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Elgin News Items

Patten's Billiard Hall Robbed Tuesday Night—Rod and Gun Club Formed—Earl Moore and Frieda Graham ill in La Grande.

Elgin, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Special).—The Elgin Recorder says:

The pocket-billiard hall and tobacco and confectionery stand conducted by A. J. (Jack) Patten in the former location of Mint saloon, was entered early Tuesday morning by thieves and money and merchandise stolen to the value of \$60 or \$70. No clue whatever has been obtained, although officers have been active in their efforts to apprehend the guilty parties—apparently more than one was connected with the theft.

The thieves gained entrance through a window in the rear of the building. The window was thought to be secure as two nails had been driven through the sash and into the casing. The window was pried upward however, an axe and other implements being used.

In accordance with the custom of past years a hand times ball will be given in Rex hall, Friday evening, February 2, under the auspices of the Elgin concert band. Arrangements are under way to make this an event of special interest and enjoyment to all who attend. A first class violinist will be secured to assist the band orchestra and good music is guaranteed.

A meeting of Elgin residents who are lovers of hunting and fishing was held at the office of the City Drug Store Wednesday evening at which time an organization was formed to be known as the Elgin Rod and Gun club.

A like organization existed in Elgin for several years but of late has been inactive and local sportsmen thought best to dub it defunct and reorganize.

Although the call issued was brief there was a good attendance and considerable interest manifested. F. W. Keller, of the Elgin Cash Dry Goods store, was elected president, and L. E. Tuttle, of the Recorder, secretary. Another meeting will be called at an early date, at which time either the old or new bylaws will be adopted and permanent organization completed.

The organization is open in membership to any resident of this section who is interested in the protection of fish and game and the propagation thereof. The cost will be nominal as does will perhaps not exceed a dollar a year.

The Five Hundred club, the members of which have enjoyed many pleasant evenings this winter, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bater last Friday evening and was entertained by Miss Josephine Leutke and Miss Grace Hill.

The latter part of last week Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, was taken to La Grande suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis. After arriving in La Grande with the boy he was immediately placed in the hospital the appendix removed by Dr. Kirby of Elgin and Dr. Richardson of La Grande. The young man is now getting along nicely and it is thought will be able to return home in a few days.

Frieda, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Graham, was taken to

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duction of "Big Tremaine," with Harold Lockwood and May Allison as the stars, which is to be the feature at the Sherry theater here on Sunday and Monday, the motion picture of the moment.

John Tremaine loves a girl. His brother wins her hand. John Tremaine is entrusted with a large sum of money to carry to a bank. His brother

the La Grande hospital Friday evening suffering from advanced stages of appendicitis. She submitted to an operation a few hours after being placed in the hospital and is also enjoying rapid recovery.

J. M. Shoemaker, well known Elgin resident and business man, is lying at his home in a critical condition and slight hopes are entertained for his recovery. The present illness follows a stroke of paralysis suffered during the close of last summer while Mr. Shoemaker and C. L. Yentzer were fishing on Lostine river.

For the past two years Elgin's Knights of Pythias lodge has been leading the other lodges of Union and Wallawa counties in attendance and all-around turnouts at the district conventions held each year. The convention this year will be held at Wallawa on Saturday, February 17, and in view of that the boys of Orion Lodge No. 73 started the ball of preparation rolling Tuesday evening. Committees on arrangements were appointed, including the matter of special train, uniform, music and stunts.

The plans at present are to secure a special train with the assistance of La Grande and Union lodges, but if an exorbitant guarantee is required the local lodge will favor the regular service.

Frank Petty, of the Fair store, and G. Bekker, well known local builder, enjoyed a touch of high life in La Grande last night.

Warrants.

NOTICE, The undersigned Treasurer of Union County has funds on hand with which to pay warrants issued on the Road fund from number 711 to 800 inclusive, endorsed July 8, 1916.

All such warrants will be paid with interest to January 8, 1917.

JOHN FRAWLEY,

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HARTRIDGE WHIPP BARITONE

The concert to be given by Hartridge Whipp, Baritone, January 30th at the Methodist Episcopal church, has already aroused much interest. The singer comes well recommended by the various press reports of his concerts in other Oregon cities.

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steals part of it. The brother dies, leaving a widow and two children. Upon John's shoulders falls the task of rehabilitating the family estate, of caring for his brother's widow, the woman he once loved; of bearing up bravely against false suspicions that it was he who stole the money.

He does these things, and earns the nickname of "Big Tremaine." Then he wins the love of a beautiful and true-hearted girl. Next he is called on to run for congress, despite the slurs that have been cast on his char-

acter. He refuses. The girl he loves insists. She leads an army of voters to his home. She tells him they trust him. He holds back. She tells him she loves him. He wavers.

And then comes the great climax. The woman John once loved confesses that it was her husband—his own brother—who stole the money. "Big Tremaine" is a stuporous drama.

ARCADE

NEW LUCAS PLAY STORY OF THE LUMBER COUNTRY

"Hell-to-Pay" Austin" Has Thrilling Scenes in East and Northwest.

Billy Austin, the central figure of the new Triangle play, "Hell-to-Pay" Austin," starring Wilfred Lucas, to be shown at the Arcade theater, Sunday, is the boss of a big lumber camp in the northwest. He is known as "Hell-to-Pay" because, when his orders are not carried out, that is exactly what happens. He is a very bitter man, but a just man withal, and when it comes time for someone to adopt the little daughter of the camp evangelist who has lately died Austin becomes the guardian by common consent.

The little girl's name is "Briar Rose," and she is the idol of the camp. Her influence softens Austin in many ways. He does everything in his power to make her happy and to bring her up well; but when Jack Dale, the son of the mill owner, returns from college and falls in love with her, he takes it for granted that the young couple will be married.

Then, one day, there happens into the camp a woman from the east. She has fine clothes and fine manners, and poor little Briar Rose is quite captivated. Then Austin sees the woman. He is amazed to recognize in her Doris Valentine, with whom he was once madly in love. She and her male companion had made him a dupe in a badger game; and in an ensuing quarrel he had beaten up the man and left the place. Now Doris tells Austin that he really killed the man, and, in consequence, has for years been a fugitive from justice without knowing it. She tells him that if he should return east, he will have to undergo trial and almost certainly capital punishment. Then she leaves.

About this time, the boys decide to give Briar Rose the finishing touches to her education, so they send her off to a school in New York. But at this school are a number of snobbish young ladies, and Briar Rose becomes so miserable and homesick that she runs away. It happens that she has the address of Doris in New York, so she goes to her apartment.

Her arrival there is very opportune, for Doris, much wanted by the police, is anxious to sail abroad, but is unable to do so through lack of funds. Now that Briar Rose is here, however, a male companion of Doris agrees to put up the money and fit her up a place in Paris if she will let him become something more than the escort of the little girl.

Austin hears of the whereabouts of Briar Rose. Completely ignoring the fact that he believes himself wanted for murder, he comes at once to New York. It so happens that he is not really wanted by the law at all, for the man he was told he killed, really died a natural death some time later. When Austin reaches the home of Doris, he finds himself in the midst of a gay party celebrating the expected departure of Doris and Briar Rose for Europe.

Austin handles this affair single-handed and the outcome is as thrilling as anything else in a generally exciting course of events.

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