

MONEY TAKEN BY POLITE ROBBERS

ceived his month's salary that day, are all they have found out.

Home of Adolph F. Bittner Held Up and Members of Family Left Bound and Gagged in Front of the Fireplace.

At first the detectives were inclined to think the robbers might be some of the men who are at work on the streets in the neighborhood of the Bittner home at 422 East Nineteenth street north. This seems improbable, however, and it is thought more likely that they were young men possibly students in the Lincoln High school, who knew of the drawing of the professor's salary and that Mr. Bittner, an treasurer of the athletic association of the Lincoln High school, frequently had considerable sums of the money of the association in his keeping.

According to Mrs. Bittner the two men entered the house at 6:45 and were in the building for an hour. The house is isolated and is surrounded for more than a block on either side by a dense thicket of young trees. The men entered the door leading to the dining room and sticking guns in the faces of the astonished diners, ordered them to throw up their hands. They scrambled out of their chairs in a hurry and followed orders, while one of the men searched Mr. Bittner's pockets, taking the money but leaving his watch and chain.

Asked for Hidden Treasure. "We understand you have considerable money hidden in the house," remarked one of the robbers. "Where is it?" Professor Bittner had had several hundred dollars in the house last week, the receipt from a football game but this had been deposited in the bank. When he was told there was no money in the house the robber went upstairs, taking a lamp from the kitchen with him, and came down bringing two sheets. One he used to shade the light from the fire in the living room and the other he tore into strips and with the help of his companion bound Mr. and Mrs. Bittner hand and foot.

The younger of the men started to tie Mrs. Bittner's hands before her, but he was called to account by his companion, who showed him how to fasten them behind her back where she could not undo the knots. One of them made another trip upstairs bringing down a heavy wool mattress, which they placed on the floor before the fireplace and ordered Mrs. Bittner to lie down upon it. Mrs. Olds was tied into a heavy easy chair, which was also rolled in front of the fire.

Told to Keep Quiet. This done, they went through the house at their leisure, and didn't leave until the end of an hour, cautioning the Bittners not to raise any alarm for another hour at least.

The Bittners stayed quiet as long as they could and then ran down to a neighbor's on Thompson street and notified the police.

Detectives Mallet and Craddock are at work on the case, but so far have got little evidence beyond muddy footprints leading to and from the house and an old black hat found in the brush, which it is thought one of the men might have worn.

The Bittners heard the sound of hoofbeats a few minutes after the robbers left the house and they believed the men had horses in waiting around the corner.

So Chesterfieldian were the two robbers who entered the house of Adolph F. Bittner in Irvington last night, that they found themselves under the painful necessity of binding and gagging Mr. and Mrs. Bittner and Mrs. Bittner's mother, Mrs. N. F. Olds, they brought down a mattress for their victims to lie on.

Not only that, but they carefully placed them before the open fire so that they would be warm enough and covered them with blankets to keep off the draught.

Wanted Only Cash. They took no personal belongings of any of the family, confining themselves to about \$100 in money, a part of the salary Professor Bittner had just drawn as instructor in mathematics in the Lincoln high school.

Such is the remarkable story related by the Bittners. In substantiation of it they show the torn strips of sheets used to bind their hands and feet, the mud-bedraggled floors and porches and the footprints beneath their dining-room and kitchen windows, where it is supposed the robbers watched the family until they sat down to dinner, to be disturbed by the sudden entry of two masked men pointing revolvers at them and ordering them to throw up their hands.

So far the police haven't been able to accomplish much toward clearing up the case. The men, as described by the Bittners and Mrs. Olds, are far from being the usual type of robber or burglar. They spoke quietly and in somewhat cultivated voices, and were curiously alike, leading to the supposition that they might be brothers. The extreme care they took to assure the comfort of their victims and not to molest them any more than they deemed necessary, the fact that one of the men was evidently amateurish and was reproved for his carelessness several times by his older and more experienced companion, and that they apparently knew that Professor Bittner had re-

Social and PERSONAL

Drusilla Drew

Miss Lena Marshall of the Visiting Nurses association was given a birthday party at the Nurses' home, 374 Third street, Wednesday evening. The party was in the nature of a surprise, and was planned by several of the nurses who are associated with Miss Marshall in her work.

Louis Lang and his mother, Mrs. M. Lang have been guests at the St. Francis hotel, San Francisco, recently, and are now enjoying a motor trip through southern California. They are expected to return to Portland within a week.

Miss Marge Helen Flynn and Miss Irene Flynn were hostesses to the Bridge and Sewing clubs at an elaborately appointed dinner Wednesday evening, with Miss Cecile Wiley as the complemented guest. In the music room and reception rooms, dozens and dozens of gorgeous yellow chrysanthemums and great branches of gold and crimson autumn leaves were used with beautiful effect. In the dining room, the color scheme was red, and was carried out with red carnations, Oregon grape, and red satin ribbons. The centerpiece of the table was a mass of feathery asparagus fern on a miniature steamer, 18 inches long. The hand painted place cards showed little steamers and the favors were traveling bags filled with red candles. At bridge, Mrs. John Francis Daly captured the handsome brass candlestick offered for the best score. The Misses Flynn had as the guests Miss Cecile Wiley, Mrs. John Francis Daly, Mrs. Irving Stearns, Miss Clarissa Wiley, Miss Lillian O'Brien, Miss Margaret Webber, Miss Inez Stockton, Miss Katherine O'Hara, Miss Hazel Thomas, Miss Kathleen McDonald, Miss Katherine Hunt, Miss Mary Cronan, Miss Winifred Wilson (The Dalles), Miss Mabel Shea and Miss June Sterling.

Miss Juliet Greer, head of the department of domestic science at the Oregon agricultural college, Corvallis, has been in Portland to meet Mrs. John Studholme of New Zealand, who is looking for an eligible to take the newly established chair of domestic science in the University of New Zealand.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Veness and Miss Marie Veness of Winlock, Wash., Mr. J. R. Wiley and Miss Cecile Wiley left last night at 7:30 for New York. They leave there November 25 for the continent.

The Women's Guild of Trinity parish will entertain their friends with a Thanksgiving tea and display of attractive articles Tuesday, November 23, in the Parish house, on Nineteenth street, from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Mrs. Alice D. Marshall returned yesterday from a trip of several weeks' duration in California. Mrs. Marshall was much entertained during her visit with her cousin, Dr. Charles K. Reynolds, in Oakland. Dr. Reynolds is one of the best known of the clergy on the coast. Mrs. Marshall was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Stanford near San Jose, an impressive estate which reaches far back into the hills. Mr. Stanford is the nephew of the late Senator Stanford. Mrs. Marshall was offered a position in the plane department of Mills college, but she was unwilling to give up her work in Portland and returned here to re-open her studio.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Thrane, who have recently come here and built a beautiful Italian villa on Portland Heights, were hosts last night with a supper at the Portland for George Hamlin and Edwin Schneider after their concert. Mr. Thrane was formerly a big figure in the impreso world.

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USEFUL LIFE IS SUDDENLY ENDED

E. B. Coman Passes Away at His Residence After Brief Illness.

E. B. Coman, for many years a resident of Portland and a well known railroad man, died unexpectedly this morning at his home, 186 North Twelfth street. He had been in poor health for about a month as a result of heart failure.

Mr. Coman came to Portland about 29 years ago, and had been in the employ of the O. R. & N. all of that time until three years ago when he retired from active service. In railroad circles Mr. Coman had an unimpeachable record for honesty and integrity and no man in this service of the O. R. & N. was more highly respected by the company. His kind, lovable personality made him revered and loved by all who knew him and his death will be mourned by a host of friends.

New York city was Mr. Coman's birthplace 63 years ago, where he remained until he moved to Kansas City after he was grown. From Kansas City he came to Portland and had spent the remainder of his life here. He had been a railroad man all his life and was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors. He was also a Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, although the Shriners is the only order he had become affiliated with since coming to Portland.

HIGH TRIBUTE TO WORK OF Y. M. C. A.

Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of the Portland Commercial club, the most enthusiastic tributor to the work of the Young Men's Christian Association last night, when he sent a telegram to the president of the Moscow Commercial club. The Moscow Y. M. C. A. is just starting a campaign to raise \$20,000 for a new building. Dr. Wetherbee's telegram, which was addressed to F. Creighton, follows:

"As president of the Portland Commercial club, I want to say that a Y. M. C. A. building is the best commercial investment that the citizens of any city can make. Encouragement was also telegraphed to Moscow by W. M. Ladd, who again expressed his high appreciation of the work that the Y. M. C. A. is doing. As president of the Portland association, Mr. Ladd addressed the following message to F. A. David, president of the Moscow association:

"Just learned about your Y. M. C. A. undertaking. If you carry it to a successful conclusion it will be the best thing ever done for Moscow."

Russia's laboratory for researches pertaining to aviation, the most complete in the world, has discovered many phenomena, which, when investigated fully, promise to materially aid flying machine inventors.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MISUSE OF MAILS

Arrested early today by Inspector Clement of the United States postal service, Rev. W. R. Thompson, a Catholic priest from California, who has been in Portland several weeks, on secret duty in being held by the federal authorities on a charge of sending obscene letters through the mails. He was taken in custody as he was in the act of taking his mail from a private lock box at the general post office. Unable to put up bail immediately, he was held until the preliminary hearing this afternoon. Details of the case are not made public by the postal authorities. Rev. Mr. Thompson has never been connected with any parish in Oregon and has done no parochial work in the state.

SUES TO RECOVER \$10000 ON A NOTE

H. O. Probstel has filed suit against W. A. Trout, secretary of the Portland Collapsible Box company to recover on a note for \$1000. The note was given November 10, 1906, and was secured with stock in the box company, deposited with the Shoshone State bank. The note was partly paid, was afterwards transferred, according to the complaint. The plaintiff, as a result of the various transactions and transfers asks that the court give judgment for \$440 and \$160 attorneys fees, for \$1000, with 10 per cent interest, and \$125 attorneys fees, for \$160 attorneys fees and the costs and disbursements of the action.

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Saturday at 9 o'clock we start a shoe sale of a magnitude and scope unparalleled in the history of the shoe business in Portland—a sale wherein we shall offer thousands of pairs of men's, women's and children's shoes—the best makes in the latest styles—at cost and less than cost. Our prices are based on selling good, reliable footwear at prices within the reach of everybody. It is safe to say that no firm in this city has ever offered so many desirable and deserving bargains, and if you have any shoe wants to fill it will pay you to attend this sale.

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