

BOY BANDIT TELLS OF CRIMES

Fred Melville, Who for 48 Hours Fought Off Three Poses, Makes a Complete Confession of His Various Holdups and Robberies.

VALLEJO, Cal., June 17.—Telling of robberies and attempted robberies, Fred Melville, the dime novel boy bandit, who for 48 hours fought off the three poses, trailing him, and who was captured yesterday in Benicia made a complete confession to a correspondent of the United Press and to District Attorney Joseph M. Raines of CoClano County. Melville, who is held under a charge of assault to commit murder, lost his bravado, and after being questioned for hours, finally related his career since his escape from the state reformatory at Ione.

Melville, who is nearly 21, but looks like 18, told of a startling series of exploits in various California cities and towns. His statement follows:

Only Twenty-One.

"My name is Fred Melville. I was sent to the reformatory at Ione under the name of Frank Melville. I was born in Texas and will be 21 on July 26. In May, 1907, I was sent from San Francisco to Ione and in nine months I escaped and was caught in San Francisco on a burglary charge and sent to Ione for one month, then back to San Francisco for trial. I was given one year in Folsom by Judge Cabanias and came out February 25, 1910. I picked up with Henry Babar, a life term from Folsom, and we were both arrested for a robbery in San Francisco in February. Babar got a life sentence in Folsom from Judge Dunne. I was probated April 26, 1910. I worked every day for seven months at Greenwood. I was in San Francisco and at the Burgess ranch at Walnut Creek for several weeks. I worked in Los Angeles at different places. I left Los Angeles and went to San Bernardino. I went from there to Bakerfield. The second night I was there I tried to hold up a saloon in Kern. This was the 21st, or 22nd of May and the next night I went to the East Side Bar, intending to hold up that place, but changed my mind. On May 27 or 28, I masked and held up a crowd in the East Side Bar and got about \$30. I then went to Fresno about the first of June. I stayed there three days. The next night I tried to hold up a car, but was interrupted and I held up a man and woman at the school house at the end of the car line and got \$4. Then I went to Stockton.

Hold up Saloons.

"I held up the Toll House about one mile outside of Stockton and started to hold up a car but was fought off by the car crew. I held up the Sunny South Bar twice about a one week between the hold-ups and got \$120 first and \$10 the second time. I held up a saloon over on the car line the night before the first Sunny South hold-up and then went to Sacramento and held up a car at the end of the McKinley Park line. The next day I took a Rambler bicycle. That night I went into Sacramento and held up two saloons at the race track. I then rode to Stockton in about seven hours. I had shipped the wheel that night and went to a saloon in Stockton to hold it up, but the bartender took a shot at me and I didn't get anything.

"I then went back to the Sunny South saloon and held it up again and got \$5 or \$9. I left Stockton and went to Livermore. This was a week ago Saturday. I held up a saloon and shot a man with my revolver. I then went to Walnut Creek and stayed at the Rogers Hotel. I went to Concord the next day. I didn't do a trick there.

"I then went to Martinez and held up a saloon near the depot but did not get any money. I got a watch. This was my last trick.

"I went direct to Port Costa and to Benicia getting there about 1 o'clock in the morning. I got a bed and left for Vallejo about 11 o'clock the next morning. I went to Vallejo to do a trick but when I lost my pistol I decided to quit."

"Melville will be held at Fairfield until all the evidence possible is gathered. He will probably be turned over to the officers of Sacramento.

Attorney Raines told him he should be ashamed of himself for holding up the man and woman in Sacramento. As Raines was leaving the jail Melville called him back and said: "I tell you, mister, I am sorry I held up that man and woman in Sacramento."

INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

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Investigation of the whole affair. Taking of testimony before the grand jury began some time ago. A statement by Baker recently that the ac-

Stokes Declares He Will Prosecute



MRS. ALICE ANDREWS

MISS LILLIAN GRAHAM

MRS. STELLA SINGLETON

NEW YORK, June 17.—After being assured by surgeons at Roosevelt Hospital that W. E. D. Stokes, proprietor of the Hotel Ansonia, who was shot by the Misses Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad in the Varuna apartments, will undoubtedly recover,

lawyers for Mr. Stokes declare that they will push the prosecution of the girls as soon as Mr. Stokes is able to appear in court. With this repeated assertion, that the case will not be dropped relatives of Miss Graham and Miss Conrad have decided to go to their assistance.

also, a sister of Miss Graham, telegraphed Herman Phillips, attorney for the young woman, that she will arrive in the city in a few days to give her aid. John Singleton, the wealthy owner of the Yellow Aster mine, at Randsburg, California, birth-ere-in-law of Miss Graham, may come to New York city to aid the defense.

VISITORS SOUND PRAISES OF CITY AND VALLEY

RAY TO INVADE KLAMATH FALLS

Judge Colvig Appears Before City Council and Discusses Matter of Furnishing Light and Power at a Lower Rate.

KLAMATH FALLS, June 17.—Judge William Colvig, representing the Rogue River Electric company, met with the members of the city council last night in an informal session to discuss the matter of furnishing the people of Klamath Falls with electric energy for lighting and power at a cheaper rate than they are getting at the present time, and the visitor made a most favorable impression on all present, as he is a splendid talker, and had his argument well in hand.

According to Colvig the Rogue River company, which now furnishes electric energy to all parts of Jackson and Josephine counties from the power generated at the Gold Ray dam, has nearly completed a power site at the falls of Rogue river, which will furnish 70,000 additional horsepower. It is the plan of Colonel Ray, head of the company, he stated, to send this power across the mountains by means of a weatherproof conduit, and distribute it various sections in southern Oregon.

tion of Judge Collins was above question led to a report here that the grand jury would probably adjourn without indictments. Thursday the grand jury returned eight indictments, but Judge Markey of the original court returned the mass improperly drawn.

Indictments Surprise.

The indictments came as a surprise to those who had been watching the case. Today the grand jury notified Judge Markey that a second report was ready and the indictments were served.

The clerk of the court sent capias to the sheriff and it is believed that further arrests in connection with the case will be made. Whether all the indictments are for Indianapolis is not known.

Union Counsel Pleaded.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 17.—"The finding by the grand jury will give the people of the nation a line on the methods employed by Detective William J. Burns and his assistants."

RAILROAD MEN WELL PLEASED

Northern Pacific Party Given Auto Ride Throughout Valley and Banquet in Evening—Many Nice Things Are Voiced by Visitors.

Here are some of the expressions voiced by the visitors in the Northern Pacific party particular interest to Medford: H. C. Nutt, vice president, Northern Pacific: I hope the time is not far distant when we can have our lines running into Medford. You have a most wonderful city and valley. I was surprised. J. S. Woodworth, traffic manager: The trip through the valley was a delight. never have I viewed a more pleasing landscape. H. L. Pitcock, The Oregonian: I first visited what is now Medford in 1864. It was but a bare field then. This is a leader among the cities of Oregon. C. S. Jackson, The Oregon Journal: During the past two years Medford has grown away from me. I hardly knew it. Medford surely sets the pace. John P. Carroll, the Telegram: Medford is surely the biggest little city in the United States. The Rogue River Valley is wonderful.

Voicing the highest praise for the Rogue River Valley and the city of Medford and declaring that this city and valley outclasses any thing they had seen while on their trip throughout the state the members of the Northern Pacific officials who visited Medford Friday evening left Saturday morning for the north by rail. Their stay in the valley, and city, while brief, was devoted entirely to seeing the various phases of life here and all left well pleased.

The party was met at Ashland by a number of business men and taken for a drive throughout the valley. Winding about through the orchards from Ashland to Central Point the members of the party in a short time gained a comprehensive idea of what the Rogue River Valley had to offer in the way of beauty and wealth. In the evening an informal banquet was served at the Nash Grill, plates being laid for 30. Here many expressions of good will were heard while the visitors were loud in their praise of what they had seen.

In regard to the extension of the Pacific & Eastern across the Cascades to a connection with the Oregon Trunk the members of the party had little to say. They stated how-

MAY GET TWO COURT TERMS

Congressman Lafferty Introduces Bill in Congress Providing Two Sessions of Federal Court in This Session—One Held Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—Congressman Lafferty has today introduced a bill amending his previous bill to divide the state of Oregon into two judicial districts, the provisions of which provide for two terms of court at Medford instead of one, these terms to begin on the first Tuesdays of October and December of each year.

Under the present arrangement the federal court holds only one term at Medford. By the provisions of the amended bill Medford is granted an additional term.

IN MEMORIAM.

In the passing away of Wm. L. Howard, the world has lost one of her noblest sons, the community an excellent citizen, the neighborhood a dear friend and kind neighbor. Of noble character, he left this earth without a blot on his fair name.

Taken in the prime of manhood, he seemed too young to have to bid farewell to life, so full of precious opportunities, so full of hope and promise. Life was so dear to him. Possessed of rare pleasing personality, he had the faculty of winning friends wherever he went.

To know him was to love him. His generosity knew no bounds; and in time of need, he was one of the first to respond to a call for help.

He was a kind and devoted son, a loving brother and in the home he loved so well, may be seen many evidences of his kindness and love. The world needed just such men as he was, and while we shall all miss him, we know God's ways are the best.

"So loving parents trust him then. Believe that He is dealing a cup of justice, mercy, love; now filled for torn hearts healing. For Jesus calls the blessed ones. And bids them all come home; He'll gather them within the fold. Though messengers they roam, and though you long his form to see.

This noble son of twenty-four, I think God needed just this one. To grace His throne forevermore. A Friend and Neighbor.

TIMBER WILL BE CLOSELY GUARDED

Jackson County Timbermen Complete Organization of New Patrol—W. T. Grieve Is Elected President—Mills is Vice President.

Representatives of a number of firms holding timber lands in this section met Saturday afternoon with Supervisor Erickson of the Crater National forests, in the forestry offices and completed organization of the Jackson County Fire Patrol association.

W. T. Gieves of Jacksonville was elected president of the organization, Harry D. Mills of Butte Falls, vice president, and B. I. Shannon of the forestry service, secretary and treasurer. These three, with W. B. Messereau of Portland and Edgar S. Hafer of Medford III act as a board of directors.

The following company's with timber holding aggregating 120,000 acres have entered the association and others are expected to join shortly: Crater Lake Lumber Company, Edgar S. Hafer, manager; Rogue River Timber Company, W. B. Messereau, president; Butte Falls Lumber Company, Harry D. Mills, manager; Elk Lumber Company, W. T. Gieves, manager, Gold Ray Realty Company, C. R. Ray, manager; Big Bend Milling Company, owned by Vawter, Davis and Howard, and the Lookout Lumber Company.

By-laws were drawn up requiring all members to be interested in the ownership or management of timber land within the limits prescribed by the board of directors and comply with certain conditions imposed by them. Assessments will be levied at the discretion of the directors. There will be an annual meeting of the association the first Monday in February of each year and special meetings may be called at any time when occasion warrants it, subject to the will of the board of directors which shall have power to direct the operations of the association.

The officers shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and a board of five directors who shall hold office for one year or until a successor can be elected. The object of the association is to have a detailed fire patrol to protect the holdings of the members of the association, but in no way to protect the holdings of those not in the association.

Rangers appointed by the board of directors will act as a patrol, one ranger being assigned to every township to patrol their range on horseback every day of the fire season. These rangers will be appointed by State Forester Elliott, Frank Neil of Eagle Point has been appointed as county fire warden and will work in connection with the association rangers as will the forest service under supervisor Erickson.

It is estimated that the expense of protection will approximate two cents an acre. As many timber holders as possible will be taken into the organization and eventually work the holdings up to 500,000 acres.

Mr. Hafer leaves next week to take up the matter with the Southern Pacific officials and if possible induce them to become a member. The Southern Pacific has immense timber interests in this section and will prove a valuable addition.

THOUSANDS HERE JULY 4.

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mile; \$25.
No. 4.—Running race for ponies, 14 hands or under, \$15.
No. 5.—Mule race, novelty walk, one-quarter; trot one-quarter, and go-as-you-please last quarter for purse of \$15.
No. 6.—Bicycle races.
July 4, a. m.—Big parade; small sports, etc., at city park.
At the race track at 2 o'clock, p. m.:
No. 1.—Trotting race for green trotters.
No. 2.—Free for all trot or pace, half mile heats, best two in three; purse \$150.
No. 3.—Half mile and repeat running race; purse \$50.
No. 4.—Mile running race; purse \$100.
No. 5.—Ladies relay race 2 1/2 miles, changing horses each half mile; purse \$100.
No. 6.—Motor cycle race.

The finance committee has not been able to see everyone so if there are any who wish to contribute to the big celebration money can be left with George L. Davis at the Farmers' and Fruit Growers' bank.

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