

TRAIN 16 IS HELD UP AND ROBBED BLIZZARD SWEEPS MIDDLE-WEST STATES COUNTY COURT CREATES FIVE NEW VOTING PRECINCTS

CLERKS BOUND AND POUCHES OF MAIL RIFLED

Booty Will Run Up Into the Thousands—Pesses Are in Pursuit—One Bandit Left Train When It Reached Redding.

CLERKS ARE TIED BY ROBBERS WITH ROPES

Much Registered Mail Was on the Train, But Little of It for Medford.

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 5.—Entering the mail car of the fast northbound Oregon Express shortly after 6 a. m. today two masked bandits bound and gagged three mail clerks in charge of the mail car, and after rifling the contents of six registered mail sacks, jumped from the train at Redding and escaped. The exact amount of loot obtained by the bandits has not been accurately demonstrated, but it is believed that it will total several thousand dollars.

The clerks in charge of the mail car were Charles J. Ryan, Robert B. Warner and Peter Henrick of San Francisco. The bandits boarded the train at Red Bluff. The engine had hardly started before they leaped into the mail car. Drawing revolvers, the two bandits commanded the clerks to throw up their hands. While one stuffing handkerchiefs into their other proceeded to gag the clerks by stuffing handkerchiefs into their mouths, then the clerks were securely bound. This finished, the bandits proceeded to rifle the mail sacks, discarding ordinary mail, they stuffed the valuable registered packages into their overcoat pockets.

Clerks Are Bound.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Clerk Henrick, who was in charge of the Southern Pacific train No. 16, held up near Redding, Cal., stated that the two holdup men boarded the train at Cottonwood and held up the mail car between that point and Redding. He said one of the bandits did not leave the train until it reached Redding.

The robbers entered the car, ordered the mail clerks to throw up their hands and then bound them with ropes, according to preliminary reports made to Division Superintendent J. W. Mytearf of the Shasta division, and then wired the main offices here.

Had Important Mail.

Train No. 16 left San Francisco at 8:20 last night, carrying the most important mail dispatch of the day, according to local postoffice authorities, including the accumulation of registered matter mailed in this city and received here for distribution from the surrounding territory. A quantity of registered matter from Los Angeles and other southern points was on the train.

The destination of the mail was the northwest, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and eastern Montana.

Inspectors Gray, Robinson, Roberts and Spencer were dispatched this morning from San Francisco by Chief Inspector Hall to the scene of the robbery.

Railroad officials here are convinced from the descriptions received of the manner in which the train was held up that the bandits were well acquainted with the mail service. This is shown by the fact that they threw off the pouches at Cottonwood and Anderson and took on those awaiting the train there. This prevented the possibility of arousing suspicion that anything was amiss on the train when it sped through those towns.

It is supposed that the trio of (Continued on Page 4.)

NEVADA'S GOVERNOR.



Gov. T. L. ODDIE.
Made by Webster.

WEST TO ARRIVE ON SATURDAY TO VISIT HONOR MEN

Will Leave at Once for "Westville," Where He Will Spend Sunday—Special Train for Governor to Derby.

Governor Oswald West will arrive in Medford Saturday morning on train No. 16 and leave at once for "Westville" Honor Camp No. 1, where he will spend Sunday visiting the men and looking over their work. He will be accompanied by Engineer Harman, Charles Gay, G. Putnam and either Commissioner Owens or Davis, perhaps both.

The governor will go by P. & E. special to Derby, where horses will be waiting to take him across the country to the Flounee rock grade, where the camp is. As there is two feet of snow in the country, the trip will be made on horseback. He will return to Medford Monday.

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the governor will address the ladies of the Greater Medford club at St. Mark's hall.

During his stay in Medford, the governor has been invited to become the guest of the new Holland hotel and the finest suite rooms in the house set aside for him.

ICE IN COLUMBIA ENDANGERS SHIPPING

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—Ice in the Columbia river is running down stream as far as Vancouver today

ARRESTED FOR BEATING AND ROBBING MAN

Andrew Swatzel Charges Dick Thomason With Assault and Highway Robbery—Says Nearly \$40 Was Taken From Him.

SAID THOMASON THOUGHT THAT VICTIM WAS DRUNK

Invited Him to Take Ride and When He Did So He Was Badly Beaten.

Andrew Swatzel, an employe of an electric company in Ashland, was assaulted and robbed of nearly \$40 about 10 o'clock Thursday night on the Medford-Central Point road. Dick Thomason is charged with the crime. Swatzel is said to have driven from Ashland to Medford for a load of oils and instead of at once returning to Ashland, he put his team in a stable and commenced to consume all the red liquor in Medford. In these efforts he is said to have had a congenial companion in the person of Dick Thomason, who, after making the discovery that Swatzel had a few gold pieces which he had not already slid over a bar, invited him to take a ride into the country. A rig was secured at a livery stable and the two started north on the Medford-Central Point road and when a couple of miles out, as told by Swatzel, he was knocked out of the buggy by Thomason and when on the ground was beaten in the face by Thomason with his fist and nearly \$40 taken from his pockets.

Thomason had tied the horse to a telephone pole while Swatzel lay in a stupor on the ground, but with returning consciousness he gained his feet and, running to where the horse was tied, cut the tie strap, jumped into the buggy and made his escape, driving back to Medford and delivering the rig to the stable from which it had been hired.

A complaint was sworn to this morning by Swatzel and a warrant of arrest issued for Thomason, and Sheriff Jones soon located his man in Central Point and brought him to Medford. A hearing is being had in Judge Taylor's court this afternoon. Thomason was arrested a few months ago charged with assault and robbery and is now out of jail on \$1000 bail waiting a hearing in the circuit court, his case being set for January 29.

Swatzel is quite well known among the laboring men of Medford, having been employed on the Mail Tribune building and by the Clark-Henry company on street work.

and as a result navigation between Portland and The Dalles has been suspended temporarily. None of the regular line steamers left their docks here today.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE?

Mark cross between number and name of candidate.
Republican.
1 (.....) William Howard Taft.
2 (.....) Robert M. La Follette.
3 (.....) Theodore Roosevelt.
Democrat.
4 (.....) Woodrow Wilson.
5 (.....) Judson Harmon.
6 (.....) Champ Clark.
7 (.....) William J. Bryan.
Cut out and mail to Mail Tribune.
Name
Address

A TINY BRIDEGROOM.



SAMUEL C. DREW.
WEIGHT, 457 POUNDS.

Samuel C. Drew is a healthy little bridegroom from Dover, N. H., who has just returned with his bride from their honeymoon. The tiny youngster weighs 457 pounds, while the bride confesses to 278, making a combined weight of 735 pounds. The couple will set up a little home of their own.

TEDDY REFUSES TO EVEN READ THAT INTERVIEW

Has Nothing to Say Regarding Statement by Lawrence Abbott That He Will Not Be a Candidate—Colonel Demands Privacy at His Home.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Declaring that he had positively nothing to say on any subject, but at the same time asserting that he had not read Lawrence Abbott's interview, which said that he was not a candidate for the residential nomination, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, for the first time in several days, appeared at his office here today. Asked regarding the authenticity of the Abbott interview, which also stated that the former president was doing all in his power to discourage the use of his name in connection with the political situation, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"I have not read the Abbott article, so I am not in a position to speak about that. He sent me a copy of the story, but I don't think I shall read it. I have nothing to say today on any subject, and you newspaper men will waste your time hanging around here."

Colonel Roosevelt stated he wished editors would desist from sending reporters to Sagamore Hill, adding: "It is an injustice to both these men and myself. I certainly will not receive them, and all they can do is to stand around the gate and shiver and possibly ruin their health. I shall have nothing to say to the newspapers at my home at any time. I demand the right of privacy."

GAYLORD ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE

Winfred Gaylord, state senator of Wisconsin and socialist lecturer, addressed a large audience at the Natatorium Thursday evening. Tonight he meets C. E. Whisler in debate on "Woman's Suffrage."

Wife of Justice Day Dead.

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The wife of Justice Day of the United States supreme court died here today.

MEDFORD HAS 9 PRECINCTS; GAINS FOUR

Change Made by County Court Owing to Heavy List of Voters in City—Ashland Is Given One New Precinct.

COUNTY COURT NOW AT WORK ON ELECTION BOARDS

Will Also Draw Jury List for 1912 Before Adjourning—Is Busy Session.

The county court has completed its labors of creating new voting precincts in the county and has increased the total number of precincts from 35 to 40. Ashland has one additional precinct, making a total of four, while Medford has four additional precincts, making a total of nine. These will be known as the Medford Northwest precinct, Medford Southwest precinct, Medford North Central precinct, Medford South Central precinct, Medford North Main precinct, Medford South Main precinct, Medford Oakdale precinct, Medford Northeast precinct and Medford Southeast precinct. This change does not affect city elections, when only three precincts or wards are needed.

This change was deemed necessary in Medford owing to the constantly increasing number of voters in the five former precincts.

The county court is busy today choosing the judges and clerks of election to serve during the coming year. They also have a jury list for 1912 to draw.

The session is a very busy one, owing to the many matters to be considered at the first meeting in the year.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE THO' ILL, CONTINUES

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Senator La Follette resumed his tour of the state today, although he is still ill and ate his first meal in 36 hours this morning. The Wisconsin senator said he was feeling somewhat better but far from well, but that he would go through with his itinerary.

RAILROADS SHOW FALLING OFF IN REVENUES FOR THE TEN MONTHS

MONTH	1910	1911
JANUARY	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
FEBRUARY	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
MARCH	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
APRIL	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
MAY	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
JUNE	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
JULY	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
AUGUST	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
SEPTEMBER	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500
OCTOBER	REVENUES \$7500	REVENUES \$7500

Railroad earnings for the 10 months ending last October show a falling off, according to the figures compiled by the bureau of railway economies of Washington. The amounts reported for the periods indicated are cumulative returns for those periods and not monthly averages. When the returns for the 10 months of the calendar year 1911 are compared with the corresponding 10 months of 1910 they show decreases in total operating revenues per mile of 2.9 per cent and in net operating revenue per mile of 4.7 per cent.

SERVES STATE SECOND TIME.



JAMES B. MCCREERY

James B. McCreery, who has just been inaugurated governor of Kentucky, is the first governor to be inaugurated in the new state capitol, recently completed.

This is the second inauguration for Mr. McCreery.

DECISION THIS MONTH IN ROAD BOND CONTEST

Attorney A. E. Reames in Closing His Argument Before Supreme Court Points Out Need for As Early a Decision As Possible.

According to word received from A. E. Reames, attorney for the county in the Jackson county road bond contest, which was argued before the supreme court at Salem Thursday, a decision will be rendered some time this month, possibly within two weeks.

After closing his argument before the supreme court, Mr. Reames requested an early decision in the matter, pointing to the fact that Jackson county was holding back its tax levy until such time as it could be determined whether the bonds would be available or not. In return he was assured that the court would return a decision as early as possible.

Mr. Reames further stated that the supreme court had taken great interest in the case, asking many questions in regard to the bond issue. They went into details very carefully, much time being consumed. The argument closed about 5 o'clock.

SAN JOSE, Cal.—The smart set is warring against what they term San Francisco's sensuous savageries, the Texas tommy, bunny hug and grizzly bear. The were danced at the swell Vendome and debutantes were dragged home.

SUFFERING IS INTENSE FROM COLD CHICAGO

Over 150,000 Persons Are Out of Work and With Thermometer at 8 Degrees Below and Due to Go Lower Suffering Is Severe.

HUNDREDS BESIEGE POLICE STATIONS FOR SHELTER

Terrific Blizzard Sweeping Over Nebraska and Kansas—Roads Are Blockaded.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

Below Zero.
Chicago, 8 degrees; Superior, Wis., 32; Dubuque, Iowa, 16; LaCrosse, Wis., 22; Minneapolis, 28; Bismarck, N. D., 14; Devil's Lake, 22; Duluth, 20; Sioux City, Iowa, 20; Madison, Wis., 12; Winnipeg, 24; Williston, N. D., 18; Green Bay, Wis., 14.
Above Zero.
San Diego, 50; Los Angeles, 60; Pasadena, 60; Sacramento, 34; Oakland, 35; San Francisco, 41; Medford, Ore., 33; Portland, 32; Tacoma, 37; Seattle, 37; Bellingham, 38; Vancouver, B. C., 28; New Westminster, B. C., 32.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Gripped in the severest weather of the season and with the cold record in many years shattered, the suffering in the frozen district of the great lakes and the Rocky mountains today is intense. With 150,000 persons here out of work and the thermometer registering 8 degrees below and due to take another tumble before night, the charity agencies of the city are practically overwhelmed and helpless. The municipal lodging houses are packed to the doors and hundreds of men, women and children are besieging the police stations, pleading for admittance that they may keep warm. The mercury began to drop here last night and by 8 o'clock this morning it was standing at 8 below and the forecaster predicted still colder weather.

Two fires in the early hours of the morning sent the members of two families into the street in their night clothing. They nearly froze to death before finding places of refuge. Ice had to be chopped from the fire plugs and the water froze in the nozzles of the pipes, leaving the firemen helpless.

A terrific blizzard today swept down upon Nebraska and Kansas. The railroads are blockaded and some of the branch lines had to be abandoned.

Three Die of Cold.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 5.—Three persons are known to be dead and scores are in a serious condition at hospitals in this state as a result of the cold wave that swept over the northwest. One of the victims, Theodore Selzer, whose hands and feet are frozen, died in Milwaukee. Two other deaths are reported from other points in Wisconsin.

Minnesota 28 Below.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 5.—Minnesota is in the throes of er weather, the average temperature of the last four days being 11 below zero. The mercury has not risen above 4 degrees below during that period. Reports from all sections of the northwest indicate that the temperature throughout that entire section of the country is 28 below.