

STOLEN MEDFORD PACKAGE CLUE THAT LANDED POSTAL ROBBER IN JAIL

Prisoner Claims to Have Been Book-keeper Who Turned Thief Because He was Broke and Could Get No Work.

Woman Had Knowledge of Crimes Though Not Otherwise Implicated—Breaks Down After Arrest.

The Roseburg Review of Monday gives the following detailed account of the apprehension and arrest of the thief who recently robbed the Medford and other postoffices in the Rogue river valley:

The series of robberies of post-offices, stores and railroad stations in the Rogue river valley, committed within a period of two weeks beginning December 27 last, had its sequence in Roseburg this morning when the man guilty of the crimes was placed under arrest at the Hotel McClallen, where he has been staying with his wife and two little children since last Thursday, under the alias of J. Allison. All of the loot secured in the robberies was found in the man's possession, except such money as he has expended in traveling from place to place with his family.

The thief's arrest was brought about by co-operative detective work on part of P. E. Kelly, special agent of the Southern Pacific company; Postal Inspector S. H. Morse and Chief of Police B. Fenton, of this city. Morse and Fenton took the man into custody in his room at the hotel and lodged him in a cell in the city jail. He made no resistance and frankly confessed to committing the crimes charged against him. He will be formally arraigned before a local magistrate tomorrow and then taken to Portland, where he will be turned over to the federal authorities.

Believed Professional Crook

Morse and Fenton state that Allison is not the man's true name. They say they know his right name, but for certain reasons they do not wish to divulge it at the present time. It is intimated that they suspect the prisoner of being a professional crook who has committed crimes in other states, but they wish to make sure of this before giving his true identity to the public. They have evidence that the man came to Oregon from California a month or so ago. Included in his personal effects are a set of keys used by burglars for picking locks, a chisel, diamond pointed class cutter and pair of files.

His Two Weeks' Record

Beginning December 27 last, the prisoner robbed the following places in the order named:

At Medford—Postoffice; secured \$17 in stamp books, six registered packages, carrier's street letter box key and a revolver.

At Talent—Postoffice, S. P. R. R. station and H. L. Burdick's store; secured \$6 in stamp books, \$6.40 in pennies, nickels and dimes, two express packages and hair brush and comb.

At Grants Pass—A jewelry store; secured large quantity of cutlery, various articles of small jewelry and a revolver.

At Gold Hill—Postoffice, Jennings' saloon and Lance's store; secured \$18 in pennies and small change, a marked \$2 bill, a revolver, string of rose beads and a chamois skin.

At Rogue River—Postoffice, J. A. Murray's store and railroad station; secured \$1.25 in pennies, \$4.69 in stamps, \$4.25 in nickels and various articles of jewelry.

It was originally reported that during the interim between the robberies at Grants Pass and Gold Hill the postoffice at Eagle Point was looted.

The Daily Hint from Paris.



One of the favorite winter hat shapes of velvet with a sharply turned back brim. This shape is simply trimmed with velvet bias bands and loops and osprey trimming.—Maison Velvete.

ed. Allison, as the prisoner calls himself, denies any knowledge of that job, and the officers believe him. There is no evidence to connect him with that crime, and there is even doubt if such a crime was committed at all. The officers have little or no knowledge of this reported robbery.

Some Loot Thrown Away

Allison told the local officers that after robbing the jewelry store at Grants Pass he threw away three gold-filled watch cases. These were found near the railroad yards last Saturday. The prisoner also said he discarded a set of surveying instruments which he secured from one of the six registered packages stolen from the Medford postoffice. He gave a fairly good description of the place where he threw the instruments away and Morse will start on a search for them as soon as possible.

Among the stolen articles which the officers found in the prisoner's possession were the following: Five gold watches, three revolvers, three sets of earrings, two pairs of cuff buttons, four stick pins, one brooch, 48 pieces of silver cutlery, one gold-plated drinking cup, one rose bead necklace, one razor, one compass, one fountain pen, one souvenir spoon, one pair jeweler's pliers, one letter carrier's key, two railway switch keys and a lady's woolen knit jacket. With the exception of one revolver, carried on his person, all of this booty was found in suit cases in the room at the hotel occupied by Allison and his family. He also had \$8.55 in nickels, dimes and pennies, 51 books of stamps worth \$20 and loose stamps amounting to \$4.60.

Prisoner Close Mouted

The prisoner is a very slender, anemic looking man, giving his age as 28 years. He is comfortably dressed, wears glasses and has not the appearance of the habitual criminal. He told the newspapermen at the city jail today that he was a bookkeeper by profession and worked recently in Portland. He refused to give the name of the firm he asserted he had been employed by, declared he had no relatives and declined to give any information that might lead to the establishment of his identity.

Allison said he moved to Ashland from Portland last December in search of work, ran short of money and decided to turn burglar to support his family. He denied he ever committed a crime before, but the officers think the burglar outfit found on his person tells a different story. They also have evidence that Allison came to Ashland from California and not from Portland.

The prisoner's wife took her husband's arrest quietly, he as himself did, but afterwards she broke down and gave way to spells of crying. This afternoon she remained in her room and refused to be seen by anyone. She and the two children will be taken to Portland when Allison goes.

Pennies Changed at Bank

The officers have been persistent on the trail of the burglar ever since the robbery of the Medford postoffice on December 27, but the first definite clue was not obtained until after the robbery of the postoffice at Gold Hill, which took place on the night of January 6. On the following day Mrs. Allison cashed \$7.75 in pennies at a bank in Grants Pass. That night Allison committed the burglaries at Rogue River, then rode a railroad velocipede to Grants Pass and joined his wife. The next morning—on January 9—the couple bought railway tickets to Roseburg for themselves and two children, a 5-year-old girl and a 2-year-old boy. They arrived here last Thursday afternoon on train No. 29 and took rooms at the Hotel McClallen.

Stolen Jacket Leads to Arrest

Detective Kelly learned of Mrs. Allison's transaction with the pennies at the Grants Pass bank and of her subsequent departure for Roseburg with her husband and children. He immediately communicated with Inspector Morse, who enlisted the aid of Chief of Police Fenton in keeping the suspects under surveillance in this city. Fenton learned at local restaurants where the family were taking their daily meals that Allison always paid the bill in nickels and dimes. On Sunday he made a search of Allison's rooms while the family was absent, and found the woolen knit jacket that was secured from one of the six registered packages stolen from the Medford postoffice.

This jacket was a Christmas present to a Mrs. Estes in Medford from Bloomington, Ill. After Fenton discovered it he notified Morse, who immediately telegraphed to the sender at Bloomington to describe it. This morning he received an answer by telegraph giving a minute description of the garment. Morse and Fenton went at once to Allison's room and

A MOST IMPRESSIVE SCENE FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES FOR THE LATE AMBASSADOR WHITELAW REID



PASSING THE REID RESIDENCE AT FIFTIETH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE. In the above photograph is pictured one of the most solemn and impressive scenes witnessed during the funeral ceremonies for the late United States Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. The cortege is seen passing the Madison Avenue residence of the late Ambassador, on its way to the Grand Central station, where the flag draped coffin was placed on a train for Tarrytown.

placed him under arrest. Then they found secreted a suit case containing all of the other loot, as previously described.

The officers do not believe Mrs. Allison aided her husband in any of the robberies, but they are firmly convinced that she knew what her husband was doing. Allison used no explosive of any kind in his jobs, always effecting entrance to a building by picking the lock of a door and thereafter using a chisel, file or other instruments that best suited his purpose.

Federal Court Case

The postoffice robberies will necessarily put the disposition of Allison's case into the hands of the federal authorities. He will be indicted, Inspector Morse says, on one count for each of the four postal robberies and on a fifth count for stealing the Medford letter carrier's key. The last named offense, Morse says, is alone sufficient to send Allison to the federal penitentiary for a term of ten years.

Discovery in Allison's possession of the two railroad switch keys from Jacksonville was a big surprise to the officers. They knew that the keys had been stolen, but they did not suspect that their quarry had been operating in that locality.

The apprehension of Allison means the distribution of several hundred dollars reward among the officers responsible for the capture. The government has a standing reward ranging from \$50 to \$200 for the arrest of any postoffice robber, and a reward is paid for each offense no matter if the same man is guilty of more than one offense.

Originally the officers thought that two men were involved in the series of robberies, but Allison declares he committed all of them single handed.

ELECTING SUCCESSOR TO SENATOR WARREN

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 14.—The principal fight promised in the Wyoming legislative session which began today is that over the election of a successor to Senator Frances A. Warren. According to the returns of the canvassing board, the make-up of the legislature will be 46 republicans and 28 democrats, giving the republicans a majority on joint ballot of eight votes. A number of progressive measure will be presented to the legislature, including a new initiative and referendum law and bills prohibiting the use of passes, and for reform of the primary law.

MINNEY COMPANY FILES CERTIFIED CHECK FOR \$2500

Monday afternoon M. T. Minney filed an acceptance of the franchise recently granted by the city and filed a certified check with City Recorder Foss for \$2500 on the First State Bank of Sutherlin, Oregon.

Mr. Minney and associates will ask for a franchise patterned after the Medford franchise, from the Ashland city council this week. W. I. Vawter will appear for the company before the Ashland council.

Mr. Minney leaves today for Portland and says the company proposes to start work in Medford soon.

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WOLGAST OFFERED \$10,000 FOR BATTLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Ad Wolgast, former light-weight champion boxer, who accompanied by Mrs. Wolgast, is in Portland today, stated that since arriving in the north he had received an offer of a \$10,000 guarantee for a 20-round fight with Freddie Welsh, to take place in England. Wolgast referred the offer to Tom Jones, his manager, in Chicago.

Wolgast declares he has little hopes of ever again getting Willie Ritchie, who succeeded to his crown, into the ring with him. He named six fighters, any one of whom he said he would back for \$5,000, who, he declared, could defeat the new champion. They are Joe Mandot, Joe Rivers, Freddie Welsh, Jack Britton, Leach Cross and Teddy Maloney of Philadelphia.

Wolgast will leave in a few days for Cadillac, Mich.

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THE TOGGERY [OF COURSE]

GREAT NORTHERN IS AGAIN OPEN FOR TRAVEL

SEATTLE, Jan. 14.—After a 24 hour battle against snow on the summit which blocked the line for the second time this year, the Northern Pacific is again open for traffic today. No snow is falling on the Great Northern line and seven rotary plows are bucking the drifts. It will be three days, however, before the line is open. The Milwaukee line sent out snow plows on its line but no need was found for them.

PREACHER IS DISCHARGED FOR PLAYING TURKEY-TROT

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Because he tooted "Turkey trot" and "bunny hug" scores of his organ at a country dance, Rev. Wm. Ehrhardt is today deprived of the rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The pastor joined a brass band over the protest of his flock, and the demand for his resignation immediately followed his appearance with the organization at a ragtime dance.

SUFFRAGETTES PLAN TO FINANCE PARADE

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Following their first definite announcement of plans for a grand march in Washington next month, the suffragist leaders of Greater New York today began an attempt to finance the project and to enlist a great army of their sisters.

Headed by the indomitable "general" Rosalie Jones, heroine of the march to Albany, as many ardent devotees of the cause of "Votes for Women" as can be organized will set out from New York February 10 on a schedule that is expected to bring them to Washington March 2, giving them two days to rest up for participation in the inaugural procession. At a mass meeting in Brooklyn, \$3000 was subscribed.

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