

SACRAMENTO'S IDLE.

Huntington Again Wields His Ax in the Car Shops.

HE GIVES NO WARNING.

Laborers Told That They Are Not Needed When They Appear at Their Posts.

OVER A HUNDRED DROPPED.

Rumors That a Further Reduction in All Departments Is Soon to Be Made.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 9.—Over 100 more of the toilers in the Southern Pacific Railroad shops were notified this morning that their services were no longer required when they appeared in the several departments where they were in many instances, they have labored early and late.

The rumor is current that without doubt there will be a still further reduction in the present force. It is claimed that an expert is making a thorough examination throughout the system, in order to ascertain what other curtailments may be made.

It is said that all the track-walkers must go, and their duties will have to be assumed by the section men; in fact, there is not an employe in the service of the Southern Pacific Company who does not live in fear and trembling. No one is informed as to how far this sudden plan of retrenchment may reach nor how soon his individual position may be declared vacant.

There are numerous rumors afloat as to the effect of this wholesale discharge of employes, but the general impression is that it means a plea of poverty and hard times, which will be used as a "bluff" at Congress in the refunding matter.

Private petitions are being received on all sides by public men from members of the discharged force begging them to intercede with the railroad authorities and use their influence to gain the reinstatement of the employes, and many who are supposed to be conversant with the affairs of the company have no hesitation in stating that a large number will be reinstated in a very short space of time.

Major W. A. Anderson, who is looked upon as a champion of the rights of the poor and oppressed, in this city, when interviewed on the subject this evening, said:

"In my opinion the Southern Pacific Company will find it necessary to reinstate the majority of the men laid off. During the winter there is always a crying demand for retrenchment in railroad management."

"Of course the unfortunate laboring man must first feel the force of the blow. It is certain that there will be an unusual demand for labor in railroad circles as soon as the rough weather sets in on the mountains."

"As is the case with every citizen of Sacramento, it is my wish and desire that the laborers now turned out, may soon begin work. Several of the discharged men have personally asked me to intercede for them as a citizen, which I will do to the extent of my influence I may have."

"It is probable that a number of the men laid off may not be returned to work, but the good men of families will certainly find favor in the near future. It is a very hard blow, as a very large number of the discharged men are practically penniless, owing grocery and butcher bills, and having the amounts due them from the pay-car mortgaged to scorpions."

"A member of a leading firm said to-night: 'I believe this is simply a shrewd move on the company's part to bring weight to bear on Congress. Still I do not consider that it can be sustained. The majority of the men must be replaced, and that shortly.'

"I fully believe that in making this move the company intends to get rid of a great many old, decrepit or crippled men, who have for years been retained nominally as workers but in reality as pensioners."

"In one or two instances, men who had no family ties to bind them, have drawn their money due and have left the town, owing everybody who was credulous enough to trust them, and there is weeping and gnashing of teeth among the hostelry-keepers."

EUREKA'S NEW RAILWAY.

Preliminary Work Progressing Upon Two Proposed Lines.

EUREKA, CAL., Dec. 9.—Surveyors for the California, Oregon and Idaho Railroad have finished the survey on the water front in Eureka and are now over half way to Arcata, a distance of twelve miles. The survey of the old Trinidad road, made years ago, is being used. The surveyors are now past Freshwater, and are expected to reach and pass through Arcata in a couple of days.

The last rights of way of the most important local railroad line built in the county for many years were signed to-day. They were for an extension of the Vance railroad on Mad River to deep water on the bay at Samoa. The extension will necessitate a large bridge over Mad River and a drawbridge over the arm of the bay beside some farms. The new road will be something over ten miles in length and will pass directly through the town of Arcata.

It will be standard gauge and will ultimately be the roadbed used by a transcontinental road in roadbed in roadbed on the bay. The traffic will be principally in lumber, logs and passengers.

A Eureka Man Shot.

EUREKA, CAL., Dec. 9.—William McGeorge, a young druggist of Eureka, had his arm amputated to-day below his elbow, as the result of a gunshot wound. While McGeorge was hunting to-day, a companion in getting out of the boat they occupied accidentally discharged a shotgun. McGeorge's aged mother is blind, and knowledge of the accident will be kept from her, as the shock would probably kill her.

Failure of the Ferris Bank.

RIVERSIDE, CAL., Dec. 9.—The Ferris Bank closed its doors to-day because of its failure to realize upon notes due. The bank depended upon these payments for the money to conduct its regular business. The assets of the bank are claimed to be ample to pay all deposits, but it will take time to collect on many outstanding securities.

San Luis Obispo Cattle-Theives.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., Dec. 9.—C. Peterson, Charles Anderson, B. Taylor, Charles Seavin and Charles Beauchamp were arrested to-day for cattle-stealing.

They are alleged to be members of a band operating in the eastern part of the county. More arrests are likely to follow.

THREE OFFICERS DEPOSED.

Councilman Mangrum's Police and Fire Department Ticket Elected.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 9.—The Common Council of this city met to-night to hold the annual election of police officers and firemen.

Last Monday evening the election was prevented by four of the Councilmen absenting themselves from the city to prevent a quorum. To-night a ticket presented by Councilman Mangrum was elected as a whole. The vote was a tie, Mayor Austin casting the deciding vote.

Three of the present force of twenty police officers—Dunning, Durkin and Rogers—were dropped, and E. Bateman, E. Rogers and Thomas Hughes were elected to the vacancies.

The present chief engineer of the Fire Department, J. F. Dwyer, was re-elected. A large crowd of citizens attended the meeting and much interest was manifested.

REDS STATION WRECK.

An Engine on the North Pacific Ditched by a Boulder.

SAN RAFAEL, CAL., Dec. 9.—The engine of the passenger train which left this city at 6:45 o'clock this morning for San Francisco over the San Francisco and North Pacific road jumped the track as the train was about to enter tunnel 3, near Reed's station, taking with it the baggage-car and a coach. The engine was badly damaged, but the train was running slowly, and none of the passengers or crew were injured. The road was not cleared until 10 o'clock and trains to and from San Francisco were delayed. A boulder upon the track is said to have caused the disaster.

LOS ANGELES' LIFE DAILY.

The Morning Journal to Receive United Press Service.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 9.—The Daily Journal, which for the past eight years has been the official law paper of this city, will make its initial appearance to-morrow as a full-fledged morning paper, with United Press service. Warren Wilson is editor and manager, C. W. Smith, business manager, and J. D. Dean, city editor. The paper will be an eight-page daily, and will be unique from the fact that it will be the only 3-cent morning paper on the coast.

INCENDIARISM AT ANGELS.

A Firebug Attempts to Destroy the Leading Hotel of the Town.

Neighboring Women Discover the Flames Before They Have Gained Great Headway.

ANGELS CAMP, CAL., Dec. 9.—A deliberate attempt was made at 3 o'clock this morning to destroy the Angels Hotel, the leading hostelry of this place, owned by Otto Dowling, but leased by B. H. Worcester. Three piles of paper and rags had been saturated with kerosene, placed in and against wooden structures in the rear of the hotel and ignited. One blaze was discovered by women who live in the neighborhood, and the three fires were extinguished before material damage was done.

It is believed that a dishwasher who had been ejected from the hotel committed the crime through revenge. Could it be proved that he is the culprit his punishment would be sure and swift, as the people are greatly incensed over this attempt at incendiarism. The main hotel building is fire-proof, and, as it is well protected by water facilities, the firebug could hardly have accomplished his purpose, but the destruction to other property might have been great.

J. W. Morgan, the suspected man, was this evening sent to jail for ten days for disturbing the peace. His neighbors may warrant a more serious charge being lodged against him.

RAIDED BY VANCOUVER POLICE.

Officers Swoop Down Upon Several Chinese Gambling Dens.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 9.—A prearranged raid was made upon several Mongolian gambling dens of this city to-day. The police visited the places in disguise.

In each instance, when the game was at its height, they suddenly seized the proprietor and all the active players and handcuffed them. Cappers in every case turned out the lights and several bloody fights ensued, but the crowds of gamblers taken into custody could scarcely be squeezed into the prisoners' dock in the police magistrate's office.

The gamblers were composed of Swedish, Italian, Norwegian, English and Canadian sailors and Japanese and Chinese professional gamblers. The gamblers in each case were fined \$20 upward and the owners of the dens were sent for trial at a higher court.

The Transit Overdue at Seattle.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 9.—Some anxiety is felt here for the ship Transit of the Puget Sound and Central America line, now about ten days overdue. The Transit left here on its initial trip to Central American ports on October 1, expecting to return to this port within seven weeks. It was reported on Saturday that the Transit had passed Tatoush, but such was not the case. The vessel left San Jose, Central America, in ballast. The transit is the first ship packet established between Seattle and Central America, through the efforts of J. E. Chibberg, one of the survivors of the ill-fated steamer Colima.

Sentenced to Die at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, OR., Dec. 9.—Sam G. Brown to-day received a death sentence for the second time at the hands of Judge Fulton for the killing of Alfred Kindred at Oakland, Or., on August 12, 1894. Friday, January 30, was fixed as the date of execution. An appeal will be made to Governor Lord for executive clemency.

Consigned to a Seattle Junk Man.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 9.—The Oregon Improvement Company's antiquated bark, Henry Buck, around which clusters a memory of forty-three years of navigation in various parts of the world, is to be broken up into pieces and sold to a junk man. For half a dozen years the Henry Buck has been used as a collier, but never venturing upon a sea voyage.

Round Valley Offenders Sentenced.

UKIAH, CAL., Dec. 9.—Ralph Leggett and Marion Simonen were to-day placed in the County Jail under a sentence of fifty and thirty days respectively. They are both from Round Valley. Leggett is charged with attempted burglary and Simonen furnished Leggett with means to escape from the Cavallo jail while he was held there.

Markerville Mining Sale.

CARSON, NEV., Dec. 9.—It is reported that another big mining sale has been conducted at the site of the Mountain Valley mine in Markerville, Cal., to a San Francisco syndicate, headed by C. C. Herman. The consideration was \$225,000.

First Train Starts From Mesa.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 9.—The Phoenix and Mesa Railroad is completed and the first passenger train for Phoenix this morning left for Mesa. Two trains will run daily.

NEWS OF STOCKTON.

A Woman Fatally Burned in Trying to Extinguish a Blaze.

NEW ASYLUM BUILDINGS.

Work Upon the Home for the Insane Is Now Well Under Way.

TYSON IS STILL IN HIDING.

Knights Landing Officers Arrest the Wrong Man—Disappearance of a Girl.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 9.—Mrs. J. W. Murray was terribly burned Saturday evening while endeavoring to put out flames resulting from a coal oil lamp blaze. She suffered greatly all day yesterday and last evening, and finally died in death.

Mrs. Murray's eldest daughter had started to prepare the table for supper. While inserting a leaf in the table lamp upon it was overturned. The oil receptacle was broken and the oil flamed up. Mrs. Murray attempted to smother the flames with her skirts, which soon became saturated with oil and ignited.

Disregarding her own peril Mrs. Murray ran to the front room and returned with a blanket; but she could stand the pain no longer, and dropping the blanket she ran back to the bedroom, where she threw herself upon the floor and writhed in great agony.

Her daughter rushed to where she lay with a bucket of water, with which she put out the fire. Two physicians were summoned, but her burns proved fatal.

STOCKTON'S NEW ASYLUM.

Work Upon the Structure Is Now Well Under Way.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 9.—On January 1, 1896, will come into the hands of the directors of the State Insane Asylum. This money is for appropriation made by the last Legislature for repairs on the asylum building, and was long and anxiously waited for.

The money having been appropriated the directors tried to get it last summer, but were unable to do so.

The theory is that in repairing the structure known as the "old" asylum building came up an investigation revealed that no estimate could be made as to what it would cost, so worthless had it become from age.

Repairing the building virtually meant building a new structure. The board of directors therefore decided that it would be more feasible to advertise for bids for a new building. About two months ago the erection of a new building was decided upon.

Considering the cheapness of material the board believes that it could save money if the work could be done soon. A contract for the building is now under way. The directors considered the bids exceptionally low. The new structure will cost, all told, about \$12,000. The old building, of the same dimensions, cost the State \$53,000 some forty years ago.

INSPECTING NEAR STOCKTON.

Experts Complete an Investigation of an Irrigation System.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 9.—Professor George Davidson, the eminent consulting engineer, late chief of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey; his son, G. F. Davidson, and ex-State Surveyor-General Wiley, chief engineer of the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Water Company, returned to-day from a trip to the extensive irrigation system of the works of the water company and the territory irrigable under its system.

Professor Davidson, the late General Alexander and Colonel George Mendell, while acting as State Irrigation Commission, examined this same section some twenty-two years ago, and recognized the practicability of the project now realized.

The same party will make a trip of inspection over the Valley railway to-morrow morning on a special train by special orders, and also examine the harbor, water front and all works projected at Stockton by the Valley and Corral Hollow railways.

CAUGHT THE WRONG MAN.

The Stranger Detained at Knights Landing Not the Elder Tyson.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 9.—Deputy Sheriff Benjamin returned to-day from Knights Landing. The man arrested there on suspicion of being H. H. Tyson, who shot Deputy Sheriff Buzzell at Banta, proved to be a much younger man named Tom O'Neill. When taken into custody O'Neill refused to give his name or to say where he had come from.

This fact, coupled with the appearance of the prisoner, which tallied with the description of Tyson, induced the authorities at Knights Landing to hold their man until the arrival of an officer from Stockton.

The officers are more convinced than ever that Tyson is not far from Stockton, and that his family knows something of his whereabouts.

Sued by Asylum Directors.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 9.—The directors of the State Insane Asylum, through their attorney, J. A. Loutin, have brought suit against C. W. Norton, administrator of the estate of Edmund Ryan, deceased. Ryan was committed to the asylum on March 3, 1863, by Judge Selden S. Wright of San Francisco and died in the asylum on October 27, 1894. The directors now want \$121 for his board.

A Missing Girl.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 9.—Ella Bray, a 17-year-old girl of respectable parentage, is missing from her home and all efforts by the police to locate her are unavailing. It is claimed that Clyde Hess, a race-track hanger on of San Francisco, who figured in a recent affray with Talbot Clifton, knows of the girl's whereabouts, and her relatives have secured detectives to watch his movements.

MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES.

Soap, Starch, Baking Powder and Harrow Cultivators to Be Produced.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Dec. 9.—San Bernardino can soon be classed with the manufacturing cities of the coast. The establishment of a soap, starch and baking powder factory is almost a settled fact. Added to this is the manufacturing of harrow cultivators. Negotiations are in progress for a building suitable for the works. This enterprise is being started by Mr. Hubbel, who years ago conducted a logging-house in this city. Finding that the press unprofitable he went East. There he produced the harrow cultivator, which was

a novelty in the agricultural world. A big manufacturing firm in the East paid him \$30,000 as a bonus for the privilege of manufacturing. He has now returned to California and proposes to set up a factory here in San Bernardino. He says that the factory will give employment to a large number of skilled workmen and cause the disbursement of much money.

NAPA ESTATE CASE DECIDED.

Judge Ham Rules for the Plaintiffs in the Suit Against Executor Clark.

NAPA, CAL., Dec. 9.—In the Superior Court here to-day the case of James D. Pheasant and others against Reuben Clark, executor of the last will and testament of Abraham Clark, deceased, was decided. Judgment being given in favor of the plaintiffs for the sum of \$185,562. Thomas Mahoney was appointed Commissioner. The attorneys in the case asked for 5 per cent of the amount of the judgment, but Judge Ham taxed but \$750 sufficient compensation for their services.

TACOMA'S DAMAGE SUIT.

Farmers to Try the Case Against the Light and Water Company.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 9.—The \$1,000,000 damage suit brought by the city against the Tacoma Light and Water Company began to-day. Judge Pritchard instructed Sheriff Parker to go out into the country and bring in thirteen farmers, and a majority of them at the trial.

The jury and court will start to-morrow morning to inspect the source of water supply at the different springs near the city, and the round trip will take three days.

GAS TRUST ENJOINED.

Whitney Temporarily Defeats the Consolidation Scheme.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Judge Bischoff of the Court of Common Pleas granted an injunction late on Saturday restraining the Chicago Gas Trust from carrying out its plan of reorganization adopted on October 1 last. The plaintiff in the case is William R. Whitney of this city, who is said to also represent large interests outside of New York.

The defendants are given as Frederick P. Olcott, Roswell P. Flower, Anthony N. Deary, Walter Ferguson, K. G. Billings, William J. Campbell and the Central Trust Company of New York. The order of the court sets forth that the defendant's attorneys and all others connected with the plan of consolidation of October 1, 1895, are enjoined and restrained till the further order of the court from in any way, directly or indirectly, proceeding to carry out the terms of agreement.

CAMERON'S RETIREMENT.

It Causes a Change in the Plans of Silver Senators.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The letter of Senator Cameron, announcing his retirement from the Senate in 1897, at the expiration of his present term, has made a change in the plans of the silver men. Senator Cameron had been agreed upon as the silver candidate for the vacancy in the Committee on Finance, and would have been elected. It would be useless to place him in that committee now, and the Senator has suggested that some one else be agreed upon. It is understood that this has been done and that Mr. Wolcott of Colorado will be given the place.

Andrews' Case Advanced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Chief Justice Fuller announced that the case of Arthur D. Andrews vs. The United States, from the United States Court for the Southern District of California, has been advanced for argument to the first Monday in January next. It is understood that Andrews has already been in jail at Los Angeles more than two years on a sentence of three years imprisonment and \$1000 fine for sending an obscene letter through the mails.

School Land Selections.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The Secretary of the Interior to-day approved the following selections made by States as school land indemnity selections: California, 9060 acres in the San Francisco land district; Oregon, 4845 acres in the Pacific land district; Idaho, 13,920 acres, and 9555 acres in Minnesota.

Ready for the Inauguration.

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 9.—The largest crowd ever present on the day preceding inauguration is in town to-night, and every train arriving from the surrounding States is crowded with Republicans since the war. The hotels are crowded and the streets thronged with visitors.

Mrs. Payne Recovering.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 9.—In a letter written to a friend in this city Mrs. D. S. Parnell, mother of the late Charles Stuart Parnell, says she is recovering rapidly from her illness in New York, and that as soon as she shall have recovered sufficiently to do so will sail for Ireland, where she will make her home with her son John.

Comedian Russell Dying.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A special from Toledo, Ohio, says: Miss Amelia Glover, the well-known actress, left here for New York to-day upon receiving a letter saying that her husband, John Russell, the comedian, is dying. Miss Glover is expected to arrive in New York to-day.

For the Pacific Cable.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 9.—The Postmaster-Generals of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland met to-day to discuss the cable project. Pacific cable schemes. It is understood that they decided to send two delegates to the conference that will be held on the subject.

Packham Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Rufus W. Packham of New York to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Howell E. Jackson, deceased.

PRIZE CYCLE LEAGUE.

Spaulding and Bowie Will Not Antagonize the L. A. W.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A special from Boston to the Herald says: It is authentically stated that A. G. Spaulding and B. C. Bowie are to organize a cash prize league for bicycle racing. The proposed league will not, however, in any way antagonize the League of American Wheelmen and its interests. Its field of action will be distinctively that of professional racing.

This, it is believed, is but one of the results of the great suspension case now being tried by the cycling public. The Cycle Board of Trade, or rather many of its members, has been anxious to secure control of racing in this country, and this comes from what is believed to be a most reliable source. Just what position the league as a body will take in this matter is not known, but if, as stated, the new league will not interfere with the L. A. W. racing rules, then can be a most reliable source. It is understood that the league as a body will take in this matter is not known, but if, as stated, the new league will not interfere with the L. A. W. racing rules, then can be a most reliable source.

GOLD DUST IN HIS POCKETS.

A Prospector's Body Found Near the Snake River Cataracts.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 9.—The body of John Pendleton, an old prospector who made his home at Ogden, and who was drowned in Snake River, above Warfield's mining camp, about a week ago, has been recovered from the cataracts and now awaits a claimant in a crevice in the canyon, near the point of discovery. It is understood that the ill-fated prospector had a son living at or near Ogden.

Pendleton had been mining with a partner on a bar below Starks Ferry, and having quarreled the men separated. Pendleton took the boat and started down stream. A short distance from Warfield's camp the craft was capsized, and its occupant swept under the currents. Efforts were made by Pendleton's relatives to recover the body, but failed. A few days

JAILED AT PORTLAND.

Prominent Citizens Held for the Forgery of a Will.

LARGE SUM INVOLVED.

Lewis Love Cut Off With a Paltry \$100 From His Wife's Estate.

HER LAST TESTAMENT ALTERED.

Extensive Fraud Perpetrated by a Quartet Indicted by the Grand Jury.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 9.—Jonathan Tice and George C. Smith, well-known citizens of Portland, are in the county jail. Last Saturday the Grand Jury returned an indictment charging them, in conjunction with C. G. Moffit and George W. Edgar, with the forgery of the will of Nancy M. Love, for the purpose of defrauding Lewis Love, her husband.

The indictments set forth that the forgery was committed on January 4, 1894. The will bears date of June 11, 1887, is witnessed by Jonathan Tice and George H. Smith, and sworn to before R. I. Eaton as notary public. By its provisions Lewis Love, the husband, gets only \$100. An undivided sixth of the estate is bequeathed to the children of William Love, deceased, to be equally divided, and the balance of the estate goes to the children of the deviser, F. D. Love, C. C. Love, Lewis P. Love, Mathilda J. Corich and Mary C. Stafford, to be divided share and share alike. Lewis Love, the husband, and C. G. Moffit, one of the sons, are named as co-accused.

Although the indictment was returned by the Grand Jury last Saturday, it was not made public until this morning, as it was feared the defendants, Tice and Smith, would avoid arrest. Smith was taken into custody Saturday night, and Tice was brought into town last night by Deputy Sheriff Sprague, who found him at Dilely, in Washington County, near Hillsboro.

F. C. Moffit, the third defendant, cannot be got at for some time yet, as he is at present serving a three-years' sentence at Salem for forgery. He was sent up last spring from Marion County. Moffit was formerly in the life insurance business in this city and is well known here.

George W. Edgar, the fourth of the quartet, is even more difficult to get than Moffit. He is an attorney, was tried here and convicted on the charge of forgery, and pending an appeal of his case to the Supreme Court jumped his bail. He was out under bonds in the sum of \$1500, with Horatio Cook and J. L. Lewis as sureties. Suit is now pending to recover the amount of the bond from the bondsmen. Nothing has been heard of Edgar since his sudden and mysterious disappearance from this city about two years ago.

Jonathan Tice is a well-known lumberman who was formerly wealthy. He has figured in the courts considerably of late years and has lost about everything he ever had.

George G. Smith is a well-known steamboat man, and for a time was employed on the Stark-street ferry. In May, 1893, T. F. Struble, A. W. Stebbins and J. H. Johnson, as appraisers of the estate of Nancy Love, deceased, placed a valuation of \$134,255.55 on the estate.

BANDIT FRICK'S STORY.

A Confession Made After Sentence Had Been Passed Upon Him.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 9.—A. C. Frick, the stage-robber, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary a few days ago in the District Court, is growing talkative. On his way to the penitentiary he told a deputy United States Marshal a story which, had it been reported to the court prior to the passing of sentence, would have sent Frick up for life.

"I used a real weapon," said Frick, "but I also had a bogus gun made out of bark. I had the real gun in my hand when I told the driver to stop, and was ready to use it if necessary. When Deputy Sheriff Gordon got out of the stage with his gun, I realized the situation which I was in. He was armed and I knew he meant business. I might have fired and killed him or he might have shot and killed me. If I killed him I knew that I would be a murderer and if he killed me he would be a hero, so under the circumstances I concluded the best thing was to 'scoot,' and I took to my heels and made for that tule patch. Well, you know how matters turned out with me."

"When I started to run I dropped my real gun at the barricade behind which I stood as the stage drove up, and the bogus weapon was left in the tules. Whatever became of the real gun I do not know. There was a report that it was picked up by some one, but that was not confirmed. 'The truth is I had two confederates in the hold-up. The two men live in the vicinity of Klamath Falls and have families. Who I was lying in the County Jail these two men visited me and we had a conversation about holding up the stage. They understood that the stage which would pass along Sunday morning would have about \$1000 aboard, and it was decided between us that we would hold up the stage and make a big haul, which was to be divided among the three. I was furnished the tools by these men by means of which I was out of the jail and made my escape. When the stage was held up my two confederates were in the brush on the opposite side of the road, and they like myself had real weapons. Just as soon as Deputy Gordon made his appearance on the scene with a gun the two men 'flunked' and did not show up at all, as it was understood they should. The truth is, none of us expected to see Gordon just then, and his appearance knocked our plans out. My confederates did not come to the rescue, as I expected, and left me single-handed, and I deemed it prudent under the circumstances to retreat."

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