

# ROGUE RIVER ORCHARDIST TURNS BANDIT

## W. LOUNSBERRY ATTEMPTS ROB TRAIN; IS SHOT

Owms 57 Acres Fine Orchard Between Central Point and Jacksonville—Wife and Two Children Reside There—Greatly Respected Here

Robs Mail Car Near Topeka, Kan., and in Struggle With Conductor Is Fatally Injured

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 23.—The post office officials of this place this afternoon positively identified the robber who was shot and seriously wounded by his own revolver while resisting capture after he had robbed the mail car on the Union Pacific Colorado Limited train No. 101, near Lawrence, as Wells Lounsberry of Medford, Oregon, a former railway mail clerk. Lounsberry formerly ran between St. Paul and Jamestown, N. D., on the Northern Pacific railroad. He was identified by means of a letter found on his person addressed to Mrs. Lounsberry at Medford. It is estimated that \$2500 was secured from the registered mail.

TOPEKA, Kans., Aug. 23.—After boarding the mail train of the Union Pacific Colorado Limited as it pulled out of the Union Depot here and looking the mail pouches near Lawrence, a lone bandit today lies in a Topeka hospital fatally wounded from a bullet wound, from the man's own gun during a struggle with the conductor.

At first the bandit refused to reveal his identity, but later stated that his name was Wells Lounsberry of Medford, Oregon and that he has a wife and two children there.

The bandit compelled the clerks in the mail car to tie up each other. With his foot he then walked back and went to sleep in a Pullman. The conductor became suspicious and a struggle ensued.

A letter found in the pockets of the man's clothes was addressed to Mrs. Wells Lounsberry, Medford, Ore. The loot was all recovered.

Well Thought of Here  
Wells Lounsberry, wife and two children, live on a ranch next to the Daggett place on the road between Central Point and Jacksonville. He came to Medford five years ago from St. Paul. For years he was a mail clerk on the run between St. Paul and Jamestown, N. D., on the Northern Pacific.

Few men have more warm personal friends or a better reputation for honesty than Lounsberry enjoys here. Friends find it hard to believe he committed the robbery and say that if he did, he was no doubt demented at the time. They point out the fact that he was at one time injured on the head in a railroad wreck and that this must have affected his mind.

Mrs. Lounsberry Prostrated  
Mrs. Lounsberry is prostrated at the news and sticks to the belief that a message from her husband will clear up the matter. She is hoping that the robber went through mail pouches and in that manner obtained possession of the letter. Last heard from him he was at Denver.

The Lounsberry ranch is a model one with a fine crop of fruit now being harvested. Neighbors and friends believed that the owner was on the way to become rich and state no pecuniary difficulties could have influenced him to commit the crime. One Medford bank official declared today that he would loan Lounsberry money without any security but his note, so honest did he believe him.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Prices at the opening of today's stock market showed few changes of importance. American Telephone, Erie first preferred and a few others developed weakness. The only noteworthy gain was a point by Western Maryland. The market was dull and extremely little interest was shown.

## DR. DENNISTON IN GREAT PAIN, KILLS HIMSELF

Buys Revolver, Rents Room at Moore Hotel and Takes Own Life, While Temporarily Insane as Result of Acute Stomach Trouble

Came to Medford About Three Years Ago Having Retired From Active Practice—Leaves Widow Only

Driven into temporary insanity by acute stomach trouble Dr. Charles H. Denniston who has resided at 1123 West Main street during the past three years, shot and instantly killed himself in a room he had just secured at the Hotel Moore. The action was premeditated as he had just purchased the revolver with which he ended his life. He placed the barrel of the gun in his mouth the bullet emerging just behind his right ear.

For some time Dr. Denniston has been ill suffering great pain. Recently he tried fasting in order to relieve the pain but was not successful. He complained to a number of friends this morning that he was in a very bad condition. A short time before the tragedy he walked into the Garnett-Corey Hardware store and inquired concerning revolvers. H. C. Garnett who waited upon him noticed that he was acting queerly and after informing him that they did not carry revolvers remarked to Mr. Corey that he thought the man intended doing away with himself. Dr. Denniston was also greeted while the store by F. E. Merrick who inquired as to his health.

"Oh, I am bad, very bad," he replied.

Leaving the Garnett-Corey store Dr. Denniston went to Humphrey's Gun store and purchased a .38 revolver. He then walked across Main street to the Moore Hotel and asked for a room. He registered as J. Jameson of Chicago.

Shortly after he had reached his room a shot was heard by the attaches of the hotel. They rushed to his room but the door was locked. Looking in over the transom the doctor was seen stretched across the bed, dead. The police were summoned who soon gained entrance to the room.

Death Instantaneous  
Death had evidently been instantaneous as the body had simply fallen backward on the bed. There was no struggle. He had evidently removed all papers which would tend to identify him as no letters were found, only a check book, without a name. A pocketbook with some change in it was found.

Dr. Denniston resided at 1123 West Main street having purchased a home there about three years ago. He is survived by a widow. He had never practiced in this city having retired before coming here. He was formerly a resident of Crookston, Minn.

The body was removed to the Port Undertaking parlors where an inquest will be held later.

## BIG STEAMER SINKS FISHING MOTOR BOAT

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 23.—Coming into the straits this morning en route from San Francisco, the British Steamer Ikalis, Captain Clarkson, collided with and sank the power fishing boat Dove, Captain Weaver of Seattle. The crew of two men, Captain Weaver and Engineer C. E. McMaster, were rescued by the crew of the Ikalis and were landed here by the Nanaimo pilot boat this morning. They left by the Steamer Iroquois at 8:30 a. m. bound to Seattle, having been given a passage by Captain Carter. They were destitute, all their effects except the clothing they were wearing being lost with their vessel, which was broken and practically cut in two by the propeller of the freighter.

## PENROSE PUT IN ANANIAS CLUB BY ROOSEVELT

Statement That Perkins Underwrote \$3,000,000 Campaign Fund Denounced by Colonel as "Deliberate Falsehood"

Progressive Candidate Flays Pennsylvania Boss and Gives Telegrams Sent to Cortelyou

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Regarding the charge by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania that an enormous fund had been raised by George W. Perkins to secure for Colonel Roosevelt the regular republican nomination at Chicago and letters and telegrams instructing Chairman Cortelyou, in 1904, to refuse campaign contributions from the Standard Oil Company, Roosevelt issued today the following statement:

"Senator Penrose would do well not to attribute to others the baseness which actuates his own acts. The statement that George W. Perkins underwrote a primary campaign fund for \$3,000,000 or any fund remotely resembling that sum is a deliberate falsehood, which he knows to be a falsehood when he makes it.

Deliberate Falsehood  
The statement that my letters and telegram to George B. Cortelyou in 1904 were written only for the purpose of getting them into the record and that they were not genuine is a deliberate and willful falsehood, which he knows to be such when he makes it.

"Until Senator Penrose spoke the other day I had never heard Archbold's name mentioned in connection with any contribution.

"Penrose's attitude in this matter symbolizes his habitual attitude, which has finally brought disaster to him in Pennsylvania. He is never able to understand that other men are not actuated by his own incurable baseness of soul and character."

Cortelyou Obeys Orders  
Colonel Roosevelt gives his letters of October 27 and 29, 1904 and his telegram of October 29, to Chairman Cortelyou, demanding that Cortelyou refuse Standard Oil contributions and Cortelyou's letter in compliance with the demand. Roosevelt's statement added:

"I am certain that when Cortelyou told me my orders would be thus acted upon he was saying what he undoubtedly understood to be the exact facts."

## CULMINATING STOCK T HREATENS ENGLISH MERCHANT MARINES

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The culminating strike of the series which has crippled the British carrying business during the past two years is threatened by the officers of the Mercantile Marine. The movement began today when the newly formed Union of Shipmasters and Mates tried to prevent the Canadian Pacific Liner Mount Royal from sailing. The chief officer had been dismissed and the union demanded his re-statement. A substitute was obtained by the company, however, and the vessel left port.

The officers are well organized. They are violently discontented and they propose to put forward before the end of the year what they consider their legitimate demands. Failure to meet these on the part of the shipowners will be met with a strike "which may starve the nation."

Prowler Kills Resident  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—An unknown prowler asked H. George up at midnight to waken a street direction and when George went to the door the stranger floored him with a kick in the stomach. George fired two shots at his callers but missed.

# ARCHBOLD ACCUSES ROOSEVELT OF ATTEMPTED POLITICAL EXTORTION AGAINST STANDARD OIL



JOHN D. ARCHBOLD  
PHOTO BY DAVIS & SCHREIBER

## WEST GOES BEFORE GRAND JURY TO START CLEAN-UP CRUSADE IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—Much significance is attached to the appearance of Governor West as a witness before the grand jury of this county today. While no definite information could be obtained as to the matters on which the governor testified, it was believed his testimony was relative to the immoral conditions and lawlessness which Governor West declares exist here.

After he left the grand jury room Governor West declared he had not changed his attitude as regards his proposed clean-up of Portland, which he declared several days ago he would accomplish, even if it should prove necessary to declare martial law to do so.

"I am going to clean up Portland," said Governor West today. "I don't know how long it will take or whether it will be necessary to employ state troops to do so, but the city is certainly going to be cleaned up."

Later it was stated Governor West had been before the grand jury at that body's request to testify regarding immoral and lawless conditions in Portland. He arranged for a conference to be held late this afternoon at the mayor's office to be attended by himself, Mayor Rushlight, Chief of Police Slover, Sheriff Stevens and District Attorney Cameron.

At this conference it was stated the moral problems confronting Portland would be discussed and remedies considered.

"This is the parting of the ways for the people of Portland," declared the governor this afternoon. "They can fight with me against the corruption that infests Portland or they can line up with the grafters, the degenerates who live from the earnings of fallen women and the other rotten elements that are disgracing Portland."

Conditions here are deplorable. Grand jury after grand jury has been "double crossed" by officials who have broken their faith with the people and refused to enforce the laws. Now if necessary we will have new officials. If the grand jury wishes I will appoint a special attorney to prosecute crime here and special officers to enforce the law.

"This is no grandstand play. I am not a candidate for re-election. But the laws of the state of Oregon will be enforced in Portland and Multnomah county if takes state troops to do it."

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Archbold then told the committee how he and Henry H. Rogers, now dead, had paid a visit at the white house to Colonel Roosevelt. While Roosevelt, he said, made no

## PROSECUTION FOLLOWED REFUSAL OF BIG CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

President of Standard Oil Tells of Giving \$125,000 to Republican Party Fund and of Roosevelt's Demand for \$150,000 More Money Which Was Refused, Which Was Followed by Attacks of Government Upon Trust—Darkest Africa Never Saw Anything Like Unjust Persecution Declares Archbold—Bliss Denounced Roosevelt for Ingratitude but Admitted Different Results Had Request Been Complied with

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—That Theodore Roosevelt attempted political extortion on the Standard Oil Company during his second administration because the trust failed to follow up an alleged \$125,000 contribution with a second and larger contribution in the presidential campaign of 1904, was the substance of testimony given the senate campaign contributions committee here today by John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company. Archbold's denunciation of the former president was extremely bitter, the witness openly asserting that "the attacks waged on the Standard Oil Company by Roosevelt, which he said were unwarranted, directly resulted in the deaths of Henry H. Rogers and Henry Hilford, two of the company's directors."

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direct reference to the contribution he was extremely polite and affable.

"There has been some criticism," he alleged Roosevelt told them, "but that is always to be expected."

Before the committee adjourned to meet again at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon Archbold asserted that the \$100,000 contribution alleged to have been made to Bliss or the \$25,000 given Penrose had never been returned. He said no request for its return so far as he knew had been made by any of the interested parties.

Senator Boise Penrose, before the session was opened, inquired as to whether the reporters had been permitted to be present at the hearing and seemed anxious that the inquiry have full publicity. After the newspapermen had been seated, everyone else with the exception of senators and congressmen were excluded from the committee room.

Archbold testified that he made two contributions to the 1904 campaign of the republican party, but said he could not locate the receipts which he received from Treasurer Bliss and promised to make another search.

Paid in Cash, Not Check  
Archbold said that early in September a conference was held in his office, attended by Treasurer Bliss, Henry H. Rogers and himself. Asked directly by Chairman Clapp if he sent Penrose a check for \$25,000, Archbold said:

"No, think the money was paid in currency. Right here I wish to state that no such letters as have been published, purporting to have passed between Senator Penrose and myself exist."

"My agreement and the payment, I think, were made in my office. The nature of the signature attached to the published letters makes them look suspicious."

"Mr. Bliss knew of the money I gave Senator Penrose. Later I again conferred with Bliss, either the first or second of October. I believe Rogers was also present. It was at this conference that we refused to make further contributions."

Bliss Spoke for Teddy  
Archbold declared that he had never conferred with George B. Cortelyou, chairman of the republican national committee in 1904. The witness denied that he was interested in any other trust in 1904 except the

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OLD SETTLER ON FOOTS CREEK DEAD  
Nelson Hosmer one of the old settlers on Foots Creek passed away yesterday at one p. m., aged 80, he had been falling for some time and his death was not unexpected. The deceased came to the Coast from Vermont in 1854 settling in Weaver-ville, Cal., in 1879 took up the land on Foots Creek where died. Mr. Hosmer was of a retiring nature, respected by all, and his acquaintances were his staunch friends. Mr. Hosmer was a member of Warren lodge A. F. & A. M. and Reames Chapter Royal Arch Masons at Jacksonville. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Mattie J. Hosmer and three step children. Funeral at Rock Point Sunday at 1 p. m.

## MAJOR RAY PROMOTED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—President Taft sent to the senate today the nomination of Major B. Ray, U. S. A., to be deputy paymaster general with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Major Ray's career in the army was recently the subject of investigation by the war department.

Burglars Steal Rats  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23.—Police are preparing to search the state insane asylum for the robbers who entered a Portland residence and selected a "rat" and a number of particularly handsome hairpins.