

BRIDGE MUST GO OUT OF SERVICE

Decrepit Madison Street Structure Pronounced Unsafe by Experts—County's Famous Gold Brick Proved to Be Useless.

"In view of the condition stated above, we do not hesitate to pronounce the bridge unsafe for traffic."

The foregoing paragraphs conclude the report of expert engineers relative to the condition of the Madison street bridge, and accompanying the report is an opinion from G. A. Tilden, a diver employed by the city engineer to inspect the piers of the structure.

Business Convicted. The report of the executive board yesterday afternoon, City Engineer Taylor said that he had made an inspection of the spans and was firmly convinced that they were unsafe for traffic.

The bridge committee considered the findings and ordered the reports sent to the executive board with the recommendation that they be referred to the city attorney.

Conviction of Martin Unjust. The street railway company and Front street merchants have fought to have the bridge reopened.

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At 10 o'clock a member of the constabulary who is said to have followed her trail over western Pennsylvania and Ohio, went into consultation with Chief of Police Crain for the purpose of getting his cooperation in securing her arrest.

At 9 o'clock tonight Mr. Whittle gave out the following statement: "I will not discuss the details of the West Middlesex case, I will say, however, that it looks promising. I believe the boy is being kept some place until it is possible to remove him safely. We have entered into no negotiations with anyone and are still in the dark."

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idea by statements Botkin is said to have made before he left Oregon, late last June or early in July. Upon hearing of the arrest of Martin he is said to have remarked that "they had the wrong man." He seemed to be greatly worried, and once said that there were Russian Jews in Portland who could tell why Wolff was killed.

He is said to have passed the floor at times, as though distressed, and within a few weeks after Martin was arrested he started with a peddling trip on a trip southward from Laurel, Washington county, where he had made his headquarters.

For some unexplained reason Botkin discontinued his peddling trip at Gervais. He established his team with a livewoman there, and the next news from him was in a letter written to his partner. This letter was written from Red Bluff, Cal., but mailed at Shasta county, where he had made his headquarters.

Botkin, sometimes known even in Oregon as Friedman, left behind him a box of papers, the outfit was later received from the liveryman there, as Botkin had indicated might be done.

Since that time all trace of the mysterious peddler has been lost. The date of the letter from California is July 3, 1908. This was three months before Martin was tried and convicted of manslaughter.

Soon after the murder of Wolff, before the fact of circumstance had pointed so strongly to Martin, the detectives worked for a time upon the theory that the murderer had been a member of revolutionary or nihilist groups with the aim of avenging the death of the murdered pawnbroker.

It is the theory of the defense that the peddler heard of this and that he became alarmed, fearing that he would be apprehended and questioned. His great nervousness and apparent anxiety taken to have some such meaning, and his leaving the state without returning to his old haunts is another step in the same series of events.

The letter of April 22, which is taken to point to hidden secrets in the cipher from Odessa, is addressed to "Dear Friend J. Botkin," and consists of only a few lines on one sheet of paper. It says: "Am well. Am not working. I have received a letter of your friend S. M. We have a letter for you, but I don't want to risk and send it. You know you will be in town this week and you'll get it. Have no more news at present. Your truly, SAMUEL H. STERS, Portland, Or."

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The Botkin memorandum book is leather covered and bears the advertising name of Frank Anderson of 95 Fourth street. One of the fly leaves

Whittle home tonight. They are drawn back so as not to interfere with a view of the street.

"Surely, surely, they will bring him back soon," wailed the distracted woman. "If the men who took my boy could only realize that we will not try to arrest them or prosecute them; that we will be honest with them and give them the money gladly and willingly if they only will give Willie back to us safe and sound; if they only knew all the value of the child, they would send him back."

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