

SAFE IS CRACKED

Bold Robbers Work Near Police Station.

ROBBERS' BOOTY IS \$150

Defiance Tea Company Is Paid Early Morning Visit.

SEARCH IN VAIN FOR CLEWS

Detectives Snow and Kerrigan Are Put on the Pursuing Case, But Their Search for the Skilled Cracksmen Is Unrewarded.

Just two blocks from the police station, in broad daylight, the lock of the safe in the office of the Defiance Tea Company, Second and Ankeny streets, was picked yesterday morning and \$150 in cash taken without a clew being left behind to identify the daring robbers.

An entrance was effected by using a skeleton key upon the front door. The curtain in the office window was then pulled up to screen the safecrackers from the view of the curious and the deed quietly and systematically performed.

The exact time the robbers selected for their visit is, of course, unknown. The first intimation that a crime had been committed was received by W. C. Bretzell, the brother of the manager of the company, when he came to the store soon after 12 o'clock. The combination of the safe had not been turned the night before, and the robbers had opened the outer and stronger door by simply turning the tumbler about one-fifth of an inch.

The inner door had been forced open with a crowbar or some powerful instrument. A special policeman patrolled the stores along Second street until 6 o'clock in the morning. The Pinkerton service also has a watchman to guard the property of their clients. Evidently the safe was picked some time after both these men were off duty for the day.

The premises have been thoroughly searched by the detectives in the hope of finding some slight clew which would lead them to the detection of the safecrackers. It is their belief that the job was done by expert cracksmen, who, seeing the possibility of opening the safe without the use of explosives, simply made a slight turn of the tumbler and like a magic box before a magician's wand the steel safe opened before them, and they had nothing more to do than to pry open the inner door and take the coin kept therein.

Nothing but gold, silver and currency was taken from the safe. "The robbers got between \$100 and \$200," said C. H. Bretzell, the manager of the company, last evening, in speaking of the robbery. Only the robbers know the exact amount. Safecracking and cracking is a rare crime in Portland, the last case being the cracking of the safe of the Blue Mountain Ice Company, for which P. Long was sent to Salem for five years on evidence gathered by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow. These sleuths have been placed on the pursuing case, and yesterday they were vainly endeavoring to find an opening wedge through which to follow up the robbers.

TRAVELS IN THE ORIENT

Former Portland Newspaper Man Now in Shanghai.

Many people in Portland will remember "Doc" Travis at one time a reporter on the Oregonian, who left here several years ago, and who owing to a rather varied and wandering career has been reported to have been in various parts of the world. He is now in Shanghai, in which he has been for some time. On his return here he carried with him a copy of the Oregonian which had been copied by Eastern papers and had kept on the way East, and from them by Australian papers, which were the principal papers reaching the Philippines owing to their close proximity to Australia, so these paragraphs had traveled East nearly around the world to reach him and were received with pleasure.

From the Philippines Mr. Travis proceeded to Japan and in the service of several newspapers made a pretty thorough tour of those islands. He next in the same line of business proceeded to China and is there now. A letter recently received by his mother from him was dated June 10 from Hotel Metropole, Bund, Shanghai, in which he states that the weather, after a few hot days was cool and delightful much like summer weather in Oregon.

He is seeing Shanghai thoroughly being told about by a Jinnickaba man, at \$4.50 per month, who is six feet tall and runs all day, and never tires. He is enjoying himself great and says life is pleasant to the white people living in the Orient. He is looking forward to seeing more of the East and is about completing arrangements in his business which will carry him as far as Celestia and Madras, before returning to Oregon. He ought to be able to give many interesting accounts of his wanderings in strange lands.

JUMPS FROM BRIDGE Fred Dahl Breaks Both Legs in 56-Foot Fall.

CRAZED BY PROLONGED SPREE

Swedish Laborer Suffering From Delusion That Police Would Arrest Him for Hold-Up Attempts His Life.

Suffering under the delusion that he was wanted by the police for complicity in the hold-up of the Vancouver car, six weeks ago, Fred Dahl, a Swedish laborer, jumped from the 56-foot Eagle Creek bridge, near Springwater, broke both legs by falling upon huge boulders, and when found 40 minutes later, begged to be shot, that his misery might end with the life which he had tried to throw away.

Dahl attempted to take his life Saturday evening by walking out upon the railroad bridge and deliberately jumping upon the boulders below. He had been upon a prolonged spree two weeks before, and his mind, unbalanced by the quantity of liquor which he had drunk, became fixed upon the insane idea that he was guilty of holding up the Woodlawn car, and that the police, knowing this, would capture him within a few hours.

Dahl was a laborer, employed by Winters, Parsons & Boomer, the contractors on the Springwater branch of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. A few minutes later, after quitting time Saturday night, he left the camp of the contractors and went out upon the bridge without carrying notice of the railway workmen. No cry was heard from the suffering man, and had it not been for the passing of another workman, the Swede might have laid upon his self-sought grave until it became a grave indeed.

Walking across the bridge, the rescuer saw stretched upon the sharp rocks below the form of Dahl. An inquiring call started the unfortunate man, who cried, "Come down and shoot me; I want to die and get out of this," he cried, with all his feeble strength. "No, I can't do that, I'm going to get you out of here," was the reply. "Give me a gun, then, and I'll do it myself," cried Dahl, still suffering from the delusion, which had prompted him to cast himself upon the rocks.

Dahl was carried to the camp, and Dr. C. B. Smith, of Eagle Creek, the physician of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, summoned, Dahl was not in any sense a member of the railway company, but when the head office was notified of the attempted suicide, and the probable fatal results, if the man was not at once removed to a hospital, arrangements were made by which he was brought to this city yesterday morning.

The car was met by an ambulance, and the suffering man taken to the County Hospital, Dr. C. Smith accompanied him and assisted in dressing his injuries. It was found that his right ankle was fractured, both bones being badly crushed in ankle, a general laceration of the arteries and a fracture of the tibia on the right thigh. He will probably be laid up for six months. His right foot will probably be amputated.

The men of the camp took the greatest possible care of the injured man, and a man, named Boring, on which he was taken seven miles to Boring. The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company provided the car which brought him to Portland. Dahl is 36 years old and unmarried. The police place no evidence in the theory that Dahl was in any way connected with the hold-up.

TREES SHED TEARS.

Elms Drop Gummy Fluid on People Who Pass Underneath.

A man called at The Oregonian office a day or two ago in a frantic effort to voice a complaint against some species of shade trees rather numerous along the streets. These trees were alleged to be a pestiferous nuisance on fine days they showered down drops of a sticky juice which stained the hats and clothing of ladies passing under them.

The reporter had no trouble in finding the trees complained of, the cement sidewalks in many places being sprinkled with the gummy fluid mentioned. The only trees which were not affected were elms, a species with large rough leaves appearing to shed the most. The reporter cut off a couple of small limbs from one of these trees and found on the under side of the leaves many small insects of a greenish color, evidently a species of aphid.

The occupant of the property in front of which the trees stood, said on the cause of the stuff dropping. Sometimes it continued for several days and then stopped for a while. He had noticed the same fluid dropping from trees in several places about town, but had never heard any one say that the liquid was harmful to clothing.

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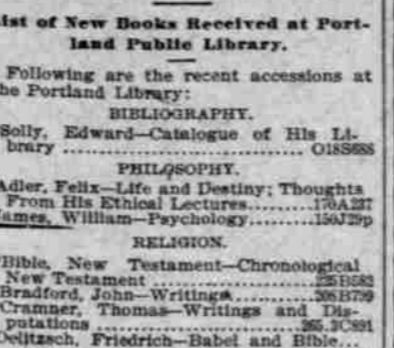
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ALL DAY

White Napkins 6c each Brass Washboards 29c Fancy Combs 1c each \$1.50 Atlas 95c Talcum Powder 9c Bone Hair Pins 11c a box, 12 Cakes Savon Soap 25c Sewing Tables 87c each

25c Writing Paper 12c Moquette Rugs 87c \$1.50 Pictures 89c Table Mats 22c Set Wash Petticoats 54c 65c Vests 42c each Castile Soap 14c Bar Boys' Suits 60c

Initial Bath Towels 13c Silk Waists \$2.95 75c Corset Covers 59c Remnants 1/2 Price Shirtwaist Suits 89c Ladies' Oxford's \$1.10 Pr Embroideries 18c Yard Ladies' Hats 15c \$1, \$1.25 Etamines 57c 15c Papers 7c Ladies' Taffeta Gloves 19c \$1.50 Kid Gloves 59c

Checked Silks 69c yard Table Damask 20c yard Misses' Hose 18c pair Cotton Stocks 9c each Dress Trimmings 5c yard Ribbons 10c yard Granite Bread Pans 24c Men's Belts 15c each

Ladies' Umbrellas 89c each Children's Mirrors 4c each Cold Cream 7c a Jar Men's Dusters 50c each Palm Leaf Fans 4c each Salt Boxes 23c each

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Toilet Mirrors 8c 50c Books 25c Indian Baskets 1-4 Off Fig-Prune Cereal 17c Hammocks at \$1.55 Oil Stoves 52c each

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