

# BAKER'S RUSH BLACKMAIL CATCH

## Insanity Commission Proceedings Bring Out Alleged Attempts at Extortion Against Well Known Financier.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)  
Salem, Or., May 29.—Alleged threats to kidnap Banker Asahel Bush's daughter, whose age is placed at about 45 years, unless he should leave \$5000 in a hand satchel at the store of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver at Salem, were brought out yesterday afternoon at the proceedings of an insanity commission appointed by the county court to examine into the mental condition of Albion Smith. Smith is about 30 years of age. Evidence was introduced to show that Smith had written letters threatening to kidnap Bush's daughter and to do physical injury to Mr. Bush if he did not pay over certain sums of money. Asahel Bush is a member of the banking firm of Ladd and Bush of this city and is one of the wealthiest citizens in the Pacific northwest.

Smith recently made an audacious attempt to hold up a jewelry store in this city at midday, but was caught. According to the testimony two letters were written to Mr. Bush, the first one in January in which it was demanded that \$500 in gold be placed under the sidewalk at a certain place by a certain time or carbolic acid would be thrown in the eyes of the banker. Mr. Bush never received the letter. The communication came into the hands of the employees of the bank, who delivered it to Sheriff Minto. Though Mr. Bush is approaching 50 years old and attends closely to many of the details of his business, his employees thought it best to keep from him the knowledge of these letters.

**Demand for \$5000.**  
Along about the time of the Whittier kidnaping episode in the east another letter came into the hands of the bank officials. Unlike the former one, which was signed "One Who Means Business," the latter was signed "The Sheriff" and demanded that \$5000 be left in the store of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver of Salem for the writer in a hand satchel where it could be called for by an anonymous person.

The writer threatened to kidnap Mr. Bush's daughter if the directions in the communication were not complied with, and it was mentioned that the ransom would not be less than \$100,000.

The letter was placed in the hands of the sheriff and the store watched. The father of Albion Smith is a real estate man of Salem and the establishment could be watched from that office. It is believed Smith saw the letter and intended to attempt to escape to the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver store at the store for the satchel at the appointed time.

Two weeks later Smith made a sensational attempt to hold up Hinge's jewelry store about noon. He shoved a gun into the face of the clerk on duty, but his sudden appearance and the noise in the doorway of the establishment interrupted the game, and Smith attempted to escape. People on the street gave chase and he was captured.

**Sheriff Minto Investigates.**  
Sheriff Minto then began to connect Smith with the blackmail letters in his possession. He procured samples of Smith's writing and found other samples in the clothing. There had been an attempt to disguise the handwriting, but Minto thought the resemblance remarkable, and asked for the assistance of government officers.

The United States postoffice department commissioned Special Treasury Agent Clemens, who examined the handwriting and pronounced the case against Smith complete. The evidence has been retained by the United States authorities, presumably to await the outcome of Smith's trial in the circuit court here on the charge of attempting to hold up the jewelry store. The case comes up at the next term of court, which will be in July.

The result of the examination into the insanity of the sheriff has not been announced and will be withheld for a few days. The proceeding was a peculiar one, since Smith was in the custody of the circuit court and the county court had no grounds upon which to authorize an examination. It was allowed to be done on the request and out of respect for the father and sister of the prisoner.

A sensational feature was the plea entered before the examining magistrate by Mrs. Jacko, a sister of the defendant, to the effect that her brother had given a fair and thorough examination and if he is found sane there will be no defense made on our part," she said while on the witness stand. "Let him make his peace with God."

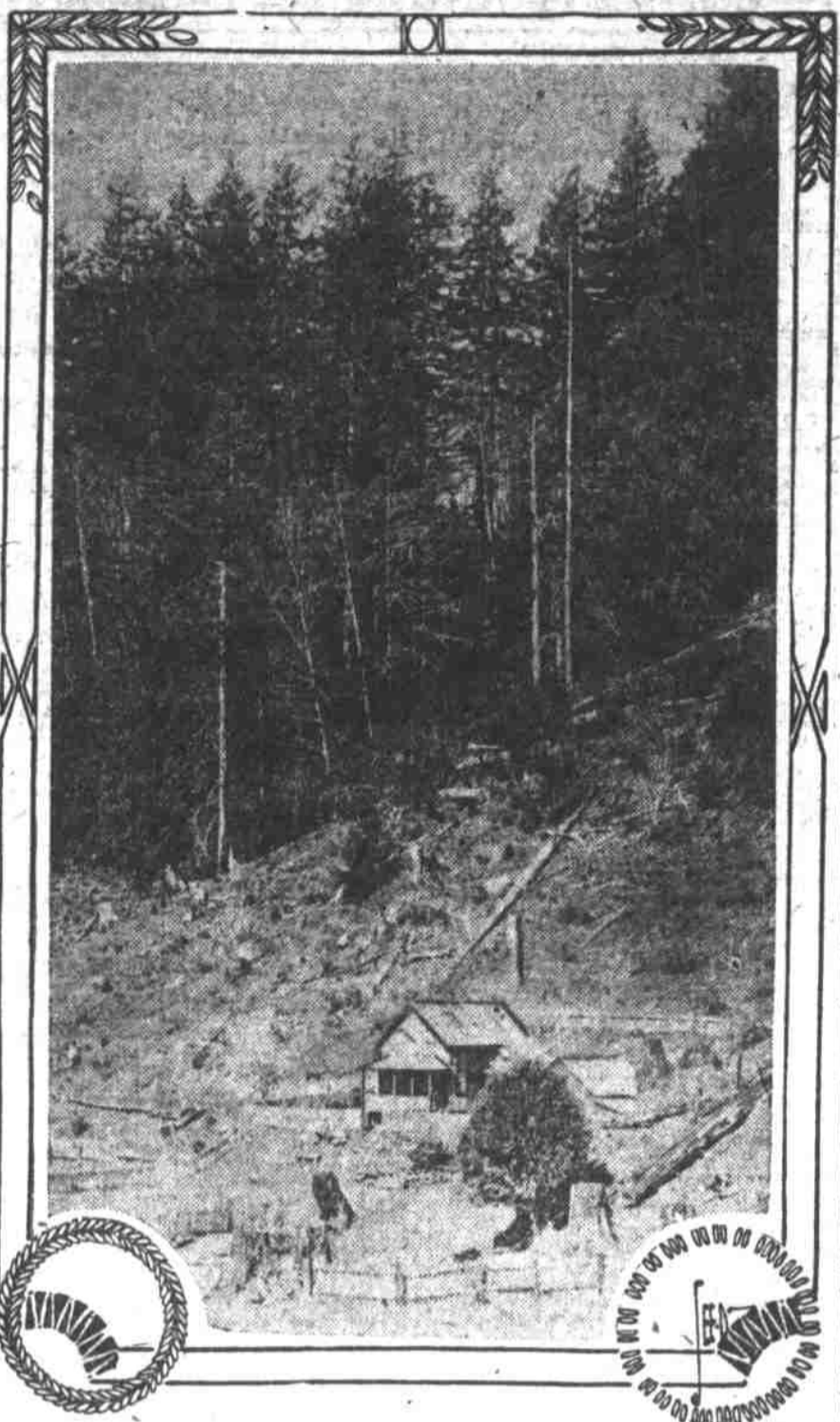
**This Date in History.**  
1644—John Endicott was chosen colonial governor of Massachusetts.  
1790—The Rhode Island convention accepted the federal constitution.  
1812—British defeated the Americans at battle of Sackett's Harbor.  
1848—Wisconsin admitted to the union as the thirtieth state.  
1862—Confederates under General Beauregard evacuated Corinth, Miss.  
1864—Maximilian arrived at Vera Cruz, Mexico.  
1868—General Grant formally accepted the nomination for the presidency.  
1890—Statue of General Robert E. Lee unveiled in Richmond.  
1904—Celebration of the bicentenary of the founding of St. Petersburg.  
1908—International polar congress met at Brussels.

**Improvements at Rainier.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Rainier, Or., May 29.—The extensive improvements that Rainier is to have this summer are to begin within two weeks. The contract for the street work has been awarded Charles H. Johnson of Marshfield, Or. Masters bid was \$32,518.80. The work calls for the grading and macadamizing of 2 1/2 miles. Ordinances have also been passed to have complete sewerage system installed. Bids will be opened on the evening of June 7.

**Lower Family Reunion.**  
Hingham, Mass., May 29.—Descendants of John Tower, one of the earliest settlers of Hingham, gathered here today from all parts of the country to participate in a three days' celebration of the tercentenary of their ancestor, John Tower, ancestor of all who bear the name in America, was born in Hingham, England, May 24, 1609, and came to this place in 1637. He lived to the age of 92, amassed a considerable fortune and filled many positions of trust.

Limestone which is low in magnesia makes the best cement.

## GIRL KILLS MOUNTAIN LION AS IT CROUCHES TO ATTACK MAN



Where Gussie Spaulding, 11 Years Old, Killed the Mountain Lion.

Drain, Or., boasts a real heroine. She is only 11 years old and her name is Gussie Spaulding. A few days ago she shot and killed a mountain lion, that made dangerous by lunged was preparing to spring on Jack Hanley, a timber cruiser. E. H. Corbett, general manager of the Northwest Gas Equipment company who has just returned from a business trip to Coos Bay, tells the story.

Hanley, the timber cruiser, was coming down out of the mountains, and when near the city noted a mountain lion standing on a rock not far from him. He shouted at the beast. Instead of running, it turned and came deliberately toward him. Hanley was unarmed save for a pocket knife. This he drew and prepared to defend himself. At first he cowed the big cat looking into its eyes. But it was evidently hun-

gry. Its sides were lank and its eyes were wild. It crouched for the spring. Hanley prepared for a desperate struggle. He had already stripped off his coat and wrapped the garment round his forearm. Knife in hand he waited the attack. Then a shot rang out. The panther rolled over and over. When Hanley reached it, it was dead. The shot had hit fair between the eyes. Hanley looked up to see a little girl holding a smoking rifle and smiling at him. "I thought I'd get him," she cried with childish glee.

The little girl was Gussie Spaulding. She is a youthful Diana, roaming the mountain sides, armed not with a bow but with a good rifle. She brings down birds and beasts and shows no least fear at any time, although she frequently hunts alone at night.

**CHILD DEDICATES TRASK HATCHERY**  
12-Year-Old Daughter of Tillamook Couple Unfurls Stars and Stripes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Tillamook, Or., May 29.—With a large crowd of citizens from all parts of the county present, the splendid new state fish hatchery on the Trask river, 10 miles above Tillamook, was formally dedicated last Sunday with appropriate exercises and a flag raising. Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister of Portland was unable to be present, and sent a letter which was read to the sisters. The exercises were conducted by A. Chester Keel, the superintendent of the hatchery. Mattie Himes, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Himes, raised the flag. Speeches were made by the editors of Tillamook newspapers and leading business men and officials.

The new hatchery has a capacity of about 10,000,000 eggs, and is one of the best equipped in the state. The trap is located a short distance above the hatchery, and is known as a permanent trap, saving the cost and labor of reconstructing racks and traps each year.

**TOOTH CARPENTERS OUT OF MATERIAL**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Tacoma, May 29.—If persons possessing defective molars will communicate with the board of dental examiners, which is in session here today, they will learn something to their advantage. Members of the board are in a dilemma. With 72 applicants for examination the examiners have run out of subjects for dental work. Notwithstanding that teeth are pulled, filled and crowned free of charge, applicants are so numerous and subjects so scarce that the superintendents of the Indian school and other institutions were called up over the telephone and implored to produce candidates with bad teeth. The examinations will continue today and tomorrow.

**BRYAN PRIZE MULE BELONGS TO GOLDFIELD**  
Goldfield, Nev., May 29.—Major Minnamasot, the Democratic mule presented to Goldfield by William Jennings Bryan as the precinct showing the greatest Democratic gain at the last presidential election, is the object of admiration of hundreds of Goldfield citizens. The "major" arrived here late yesterday in charge of a Nebraska university student. He was presented formally to Chairman Laughlin of the Democratic county central committee.

The mule was given to Bryan during the campaign by the students of the Minnesota Agricultural college.

The aches and ills of coffee-slugged nerves, head and stomach disappear when one changes to well-bolled

**POSTUM**  
The liquid food beverage that makes the rich, red blood of good health.

"There's a Reason"

## IS HE A LORD OR HOTEL BEAT?

H. Rosewarne Carrington Instead of Vulgar Coin Flashes a Title.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, May 29.—H. Rosewarne Carrington, who claims to be Lord Charles Carrington, a peer of the realm of Great Britain, is shut out from his luxurious apartments at the St. Francis hotel because a bill of \$115 remains unpaid. Yesterday when Carrington was refused admittance to his apartments he appealed to British Consul General Hearne. The British agent refused to stand sponsor for him and said to have intimated that his claim to nobility is unfounded. Carrington retaliated by stating that when he called at the consulate Hearne was intoxicated. He threatened to report the matter to the British foreign office.

Carrington arrived in San Francisco May 14, bringing with him a varied assortment of luggage. When the management of the hotel requested payment of the bill for his accommodations, Carrington, who had registered without the lordly title, announced that he was Lord Charles Carrington, once vice admiral of his imperial majesty's navy, and proprietor of estates in Cornwall and Devonshire, and that he had been a member of the British house of commons.

"I left the navy to avoid certain difficulties that might have resulted in a court-martial," Carrington said today. "My health was impaired by the rigors of naval service and by grief over the death of my wife and two children. I came to San Francisco from Vancouver, intending to wait here for two gentlemen from England, who were to accompany me on a hunting trip in Asia. I used the name of H. Rosewarne, because I wished to travel incognito; the name is that of an engineer formerly in my employ."

**WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION**  
Mrs. G. M. Glines was yesterday elected president of the Woman's club to serve for the ensuing year. Mrs. Robert Lutke retiring. The other officers elected were first vice president, Mrs. J. W. Alexander, second vice president, Mrs. Jay Smith, recording secretary, Mrs. O. P. M. Jamieson, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cleveland Rockwell, financial secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Kurylowicz, treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Manley, auditor, Mrs. J. M. Scott, directors, Mrs. John McRoberts and Mrs. J. W. Tift. The action went off speedily and smoothly, by the new system of

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Just say to the Waiter:  
**Post Toasties**  
It is the delicious corn flake food which puts you in good humor.

"The Taste Lingues."  
Sold by Grocers.

the Australian ballot boxes which were located in an ante room. After the votes had been deposited the tellers began their work and returns were known in a short time.

During the afternoon an informal reception was held and a musical program was given under the direction of Madam d'Auria who also sang the waltz song

from "Romeo and Juliet." Miss Carrie Seal gave the bird girl's song from "La Gioconda." The trained chorus under Madam d'Auria gave two numbers. Mrs. Percy Walton acted as accompanist.

A committee was appointed to solicit funds for the proposed new free dispensary. Mrs. W. Wray Johnson, Mrs.

M. Baruh and Mrs. F. D. Koestner were appointed this committee.

Reports were heard on the visits made by committees to various manufacturing in the city in the interest of the campaign in favor of local products.

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PRESERVES HEALTH  
PROLONGS LIFE

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**Go West, Young Man, But Stop at BURLINGTON**  
HORACE GREELEY, AMPLIFIED

If Horace Greeley lived today and in Portland, his foresight and spirit of prophecy would prompt him to recommend that the young man who seeks fortune legitimately could make it no quicker, nor more certainly, than by locating in Burlington.

The way to participate in the prosperity that always follows the location of a new city with big possibilities, is to start early with that city, become one of its pioneers, grow up with it, the while, watching your fortune grow apace—Burlington is distinctly the place for young men.

Be quick to grasp the opportunity offered by a new city, called into being by a pressing demand. The industrial necessities of the Northwest beckoned for Burlington and Fate has marked it for one of the big successes of the Northwest country. Start with Burlington.

In one year there will be more things doing to the square inch in BURLINGTON than anywhere in Oregon.

**Sunday Trains**

A. M. 6:15, 7:15, 8:15	9:15, 10:15, 11:15
P. M. 1:15, 2:15, 3:15	4:15, 5:15, 6:15

Returning, leave same time.

**RUTH TRUST CO.**  
OWNER OF BURLINGTON  
ROOM 3 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PORTLAND, OREGON

**Free Lot for Lucky Guesser**  
The first one guessing the lot Raffles has selected will be given a lot in East St. Johns ABSOLUTELY FREE. In addition to the free lot the lucky guesser will be allowed 10 per cent additional discount besides the 10 per cent discount now being allowed on lots while the improvements are going on, making a total discount of 20 per cent on any other lot or lots he or she may buy in East St. Johns on or before Monday, June 7. No one will be allowed more than one guess. NO GUESS WILL BE RECEIVED OR CONSIDERED AFTER MONDAY, JUNE 7, AT MIDNIGHT—See PLAT AT OUR OFFICE.

No one but Raffles himself knows the number or location of the lot. He has sealed the number of the lot and the number of the block it is in, in an envelope, which has been deposited in the Merchants National Bank. This sealed envelope will be opened TUESDAY, JUNE 8, at the office of THE SPANTON CO., by MR. GEORGE W. HOYT, Assistant Cashier of the Merchants National Bank, in the presence of the following well known real estate men: H. W. Fries, president Realty Association; E. J. Daly and George D. Schalk.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A VISIT SUNDAY TO  
**East St. Johns**  
BE SURE TO VISIT THE PROPERTY  
**Decoration Day**

The holiday can be pleasantly and profitably spent at EAST ST. JOHNS. You will be surprised at the developments going on around Maegly Junction, where all local and transcontinental trains stop. Late railroad news confirms the fact that all railroads entering Portland will come over the North Bank road. St. Johns' depot at Maegly Junction is the only one on the peninsula. This alone means much for EAST ST. JOHNS. A short study of the situation while on the ground will convince you that the center of activity is at EAST ST. JOHNS, which is the nearest high land and business and residence district to the extensive industries. Thousands of workmen and mechanics will make EAST ST. JOHNS their home. By investing there now you will reap manifold profits, for values will advance rapidly.

**GREAT ACTIVITY**  
Many homes, stores, factories and a school are now building, and a score of houses will be started within a month.

**LOTS \$275 UP**  
10 PER CENT DOWN, 3 PER CENT MONTHLY, 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT while street grading is being done and water mains laid.

**500,000-1912** A Greater Portland means a solidly packed peninsula with EAST ST. JOHNS the business center. Study the city map and visit the district to be convinced of the truth. Office at East St. Johns Station.

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*The Mysterious Mr. Raffles selecting a lot in East St. Johns*

**THE SPANTON CO.**