

TRACY SPIRIT STILL LIVES

The Famous Outlaw Has Many Imitators

Rural Districts Are the Scene of Many Holdups—Hoboes Are Plentiful.

Texas Ferry, Sept. 12.—The prevalence of outlaw conditions along the little towns of the Snake and Columbia from Texas Ferry to Umatilla, Oregon, demands instant and strenuous measures by the authorities. They are becoming a menace to society. The towns alluded to are Texas Ferry and Riparia, Pasco, Wallula and Umatilla.

All these places are essentially railroad towns, Texas Ferry and Riparia being on the Snake, where the O. R. & N. crosses; Pasco at the junction of the Snake and Columbia with the W. & C. B. and the main line of the Northern Pacific entering Wallula, on the Columbia, with the O. R. & N. and W. & C. R. both having junctions there, and Umatilla, a junction division town on the Columbia. The significance of this is that the railroad facilities permit thugs to come in, carry out their nefarious intent and either camp in wait for another victim or hasten out on passing freights.

These four places are the border towns through which every one has to pass when getting west or north from the whole southern portion of the inland empire, including Walla Walla, Dayton, Pendleton and similar towns. At nearly every one there is a wait involved when changing cars, and passengers of all descriptions who are not extremely cautious become ready victims to the waiting, unorganized gangs of miscreants. Most of the thugs are of the transient ho-bob type.

It is a fact that hardly a night passes without a robbery or hold-up in one of these border towns. The seriousness of these offenses ranges from holding up a migrating harvester for 50 cents to actual cold-blooded murder. The former frequently occurs. The dastardly assassination of Peter Nelson in the Northern Pacific yards at Pasco is an instance of the latter. It is thought many of the disappearances from this part of the country may also be attributed to this source.

The majority of these affairs are never reported to police officials at all. Neither is this unreasonable when it is remembered that the nearest officer to Texas Ferry is at Colfax, 100 miles away; or to Walla Walla, 65 miles south; or at Dayton which is almost as inaccessible. The nearest officer to Wallula is at Walla Walla thirty-one miles distant. There is a deputy stationed at Umatilla, who has kept down crime to a great extent there this season. The sheriff of Franklin county lives at Pasco, but so numerous are the thousands of box cars on the sidings of that town and so dark the yards that capture of a thug who gets in his deadly work late at night is well-nigh impossible. The strange harvester passing through, ignorant of the character of the geography of the country, falls an easy victim, and when relieved of all his money does not know what to do. He feels it is useless to look up an officer, so simply goes on to the grain fields, beating his way, and earns another stake.

The feeling is growing among officers of Walla Walla, Umatilla, Franklin and Columbia counties, where these outrages occur, that home talent is doing as much of the work as the transient. This status of things is particularly suspected in Pasco. The murder of Nelson has been confessed by two residents of the town. Two hundred dollars worth of goods was stolen from Robert Gerry a few days ago, obviously by neighbors. The handiwork in many cases seems to indicate that a Pasco gang is operating, and not passing hoboes altogether. Quiet action along these lines is being taken by officers.

Another cause materially contributing to the prevalence of outlaw conditions is the difficulty of obtaining anything at Umatilla, Wallula, Hunt's Junction, Pasco, Grange City, Riparia or Texas Ferry. If a hobo, traveling on the brake-beams and the rods, as most of them do, gets "ditched" in any of the above places, he is very much "up against it," unless he has money. Residents are very few and hard on hoboes. Often the fare-beater cannot get out of town, is starving, and in desperation holds up the first man he comes to. Resistance in almost any case means a shot, as the testimony of many such cases the past year does not even take the trouble to mask himself.

Harvesters are the illegitimate prey of every hold-up now. The immigration of over 2,000 of them into the Palouse, all with a considerable stake, gained in the Walla Walla and Pendleton fields, affords every opportunity, particularly as a large part of them make their way in box cars instead of paying the regulation three cents a mile. The genuine harvester

does not carry a gun and is easily overcome. Peter Nelson, killed at Pasco, was a migrating harvester, who tried the box car route. It is now unsafe to walk from Wallula to Hunt's Junction, a mile away, without a cordon of police as a protection. It is equally unsafe to attempt a trip across the Snake from Riparia to Texas Ferry. Two Pendleton farmers named Lidwell attempted the former feat a week ago, and are minus \$220 as a result. So remote is distant Texas Ferry from anywhere that the events here are never chronicled.

Officers of all the cities and counties tributary to this border country say the example of Harry Tracy and his phenomenal success in eluding capture has caused the great prevalence of hold-ups and crime this summer. Everything was pretty quiet until the Tracy episode became disseminated over the country. Then the outbreak occurred, and officers who are in a state of semi-distracted from the state of affairs, say the Tracy blight will probably last for months.

The nefarious example has penetrated into the populated centers. The Al Cofer and pal episode in Walla Walla and Freewater, the Ryan-McDonald affair at Touchet and the subsequent chase with bloodhounds through the Hudson Basin country into Athena, Ore., and the numerous harvester robberies around Walla Walla and Pendleton show that the curse has spread everywhere.

But at Texas Ferry, Riparia, Pasco, Wallula and Umatilla, where passengers dare not venture beyond the depot lights, it is the worst. Among the Yukoner's passengers this morning one with the unfortunate name of T. Fourrier. As there chances to be a prisoner of that name held on the charge of murder, the visitor was regarded with unusual interest. Whether he is a relative of the prisoner or not the police have no information.

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A number of cattle arrived here yesterday from Cartagena. Infant Murdered. San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The murder of an infant child was reported to the police today by the matron of a foundling home on Golden Gate avenue. A stylish carriage drove up to the home last night and a well-dressed man hurriedly ran to a cradle, which is left under the front stairs of the home, and deposited therein the child, which was found a few minutes later by the matron, who was alarmed by the electric signal attached to the cradle. Hurrying back to the carriage, which also contained a woman, the coachman lashed his horses furiously and drove away. An investigation showed that the babe had been terribly choked, and that its little body had been swathed in clothes saturated with gin and carbolic acid. The little one lived but a short time. The police have a good description of the carriage and the man in the carriage and are working on the theory that the parents are above the ordinary station in life.

Keeping Gaining House. Louis Spitz was charged at the police court this morning with keeping a common gaming house on Queen street in the rear of the Aurora saloon. Mr. Macfarlane appeared for the accused and asked for an enlargement until this afternoon, which was granted.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

Lytle, W. Davis, A. Jones, J. Henderson, Mrs. L. L. Branner, H. L. Dodge and H. E. Ewart.

The passengers on the Yukoner were Mrs. Libby, Mrs. J. Hall, H. E. McCarty, Mrs. and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. L. Palmer, Mrs. C. McMillan, Jim Erickson, Mrs. M. Nelson and T. Smith.

The Zealandian arrived from Eagle on Saturday evening with the following passengers: From Eagle—H. N. Ford and Mrs. Ford, R. Vikar, C. T. Cowan, H. Gorham, J. Oldfield, E. Kellogg, M. Walsh, E. N. Barnes, L. L. Lowrey, J. J. Lowrey, J. P. Conesher, P. Heater, P. J. Vandewall, J. Nussbaum and J. P. Rogers; From Fortymile—J. Shaller, P. Hermansen, G. L. Lenout, B. R. Graak, J. W. Hill, A. E. Rowland, H. C. Bowdler, J. E. Coffey, J. W. Kemp, W. Gudmund, J. J. Hill, W. Boyd, G. Lenout, W. Forsyth, M. J. King, W. M. Davis, C. M. Galley, P. C. Norquay, F. G. Argill and J. J. Delaney.

The Yukon river is singing its customary recessal before its long winter sleep. Its waters have fallen over six inches in the last twenty-four hours.

A new crossing is being put across First avenue to the Calderhead dock. The first thing the police did when they purchased the steamer May West was to call her "Scout" and paint a band of red yellow upon her smoke stack. She docks at the Calderhead wharf.

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PROTEST ALLOWED

Dispute Over Boundary Line is Heard

Adjoining Claim Owners on Last Chance Pup Adjust Differences in Court.

Gold Commissioner Senkler this morning rendered a decision in the case of Alonzo H. Griffin and N. A. James vs. D. E. Macfarlane, the ground involved in the dispute being claims 2 and 3 on a tributary that claims Last Chance on the left limit at No. 8 above. The protest was over a survey made of the defendant's claim which the plaintiffs allege encroaches upon their ground to the extent of 62 feet. The decision is as follows:

The defendant's claim, No. 2 on a tributary on the left limit of Last Chance at No. 8 above discovery, was staked by Wm. Maddin on January 1st, and recorded January 9th, 1899. The plaintiff's claim was staked on January 7th, and recorded January 9th, 1899. In November, 1900, a survey of claim No. 2 was made and advertised, and this protest was brought by the owners of claim No. 3 on the ground that said survey encroached on their claim 62.55 feet.

"It appears that Maddin staked before Hintz on January 7th, and Hintz in staking, went with one Currie, who staked No. 4. They commenced staking at the post standing on the line between their two claims, and Hintz went down stream to put in his No. 2 post, Currie going up stream.

"The first question is the original position of Mr. Maddin's upper post. The plaintiffs contend that this post was 191 feet up stream from claim No. 1, and taking the evidence brought by the plaintiffs into consideration with that of Mr. Barwell, who was called for the defense, I find that Mr. Maddin's upper post was originally placed at a point 197 feet up stream from the upper line of claim No. 1, and that in replacing his stake in the spring of 1900 Mr. Maddin put it too far up stream.

"The next point is the original position of Hintz's lower post, and on this I have more difficulty in coming to a satisfactory conclusion, and it is important, as the plaintiffs would have no cause of action unless their location included that portion of the Cote survey that they are attacking. Although the witness Currie was with Hintz when he staked, he can give us practically no information as to the position of Hintz's lower post with relation to Maddin's claim. And the defendant relies on the evidence of Barwell and Dolan to show that a fraction existed between claims Nos. 2 and 3. They both say they saw Hintz's two stakes farther up stream, leaving a fraction of 200 feet, but they differ as to what kind of stakes they were. Griffin and Brownish state they saw Hintz's lower stake close to Maddin's upper stake, and I have come to the conclusion that I must accept their evidence on this point, chiefly from the fact that representation work was done by one Kerber on behalf of the owners of No. 3, in the early winter of 1899, at a point about 200 feet above the position of Maddin's upper post as claimed by the plaintiffs.

"Mr. Cote's plan of No. 2 must be amended so as not to include the upper 53 feet of the claim as surveyed by him. The protest is allowed with costs."

A Battle Fought. Willemsdell, Curacao, Sept. 13.—News from Venezuela is to the effect that the revolutionists have occupied Rio Chico, in the state of Miranda, sixty miles southeast of Caracas and are now marching on La Guayra. A battle also occurred Thursday at Los Teques, about twenty-five miles southwest of Caracas. The revolutionists surprised the town by moonlight, killing sixty men of the government forces and wounding 100 with cutlasses. The wounded later were taken to Caracas.

The report of Gen. Matos' alleged offer to turn over the finances of Venezuela to a foreign syndicate in view of the revolutionists being victorious is considered in Venezuela as absurd. It is asserted there that the government spread the report in order to discredit the revolution.

Crushed Under Lumber. Oakland, Cal., Sept. 13.—Captain William Goulding, of the British vessel Gen. Gordon, was killed today by being crushed under a falling pile of lumber. His wife, Mrs. Minnie Goulding, and Mrs. May Green, wife of Capt. Charles Green, of the British ship Mount Stewart, were also caught under the lumber and badly crushed. They were walking between two trains of cars, one train of which was loaded with lumber, when the supporting stakes gave away and the lumber toppled over upon the passers by.

At Auditorium—Old Homestead.

MARRIAGE BUREAUS

Do Thriving and Lucrative Reple

Thousands of People Secure Life Partners in This Same Manner.

New York, Sept. 6.—The proposition that women should be accorded the right of proposing marriage has met with much opposition in some quarters, and yet, indirectly, women today are taking a great deal of the initiative in this direction.

Few people are aware of the vast ramifications of the matrimonial bureaus, and the very large number of marriages that are contracted through the medium of that "personal column."

The old feeling of fear or reluctance about using business methods to secure a life partner seems to have died out, and young women who do not find the swains of their acquaintance in a marrying humor now have recourse to the universal panacea and advertise for beaux.

It is probable that this sadly utilitarian condition of affairs is brought about by that waning of the sentimental in human nature which some of our writers have been deploring as one of the marked features of modern life.

In one newspaper office to which replies are sent to advertisers of this character over 25,000 replies are received weekly and the number of acquaintances formed in this way yearly must be enormous. Some of the advertisements are from matrimonial agencies, which in answer to replies send out gazettes containing a large list of eligible parties.

Through the "personal column" alone it is estimated that about half the marriages that occur are initiated. There has never been a time before when the matrimonial bureaus flourish as they do now. The writer recently visited one of the oldest and most reliable of these concerns in the city in order to find out exactly how business was conducted there. Had he been suspected of being in search of information for the press he certainly would have obtained no information in this quarter as the business of the concern is necessarily conducted with the utmost privacy.

An air of extreme precaution marked the manner of the rather austere elderly female who received the reporter. "The idea that it is indelicate to seek a life-partner through the medium of a matrimonial agency certainly seems to be dying out," she said, when asked if the proceeding was quite consistent with good taste.

"We have many clients on our books who have an excellent standing in society I can assure you," she added reassuringly. We find no difficulty in transacting such a business on a strictly legitimate basis. We naturally must be thoroughly assured of the honorable intentions of anyone seeking our services before an introduction is given.

"The fact that we have been established nearly twenty years and have references for most of that period from persons successfully married is evidence that people favor the idea and are benefited by it. "Our clients of course come from all nationalities and are of almost all ages. An eligible party is by no means so rare as one might expect. "We have dozens of perfectly honorable and well-to-do persons on our list at the present moment waiting to be suited. "We try to get definite particulars as to a person's desires before placing them in communication with others. In this way we find that the most suitable matches can be made. "People here generally reach a practical age when they seek our services and one is more careful over starting out on a second matrimonial adventure than on the first occasion. "We issue no publication. It will seem to you a rather peculiar fact, but the majority of our clients are recommended to us by others who have been married through our agency. "We charge a fee of \$5.00, payable in advance, for registering. The next step we take is to make inquiries concerning the bona fides of the applicant. "After this preliminary question, the question was put to me bluntly: "Are you thinking of getting married, sir?" "There was a sharp, inquisitive look in the eye of the lady. "Possibly," was the guarded reply. "May I inquire if you were ever married before?" "Yes." "You are about forty, I should judge, sir?" "Not quite." "You are a professional man?" "I live in the country." "Do you prefer to wed a blonde or a brunette?" "The latter."

"I think we should have no trouble in pleasing you, sir. You have means—an income?" "Yes; quite moderate, though." "I have one lady, thirty-two years of age, a widow, very prepossessing in appearance, with an income of between two and three thousand dollars a year. She is well educated and would prefer a man of your age to one younger. Shall I register you?" "Thanks. Can I see her photograph?" "O yes, at any time." "And can I meet her?" "Yes, we can make an appointment when you decide."

"Do you require the fee to be paid now upon registering?" "Well, it is our rule, but you are, presumably, responsible. When such is the case we are not particular. Would you like to see some testimonials?" The janitress of Hymen looked up to some pigeon holes bristling with letters and a set of hooey ledgers.

There were no Cupids perching above them. They were dusty, massive, ponderous and disenchanted. Thinking the custodian of hearts for her kindness in being ready to furnish solace for a lonely one, the investigator seized the opportunity offered by the entrance of two new patients to the office to make his escape, carrying off as a trophy one of the application blanks, for general information. The blank is as follows:

DESCRIPTION MEMBER NO. The following description is given by me under the express condition that the same is to be used in the office of Mrs. Blank's Private Matrimonial Agency for the aid and guide of managers only, and that under no circumstances whatever is it to be shown to anybody, not even a member of said agency without my written consent. Should a copy of said description be made my name and address and names and addresses of reference are to be left blank.

1. Name in full.....Religion..... 2. Address..... 3. What is your age.....Height.....Weight..... 4. What is the color of your eyes.....Hair.....Complexion..... 5. What is your nationality.....Native place..... 6. What is your occupation.....Income, salary or wages per month..... 7. Have you a common school education.....A college education..... 8. Are you accomplished in music.....Vocal.....Instrumental..... 9. What language or languages do you speak..... 10. What is the value of your property, both real and personal..... 11. Do you expect to inherit.....How much, about..... 12. If of foreign birth, how long have you been in this country..... 13. Were you ever married.....If so, how many children live.....What are their ages..... 14. Are you fond of society.....home life.....Traveling..... 15. Would you marry.....without means, provided..... someone is satisfactory.....If not, what is the least wealth..... must possess..... 16. How old about should your future..... be? Between..... and..... years old..... 17. State in detail all other details you make in regard to your future..... on back of this blank. (To be answered by members in the city of New York or near vicinity.) 18. Which days and hours are the most convenient for you to be introduced..... (To be answered by members living out of town.)

19. Will you answer all letters and return all photos sent you promptly..... 20. Give name and address of two reliable persons whom you know. Name..... No..... Street..... Name..... No..... Street..... I hereby declare that the above is my true and correct name and description; that my intentions in joining Mrs. Blank's Matrimonial Agency are strictly honorable; that my sole object in so joining is to find a congenial partner for life; that I am acquainted with the terms and rules of the agency and that I am willing to abide by them.

Signature..... (Date).....1902

Application Refused. A. N. C. Treadgold will within a day or two doubtless be made defendant in other suits similar to that which was begun in the gold commissioner's court last week over the refusal of the recorder to accept locations on 3 above on Bonanza upon which it is alleged Treadgold had failed to do the annual assessment work required by the regulations. This morning applications were tendered to the recorder to relocate 48 below on Hunker and 53 below on Bonanza, both of which are owned by Treadgold. The applications were made out and after being refused were endorsed to the effect that the records showed the claims in question to have been renewed and consequently were not open to relocation. The stakers' will now doubtless enter a protest over such renewal upon the ground that no work was performed. An entry on the books shows that he claims for some reason or other are exempt from representation.

Reported Drowned. Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, Sept. 21.—Edward Loring and Daniel MacPherson are reported to have been drowned in Seymour narrows.

Progressing Famously. D. A. Matheson, who in company with a number of other gentlemen made a trip to the Lepine group of quartz claims a few days ago, brings back the report that the development work that is being prosecuted by the Ladue Company is progressing very well indeed. A tunnel is being driven in on the ore and is now in a depth of 60 feet with the quality of the ore increasing with every foot of depth attained. On the Matheson group and in the immediate vicinity there are between 35 and 60 men at present employed. The gentlemen who were the other members of the party were amazed at the showing made and came back with their ideas of Klondike quartz very much enlarged. Mr. Matheson believes that within three years there will be sufficient population on Lepine creek to entitle that district to representation in the Yukon council.

Ground Being Surveyed. In response to a request from the government the lawn tennis club is having the ground in the reserve that was given the club for its courts properly surveyed. The tract is 145 feet wide and 200 feet long and is immediately at the rear of the Administration building. When the general reversion order for the clearance of the reserve for the purpose of transforming the ground into a park goes into effect, the tract of the tennis association will probably be exempted and allowed to remain where it is. It is the intention of the club to do one and possibly two courts to the one already in use next season.

L. L. STEVENS LOCATED. Writes the Nugget From 35 Hunker Creek. Failed to Return From Berring Trip and Friends Became Alarmed.

EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS

Valuable Placer Ground on the Klondike

Eastern Syndicate is Developing Thirty Claims Below Ogilvie Bridge.

For the past two years a syndicate of Chicago capitalists has been extensively prospecting a large tract of placer ground within a mile of the city and so quietly have their operations been conducted that but few people knew of their existence. Away back in the winter of '97 the Klondike river and valley was staked for placer mining purposes from a point about three hundred feet above the foot-bridge up stream over a mile. The claims were made 200 feet in length and extending across the valley from rim to rim. Nothing was done with the ground that winter and had not Col. Williams, a far seeing man of wealth and builder of the steamer Clifford Sifton, arrived the following summer, nothing would have been accomplished until the present time.

Accustomed as he had been to handle things on a large scale he at once saw the possibilities of the claims provided they carried only small pay and were worked on a large scale. It was a chance that he resolved on taking though there had never been a hole sunk to bedrock and he did not know whether he was buying a fortune or merely some barren bars. With the idea in view of securing the entire tract he began quietly purchasing the various interests until he had 30 claims lying in a body covering the entire valley from a hundred yards above the Klondike bridge to some distance above the Ogilvie bridge. For assessment purposes the claims were grouped and each succeeding year the work required by the regulations was performed. Last year the development consisted of a number of open cuts, one large one of which may be seen on the left of the government road about one hundred yards above the first grade around the bluff.

This year the work has been much more extensive and has proven conclusively the value of the property. With a complete steam plant and the necessary pumps to keep water out about a dozen holes have been sunk to bedrock in as many different parts of the tract and all with more or less success in locating pay. Bedrock has been found to pitch to the southeast and the further up the river the holes were sunk the deeper the ground was found, the shafts varying in depth from 15 to 25 feet. The last one to be sunk and which is now being completed is on an island abreast the upper end of the grade leading around the bluff. Its location is but a few feet from the water's edge and the constant operation of a large pump was necessary in keeping the water out while the work was being carried on. The holes are all cribbed clear to the bottom. The pay that has been found is all very low grade but it is in sufficient quantity to make its working profitable when handled on a large scale.

Mr. M. C. Orton, a gentleman very well known in Chicago, has been in charge of the work and is very well pleased with the showing that has been made. He considers the development has been done to determine the manner in which the ground can be worked to the best advantage. Mr. Orton will leave on Wednesday to inspect the working of the Ogilvie dredge on Stewart river which is said to be in ground somewhat similar to that in what has been termed the Klondike to my camp. I write these few lines to let my friends know that I am alive and still able far the 10-hour shift.

Yours sincerely, L. L. STEVENS. Logan Pleaded an Alibi. Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—The trial of Harvey Logan, the alleged Montana train robber, was called in the federal court here today, but the defense made the plea that the indictments against Logan are defective, and court was adjourned until Monday, when arguments will be heard. In affidavits presented to the court, Logan claims to have been in France when the express robbery was committed, in July, 1891, and claims he can get witnesses to prove his contention.

Three Killed. Denver, Sept. 13.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 608, known as the newspaper train, which left Denver this morning at 3:50, bound for Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Chicago and St. Louis, collided with a freight train at Struby, a small station several miles south of Littleton, and three members of the passenger train crew were killed and another fatally injured. Some of the passengers were badly shaken up and bruised, but so far as known none was killed or seriously injured.

Forest Fires. Laramie, Wyo., Sept. 9.—Reports from timber fire districts state that sheep men will be heavy losers. Many of the hands have been scattered and thousands of sheep are now right in the burning timber country. Timber Superintendent J. S. Athley has started for the burning district with fifty men and every kind of appliance of use in forest fire fighting. Work in the Rambler mine has been suspended and all hands sent to combat the fire.