

## **BANK ROBBERS CAPTURED THIS MORNING**

SHERIFF LOFTIN TOOK OLLIE MADDING AT SAWYER AND DEPUTIES TOOK BEN WILLIS AT RATTAN. MONEY FOUND.

Sheriff Will be in Late This Evening With His Quarry. Others Have Long Ride to Get Here With Man.

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Sheriff Loftin, who has been almost continuously on the trail, captured Ollie Madding at Sawyer this morning and arrested him with a warrant charging him with robbing the Bank of Grant last Tuesday afternoon.

Following close upon the heels of the sheriff's announcement came word from Deputies Burns and Cash at Rattan that they had just taken the other man wanted, Ben Willis.

The two men are charged with the joint robbery of the Bank of Grant Tuesday afternoon. They entered the bank about 3:30 in the afternoon and held L.G. Webb, cashier, up at the point of a gun and forced his [sic] to hand over to them \$385. The men then locked the banker in the vault and escaped. Mr. Webb quickly took off the lock of the vault door and ran after the men at whom he fired a round of shots from his shot gun. One of the men dropped a coat and this was the clue that eventually led to the apprehension of the two men. Ollie Madding's father identified the coat as belonging to his son and offered to lead the sheriff to him if no harm was done to his boy. Today's arrests are the result.

Mr. Loftin is expected in by five o'clock with Maddings and the two deputies are expected some time tonight with Willis. They telephoned from Rattan and asked to be met at Spencer bridge by a team and surrey. County Attorney R.K. Warren will meet them there.

The celerity [sic] and speed with which these two captures have been made speak well for the efficiency of the sheriff's office.