

"BIG BLOND" ROBS 'FRISCO COUPLE

Cousin of Jack Gleason Is Victim of Notorious Thug Which Bay City Police Fail to Locate—Blinds Couple and Leaves Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 4.—A desperate thug, designated by the police as the "big blonde," is in custody and is suspected of having committed a daylight robbery in which he, with a companion, bound their victim up while they ransacked apartments and stole clothing, silverware and money.

The victims of the robbery described their assailants as "a big blonde" and a "little brunette." The police say that this is the first time in the history of robberies that they have had descriptions based on such physical characteristics. The victims were Mrs. Thomas F. Gleason, Miss Anita Gleason and Thomas F. Gleason.

The robbers entered the Gleason apartments late yesterday afternoon. Both were masked with handkerchiefs. One held Gleason at bay with a revolver while the other bound the women and gagged them. He used strips of valuable curtains, long pieces of mink cape and a chain to bind them.

Then the "brunette" searched the rooms systematically and put in a sack everything of value that suited his fancy. Some silverware and jewelry was overlooked in the hasty raid and Gleason declares that he persuaded the "blonde" to leave his personal jewelry by representing to him the danger that he and the "brunette" would be compelled to lay themselves open to in disposing of it.

"Yes, it happened on April fool's day," said Gleason later, when recounting his experience. "But it was not a joke, from my viewpoint."

Gleason and his wife have been married but six days. The couple were married at Palo Alto last Sunday by Father Gleason, his brother.

The police attach some importance to the fact that Gleason is a cousin of Edward Gleason, who was twice a victim of the notorious drug store bandit who operated as boldly as did the "big blonde and little brunette" in the Gleason home. Some officials believe that one of them may be the bandit himself. Gleason is also a cousin of Jack Gleason, the promoter of the Johnson-Jeffries fight.

AUTHOR OF "THE VIRGINIAN" IS SORE AT CUSTOMS MAN

TUCSON, Ariz., April 4.—Owen Wister, author of "The Virginian," is journeying toward the Pacific coast today with wrath in his heart, and in the back of his brain a determination to inform the customs officials at Washington of the lack of perspicacity of their agents at El Paso.

When he returned from a visit to Juarez, across the border from El Paso, late yesterday, Wister and his wife were halted by the customs officials. They were searched and made to swear that they were not opium smugglers, according to the story which the novelist afterward told.

"And the fellow that held me up," he disgustedly said, "was a beardless youth who two months ago had been a clerk in some dry goods store. I appealed to Customs Collector Sharpe, but what could he do? He was powerless to discipline the boy under the existing civil service rules. It merely shows the inefficiency of some of our essentials of administration of the revenue."

FORMER SENATOR BARD VERY ILL IN OXNARD

OXNARD, Cal., April 4.—Former United States Senator Thomas Bard lies dangerously ill at his home in this city. He is suffering from inflammation of the lungs.

Bard contracted a heavy cold last Wednesday. It grew steadily worse, and last night he was delirious. Three doctors and two nurses were constantly at his side. The physicians stated today that his case is more serious because of his advanced age. They expect the crisis of the attack to be reached today or tonight.

Japanese Spies Released.

MANILA, April 4.—Much indignation has been aroused by the release of the two Japanese who were arrested here a few days ago on the charge of being spies. The Nipponese were given their liberty on instructions from Washington. Owing to the fact that there is no provision in the Philippine military code governing the prosecution of spies not at war with the United States, the alleged spies were turned over to the civil authorities.

Grand Opera Tuesday



Manager Hazelrigg of the Medford opera house is to be congratulated by the citizens of this city on his having secured the Lambardi Grand Opera company for an engagement of one night at the opera house, Tuesday evening, April 5, 1910.

Great inducements and premises were made in behalf of the people of Medford by Manager Hazelrigg for the visit of the famous organization of 107 people.

Thirty-seven principals are carried with the company, including some of the greatest artists in the realm of grand opera. The orchestra alone numbers 40 instruments, which will necessitate the removal of three rows from the front of the theater to accommodate the large orchestra. While probably less musicians would be all right, Manager

Hazelrigg refused to cut the orchestra down to about 20, although it would bring him in over \$150 more by so doing. The chorus numbers 60 people.

The company travels by a special train of 14 coaches, two standard, four tourists, one diner, five baggage cars and two coaches. The train passed through here on its way from San Francisco to Portland and is now making its return trip to the California metropolis.

"Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" will be the offering for Medford, these operas having been chosen from the large repertoire of the Lambardi company because it will permit an all-star cast of artists, thus giving local citizens an opportunity to see the greatest artists.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

There has been another change in real estate in this section. A. H. Kirkland having sold his 100-acre tract of land, lying west of our town, to Charles Feltz, consideration \$6500.

G. H. Wamsley has put in a new flume connected with the Snowy Butte mill to take water to the old J. J. Fryer ditch.

W. W. Parker, the new hotel keeper of Butte Falls, was a pleasant caller Wednesday night. He reports business good in his line, that the new management is getting the mill at that place fixed up in shape and that soon they will be sawing lumber to put on the market.

Mr. Palouze, the man who bought the Eli Dahack place, was a pleasant caller Thursday. He is putting out a large orchard and seems to be the right man in the right place.

W. C. Batterson of Lamour, N. D., came out from Central Point with Mrs. Wilkinson and children to visit her father, J. P. Moomaw. They are old-time acquaintances in the old states. Mr. Batterson is a capitalist and is looking for profitable investments.

Since I last wrote, P. H. Daley and your correspondent have put up a new line fence between their lots and Mr. Daley; also put up a new fence between his lots and I. B. Williams. Mr. Daley went to Medford on Saturday to let the contract to build his house on the lots he has been grading.

Mr. Massey, one of the Butte Falls merchants, was here since I last wrote. He was after goods for his store. He was accompanied by B. F. Morris of Butte Falls. They seem to think that their town will be a lively place this summer.

Bert Nason of Prospect arrived from a protracted visit back to his old home in Pennsylvania last Wednesday and Thursday took the trail stage to go to his home near Prospect.

George West and wife returned to their home in the Sunnyside hotel last Thursday from their trip to Wash-

ington, where he has been attending the foresters' school. They say that they are glad to get back to their old home country again. Mr. West started to Butte Falls in company of Ira Tungate, who also was a pleasant guest at the Sunnyside hotel Thursday night and Friday morning.

T. E. Pottinger, Shorty Miles and Mr. Biddle came out from Medford last Thursday in their auto to take a look at our surroundings and see old-time friends.

Died — At the home of her brother, March 31, Miss Jemima Hannah, aged 68 years, 11 months and 17 days. Miss Jemima Hannah, or "Aunt Mima," as she was generally called, was one of the early settlers of Jackson county, having settled here in 1863, coming from her native state, Missouri, with her father, Hon. Josiah Hannah. When they first settled in the valley it was on Bear creek, not far from where the city of Medford now stands. Later they moved and located on a farm on Rogue river about five miles below Trail, where she has lived until the day of her death. She professed the Christian religion when she was about 16 years of age, and joined the M. E. church south and lived a devoted Christian life from then to the time God took her. During her long protracted illness, which lasted for years, she was never known to murmur or complain, but always seemed to be resigned to the will of God. She leaves her only brother. There never were but the two children, and they have always lived together, and his descendants and a large circle of friends to await the reunion in the beyond. The interment was made in the Antioch cemetery and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Howlett on April 1, 1910.

Saturday morning a company of surveyors started from here to the hills, but they did not give out their destination, but it was learned that they were headed for the south side of Mount Pitt, and the general impression among the knowing ones

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Walter L. McCallum Hotel Nash Lobby

A. B. Zimmerman, one of our merchants, acted as auctioneer, and he proved to be a success. The highest price any one brought was \$4.50. In some instances, the young men were mistaken and bid on the wrong girl, and one young man told me that he had to buy two girls before he got the right one, and the other boys would run the price up. The receipts of the evening were \$32.30, and this money is to be applied toward procuring better lights for the church, fixing it up generally, etc.

Baby Disappears.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 4.—All the Bakersfield relatives of Mrs. T. W. Helm, assisted by a score of police detectives and deputies, are searching today for her 3-year-old son who disappeared mysteriously following a visit to his grandfather, Dr. T. W. Helm. Mrs. Helm believed the baby to be playing on the porch of their home.

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