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CITY MARSHAL SNODGRASS CAPTURES A BOLD, BAD MAN

Supposed to be Much Wanted Southern Pacific
Depot Robber---Clubbed While in the
Act of Shooting Marshal.

City Marshal Frank Snodgrass made a good haul at the hobo camp in the depot yards in this city late Sunday evening, where, after a desperate encounter, he captured the man who no doubt has robbed fifteen depot buildings in Western Oregon in the past few months and perhaps several country post offices.

Observing a camp fire in the depot yards and several suspicious characters lounging about, Marshal Snodgrass entered the camp and began plying the fellows with questions, when one of the number displayed considerable uneasiness and showed a disposition to want to get out of sight of the officer. The Marshal detected this and followed the fellow to a nearby box-car around which he dodged and the Marshal soon flashed his lantern upon him and discovered the bad man in the act of drawing a big 38 caliber U. S. army colts revolver from its scabbard, but in which he was delayed from the fact that he had the gun wrapped in a sox and then placed in the scabbard. Scenting trouble, the Marshal struck the fellow with his billy, dazed him and quickly secured the gun. When the fellow began to rally from the blow, he was seen to grasp at his hip pocket and thinking he was fumbling for another gun the Marshal struck him with the butt of his own gun and laid him out again, this time locating a great, ugly dagger, with which the fellow evidently had intended to do the Marshal bodily harm. Being at last disarmed the fellow was brought down town, searched and lodged in jail. A most interesting and tell-tale collection of articles were discovered upon his person, among which were a bunch of eight keys identified as belonging to the S. P. railroad office at Creswell, which was robbed recently, 27 post office stamp books containing stamps of various denominations, thirteen gold rings, a new razor, dark lantern, soap, needles and thread, etc.

The fellow gave his name as Robert Blake, is a stout, light complexioned fellow and very reticent. After being locked in the city jail a message was sent to the post office inspector at Portland who dispatched a United States Marshal after the fellow at once into whose custody the crook was delivered Monday evening.

Snodgrass is of the opinion that Blake with others, have been doing the extensive robberies that have been committed between here and Portland. The rest of the gang ran when the fight commenced. The Marshal thinks he recognized two of the gang as men for whom a \$300 cash reward is offered.

The revolver carried by Blake is used only by the U. S. military service and was stolen, as they are not to be found on sale, and from the fight the fellow put up, it is evident he did not propose to be taken alive, but fortunately he was apprehended off his guard, and then only captured after a fierce struggle. Marshal Snodgrass is sure he has captured the desperate depot robber and all round bad man of Western Oregon, and he

will no doubt receive a liberal reward for his good work.

If this fellow Blake is convicted and sentenced to a term in the pen, he will be the ninth desperate character, apprehended and arrested by Marshal Snodgrass at this place within the past three years, who has been convicted and sentenced to serve terms of from 18 months to 9 years in the state penitentiary, a record probably not held by another city officer between Portland and Ashland. It has required several gun duels and desperate encounters to make this record, but Marshal Snodgrass don't seem to mind such little things. Crooks and highwaymen should cut Cottage Grove out of their itinerary.

Marshal Snodgrass says he owes his life no doubt to the fact that Blake, not anticipating trouble at this time, had his gun inclosed so securely in its scabbard that he could not bring it into quick service, otherwise the marshal would have been at his mercy, as Snodgrass had on this quiet Sunday, left his revolver at home and was only supplied with his billy as a weapon of defense.

KILLED A BIG NATIVE LION

Had Been Preying on a
Farmer's Goats--Its
Measurement

For some days past a large cougar has been preying on William Hawley's goats in the foothills between Cottage Grove and Lorne. Saturday its trail was found over which it had dragged a goat that it had killed and Curtis Veatch, who has some good varmint hounds, was notified at his farm home near this city, by Mr. Hawley and requested to attempt the capture of the cougar which was giving him so much trouble. Mr. Veatch and one of the Snider boys took the hounds and went to the scene of the ravages of the big cat Sunday morning and soon thereafter the dogs struck a hot trail and had the cougar up a tree, when Mr. Veatch sent a well directed bullet from his rifle into the cat's throat, it coming out at the back of its head, breaking its neck and killing it instantly. It was a fine specimen with a thick hairy coat of tan and measured seven feet from tip to tip. Mr. Veatch will have the skin tanned and converted into a rug. The big cat when brought to town Monday morning by Mr. Veatch attracted a great deal of attention.

COOS BAY ROAD IS SURE TO GO

A One Per Cent Grade is
Found Out to Rose-
burg 'Tis Said

"The Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho railroad will be built," said Francis H. Clarke of Coos Bay, to a Representative of the Telegram. "It has already obtained less than 1 per cent grade over the Coast range between Coos Bay and Roseburg and it occupies and has possession of the most practical and best route obtainable. Fifty miles of that portion which was supposed to offer obstacles to engineers has been located and the right of way obtained. Chief Engineer Haines, who for 20 years was in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern as a locating engineer, and who came directly from the western terminus of the Northwestern at Lander, Wyoming where he built the road from Casper to Lander, has charge of the Coos Bay road and has two crews of engineers in the field. The survey will be completed in about six weeks and work of construction will commence in the spring.

"It is not an electric road," continued Mr. Clarke, "and never was intended to be. Mr. Haines' backers, who are railroad men of national reputation and possessed of ample means, sent him to Coos Bay with instructions to ascertain if a 1 per cent grade was obtainable between Coos Bay and Roseburg and when he reported that it was obtainable they agreed to build a steam road. They do not regard an electric road practicable in that district, and claim that to equip it with a plant and system for electrical power would be very costly. The population does not justify such an expense and the low grade which has been found, renders concentration of power unnecessary.

"Another thing should be stated also. Neither Mr. Haines nor his backers are depending on state aid or district bonds to finance the Coos Bay road. It will be financed, in fact, a syndicate has already agreed to take the bonds of the company and furnish the money for construction. When the survey has been completed to Roseburg it is to be extended to Central Oregon and Boise, and the work of construction will be pushed on to Boise and still further east as rapidly as possible."

WORK LAID OUT FOR THE STATE'S YOUNG ORATORS

Five Districts are Listed---Cottage Grove Included
in Central Oregon District---Subjects
Selected for the Debates.

With 37 Oregon High schools already entered for the contest for the championship of the Oregon High School Debating League this year, Professor A. M. Sanders, superintendent of the Albany public schools who is president of the state league, has received reports that several other schools will probably enter the race for rostrum honors in the next few days and that everything is progressing satisfactorily for a splendid series of debates. Each school will contest for the championship of the district in which it is entered and inter-district debates will then determine the state championship. The 37 schools which have thus far entered for the 1909-10 series have been listed in districts as follows:

FIVE DISTRICTS ARE LISTED.
Eastern Oregon District---Crook County High school at Prineville, Sherman County High school at Moro; Wheeler County High school at Fossil and the High schools at Athena, Baker City, Enterprise, Elgin, LaGrande, Ontario, Pendleton and Union.
Columbia River District---Astoria, The Dalles, Gresham, Hood River, Nehalem, Newberg, Parkplace, Tillamook, Woodburn and Yamhill.

Central Oregon District---Albany, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Independence, Jefferson, Junction City, Lebanon, Salem and Springfield.
Southern Oregon District---Klamath County High school at Klamath Falls and the high schools at Grants Pass and Roseburg.
Coos County District---Coquille, Myrtle Point and North Bend.

PUBLIC ISSUES DEBATED.
The question which has been selected for debate at the inter-district contests and the final debate for the state championship is as follows: "Resolved, That the voters of Oregon should give their indorsement to the proposed law for state guarantee of bank deposits." The following questions will be used in the different districts in the contests for district championships.

Eastern Oregon District---"Resolved, That the 'Commission Plan' for city government insures increase of efficiency and decrease of corruption in city offices."

Columbia River District---"Resolved, That life imprisonment, with restricted power of pardon, should be substituted for capital punishment in Oregon."

Central Oregon District---"Resolved, That the nations should reduce their armaments to the minimum necessary for police duty."

Southern Oregon District---"Resolved, That the system of single tax, as advocated by Henry George, should be adopted in Oregon."

Coos County District---"Resolved, That postal savings banks should be established by the Federal Government."

NEW SYSTEM INTRODUCED.
In the Central Oregon district, which embraces the leading high schools of the Willamette valley, the triangular system of debates now in vogue among the leading universities of the Pacific northwest will be tried this year for the first time in the High School League. This system may possibly also be used in some of the other large districts of the league but it has been determined definitely to try it out in the Central district. For this purpose the schools of the district have been grouped in triangles as follows: Schools of comparatively equal size being pitted against each other: Salem, Albany and Eugene; Cottage Grove, Springfield and Junction City; Jefferson, Lebanon and Independence.

Under this system each school will have two teams, one to handle the affirmative and one the negative of the question. On the same night each school will meet a team from each of the other schools in the same triangle.

The Cottage Grove teams will be selected at the debating tryout at the armory Friday evening.

DEBATING TRYOUT FRIDAY EVENING.

Following is the program for the Tryout debate at the armory hall Friday evening Nov. 19, at 7:30 sharp:

Instrumental duet, Miss Mabel Veatch and Miss Mabel Rosenberg.

QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE.

Resolved, That the constitution of the United States should be amended so as to elect U. S. senators by a direct vote of the people.

Affirm: Ernest Anderson, Harry Kime. Deny: Elmer Spencer, Melvin Jordan.

Resolved, That Lincoln was a greater man than Washington.

Affirm: Myrtle DeSpain, Laurette Atkinson. Deny: Allie Phillips, Audry Langdon.

Violin solo: Rowe Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, accompanist.

Resolved, That music has had and does have a greater power over mankind than oratory.

Affirm: Myrtle Kem, Armorer Sutcliffe. Deny: Benny King, Ethel Chrisman.

Quartette from eighth grade, "Virginia," Lottie Whitsett, Ursula Lockwood, Veta Holderman, Eva Richmond, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle, accompanist.

Resolved, That history warrants the conclusion that woman has exerted a greater power and influence in the world than man.

Affirm: Pearl Gray, Vera Cochran. Deny: Maude Hooper, Gladys Farley.

High school quartette, Leah Perkins, Blanche Veatch, Roy Woods, Ernest Anderson.

Tickets at The Wave. Reserved seats 25 cents, general tickets 20 cents.

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A SWELL NEW MEAT MARKET

A new meat market to be styled the "Cottage Grove Meat Co." Bartels & Ernest, proprietors, will be opened in a few days in the Veatch building on Main street next door west of Allison's barber shop. The new company has put in the very best and latest equipment, their counter being the regulation plate glass show case, refrigerator and counter combined, ten feet in length with plate glass top, sides and ends. In the center and front of the counter is a large French plate mirror behind which is the refrigerator compartments with a capacity of 400 pounds of ice.

The two blocks are of polished maple and the scales and other equipments, including the motor power sausage mill, lard rendering furnace and kettle are all up-to-date. Messrs Bartels and Marion Ernest are well known in this city and need no introduction, nor recommendation as meat market men, as they have served the public in this capacity in this city heretofore. This gives Cottage Grove three meat markets.