

## THE STORY TOLD IN RHYME

Once on a time, three men did take  
A task to do which heroes make;  
They thought they'd execute the thing  
Which fame to men so often bring.  
For news had come to hand that day,  
"A robber, bold, may pass your way,"  
And sure enough, 'bout five o'clock,  
The robber from their town did walk.

Reward was ringing in their ears,  
And fame arose to drown their fears;  
How easy 'twas to set their net  
To take that robber in; you bet!

First was the marshal stout and bold,  
Second the postman, true as gold,  
Last was Postmaster Wolverton,  
All rode northward, the race was on.

Away they hied, their hope a-flame,  
To gain, for each, an honored name,  
And plan'd and talked while in pursuit,  
How they the deed would execute.

Visions of how they'd spend the gold  
Secured by trapping robber, bold,  
Flit thro' their minds as on they went,  
They of themselves, were well content.

Then on they sped to catch their prey,  
And quickly passed him on the way;  
The marshal turned his man to greet,  
While Otis stood beside the street.

The plan so laid must surely win,  
No mishaps had been counted in;  
But 'tween the glad some cup and lip,  
'Tis said, there often comes a slip.

The convict then showed signs not rare,  
And deftly brought his gun to bear—  
The marshal, sure, was in a plight,  
Sufficient 'twas to cause him fright.

The robber now had gained command  
And made the marshal understand,  
His presence there he did not like,  
That back to town he'd better hike.

The robber took another tack,  
And O. A., too, was let go back,  
While Fred, with rig and horses gay,  
Was held to help him on his way.

They rushed and drove till after dark,  
Then posse's guns rang out, hark! hark!  
The robber had to change his plan,  
So out he rolled and off he ran.

Our story now is almost told,  
'Twas not a joy-ride made for gold,  
And how Fred's heart did beat in glee,  
When from his captor he was free.

We hear men talk of what they'd do  
Had they such trial to pass through;  
But very little choice have they,  
The pistol's point make them obey.

'Tis always so, the after-sight  
Will save the booster from such plight,  
But if initial steps he take,  
Perhaps he'll make a worse mistake.

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### City Council Proceedings.

The city council met Tuesday evening in regular session and transacted the following business:

There being no committee reports bills as listed below were taken up, audited and ordered that warrants be drawn in payment of same.

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| C. A. Nott, marshalsal.          | \$40.00        |
| Perkins Pharmacy, electric lamps | 1.50           |
| D. D. Stitt, recorders fees      | 17.50          |
| O. P. Co., street lighting       | 23.75          |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$82.75</b> |

Ordinance No. 141 was then taken up and read the third time and passed by unanimous vote, the same being an ordinance to extend the cement sidewalk section to Powell street with its intersections with Jackson street.

The City Recorder was then ordered to publish notice for bids for construction of cement crossings.

Under the head of new business, the mayor was empowered to appoint a committee of two to co-operate with a committee of two from the commercial club to visit Seio and Stayton for the purpose of learning what was to be learned as to the construction, cost and utility of their respective water systems, also to visit Independence and examine the water supply of a large spring situated on a hill east of that city to determine whether its supply will afford sufficient water for both Independence and Monmouth.

Charles Herren and J. W. White were appointed and the time designated for such visit to

be the latter part of the present week or the fore part of next, Sunday excepted.

After discussing the marshals salary, a motion prevailed that the order of March 28, 1911, providing for a salary of \$40 a month be rescinded and that the marshal be paid \$15 a month for police service and that for laboring for the city have a further competency of 25 cents an hour, said order to take effect July 1, 1911.

The marshal was instructed to enforce the fire works order inside the territory covered by the order.

A motion then prevailed to adjourn to meet Monday evening, July 3, at 8 o'clock, to transact any business which may come before the council at that time and particularly to pass an ordinance preparatory to the issuing of bonds wherewith to construct a water system as proposed by the amendment to the charter adopted at the election, June 5, 1911, such ordinance having been delayed in preparation so that it was not available at the present meeting.

### John Hobbs a Benedict

As I am somewhat socialistic-inclined, I would like to see municipalities own and operate all public utilities, I admit it. And as for the walks of this city, the man who theorizes along the paths which my critic tramps with such a heavy tread is really no more liable to be right than theorist who walks with a lighter step scattering the flowers of charity as he goes. And that he should doubt my wife's existence seems an unwarranted and uncalled for attitude toward an eternal verity. As sure as my name is John Hobbs I have a wife. It is not a matter to jest about with me. I do not see how it can be a matter for mirth with any of us. Well, of course, I do not mean that the subject is a saddening one, (I am putting it awkwardly, I fear,) but I simply mean that the partners of all our sorrows and, ah! part of our joys should not be mentioned unless they exist. Well, let it go at that. I seem to be coming back out of the same end of the horn I started in at.

Now, saying no more about treated boards for walks, if, or as cement walks are permanent and will never need repairs the liability of this or any other "kicker" "yelling and screaming" for further help from the city is for evermore annulled. The city has laid his walk; it is permanent; he has paid his share in municipal taxes and he is thenceforth at peace. But I say again do not do it all in one year, nor in two, possibly not reaching the outskirts in three, but, as a community let us work together for the good of each, which should be, and is the good of all.

Reticence almost forbids my mentioning the widows again. But, really, poor things, as they are left stranded through the unfortuitous concatenations of a mysterious providence, it would seem to behoove us to look a little to their welfare. One of them was telling my wife that she would have to let the city take her lots if she were forced to lay cement walks. Now, ever since Jacob "hedged a parcel" and made a permanent home man has loved his own "parcel." I fancy feet have a different feeling when they stand upon home ground. Let us, then, while planning the fair city we are minded to build, be careful to hurt no one.

JOHN HOBBS.

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