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TELEGRAPHIC.

The Senate Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—Commissioner Blount was this morning before the senate committee investigating the relations of this country with Hawaii under the resolution of Senator Morgan. The efforts of the committee were directed chiefly to securing an explanation from Blount of his various acts while in Honolulu. He told briefly of his appointment by the president as a special commissioner, and said he considered the appointment within the bounds of propriety and precedent. He detailed his trip to the island on the Rush and his landing in Honolulu March 29. His reception by the people on both sides of the question was passed over almost without mention, as was the fact that both annexationists and royalists were apparently anxious to make his stay as pleasant as possible. The decision to have the American ensign taken down and the American soldiers return to the man-of-war was next reviewed. Blount said he found the islands and government entirely under the control and protection of the United States troops. The American flag floated over the government building, in which the officers of the provisional government conducted their business. Everywhere was noticed the influence of this country upon the people of the islands. It was evident, Blount said, that it would be difficult to secure an impartial account or an opinion uninfluenced by the surroundings so long as this state of affairs was continued. Consequently he decided March 31, two days after his arrival, in accordance with the spirit of his instructions and in the interest of fair play that the flag should be taken down and the American troops removed. Of this decision he informed President Dole, and on the following day, April 1, he ended the temporary protectorate and had the flag lowered. This proceeding, he defended as within the scope of his mission, and as an entirely proper proceeding under the circumstances. Subsequent events, he said, proved that the presence of the American troops was not necessary to preserve order or to protect life and property, either of Americans or the natives. Blount contended that his report was impartial, and that his investigation was without prejudice or favor. He stated that he took his testimony in his own way and acted upon his own judgment. He had been selected to make an examination, and had been given entire authority to conduct it in any manner he saw fit and to obtain the most accurate and best information concerning the revolution. At the conclusion of the examination of Blount he had a long conference in the committee-room with Senator Morgan.

A New Point of Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Constitutional lawyers of the house have detected a most interesting legal complication in connection with the Hawaiian situation which may result in bringing in question the authority of Minister Dole to retire. Up to December 18, Cleveland and the executive branch of the government were directing the course of Hawaiian affairs, but on that day Cleveland's message was sent to congress stating he would turn over the subject to the broader authority of congress, and would thereafter cooperate in any just solution which congress might propose. The president's course in turning the subject over to congress was undoubtedly communicated to Minister Willis at once, with instructions of nonaction. No steamer left this country for Hawaii until December 19, so that the president's conclusion to leave the subject with congress could not have reached Minister Willis until December 26. Under these circumstances there is a hiatus of eight days from December 18 to 26 during which the authority of Willis to act is upon obscure. It happens that the date on which Willis made the demand on President Dole to retire was December 19, when Cleveland had given the subject to the broader authority of congress. Under these circumstances the lawyers of congress are asking as to the authority of Willis to act during the hiatus, and particularly as to the validity of his action December 19, two days after congress received authority to direct his actions.

Judge Culberson, chairman of the judiciary committee and an authority on legal questions, said Minister Willis was bound by his early instructions until he received notice that they were changed. It made no difference, he said, that the president turned over the subject to congress December 18, as the facts did not become known to Willis until December 26, so that up to the latter date he had authority to execute his early instructions.

The Damage Serious.

RIO JANERIO, Jan. 12.—The explosions in the rebel fort Villegagnon and on board the rebel warship *Tamandare* are more serious than at first stated. The explosion in the fort is variously reported as of a gun and of the magazine. Fifteen soldiers were killed and the fort badly damaged. The explosion of the gun on the *Tamandare* killed six marines and wounded eight. The rebels are reported much disheartened by these accidents, and Peixoto's adherents are encouraged. The rumor that an agent of Peixoto caused the explosion in the fort is denied by the rebels. The reported refusal of the *Nictheroy's* crew to sail is not due to nonpayment of wages, but they demand payment in advance. The government denies this. It says the *Nictheroy*, and other vessels at Pernambuco will sail south as soon as the entire fleet is gathered there. It is likewise asserted and contradicted that the rebels contemplate attacking the government fleet and then Rio itself. Peixoto is confident of his ability to successfully defend the city.

Guarding the Condemned Anarchist

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The guard around the prison of La Roquette, where Vaillant is confined, has been doubled in consequence of threatening letters which lead the authorities to believe the anarchists may attempt to cause an explosion in or about the prison. Meetings of anarchists protest against Vaillant's execution. Jurors in the case are threatened and are becoming frightened, and it is said have decided to sign a petition for pardon.

Chili Declines to Extend the Treaty.

VALPARAISO, Jan. 12.—The Chilian government has declined the extension of the treaty proposed by the United States government. The treaty for the settlement of British claims now before the Chilian congress allows one year from the time the commission is inaugurated, with six months extension if necessary. Other countries are awaiting the ratification of the British treaty in the hope of getting a similar treaty.

All Were Drowned.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—During a heavy storm eight sailors, accompanied by a ferryman, started in a boat to go to Locust Point. The boat was swamped and the five sailors and the ferryman drowned. The sailors, who were on shore leave from the British ship *Mareica*, are: Neal Finlayson, W. H. Nelson, R. J. Wilson, John Hughes and Peter Safranski. The name of the ferryman was not learned.

Liliuokalani Abandons all Hope.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13—There were two arrivals from Honolulu today—The *City of Peking*, which left there January 5, and the *Australia*, which sailed the following day. The last edition of one of the evening papers published January 6, the day the *Australia* left, says Liliuokalani has entirely abandoned all hopes of ever regaining the throne of Hawaii, and is now perfecting arrangements for bringing suit against the United States for an immense sum of money. This information, the paper said, came from a source which makes it absolutely trustworthy, and it was believed that before the next steamer sailed from there for San Francisco the news would become more or less public property on the islands. The agents of the ex-queen, now in the United States, have informed her that American sentiment generally is against her restoration and in favor of the annexation of the islands, and that all further efforts on her part to regain her lost position will be utterly useless. Acting on this information, and in view of the stubborn stand taken by the provisional government, Liliuokalani concluded to abandon the struggle to restore former conditions and to seek pecuniary solace in a suit for heavy damages against the American government. Her action will be taken upon statements made in her favor by President Cleveland in his messages to congress, by Secretary Gresham in his letter to President Cleveland, and by Commissioner Blount in the report of his investigations, and upon the further fact that in recognizing the justice of her cause, and acknowledging that a wrong had been done her, the United States endeavored to induce the provisional government to surrender in her favor. The claim for damages will also be made upon the ground that she was deposed solely by an armed force of the United States, acting under the advice and direction of Minister Stevens. It is well known among leading royalists that a representative of the ex-queen left here not long ago for San Francisco. He was instructed to open negotiations with the state department concerning the payment of a large sum to the ex-queen as a partial return for the loss of her scepter. What action has been taken, if any, has not been learned here. His identity is closely concealed.

Want to Join Mello.

LONDON, Jan. 13—A letter from a press correspondent at Pernambuco, dated December 31, says the Brazilian government guardship Parnahayos was sent north suddenly upon the plea that her services were needed in order to suppress an insurrection of convicts upon an island used as a convict settlement; but the departure of the ship from Pernambuco was really ordered for fear she would join the rebel fleet. A feeling of distrust and treachery prevades all ranks of Brazilians. The better classes all favor a monarchy, and the very governors of the states are anxious to join the rebels but dare not for fear of the military. There are 300 men on board the *Nictheroy*, though there is scarcely room for 250. Scarcely one of the 100 Brazilian cadets on board has ever been to sea, and the result will be in action they will impede the working of the ship, even if nothing worse. With such a crew of Brazilians, only half an American crew, and officers without commissions, she cannot fire her first gun without danger of becoming a pirate. In addition to this, many now express the opinion that the dynamite gun cannot be worked.

A Religion of the Sword.

LONDON, Jan. 14—Dispatches which left Uganda August 4 arrived here this evening. They report fighting between Protestant and Mohammedan natives at Toro. The Protestants were trying to drive the Mohammedans from the country and pushed them to a river, when the fugitives were obliged to turn and fight. The Protestants were victorious, killing more than 30 and capturing 1500 men, women and children. Four Protestants were killed and many others were wounded. Major Owen, of the British force, afterwards offered his mediation and restored peace.

A dispatch dated in Uganda September 7, says that the Mohammedans have desisted from all aggressions against the Protestants, that their leaders have fled, that quiet has been restored and that the country has been divided in districts among the Protestants, Mohammedans and Catholics.

Buried Under A Snowslide.

SPOKANE, Jan. 13.—A snow-slide Thursday afternoon at a point in Boulder gulch, near Mullan, Idaho, caused the death of Cornelius McGreevy and John Bollin, old prospectors. Early in the afternoon two prospectors, working at a claim 100 feet above that of McGreevy and West, heard a loud noise. They rushed to the mouth of the tunnel, but had to burrow through the snow to get out. They looked toward the claim of the unfortunate men and thought everything was right, but on coming to Mullan next day discovered that the men were missing. A party from Mullen went to the scene and found the cabin buried in 20 feet of snow 30 feet from the foundation, and inside the body of McGreevy, who had been caught by timbers, thrown against a stove and crushed and burned. Bollin's body has not been found.

A Mysterious Disappearance

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 13.—Eugene Campbell, aged 33 years, brother of the publishers of the Eugene *Guard*, and for several years past a compositor in that office, mysteriously disappeared from his case Wednesday morning about 9:30 o'clock. A careful search failed to find any trace of him. News came this morning from 35 miles up the Middle Fork river that a man was found dying there, his clothes soaking wet and a bloody knife with a broken blade lying near by. He died before relieved. From his description it is almost certain he is Campbell. The body will be brought here Sunday morning.

Acquitted of a Murder Charge.

SNOHOMISH, Wash., Jan. 13—The trial of Edwin R. Jameson for the murder of John H. Dandridge at Everett ended soon after noon today with a verdict of acquittal. The jury was out but twelve minutes. Jameson was bartender in a saloon at Everett, and Dantridge, who was colored and known as "Johnny the Shiner," had been a porter in the same place and blamed Jameson for his discharge. September 5, Dandridge went into a saloon and started a row, which ended in Jameson killing him.

All the River Banks Full.

TACOMA, Jan. 14.—The heavy rain storms of Friday night and Saturday have filled every river between the Cascade mountains and the Pacific ocean, from British Columbia to the California line, bank full. Several, including the Chehalis river, are overflowing. The latter flows through the lowlands near its mouth. These are overflowed and the ranchers have been compelled to seek the highlands. Friday night four bridges were washed away on the South Bend branch of the Northern Pacific, and 1000 feet of track washed out, which a large force is repairing. Several washouts occurred on the Grey's Harbor branch. No trouble has occurred on the main line, on which a large sum was spent to protect it from the winter storms.

Deposits of Valuable Stones.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Jan. 13.—Great excitement was created this morning when it was learned that immense deposits of valuable stones were discovered on a school section adjoining the town. The discovery was made by L. H. Jansen a Tacoma mining expert, Thursday. The company took up 160 acres of land. The following comprise the company. T. B. Waller, a San Francisco capitalist; L. H. Jansen, Stewart Rice, Mr. Steel, of San Francisco; Mr. Dickensen, superintendent of the western division of the N. P. railroad; C. C. May, Dave Wilson and Wm. Finney, sr., of Davenport.

Legislature Will Continue in Session

DENVER, Jan. 13—After debating the question of the adjournment of the extra session of the legislature all day the house refused tonight, by a vote of 28 to 8, to adjourn sine die. The senate is overwhelmingly against the extra session being continued, and while it cannot adjourn without the concurrence of the house it can defeat any legislation.

Another War Looked For.

SAN JOSE, Guatemala, Jan. 13—Arms have been secretly sent to Vasques, in Honduras, despite the declaration of the government that they were intended for the Guatemalan army on the frontier, which is being strongly reinforced. It is believed that Guatemala and Salvador will be at war within a week.

Fatal Ending of A Spree.

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—The body of Thomas Ryan, a blacksmith, who came to this city two weeks ago from Kamilche for a spree, was washed ashore from the bay today. His friends have been hunting the city high and low for some time and came upon him unexpectedly tonight at the morgue.

A Forty-Niner Dies of Appendicitis.

SEATTLE, Jan. 13—Ex Alderman Moses Kohn, one of the men who went to California during the gold excitement in 1849, died here this afternoon of appendicitis, after an illness of several weeks. The autopsy revealed four abscesses on the right side.

Escaped Prisoners Still at Large.

UNION, Or., Jan. 13—Although a large number of deputy sheriffs are out in search of the four men who escaped from the Union county jail yesterday morning no trace of the fugitives has yet been discovered.

Frightful Railroad Collision.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—An accident occurred this morning at Hackensack bridge, on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western road, near Jersey City. Two passenger trains collided with fatal results. The collision was between the Dover and Orange express trains, and was caused by fog. Two cars telescoped, 16 people were killed and 25 injured. The Dover express left Roseville at 8 A.M., followed four minutes later by the regular commutation train. Approaching Hackensack bridge the engineer of the express slowed up, the fog preventing him from seeing the signals. The commutation train following did not slow up, and crashed into the rear of the express, completely wrecking the last two cars, both full of passengers, who were crushed to death and terribly mangled. The engineer of the commutation train is missing, supposed to be killed. A passenger of one of the trains who reached here says he counted 15 dead bodies alongside the wreck, and others are thought to be dead. Following among the killed are identified: Mr. Ferguson, auditor W. U. Telegraph; Edward Keesie, W. J. Turner, book keeper Field, Chandler & Seymour, J. H. Rimey, cashier F. W. Babcock & Co; Edwin Morel, a man named Timmons, John Fish, H. H. Rohas, P. Ryan, D. Hoffman, John Brundnill, Dr. John Doty, T. J. Regan, W. L. Gillindeau, T. White, D. Cameron, J. Borinton, A. T. Vokes, W. R. Adams, J. Purrington, M. Frazier, Mr. Rich; The seriously injured as far as ascertained, are as follow: Fred Ferguson, probably die; Miss Ferguson, W. M. Barcliff, Louis Bodine, Edward Pierson, Frank Schultz, and a man named Resling.

The Storm's Extent.

BOISE, Jan. 15—A heavy storm has prevailed throughout Southern Idaho for several days. In Boise the weather has been warm with rain falling. In the mountains the storm has taken the form of snow. A special from Hailey says a heavy storm of snow and sleet has been raging over the Wood river country since Saturday last, and still continues at this writing with unabated fury. In the mountains the snow has reached a great depth, and there have been numerous slides today in the various gulches between Bellevue and Ketchum and above, but so far no fatalities have been heard of. Grave fears have been entertained for the miners, so many of whom are known to be out in the hills at Bullion, Deer creek, Triumph, East Fork, and the Red Elephant and Red Cloud groups of mines. The situation is rendered still more indefinite by the telephone service being almost entirely shut off with the large mines and intermountain camps. Last night an avalanche swept down into Wood river, just opposite Hailey, and cut off the power from the electric light station and the town was in darkness. The people will await anxiously for the storm to abate in order to learn of the safety of their friends.

The Hawaiian Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—The Hawaiian investigation by the senate committee on foreign relations made little progress to day. Several new witnesses failed to appear, Lieutenant-Commander Swinburne being one of them. Professor W. D. Alexander, of the Hawaiian legation, gave some facts additional to those already presented by him. Several affidavits of residents of Hawaii bearing on the revolution and other phases of the question were filed by Senator Frye.

One of the Jail Birds Caught.

UNION, Or., Jan 15.—The deputy sent out by Sheriff Bolles in search of the four men who broke jail here last Friday morning succeeded in capturing one of them yesterday. His name is Flo Rogers, and he was found concealed in the garret of his mother's home at La Grande. He was placed in the county jail again last night. The other escapes have not yet been found.

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The Republican Members Object

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—Reed, Burrows, Dazell, Payne and Hopkins, Republican members of the ways and means committee, held a hasty conference today and agreed to make a demand for recognition of public amendments to the Wilson bill. This action is due to a report that Richardson of Tennessee, who will be in the chair during the consideration of the amendments, would recognize only Wilson for the committee amendments. The plan agreed upon by the Republican leaders was that immediately after Wilson's first amendments on tobacco were disposed of, Burrows will insist that Wilson has no more rights than any other member of the house. He will urge that Wilson is not acting by authority of the full ways and means committee and the democratic amendments had not been submitted to the Republican members of the committee.

Two Men Run Over.

TACOMA, Jan. 15—The passenger train that left Tacoma at 2:40 P. M. yesterday struck two men at a stone quarry a mile this side of Wilkeson, killing one and breaking the arm and leg of the other. The train was running rapidly at the time and the engineer failed to see the men in time to stop. It is claimed by the trainmen that the regular signals were given, but the track-walkers either failed to hear them or were unable to escape from the danger. The train stopped and the unfortunates were put aboard. The injured man was taken to the Carbon Hill Company's hospital at Carbonado, and the dead man was left with the justice of the peace at Wilkeson. Coroner Hoska was notified and left for the scene at 9 o'clock on an extra. The names of the men could not be learned, but it is supposed they were miners.

Burglars at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 15—Some time last night another daring robbery occurred in this city. Burglars gained an entrance to the grocery store of Boehmer and Whitney, near the postoffice, through a window at the rear of the store and carried off cigars to the amount of $50 and some other articles. They sacked up all the tobacco, but failed to take it from the store. They opened canned oysters and had a feast before leaving. The New York racket store next door was also entered in the same manner and general merchandise taken to the amount of $100. As yet there is no clue to the thieves. Within the last two months a number of robberies have occurred here. The police have been on a strict lookout, but thus far have been unable to capture in any case.

Dropped With a Cold Thud.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—Chairman McCreary, of the house committee on foreign affairs, and Representative Holman of Indiana, conferred this morning as to the proposition which would be submitted to congress for a solution of the Hawaiian problem. After the talk McCreary said: "The solution to the question will undoubtedly be ready to submit to the house before January 25."

Holman said: "I will not present my Hawaiian resolution, for the members of the foreign affairs committee are acting very fairly in trying to solve the problem. One thing is certain, the question of restoring Liliuokalani to the throne is for all time abandoned, not only in executive but in congressional circles. It will never be heard of again."

Snipes Has not Been Shot.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Jan. 15—It has been reported here since Saturday that Ben Snipes, the ex banker, was shot in the head at Seattle by an enraged brakeman, who lost by the suspension of Snipes' banks. Inquiries by wire and letter have been coming in, but notwithstanding the people have been anxiously scanning the Sound papers, they are unable to receive or give any information. The effort to run the report down this evening resulted in a former clerk of Snipes stating that an operator between here and Spokane told him he heard it going over the wires to the Associated Press. As it has not been published in any paper the people here are satisfied it is a canard.

Are Nearly Starved.

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 15.—The garrison of Bage, which is being besieged by the insurgents of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, have become so severely pinched for provisions that they have been consuming for the last few days horses, cats and other animals. There was a lively skirmish Saturday at Santa Rosa station between the loyal troops and General Sampaio, who is marching to the relief of Bage and the rebel forces under General Silva Tavares.

An Unwelcome Bath.

Ochoco *Review*: Thursday Billy Combs and wife, Mrs. Coshow, Miss Snoderly and Johnny Backus were treated to an unexpected and unwelcome bath in Ochoco. They were coming to town in a hack, and when at the ford half a mile above town, Mr. Combs thought he would drive into deep water and wash the mud off the wheels, but the channel had been changed by the recent high water, a deep cut having been washed out, and when the hack struck this over it went, throwing all the occupants, together with the wraps, lap-robe, etc, into the stream. Mr. Combs and Mr. Backus devoted their attention to getting the ladies out of the water and let the horse out. However, they were gentle and did no damage except to break the hack tongue. The ladies were thoroughly drenched, and presented rather a sorry appearance as they walked into town; but their clothing was soon dried, and they were as comfortable as though the accident had not happened.

Held to the Grand Jury.

A special deputy, Mr. C. A. Stewart, brought to the county jail last night a man by the name of Estey, who was bound over to the grand jury at the Locks yesterday for obtaining money under false pretenses. It seems that he has been playing a general confidence game on that and other communities, and we are informed has traveled under several aliases. At Hood River he became acquainted with Mr. J. T. Delk, and gave into the keeping of Mrs. Delk a package which he claimed contained $7800, at the same time carefully warning her not to say a word to any one about the matter. Of course she told her husband, and believing this to be true, on the strength of the deposit Mr. Delk loaned him $23. Very suddenly he left Hood River and began operations at the Locks. Making himself acquainted with different business men, he requested as a particular favor that they place in the safe a bundle of drafts, which were sealed in an envelope and properly labelled with his name. During the day he would accidentally drop in and borrow a few dollars. This he did in four different places, when suspicion became aroused and one of the envelopes was opened and found to contain nothing but old letters or papers. He was then arrested, examined before Justice Candiana and held to the grand jury in the sum of $500. Mr. Stewart was told by Mr. Delk last night that he had not opened the $7800 package yet, but thought he would if the act would not be criminal. Estey claimed to be a cattle dealer, and looking through the country to ascertain where he could make desirable purchases. He has the appearance of a well-to-do stock dealer, very intelligent, and talks very smoothly.

Accidental Death.

Yesterday, soon after noon, a deplorable accident happened in Thompson's addition, by which a respectable citizen met his death. It seems that Mr. Augustus Bartel, who is a saddler by occupation and has worked for Mr. Farley in this city, in attempting to drive a calf to Dufur fell from his horse and broke his neck, death ensuing instantly. After partaking of the noonday meal the old gentleman said he would drive the animal to his son-in-law's farm, which is on Fifteen Mile creek. The horse which he was to ride was a little frractious, and one of the boys helped his father in the saddle, and started him on the journey. After going a few hundred yards the horse continued restless, and the man told the old gentleman to loosen the halter so that the animal would go more freely. Mr. Bartel leaned forward and untied the halter; but in doing so the horse shied to one side, and he fell forward to the ground on his head. The persons who saw the accident ran to render him assistance; but he only made a few gasps and expired. Dr. Hollister was called; but when he reached the scene the man had been dead several minutes, his neck being broken by the fall. Mr. Bartel was a highly respected citizen, of industrious habits, and had many friends in this community. He was aged about 55 years, and leaves a wife and a large family of children to mourn his sudden demise.

A Ghastly Discovery.

Antelope Herald.

Mr. Joe Reyburn came into town Friday morning and informed Justice A. Keaton that he had discovered the skeleton of a man on the west bank of the John Day river, about four miles below Clarno's ferry, and suggested that an inquest be held over the remains. Mr. Reyburn's story is to the effect that on Thursday about 1 o'clock he was doing some grubbing on his ranch which borders on the river, and breaking the handle of his grubbing hoe, he started into a clump of willows which grew in a slew near the edge of the river, to cut himself another one, when to his astonishment, he came near stumbling over the skeleton of a human being. Upon examination he found the bones still enclosed in a pair of blue overalls, a pair of cotton drawers, a blue flannel shirt, a cotton under shirt and one boot. The other leg from the knee down was gone. No flesh whatever remained on the bones, and it was very evident that the body had been in a state of decomposition for several months. Judging from the circumstances surrounding and the clothes found on the remains, it is very likely the body of James M. Thompson, who was drowned in the John Day river at Burnt Ranch on the 26th day of last June. Mrs. Thompson has been sent for and she will be present at the inquest, which will be held on the John Day to-morrow by Justice Keaton and a jury of six.

Oregon's Wealth.

All the assessment rolls of Oregon for the year 1893 have been received by the secretary of state, and the result is as follows:

Gross taxable property	$178,815,604
Net taxable property	169,655,513
TOTALS FOR 1892.	
As raised by state board	$228,398,617
Deduction for debt	60,603,320
Exemptions	8,120,711
TOTALS FOR 1891.	
Gross assessment	$186,390,278
Deduction for debt	54,403,863
Exemptions	7,960,303
Net total	125,693,167

The effect of the new law is shown in the difference between the net and gross returns for 1892 and '93. This difference in 1892 was $64,612,274. In 1893 the difference is only $9,160,091. The increase in net total taxable property returned for 1893 is $38,663,117 over 1892.

Carving sets and Rogers' triple plated cutlery at Maier & Benton's hardware store

Daring Robbery.

Last Saturday night, soon after 11 o'clock, Mr. Ben Wilson and Mr. Harper, the night policeman, were in the former's saloon at the East End, sitting down and conversing over general matters, when the back door was opened and two men with flour sacks over their faces entered, and each with two drawn revolvers, demanded them to hold up their hands. Mr. Wilson and his companion, Mr. Harper, who had dropped in to read the evening papers, at first thought it to be a joke on the part of some of their friends, for a few evenings before some railroad boys had attempted the same ruse. Mr. Wilson was sitting by the stove, and rose to a standing position and said that they didn't mean it, but were only joking. The same was true of Mr. Harper, who put his hand on his revolver and said he guessed they couldn't play that game on them; but he was immediately warned that if he made any further movement his brains would be blown out. At this juncture he realized the situation and coming to the conclusion that the men had the "drop" on him he pursued the wiser course of obeying orders. While one of the men covered Wilson and Harper with revolvers, the other walked rapidly to the front doors and pulled up the curtains. The same man then made Wilson open the till and give him its contents, amounting to over $30, including nickels and ten cent pieces. All this time Harper had two revolvers, cocked, pointed at his breast, and was powerless to act. The man who took the money kept one gun on Wilson all the time, and he would have been foolish to resist. After the money was secured, the robbers made Wilson and Harper stand with their hands up and their faces to the wall. In this position one of the men searched Harper's pockets, taking therefrom his pistol and policemen's club, while the other had two revolvers drawn on them. When he came to the door he said to Harper "This is what you hammers those with," to which Harper answered in affirmative. His felt his watch, chain and badge; but only relieved him of the gun and billy. When this was through they backed towards the door, and told Wilson and Harper not to move or they would be filled full of lead. As they left they politely said good-night, and thanked them for the manner in which they had been received. A short time afterwards Harper gave the alarm, and watched carefully the street towards the brewery, on which the are light reflected, to see if any one passed; but could not discern any one crossing. The morning trains, freight and passenger, were boarded by Harper and Gibons, to see if any suspicious characters left the city; but none were observed. Mr. Harper described the man who interviewed him as one weighing about 160 pounds, with blue overalls and black oil cloth coat, buttoned at the chin, but opened below, and a belt around his waist. The sack was split open at the sides and covered a portion of the shoulders. He wore a light pair of shoes, which were covered with mud, and considerable of the same substance was on the bottom of the trousers. The one who managed Wilson had nearly the same clothing, but his coat was buttoned close, and when taking the money from the till put one gun between the buttons. He was larger than the other and was judged to weigh about 175 pounds. The revolvers were the old Colt's pattern, and the hammers were thrown completely back, ready for action at the least pull of the trigger. This is the boldest and most determined robbery that has been committed in this city for a number of years, and it is wise on the part of our citizens to take the necessary precautions to guard against any surprise.

Webfoot Weather.

This webfoot winter is a surprise to the oldest inhabitants, and no season with the same amount of rainfall has ever been known in the history of Eastern Oregon. The ground is thoroughly soaked—