

ROGUE RIVER BANK ROBBER SUSPECT REAL JESSE JAMES WITH LONG RECORD OF CRIMES

Two-Gun Man and All Round Desperado With Retreat in Siskiyou—Most Dangerous, Daring and Industrious Outlaw That Has Ravaged Coast in Years.

The Portland Telegram contains the following regarding the arrest of the suspected Rogue River bank robber:

Two-gun man, hip-shot, bank robber, hold-up man, and all-around desperado is the opinion of the authorities of John Austin Hooper, alias Devoe, captured at The Dalles last night after a four-months' search in which the Pacific coast from California to British Columbia has been combed. If Hooper is the man they believe he is, the prisoner is the most industrious, dangerous, and spectacular outlaw that has ravaged the coast in years. In nine months he is believed to have stolen nearly \$25,000, but so active has his brief career been since his pardon from the Folsom penitentiary that officers have been unable to check up all his movements. On him were found two big guns and \$1700, and evidence connecting him with the Canemah car hold-up.

Numerous Daring Crimes

Hooper is suspected of robbing the bank at Rogue River, of robbing a depot at Grants Pass, of holding up a telephone exchange in that city, and of holding up a crowd in the railroad depot there; of holding up the P. R. L. & P. compand car at Canemah, of holding up another electric train at Glen Echo; of holding up the Jacobs store at Hornbrook, Cal., of stealing a team of horses at Weed, Cal.; of attempting to train robbery at Sedro-Woolley, Wash. The officers are now investigating his whereabouts on July 9, when a party of Shriners was held up in the Yellowstone Park.

He is said to have been in the Siskiyou mountains in Northern California, near the Oregon line, a wild country, where there are many Indians and half breeds whose friendship he is said to have gained by giving them clothing and automatic pistols. From that section he is supposed to have made his raids.

Clew to Discovery

It was the big .45 caliber automatic pistol found on the prisoner at The Dalles, that played an important part in his operations and which was one of the principal clues in connecting him with a varied assortment of crimes. With cunning, Hooper boldly traveled the Southern Pacific trains in a neat but sufficient disguise. When "working" he covered his neat business suit with rough clothes, discarding the latter immediately after a job; then he would don a pair of eyeglasses and, sometimes, a false moustache, and could pass anywhere as a commercial traveler. Under his coat on the right side strapped to his body, was the .45 caliber automatic, and on the left side was a Luger gun. In his retreat in the Siskiyou his pastime was to have Indians toss coins into the air, which he would drill with holes while holding the automatic at his hip.

Having served 10 years of a life sentence at Folsom for burglary Hooper was paroled last October at the solicitation of his mother. The officers declare that he immediately launched on a career of crime that covered at least three states.

Railroad Agents Trail Suspect

It was Lou Wagner, special agent of the P. R. L. & P. Co., who obtained the first direct clew, which he fruitlessly followed into California. Then the trail was taken up by Special Agent McShane, of the Southern Pacific, who secured the identity of Hooper. McShane left Monday night for British Columbia on a false trail.

Investigating the hold-up of the electric train at Canemah park March 3, Wagner learned that Oregon City officers had found overalls near the track. Search showed that the overalls were bought in Oregon City. From the merchants a description was obtained of the purchaser. Next Wagner learned that one ticket had been sold to a traveling man on the Southern Pacific line shortly after the hold-up. The traveling man's description fitted the description of the man who bought the overalls. As the suspect bought a ticket to Grants Pass Wagner proceeded there, and while he was on the trail, he learned enough to convince him that his quarry had entered two banks there, obtaining nothing but \$2 of lodge dues found on the counter of one of the banks—both banks having burglar-proof safes. Hooper also held up the night telephone exchange girl—at least a man of his description did, and the big automatic again

came into play. Wagner then tried to pick up the trail in California.

Bank Robbery is Paying

A few days after Wagner's visit to Grants Pass, Hooper entered the Rogue River bank, nine miles from Grants Pass, drew his automatic on the man in charge, and then threw ammonia in the eyes of the banker. In a suit case Hooper carried away \$600 of the bank's money. Next Hooper and his automobile entered the passenger depot at Grants Pass. He lined up a number of men and women and as one victim tried to dodge away, out came the Luger gun, which was brandished, and the man stepped back into line. From this holdup Hooper got \$300, and then the Southern Pacific sent Special Agent McShane on the trail.

McShane unearthed the information that Hooper, alias Devoe, was a Folsom "lifer," paroled last October, and that between the time he left the prison and visited his mother at Petaluma he had secured \$2500, which he gave to his mother. On arrival at Petaluma Hooper carried a wound in his hip, where he had been shot, and there was a long, ugly cut across his neck. Folsom prison officials say he had no such marks when released. Who lost the \$2500 is not known, and there has been no report of such a loss. It is possible that the convict committed violence to obtain it.

Buys \$400 Worth of Guns

In his detective work, McShane learned of Hooper's retreat in the Siskiyou. Gordon Jacobs, proprietor of a general store at Hornbrook, Cal., received an order for \$400 worth of automatics from Hooper. The guns were given to the natives in the vicinity and the next evening Hooper returned and robbed Jacobs at the point of the .45 automatic of \$600 in gold dust. Next McShane discovered that Hooper planned, with a partner, to rob a train near Sedro-Woolley, Wash., and left his suitcases at the depot there. The partner got cold feet and returned to the depot, taking both suitcases. Hooper promptly put in a claim against the railroad company for the loss of the baggage.

The desperado dropped from sight until June 3 when with his big automatic he again held up a P. R. L. & P. Co., electric train, this time at Glen Echo. Wagner, resumed the trail. Although a couple of youths were arrested on suspicion, Wagner and Detective Joe Day, who had been acting as adviser to Wagner and McShane throughout the chase, knew they were not guilty and they were released. Gradually a network was being spread for Hooper, and every officer from California to Nelson, B. C., was on the lookout. Once McShane had pictures of Hooper from Folsom, together with his description and record, the task of apprehending the criminal resolved itself into a waiting game.

Arrested at The Dalles

Believing he was on a hot scent, McShane started Monday night for British Columbia. Scarcely had he departed when railroad officials learned there was an ex-convict at The Dalles planning a hold-up of the O.-W. R. & N. train. Ed Wood, chief special agent of that line, went to The Dalles and last night with Sheriff Chrisman and Patrolman Gibbons, found and seized Hooper on the street, covering him first with guns. When searched Hooper had the .45 automatic and the big Luger gun strapped to his body. A high power rifle and other weapons were found in his room this morning at

BLUE LEDGE MINE OPERATION STILL AN UNDECIDED ISSUE

"A road to Ruch to handle ore from the Blue Ledge district would help some," said S. S. Bullis, head of the Bullis interests in this section, "but it is just half baking things. What the country needs is a road to Hut-ton, so it could be baked brown. Hauling the ore to Ruch and then by rail to Medford is all right, if nothing better can be secured, but one-half of the benefits go to waste. It would take about \$500,000 to build the road to the Blue Ledge, and it might be that the county would vote a bond issue for that purpose. The trouble with development at this time is the lack of money. That country up there holds the key to our prosperity, but how soon they will begin to realize it I don't know."

Mr. Bullis' statement was called forth by the street rumor that the would build an extension of the Bar-num road to Ruch to handle ore. He did not think that hauling by auto trucks and wagons would be profitable.

Operation of the Blue Ledge mine hinges upon the settlement of the transportation problem, according to F. W. Carnahan, superintendent of the property who returned Wednesday from a six weeks visit in the east. Mr. Carnahan in a statement urges that action be taken towards securing an adjustment of present drawbacks, and favors the expenditure of \$5000 by Jackson county for repairs to the road near the California state line. Mr. Carnahan while optimistic is indefinite as to just what the Towne interests will do. He said this morning that it was highly probable that a small crew of men would be put to work at once on the property.

The Commercial club will probably call a meeting so the Blue Ledge people and the city and county can reach a common understanding. The \$5000 needed for the proposed road repairs is a small problem. If assurances were given that this amount expended on road work would mean the resumption of the mine, it could be secured by popular subscription in half a day. Ed G. Brown said this morning that he would, and knew others who would contribute liberally.

"The company with the elimination of a couple of grades, and some repairs could start at once," said Mr. Carnahan this morning. We could then afford to haul the ore to Ruch, paying twice what the railroad would charge. Over the Jacksonville hill some other means would have to be secured for it would be too heavy a grade for teams or auto trucks. The problem is to secure the transportation of ore in sufficient quantities to prevent a loss. It will have to be worked out."

It was hinted that the Bullis interests might extend their line to Ruch, furnishing transportation into Medford, but this feature is still in an indefinite shape.

Pendleton—Pacific Telephone Co. rebuilding its plant here.

The Dalles, where he arrived last Friday.

A long distance message from The Dalles today announces that Hooper, in addition to having \$1700 on him, had also in his possession proof that he was connected with the P. R. L. & P. Co. car hold-ups. Special Agent Wood, Sheriff Chrisman and Special Agent Wagner will try to obtain a confession.

ROGUE CHERRIES EXHIBITED MONTH AT BIG EXPOSITION

W. E. Phipps has received the following from H. O. Froback, concerning cherries shipped a month ago for exhibit at the exposition:
Dr. Mr. Phipps:

This is in answer to your letter of the 17th. I am unable to give you any information as to when the jury will make known their awards, however it has been intimated to me that we may not expect any news of this kind until after the first of September. The box you sent the last time was entered and they have certainly had wonderful keeping qualities, as they have been on exhibit in the Horticultural Palace ever since, and for their perfect condition, we decided again to take them into the jury for inspection, last Saturday, in order to impress upon them the keeping qualities and I believe it made a hit with the jury.

Yours very truly,
H. O. FROBACK

These cherries were shipped June 28 and have been on display since. Similar cherries shipped to Houston, Texas, were six days en route in a hot express car and arrived in perfect condition. The cherries netted 10 cents a pound to Mr. Phipps.

**LEO FRANK'S CONDITION
REMAINS UNCHANGED**

MILLEDVILLE, Ga., July 22.—The condition of Leo M. Frank, whose throat was cut last Saturday night by another convict at the state prison farm, is unchanged, prison officials said today.

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