Portland real estate, brings to light the fact that outside the restricted business district there is scarcely any real property in the entire city assessed for more than half its present selling value; this, too, in spite of the fact that Assessor Sigler originated the movement for full cash value assessments and has come nearer to living up to the law requiring assessments to be made on a cash value basis than any other assessor in the state.

In a large number of recent sales the assessor's books confirm the statement that the assessments of one year ago are from 40 to 50 per cent of the present selling prices.

In the case of three lots on the southwest corner of Fifteenth and Overton streets, which were sold last week for \$35,000, the corner lot was assessed at \$7,500 and the two inside lots at \$5,000 and \$5,000, with improvements at \$2,500—a total of \$21,500.

Multnomah Club Properties.
A yet greater discrepancy between the assessed and selling valuation is found in the three and a fraction acre recently purchased by the Multnomah Athletic club from the King estate. This property was assessed last March for \$12,000, and was sold for \$50,000.

On the southeast corner of Fourth and Jefferson was sold last week for a price said to have been about \$15,000. On the assessor's book the quarter is given an assessable value of \$17,500, with an additional \$3,000 for improvements. One year ago the property was assessed at \$12,500.

April 1, and that the underground district be exempted from the provision of the ordinance for a period to expire not later than September 1.

Contrary to our demands, which were, we think, entirely fair and just, the city attorney has exempted the underground district forever and added two months to the extension we were willing to give for the other districts affected.

Get Aid From Abroad.
"I expect to leave for San Francisco tomorrow to attend the district convention of the Pacific coast linemen, and have been assured that our organization, throughout the country will contribute a fund for our battle with the local corporation. If the city council will not aid us in our efforts to prevent the electrocution of the men who work around dangerous wires we will submit the question to the people, and we will get what we want."

NEW MEXICO ASKS FOR PROOFS
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would rule the state if the statehood bill were to pass."

Inspector Testifies.
The investigation and the discoveries made by Ormsby McIlwain, who recently came to Portland to help Senator Fulton, representing the department of justice and seeking to obtain indictments for land frauds against corporations and individuals in the territory, formed some part of the testimony.

In this connection an effort was made to show that every possible obstacle had been placed in McIlwain's way by territorial officials who were federal officers, too, and the measures resorted to to prevent him from getting his cases before the courts.

A member of the committee once said that if an investigation was ordered by the senate an effort would be made to trace the operations of the territory bosses in connection with the failed Enterprise bank of Allegheny. The Santa Fe Central railroad, one of the enterprises with which "But" Andrews and other Pennsylvania politicians had been identified, and the Pennsylvania Development company, another of the Andrews promotions, are understood to figure largely in the general scheme presented to the senate committee.

LANDS IN PORTLAND BROKE WITH THREE MOTHERLESS CHILDREN

With three little motherless children, Homer Martin arrived in Portland this morning from Cincinnati. He is looking for work, and in the meantime has taken care of the youngsters if no other home can be found for them. He visited the police station before he had been in the city four hours, and was referred to the Associated Charities of the city. The children, it is expected, will be sent to the children's home, in South Portland.

"My wife left me 10 months ago," said Martin. "She got into the habit of going to dances and staying out late at night and then she deserted me."

started on the trail of the escaped prisoner and after much investigation learned that he had a sister living at or near Portland. He came here and sought the aid of the Portland police department. After having searched for several days it was found that Newman was near Cazadero and when this word was brought in last night Bunbury wanted to go after his man at once. This was after 10 o'clock last night.

"We will have to wait until morning, the car will stop running in an hour or so," said the Portland sleuth who was aiding Bunbury.

"Can't we get a special car?" asked the Canadian. The sleuth had not thought of that. Bunbury called on the electric trolley company.

"Will \$100 get me a car to Cazadero and back?" he asked. He was informed that \$27 would do it.

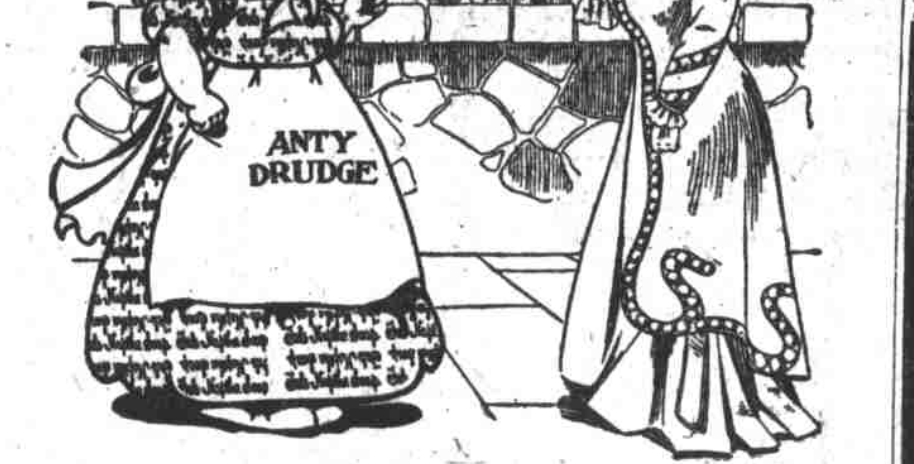
"Hurry it up," directed the man from the north.

Makes Flying Trip.
It required three hours to go to Cazadero, stay there half an hour and return to Portland. The trip was made in an Oregon City car and 15 miles of the distance was traversed in 15 minutes. It is 41 miles to Cazadero, making 82 miles for the round trip.

Newman was found at a farm house near Cazadero and taken into custody without trouble. Bunbury started for Greenwood with him this morning, the prisoner having decided to return without extradition.

Deputy United States Marshal Tim Hammerly aided Bunbury in making the arrest and returning the prisoner to Portland.

N. P. HEADS TO VISIT PORTLAND NEXT WEEK
J. M. Hannaford, second vice president in charge of traffic, C. M. Levy, third vice president, and H. C. Nutt, general manager of the Northern Pacific, are in Spokane today. Will be in Walla Walla tomorrow and will then leave for the coast. It is expected they will reach Portland some time next week and will probably return east over the recently completed Pasco-Marshall line of the North Bank railroad. B. Palmer, general superintendent of the Pacific coast of the Northern Pacific, is in Portland today on a regular inspection trip of the Pacific coast lines.



So Does Anty Drudge.
Mrs. Newoman—"I tell you, Anty Drudge, I believe in the emancipation of women from the drudgery of housework."

Anty Drudge—"So do I, but joining clubs and making speeches will never do it. The way to get rid of drudgery is to find better and easier ways of doing the work. That's why I'm telling women how to wash clothes with Fels-Naptha in lukewarm water. It takes all the drudgery out of washday."

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