

ROBBERS GOT MONEY

Held Up Rich Farmers Near Champoug.

Escaped and Left No Clew

Evidently Knew the Habits of Their Victims, Who Were Bachelors, and Lived Together.

Gervais, Or., Jan. 24.—News of a bold robbery of John Hofer and Caspar Zorn, two rich bachelor farmers and heavy landowners, at their home, Champoug, Oregon, reached here last afternoon.

The two farmers were alone, as no hired help is needed in the winter months, and they did their own cooking, consequently their robbery was easily accomplished.

The first intimation of the presence of others on the place was the firing of two pistol shots on the front porch, which caused Mr. Hofer to raise a window to enquire the cause, when he and his partner were ordered to stand and a pistol was shoved into their hands.

Misses Hofer and Zorn are the second heaviest individual taxpayers in the county, and keep more cash money on hand in the busy season of harvesting, of which these robbers must have been aware, as the work showed careful planning.

The thieves are partially described as being the usual tall man and short one, the taller being of dark complexion and dressed in dark clothes, and wearing long, dark hair, while the other was shorter and stout, with light, stubby hair on both head and face, and wearing a light brown suit.

Under Charge of Forgery.

Prisoner at Medford Waived Examination and Went to Jail.

Medford, Or., Jan. 24.—The marshal of Junction City reached Medford this morning, having in charge Harry C. Collins, who, it is alleged, had forged a check for \$100,000 on the name of William Waddie, of Roseburg, and secured the indorsement of Mr. Hamilton, of Medford.

May Be Medford Burglar.

G. L. Schermerhorn received notice today from J. S. Stiles, chief of police at Eugene, that one of the men in his charge had evidently been in the vicinity of his store in Medford on the night of January 11. The revolver and knives found in his possession agree exactly with the description of those taken from the store.

A Foul Murder.

Mother and Baby Killed, and Thrown in a Spring.

The Fossil Journal reports that last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Kelsey, a sister-in-law of David Russell, and her 3-month-old baby were found dead in the spring on the Russell place, six miles northwest of Condon. Mrs. Kelsey was separated from her husband, who is at Walla Walla.

Masked Men at BOLA.

Attempted to Rob Store and Post-office, but Failed.

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Assault on a Japanese.

Brother Who Kept Help Away Must Answer to Circuit Court.

These Residences Were Broken Into—Losses Were Not Large.

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Heavy Taxpayers Present Remonstrance and Lawyers Question Legality of the Additional Levy.

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Taxation at Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 24.—The 10-mill tax recently levied by the city will provide about \$2000. With the \$1000 received for saloon license, the city's receipts for 1900 will amount to \$3000. As the city expended annually over \$1500 for water and light, and \$800 interest on the water and sewer bonds, the city is in a position to make necessary improvements will require so much of the total receipts that very little of the warrant debt will be reduced. This state of affairs is due to the low assessed valuations. The city charter will not permit a higher levy than 10 mills, hence the council has no means to raise more tax. Last year's receipts exceeded the city's obligations for the year by about \$700, owing to the higher assessment.

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THE DAY'S RACES.

Yesterday's Winners at Oakland and New Orleans.

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