

BURGLARS BUSY AT THE GROVE LAST EVE

Post Office, Depot and Mill Entered

ABOUT EIGHT DOLLARS SECURED

Post Office Safe Resists Efforts of Cracksmen

Last night burglars entered the Forest Grove post office, and after knocking off the combination of the office safe, failed to get into it. Nothing else was touched. The burglars also blew open the safe of the Crescent Mills, and secured six or seven dollars. They also got into the waiting room of the Southern Pacific depot building, and again they were foiled in their attempt to loot, as they overlooked about \$15, which lay in the agent's till. Deputy Sheriff, Frank Kane, was notified this morning, and went up to the Grove. The Forest Grove post office was burglarized last year, at about this time. The operators, on that occasion, were not apprehended.

Sheriff Connell thinks he has a clue to the safe crackers, in the persons of two men who left Forest Grove on the early morning train for Portland. The men are reported to have taken the electric line, after their arrival in Portland, for Oregon City, and officers at the latter place are on the lookout for the supposed cracksmen.

DeWITT CLINTON MERRILL

DeWitt Clinton Merrill was born at Carrollton, Carroll County, Mo., September 7, 1841, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1847, who settled in Seio, Lion County. In 1849, the family went to the gold fields of California, and in 1850 returned to Oregon (then a territory) and made their home on the Merrill D. L. C., where Mr. Merrill has since resided. For 57 years this had been his home. On April 30, 1872, he married Miss Mary E. Johnson, who survives him. Of his father's family of 11 children, 8 of whom came with him to Oregon, but one, Josiah Millard Merrill, of Groveland, California, is now living. A brother's son, Chas. P. Merrill, resides at Hood River, Oregon. The remaining children of his father's families reside in the vicinity of Portland. He was six years old when he came to Oregon, truly he may be numbered as one of the Oregon pioneers. On Dec. 30, 1907, at 12:30 p. m., on the old homestead, 8 miles southeast of Hillsboro, he passed away, aged 66 years, 3 months and 23 days. An affectionate husband, and a kind neighbor.

Rev. F. S. Locke.

AUCTION SALE

I will sell at public auction, at the new track, Hillsboro, Oregon, at 1:00 p. m., on

BATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Without D. 4 years old, standard and registered trotter, went miles last year better than 2:30, with only 3 weeks work and in perfect road mare for city or country. Hazel W., 5 years, trotter, standard and registered, made miles better than 2:15 last year, is city broke, and can be driven anywhere. Match team sorrels fit for road or work purposes, saddle broke, buckskin pony 1 1/2 hands, broke to saddle and harness, for children; bay filly, trotter, by McKinney, 4 yrs. single or double, licensed to step mile this season, 12:30; brown mare, 5 yrs, 1150 by Al Kinney, nice type for family horse, well broke single or double and is bred for a better; brown mare, 7 yrs, by Del River, pacer, broke single or double, and shows lots of speed, black colt, 5 months, by Jolock, dam brown mare preceding in this list; sorrel horse, 1200, age; bay horse, 1200; farm wagon, harness, and numerous other articles. Above stock to be sold to make room for outside horses. Three horses can be hitched and shown at track. We also have horses not listed that are for sale.

Terms: Cash, or 6 months' time, approved note, bank interest. I. D. Chappell, owner. B. P. Cornelius, auctioneer.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

An attempt was made to wreck the Forest Grove local this morning, at a point near Cornelius, by placing a tie between the rails. The train was running at a low rate of speed at the time, and fortunately the engineer saw the obstruction in time to prevent a wreck. The trainmen notified the authorities at Cornelius, and an investigation resulted in the arrest of John Ingelbretsen, an eighteen year old resident of Cornelius. Ingelbretsen was recently discharged from work on the section, and it is suspected that he laid the obstruction on the track in a spirit of revenge. He was arraigned before Justice H. G. Plich, of Cornelius, this afternoon, who, after examination, bound him over to the circuit court in the sum of \$500.

For Charitable Purpose

Basket social and dance, for charitable purpose, at Centerville Hall, Saturday, January 11, 1908. Basket sold at 10:30 a. m. Purchasers entitled to lunch and dance free.

Horebound stick, this week's special at the Den of Sweets.

The Christian church will hold its annual reception Friday evening, at the church, from 7:30 to 10. All friends are invited to attend. State Secretary F. E. Billington is expected to be present, and will also preach on Saturday evening. On Sunday, Bible school at 10 o'clock; ordination service at 11, at which the Elders and Deacons will be appointed to their special duties. C. E. meeting at 6:30 in the evening, and preaching at 7 o'clock; subject, "The Origin of the Name Christian," and why all Should Wear it." Take your bible, pencil and paper. Special music

Do you want some lots in a growing California town, within one-half mile of the beautiful San Luis Bay, in exchange for a mountain ranch or Hillsboro lots? Finest section in Central California; great for cure of pulmonary and rheumatic troubles. Call at, or address, Argus office, Hillsboro, Ore. Deed and abstract.

In the venire of grand jurors drawn in land fraud cases at Portland, this week, the following named jurors are from Washington county: J. B. McPherson (deceased), Forest Grove; Geo. Hancock, Forest Grove; H. T. Fitch, Cornelius; A. N. Stanton, Hillsboro; John Henry, Sherwood; Wm. Schulmerich, South Tualatin; E. X. Harding, Gaston; B. N. Sprout, Reedville; John Thornburg, Forest Grove; A. S. Vaughn, Sherwood; M. S. Barnes, Beaverton.

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Smoke the Habano cigar, the best 10 cent cigar in the county—and the only 10 cent cigar made in Washington county. Call for it, and help out home industry.—Chas. E. Fish, Mountaineer, Ore.

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Exceptional values in ladies tailor made suits at \$10 and \$12, direct from the East. Come early and get your choice, at Schulmerich Bros.

A meeting will be held in this city next Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, at the Band Hall, for the purpose of organizing a rod and gun club. All persons interested are requested to be present.

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Next Monday, January 13—one day only—Dr. Lowe, the well known optician, will be in Hillsboro. Have him test your eyes for glasses. Eighteen years experience.

Brandywine, Texas, Glen Mary and Wilson pedigree strawberry plants for sale at Fern Leaf Farm, R. S. Alexander, Cornelius, Ore., Route 2.

Calvin Jack, of the Shute Bank, has filed his bond as city treasurer and is now transacting the financial business of the municipality.

Oyster cocktails, hot vigorals, bullion, coffee and cocoa, ham sandwiches, at Palmateer's Confectionery.

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BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBER CAUGHT NEAR GASTON

Portland Detectives Find him at Jim Lee's

OUTLAW JOHNSON WAS HIDING

He was Cleverly Captured and Taken to Portland

Jones and Tichenor, two Portland detectives, cleverly captured Elmer Johnson, an accused highway robber, at the ranch of Jim Lee, in Patton Valley, above Gaston, yesterday. Johnson is suspected of holding up and robbing E. L. Maxwell, Deputy City Engineer, of Portland, near the Southern Pacific tracks, about a month ago. The detectives suspected that Johnson might be stopping at Lee's, and so went up to Gaston disguised as working men. They went out with the mail carrier, and found their man, and captured him without difficulty. The suspicions of the detectives were aroused by the fact that Lee sent a man to Gaston every day for mail. Lee has defensed several charges against himself. Johnson will be arraigned before Judge Cameron today on the above charge.

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Argus and Oregonian, \$2.25 Joseph Brown, of Scholls, was in town yesterday.

J. F. Stevens was a passenger to Portland, Tuesday.

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T. B. Perkins, the Buxton merchant, was in the city yesterday.

Geo. W. Patterson, of Portland, was in the city this week.

J. H. Wilkins and wife, of Farmington, were county seat visitors yesterday.

Chas. Johnson, of Johnson Bros' mill, South Tualatin, was in the city on business yesterday.

Try horebound candy for your cold; 20 sticks for 10 cents this week at the Den of Sweets.

Born, Jan. 8, 1908, to wife of Thomas Garrish, of Hillsboro, a daughter.

Twenty sticks of horebound for 10 cents. Made from pure horebound herb. Den of Sweets.

While umbrellas are going up out doors, they are going down at Baird's. 43-1f

M. L. Howell, of Beaverton, was in town yesterday. He was looking for a farm to rent.

For cold feet—use warm slippers. Baird has them for men, women and children. 43-1f

Supt. Ringle was in Portland, yesterday, on business connected with local light and water plant.

For a good smoke try the Schiller or Excellencia—and you will try them again and again.

John M. Simpson, of Beaverton, was in the city Wednesday, and called.

A. Wilkins, of near Beaverton, last week sold his 12-acre ranch for the snug sum of \$3800.

Alonso R. Fanno, of Portland, a Washington county land owner, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Wehrung and daughter, Miss Ethel, took the train for Portland, yesterday.

H. V. Gates and daughter, Miss Helen, and Mrs. Layton, were passengers for Portland, yesterday.

Sheriff John Connell, Ed. Schulmerich, Mayor John Dennis, and Homer Emmott were in Portland, yesterday.

Geo. Schriber, of Midwell, Idaho, was in town this week, closing up a land deal, which he made in this county, a short time ago.

Morning service in the Congregational church at 11 o'clock. Also a vesper service at 5 p. m., instead of the evening service. Good music. All are welcome.

Montezuma Lodge, No. 50, I. O. O. F., of this city, installed the officers elect on Wednesday night, Deputy Grand Master Albert White, of Gaston, was the installing officer.

Dr. Lowe, the optician, will be in Hillsboro, January 13th; at Forest Grove, January 14th and 15th. He does not go from house to house. Consult him at hotel.

The Fourteenth Annual Poultry Show held in Portland is in session today. Among the exhibitors are R. H. Greer, of Hillsboro, and J. M. Garrison, of the Grove.

Have just a few ladies' and misses' coats which will be sold in the next 30 days. Somebody is sure to get a bargain, for they will surely go at some price. I positively will not carry them over. Baird's

One of the heaviest wind and rain storms of the winter swept over Hillsboro last night, accompanied by distant thunder and lightning. No damage was done, so far as the Argus can learn, in this vicinity.

John M. Wall, Deputy District Attorney and Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, left the first of the week, on an official visit to the various lodges in his jurisdiction, and will be gone about a month.

Mr. James Butler will start a dancing school at Hillsboro Hall next Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, commencing at 7 o'clock p. m. Gents, 50 cents; ladies, 25 cents. Commence with the first lesson and learn this winter.

Any one wishing to purchase a gasoline engine should call on Schulmerich Bros. We have a sample at our store. Come and see it operated. We are agents for the International, the strongest and best engine made. 35-1f

Frank Wallace, who had charge of a force of men on the government jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia river, is in Hillsboro. Mr. Wallace says it is the opinion of the engineers that the jetty will be completed within the next eighteen months. This ought to give a depth of 38 feet in the Columbia, between Portland and Astoria.

Judge C. E. Kindt was in Hillsboro Tuesday, transacting business at the court house. He appeared before the school district boundary board in behalf of the petitioners asking that District No. 39, near Scholls, be divided. The petition was granted and a new school house will be built near Kinton. Voters so desiring may register before Judge Kindt at his residence at Kinton, without coming to Hillsboro.

Mrs. Maggie Rohr, aged 43 years, died of cancer, at Banks, Ore., on January 2, 1908. According to a wish expressed two years before her death, the body of Mrs. Rohr was cremated, cremation taking place at Sellwood on the 6th inst. Her husband, Wm. Rohr, now of Shady Brook, survives her. Deceased leaves many warm friends at Banks and Buxton.

Clearing Up Sale

Herman Osterman & Co., of Centerville, will begin a clearing up sale on January 1, 1908, which will be continued until all the stock is sold. A \$3000 stock of general merchandise will be sold at the cost price. Enough said.

Herman Osterman & Co., Centerville, Ore. 41-1f

ANNUAL REPORT OF CO. HEALTH OFFICER

The Births Lead the Deaths by 112 Majority

THIS IS A VERY HEALTHFUL COUNTY

Death Rate Only 6.32 to Every Thousand and Persons

Dr. W. D. Wood, county health officer, has submitted the following reports for publication, which are self explanatory:

Vital Statistics of Washington county for Dec. 1907:

Deaths—Males, 7; females, 7; total, 14.

Births—Males, 12; females, 9; total, 21.

Contagious diseases reported during Dec. 1907:

Diphtheria and membranous croup, 12 cases; measles, 3; chicken pox, 1; small pox, 10.

Vital statistics for the year 1907:

Deaths—Males, 72; females, 45; total, 117.

Births—Males, 114; females, 115; total, 229.

Contagious diseases reported during the year:

Diphtheria and membranous croup, 19 cases; measles, 67; chicken pox, 2; small pox, 12; typhoid fever, 14; scarlet fever, 11; cerebrospinal meningitis, 2.

On an estimated population of 18,500 the death rate for the year would be 6.32 deaths per one thousand and population. While in a few known instances reports have not been made, nevertheless the returns are reasonably complete, and progress has been made during the year along the line of obtaining full and complete reports from physicians and undertakers, as well as from the laity.

PROBATE

Set for final settlement: Jas Thwaite est, Feb. 3; Agnes Witt est, Feb. 10; John B Scott est, Feb. 10; Chas Anderson est, Feb. 10.

Annual report guardianship of minor Paul Burbank Cone approved.

Heirs est Fred Sommers dec'd cited to appear March 3 to show cause why real estate shall not be sold.

Adm'r est Jas McNulty dec'd authorized to lease farm property.

Albert C Kruger app'd adm'r estate of Herman Bremer dec'd, bond of \$4000.

Bond of Albert C Kruger adm'r of est of Peter Seggesman dec'd approved and J C Porter, Jas Patterson and Wm Stalli appointed appraisers.

Thos Withcombe app'd adm'r est Catherine Withcombe est dec'd, bond, \$550.

Sale real estate guardianship Seth Hayward et al, minors, confirmed.

Sale of timber est minors John Luther est confirmed.

Final acct Richard Sandford est approved.

Ethel Norman app'd adm'r est Rufus Norman dec'd, bond, \$2000.

Final hearing Christian Rottger estate continued to Jan 25.

Estate closed of record: John Luther estate; Frank Bernard est; Wm Clapham estate; estate Martin Anderson dec'd.

Real estate sale guardianship Wm Ziegler, incompetent, approved.

Teresa Bisbee, widow, app'd adm'r est Ruel M Bisbee dec'd, bonds at \$4000.

Petition granted setting aside personal property Jas F Sample est to widow.

T S Wilkes app'd adm'r est Nancy Jane Wilkes, bond at \$2000; M Sushauer, H J Land and Martin Cook, appraisers.

Sale real estate confirmed guardianship Hjordes Erpestad.

ROAD SUPERVISORS

The county court this week appointed road supervisors for the current year. The appointees, addresses and valuations of the property in the districts follow:

Dist. Supv P O Valu't'n

1 Jno Nyberg, Tualatin.....\$376,254

2 E G Hagey, Sherwood.....483,530

3 W W Whitmore, Laurel.....556,971

4 H L Russell, Gaston.....592,530

5 L J Holtz, Cornelius.....910,048

6 T S Wilkes, Hillsboro.....881,205

7 Jno Borwick, Beedville.....534,182

8 H L Flint, Hillsboro R 2.....349,011

9 H Frewing, Beaverton R 2.....412,325

10 G W Stitt, Beaverton.....428,790

11 John Olson, Portland R 2.....590,695

12 J W Sewell, Hillsboro.....925,555

13 A B Todd, Forest Grove.....616,278

14 Henry VanDyke.....413,995

15 W W Lewis, Seghers.....398,658

16 W McClaran, Gales Creek.....1,998,395

17 W S Prickett, Banks.....941,545

18 A Reverman, Cornelius, R 1.....734,400

19 Jacob Reichen, Hillsboro.....567,370

20 Thos Murphy, Mountaineer.....290,485

21 G W Hines, Banks.....1,211,285

22 C Christensen, Beaverton R 1.....359,240

23 T W Sain, Gaston.....537,495

24 F M Hill, Gaston.....205,535

25 F M Kelley, Beaverton R 3.....303,680

26 J A Johnson, Portland R 2.....278,860

27 Geo Keenen, Cornelius R 1.....244,625

28 John Zimmerman, F Grove.....309,115

29 Chas Meacham, Cornelius R 1.....

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An Indian woman and her son were arrested Tuesday night, by Marshal Atkinson, on complaint of Jesse Mays, who found the Indian woman in his residence, when he returned home at about 12 o'clock. The woman was standing in the hallway, and when Mr. Mays entered, she ran upstairs and attempted to hide in the bathroom. Mr. Mays and Mr. Wright, a lodger, brought her out and turned her over to the marshal. On the street she was joined by a boy, supposed to be her son, who was also arrested, as an accomplice. They were taken to the county jail, but as there was no evidence against them, they were today released. It was supposed that they were looking for rooms, but they had engaged rooms