

BANQUET CLOSES DAY

Ceremonies of Masons Closed With Feast.

THE ATTENDANCE LARGE

Hon. O. P. Coshow Acted as Toast-master and Responses Were Made by a Number of Distinguished Visitors.

The dedicatory ceremonies of Laurel Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, came to a pleasing and enjoyable ending about 12 o'clock last night after a grand banquet at the Armory. A crowd that filled the lodge room in the new temple to overflowing was present to listen to the program for the early part of the evening which proved a feature of the day's festivities and was carried out as published in a former issue of The News with but one exception, the presentation address by Hon. Binger Hermann. The latter being detained at home on account of illness his place was taken by E. G. Jones, grand master, who delivered this address. At the conclusion of the program at the temple the audience was dismissed and marched to the Armory where they found the committee on refreshments had not been neglectful in preparing a feast in keeping with the other parts of the splendid program for the day. Nothing had been left undone to make this particular part of the exercises pleasing and enjoyable for the nearly five hundred guests at the table. Prof. Lotz' stirring orchestra furnished the music during the banquet and it was a rare treat for all. The banquet room was beautifully decorated and the tables were profuse with bouquets of choice roses. It was a pleasing sight to the eye and brought a "feeling of fullness" to the inner man that was indeed satisfying. Much credit is due to the various committees for the excellent way in which the visitors and local members were cared for and the day will go down in

history as an important event in the annals of Masonry.

During the banquet Hon. O. P. Coshow, past master, presided and interesting toasts from Norris B. Cox, grand master, Rev. Charles W. Baker, Frederick S. Dunn, past grand patron, State School Superintendent J. H. Ackerman and Hon. L. Bilyeu were listened to and much appreciated.

The last toast closed a day long to be remembered by the local Masons and those from a distance. The delegation from Eugene left for home on their special train at 1 o'clock and other visitors to the city took their departure late last evening or early this morning.

PARISANS WINE AND DINE ROOSEVELTS

(Special to Evening News)

PARIS, April 21.—Great throngs greeted Col. Roosevelt when he arrived in this city from Buda Pest today. The Roosevelts went to the home of American Ambassador Bacon, and later on the Colonel called on President Fallieres at the palace and upon Foreign Minister Pinchon. Both President Fallieres and Minister Pinchon returned the call. American business men in Paris will give a reception in honor of Col. Roosevelt at the Embassy, and president Fallieres will tender him a banquet. Saturday evening the Distinguished American will deliver a lecture at Sorbonne.

COST OF LIVING TOOK BIG SLUMP

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NEW YORK, April 21.—High cost of living took a slump here today when retailers announced a reduction in the price of food stuffs. Until today although the wholesale houses had announced a general reduction, the retail houses maintained their former exorbitant prices. Among the commodities affected are flour, potatoes, eggs, canned goods. Salted meats are slated for a drop in price before the week end.

ROBBER IS CAPTURED

Found in Room at Nevada Hostelry.

ROBS KIDD GROCERY

Secures \$220.30, All of Which Is Found at Time of Capture—Believe he is wanted at Other Points in the State.

One of the most daring robberies ever committed in Douglas county occurred in this city shortly after 10 o'clock last evening, when Frank Murphy, alias George Chambers, who has every appearance of a gentle crook, entered the grocery store conducted by Mrs. A. C. Kidd & Son and located in the Abraham building on Jackson street, near the corner of Oak, forced open the iron safe, and made his exit with \$220.30, \$190 of which was in gold coin and the remainder in silver. The robber gained entrance to the interior of the store through lowering a window situated on the south side of the structure at a point directly above the stairway leading from the upper story of the Abraham building to the alley at the rear. Although no one chanced to see the burglar enter the building, it is presumed that he mounted the stairway above mentioned, forced the window, and grasping a projecting rafter, pulled himself through space and alighted on a sort of a balcony at the rear of the store utilized in storing accumulated merchandise. Once inside of the building the robber made his way down the steep stairway and was soon at the safe in readiness to commence operations.

Turning out the electric light stationed directly at the right of the safe, the burglar set to work, and as an appropriate preliminary fumbled with the combination in an effort to ascertain whether or not the iron chest was bolted. Finding it unlocked, he then swung the heavy doors, and a moment later turned his attention toward forcing the inner compartments in which the money and other valuables were secreted. Being of frail construction the robber had little difficulty in gaining access to these depositories, but on the contrary they yielded with ease under the strain of a small nail puller which the robber brought into use.

Having accomplished this part of the task the burglar then grasped the contents of the safe, consisting principally of two purses, one of which contained \$190 in gold coin, and another \$20 in silver.

With this money safely secreted in his pocket the burglar then glanced about the room, and noticing but the cash register stationed on the counter near the front of the store, wended his way in that direction. That he was disappointed in the loot secured from that source can be judged from the fact that he obtained but 30 cents, a 25 cent piece and a nickel. At the entrance of the proceedings Robert Kidd, son of Mrs. A. C. Kidd, and one of the proprietors of the establishment, chanced to pass the store in company with a friend, and recollecting that he had neglected to lock the safe at the close of the day's business, informed the companion that he would enter, but would return a moment later.

As Mr. Kidd crossed the threshold of the front entrance he detected a peculiar noise, something stellar, he says, to that of a dog trotting when adorned with an ornamental collar. Realizing that something out of the usual was in course of transpiration Mr. Kidd started to walk to the rear of the room, and as he did so he noticed a man standing near the safe. At that moment Mr. Kidd yelled and retreated to the sidewalk where he called for aid. City Policeman Knauas, who chanced to be standing directly across the street in front of the Wollenberg store, responded in haste, and with revolver in hand entered the store, only to find Mr. Burglar making his exit through the window in which he came. Having no opportunity to wing his man the officer hastened out of the store, at the same time notifying pedestrians to follow the burglar who was at that time making his way down Oak street in the direction of Smith's livery barn. Believing that the burglar would turn onto Rose street upon reaching the stable Knauas ran up Jackson to the Roseburg National Bank and thence down Cass street to the corner of Rose street. As he reached this point he noticed several parties assembled near the center of the block, between Oak and Cass streets, and accordingly, approached them. One of the parties, the fellow who now languishes in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of burglary, appeared quite talkative, and seemed inclined to lend his assistance in an effort to capture the criminal. In fact he informed the officer as well as Delos Livingston and Fred Dillard, amateur sleuths who had taken up the chase, that he had been subjected to a terrible ordeal a moment before, declaring that some unknown man had accosted him near the livery barn, at the same time demanding that he throw up his hands and deliver over his money. Further the fellow said that he believed the unknown man was the

fellow who had robbed the store, his actions appearing unusually peculiar in the event he was an upright citizen. At that time Knauas gave up the chase and returned to his beat, realizing no doubt, that he would be unappreciated for work of this nature inasmuch as he is simply employed by certain merchants to protect their interests. As Knauas left, Dillard and Livingston started down Oak street toward the railroad, and to their surprise the "talkative" man approached, stating that he would accompany them and come to their assistance should the guilty party be apprehended. After walking to a point near the corner of Oak and Sheridan streets Dillard and Livingston became somewhat alarmed as to their safety inasmuch as they had suspected the undesirable companion from the first. Accordingly they retreated, leaving Mr. "Talkative" at his leisure.

In the meantime Officers Wright, Huffman, Ashworth and Williams had received information regarding the occurrence, and accordingly each started out on a still hunt in an effort to capture the unknown man.

Constable Wright, who was the first officer to appear at the scene after the eventual experience of Captain Knauas, wended his way in the direction of the railroad yards, and upon reaching a point near the depot was accosted by Mr. "Talkative" who again offered his services. Officer Wright tumbled almost immediately but to make the game an attractive one invited him to aid in searching the yards. The robber paid him pleased with the attention not long by the officer and it was not long until the two were searching empty cars, the former attempting to detect the "unknown" and the latter to detect himself. After a prolonged investigation without material results the crook became tired and disgusted and informed the officer that he would be obliged to leave.

Continuing the search for some little time alone Officer Wright also became perplexed at the situation, but not wishing to give up hope, returned to the corner of Cass and Sheridan streets where he outlined further plans of investigation. Entertaining the belief that the desired individual might have rented a room in the vicinity Officer Wright then sought the services of Dale Strange, who chanced to be in the locality, and the two, in company, started out to search the rooming houses. Arriving at the Nevada house, situated on Sheridan street, the officer learned that an unknown man had a short time previously sought a room, and had been assigned to sleeping apartment No. 2. With this vivid clue at hand Wright and Strange then proceeded to the room, and upon peering through the key hole noticed that the light was turned out and that the room was dark. Perseverant, however, they knocked on the door, and after a brief delay were answered by a man on the inside who said: "What is it—do you want?" "Open that door," said Wright, "or I will knock it down," and a moment later the man conceded to the demand. As the officer and his companion entered they noticed several suspicious circumstances, among them being the condition of the inmate, who with light turned out, was still garbed in his usual apparel with the exception of a coat. Ordered to remain quiet and subject himself to searching, the fellow appeared nervous, but nevertheless he said little, simply informing the official intruders that they were at liberty to investigate inasmuch as he had no money except about \$20 which he claimed as his personal property. A thorough search of the man's apparel showed this declaration to be true, the amount found tallying exactly with his statement. Not wishing to do things by halves, however, the officer could not be bluffed, but on the contrary he ordered an even more thorough searching investigation. The bedding was thoroughly searched as were the apartments in the bureau and closets. Like the previous search a second investigation revealed nothing of startling importance. At that time Wright and Strange decided to give up, and were just about to leave the room, when Strange, undoubtedly seized with supernatural instinct, shoved his hand into the water pitcher, and to his astonishment pulled therefrom a revolver, as well as the money in question. This incident was enough to convince the officer that the right man had been apprehended, and a moment later he was officially arrested. Confronted with the revolver and money and asked as to where it came from, the fellow simply smiled, stating it did not belong to him. In another instant he was asked regarding his name, and in responding said that his true title was Frank Murphy. In response to further interrogation, however, he gave his name as Chambers, thus establishing the fact that he is traveling under an assumed title.

Without further delay Murphy was escorted to the county jail, followed by several officers as well as a crowd of citizens who were alert to news regarding the capture. At the jail he said he was from New York City, but this statement is doubted by the officials as are all statements uttered by a criminal under such circumstances. A search of the man's person at the jail revealed further startling facts, a quantity of jewelry and other plunder being found. Among the jewelry are several Masonic emblems as well as a watch. Although no petty thefts have been reported to the police during the past twenty-four hours it may be possible that Murphy "touched" a few of the

ALABAMA MINE HORROR

Forty Men Entombed in Lower Levels.

FEARED ALL ARE DEAD

Rescuers Worked all Night to Remove Obstructions from the Shaft That Bodies Can be Recovered.

(Special to Evening News)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.—It is now believed that forty miners that were entombed in the Mulga Mine of the Birmingham Railway and Coal company are dead. The rescuers who worked all night attempting to remove the twisted iron cages which block the shaft, declare that the gases permeate every crevice of the mine. The explosion occurred late yesterday afternoon. Of the imprisoned men, fifteen of them are white and the balance are negroes.

SNOW AND FROST RUINS FARMERS

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CINCINNATI, O., April 21.—Rain and destruction has followed in the wake of the cold snap that has prevailed in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Southern Indiana during the past five days, and the change has been wrought will, it is estimated, reach the sum of \$5,000,000. The small fruit crop has been practically destroyed and many truck gardeners and small farmers have been ruined by the loss of their crops. In northern Kentucky snow still stands on the ground which a week ago was covered by growing things.

GOVERNOR HUGHES FOR SUPREME BENCH

(Special to Evening News)
NEW YORK, April 21.—According to the New York Sun in today's is-

Masonic visitors who were in the city yesterday inasmuch as his jewelry consisted chiefly of Masonic emblems. In case he did not operate yesterday, however, it is an established fact that he is wanted at other points in Oregon or possibly California.

When interviewed by members of the sheriff's staff this morning Murphy would say nothing, appearing quite offended at his perilous position.

Speaking to a News representative this morning Mr. Kidd stated that he was more than pleased with the manner in which the officers responded to the call, and especially to Mr. Wright, who succeeded in making the capture and securing the stolen money. Had the robber entered the robbery he would have secured \$2300 instead of \$230.

see President Taft has decided to offer the vacancy on the Supreme Bench, caused by the death of Justice Brewer, to Governor Hughes.

MARK TWAIN GROWS NOTICABLY WEAKER

(Special to Evening News)
REDDING, Conn., April 21.—Mark Twain is noticeably weaker this morning but is resting comfortably.

MUSICAL TREAT IN STORE.

Recital at the Baptist Church, Friday Evening, April 22.

An entertainment of unusual merit will be given in the Baptist church tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in which some of the best musical and literary talent in the city will participate. The event is the recital given by the pupils of Miss Ellen Gertrude Harris, assisted by the accomplished pianist, Miss Merta Bales and Miss Page, who is a gifted elocutionist. The program as arranged, which will appear in Friday's Evening News, is a delightful combination, and every one who is fortunate enough to attend this affair will feel repaid for going. Miss Harris has been in the city for several months and has demonstrated her ability as a musician, while Miss Bales is known to nearly everyone in Roseburg as a pianist of rare technique. Miss Page has often charmed her hearers by her recitations and readings. Among others who will appear in the program are several of the best known and most popular vocalists in the city. There is no admission charge to this recital but an offering will be taken.

The case recently brought in the justice court by Bose and Jeff Williams against Alva and Charles Howard has been continued indefinitely inasmuch as the prosecuting witnesses have failed to appear in court as instructed.

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