

The Democrat.

FRIDAY.....SEPTEMBER 5, 1879.

BURGLARY AT SCIO.

Two Stores Broken Into—Goods Carried Off.—The Burglar Captured and Lodged in Jail.

Last Saturday our city was electrified by the intelligence that two stores in Scio had been broken open on the night before and robbed. A letter to Sheriff Dickey from his deputy, Mr. E. J. Daly, stated that the burglars had broken into Johnson & Lunn's and Chapman's stores, and had taken from the latter a gold watch, a lot of crackles, cigars, a half box of tobacco, and other things, and from the former, \$18 in cash, two fine black suits of clothing, three suits of diagonal goods, a box of boots, a box of hats, a lot of jewelry, etc., in all amounting to several hundred dollars' worth. On Saturday morning parties started out from Scio in every direction on the hunt for the burglars, but they failed to catch them that day. Deputy Daly then posted pickets at every bridge on the roads leading out of the Canadian dominion, and still kept up the hunt. On Sunday night Joe Miller and J. S. Morris were guarding the bridge at the Rose ferry, and along in the night they noticed three men approaching from the northern side. They came up the apron of the bridge together, and then sent one man on ahead to reconnoiter, and when he came within about ten feet of the guards he was ordered to throw up his hands and stand still, which he did instantly; but this gave the alarm and the other two, had the plauder started off on a run and made their escape, although Johnny Morris filled one of their hats with buckshot. Next morning everybody turned out in the hunt, but a party of harversters were lucky enough to make the capture. When going to work they happened to see two men loaded down with some kind of plunder crossing the field from one point of brush to another, and as it looked suspicious they gave chase. The burglars made their way into a very thick grove and hid, and could not be found until a hound was put on their track. Both men were captured, and, with the other, were taken to Scio and put on trial before Squire Kelley. They confessed every thing and were bound over, and the same day were brought to this city by Deputy Sheriff Daly and turned over to the tender mercies of Sheriff Dickey. When arrested the most of the plunder was found with them, except a lot of jewelry, which had been laid under an old house near Scio, but all was recovered. We said "all," but that is a mistake; all three of them had burned their old clothing and were arrayed in their new suits, and it would not do to send them to Albany naked. The names of the trio are John Shaw, Frank Parker and John Clark, and they belong to the genus tramp. They will very probably go to Salem after our October term of Court, but as that will increase the expenditures of the penitentiary they will probably be sent out of the State along with the rest of our criminals.

Firemen's Election.

Last Tuesday evening the annual election of Lynn Engine Co. No. 2 occurred, and following is a list of the new officers:

Foreman—Eugene Buchanan.
1st Assistant—Geo. Hochstetler.
Foreman of the Hose—Wm. H. Huston.
President—P. H. Raymond.

Secretary—L. H. Montague.
Financial Secretary—Geo. E. Chamberlain.

Treasurer—Geo. W. Sill.

Nearly all the old officers were re-elected and members of the company tell us they all would have been if they had not refused to take an office the second time. This is very complimentary and shows that the officers have given general satisfaction. As a company it is one among the very best in our State, and there is no chance for it to retrograde under its present management.

The retiring Secretary reports the membership of the company at the present time to be 62; expelled during the year, 14; resigned, 7; died, 1; members taken in 15; members married during the year, 9; births, 9.

Official Crookedness.

According to Treasurer Mealey's report rendered in July there should be about \$700 in the city treasury, and consequently considerable excitement was caused when it was discovered that city orders could not be paid. The facts of the case are simply these: the treasurer has used the public funds for private purposes, and either his bondsman or his friends will have to make the city good in the sum of \$602.53. We very much deplore the necessity of having to chronicle such an event, but we have it to do. The city authorities are now balancing up the treasurer's books, and they will make their report and a settlement will be made at the meeting of the City Council next Tuesday evening.

From Over the Range.

A letter from L. Vanderpool, at De-Clutes bridge, in Wasco county, informs us that the health in that locality is generally very good at present. W. G. Allen, who lives in that locality, has had the typhoid fever in his family, but it was caused by his house being situated in a damp location. Crop look well, and people are busy harvesting. Stock is in good condition, and will be in fine shape for living through the coming winter. He says there is very little travel over the Lebanon mountain road, though the road is in good condition.

The St. Charles Hotel.

This hotel is now having a good run of custom, and it should have, for Mrs. Houck has thoroughly renovated it from top to bottom and keeps it in such shape that no guest can complain. The table is furnished with everything the market affords, and no one need fear but that they will get plenty to eat and of the best quality when they go there. Commercial men will find a sample room there for their accommodation. Stages leave this house for Lebanon, Corvallis and Dallas. See the card.

Religious.

Those friends who can extend hospitality to the members of the Columbia Conference, Southern Methodist Church, to assemble at this place Sept. 24th, will please report to Rev. T. B. White.

A Few Lost.

A fountain pen, with a guita pincra gold-mounted holder was lost somewhere in our city a few days ago. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at this office.

Mountain Notes.

Having just returned from the Cascade mountains, on a hunting and fishing excursion, we note a few observations:

Passing through Lebanon we observed a very great advance in the line of improvements over last year. New buildings have sprung up, new streets laid out, sidewalks extended and a general appearance of thrift and activity pervaded the handsome little city. It is no wonder that the "cedar of Lebanon" once aspirated to the dignity of countship of Lebanon!

The village of Sweet Home, 16 miles above Lebanon, still "holds the fort," with our old Democratic friend, Stonehill, as Mayor, and McKeown as Marshal, while "Navy" Simon dashes out the mail with his usual impetuosity and rapidity. (By-the-way, it is a shame that the mail route over the Cascade Mountains doesn't go by this route instead of the McKenzie.) On the present mail route there isn't a soul to accommodate the traveler, so far as I can learn, except the San Juan road, where are innumerable ranches and a perfect procession of travelers through all the summer months. From Sweet Home to Camp Folk there are ranches and settlements with almost halting distance of each other, yet there is no mail; while from Eugene to Camp Folk there is scarcely a single inhabitant! On Sunday night Joe Miller and J. S. Morris were guarding the bridge at the Rose ferry, and along in the night they noticed three men approaching from the northern side. They came up the apron of the bridge together, and then sent one man on ahead to reconnoiter, and when he came within about ten feet of the guards he was ordered to throw up his hands and stand still, which he did instantly; but this gave the alarm and the other two, had the plauder started off on a run and made their escape, although Johnny Morris filled one of their hats with buckshot. Next morning everybody turned out in the hunt, but a party of harversters were lucky enough to make the capture. When going to work they happened to see two men loaded down with some kind of plunder crossing the field from one point of brush to another, and as it looked suspicious they gave chase. The burglars made their way into a very thick grove and hid, and could not be found until a hound was put on their track. Both men were captured, and, with the other, were taken to Scio and put on trial before Squire Kelley. They confessed every thing and were bound over, and the same day were brought to this city by Deputy Sheriff Daly and turned over to the tender mercies of Sheriff Dickey. When arrested the most of the plunder was found with them, except a lot of jewelry, which had been laid under an old house near Scio, but all was recovered. We said "all," but that is a mistake; all three of them had burned their old clothing and were arrayed in their new suits, and it would not do to send them to Albany naked. The names of the trio are John Shaw, Frank Parker and John Clark, and they belong to the genus tramp. They will very probably go to Salem after our October term of Court, but as that will increase the expenditures of the penitentiary they will probably be sent out of the State along with the rest of our criminals.

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THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES.

These grades are taught by Mrs. K. F. Sox, at the Central School. In them the Fourth Reader is finished up and the Fifth completed, and the pupil also studies No. 4 Geography, Penmanship (books 4, 5 and 6), Grammatical, Practical Arithmetic, Spelling, Mental Arithmetic and Composition.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

This comprises the first and second grades, and is taught by the Principal, Prof. K. F. Sox. The studies here are the Sixth Reader, Higher Arithmetic, Grammar, Physical Geography, Penmanship, Mental Arithmetic, Algebra, Hart's Composition, U. S. History and Penmanship. The Principal spends two or three hours each day in visiting the other departments, and during that time his room is provided over by Mrs. F. Egger.

CHARLEY MEALEY, AT MORN'S BETTS.

Charley Mealey, at Morn's Bettis, has a splendid ranch, and "Parley" McKnight, at Lower Soda, has a very popular summer resort, and is always crowded with campers.

John Walton, at Vina Maple Bottom, has a large tract of land cleared and fine pasture, and his sons are the "boon hunters" of the mountains.

Mr. Keith still "holds the fort" at Upper Soda, and is always surrounded by campers. His place seems to be the middle ground for hunters and his soda water is always good for the afflicted.

At the Mountain House, four miles above Upper Soda, Messrs. McGill & Wilke sell "entertainment for man and beast," and for genuine, whole-souled hospitality neither of these gentlemen can be excelled. Their pasture is excellent and their charges light, while the place is most romantically situated—tourists always being able to find troutting and fishing to their hearts' content.

At Fish Lake, sixteen miles up the mountain, Messrs. Barmer & Houston have a splendid resort. We seized there, and in less than three hours caught 369 fine trout, averaging from 9 to 12 inches in length. This season the proprietors of this place have built a new and commodious two-story house, large, roomy and convenient. It is constructed of hewn logs, and roofed with cedar shingles, and is one of the most comfortable residences between Prineville and Lebanon, and, to our mind, when finished, will be the best house for travellers' accommodation in the mountain frontier of Oregon.

The big tree, the seal incidents, the grandeur of the lakes and mountains, we reserve for another week.

Council Proceedings.

Our City Council met last Wednesday evening with all members present except Alanson Scott.

Rico, from the Committee on Fire and Water, reported that a proposition had been received from Wm. Miller offering to act as nightwatch and engineer for the steamer for \$75 per month, and that \$15 of that amount would be paid from No. 2 quarterly allowance. On motion the proposition was accepted, and it was ordered that Mr. Miller assume his duties at the expiration of Mr. Hafford's present month.

Mr. Hafford's services as fire chief were received asking for sides; Mr. Rollin Wells, a talented deaf mute, who is travelling agent for some of the finest sort of patent medicines.

Messrs. Deadly, Corwin and Rhodes started last Monday for a prospecting tour in the Cascade mountains.

Charley Wicks, of the Salem Chemeketa, was among our Sunday visitors.

Wesley Graves, of the Commercial Hotel, of Salem, came up with the excursionists last Sunday.

Hon. Enoch Hough, of Harrisburg, called during the week, and although his farm was struck with the rust, he doesn't look very rusty. He informs us that in the region about Harrisburg, although harvest is progressing, the crop will not reach more than fifty per cent of its usual yield.

Cross-walks were then specially ordered to be built or repaired at the following places:

North side of First street, at its crossing with Montgomery; North side of First at crossing of Jefferson; south side of 6th at crossing of Washington; south side of 6th at crossng of Ferry. Besides those just mentioned the Marshal was instructed to have all those that needed repaired. Fifteen days were given for the work.

It being ascertained that the City Treasurer could not account for all the money turned over to him, the Committee on Accounts was instructed to inspect his books and report at the next regular meeting.

Capt. Humphrey's bill of \$6.00 was allowed.

Some gentlemen wishing to open out a shooting gallery, on motion of Martin the licensee was put at \$20 per quarter.

Fire at the Boggs.

One day last week Mr. Baker discovered smoke issuing from beneath the engine house at the depot, and upon going over and investigating the matter he found that the floor was on fire. He worked very industriously for a while and at last had the fire extinguished. It had caught from the furnace underneath the floor, and had it not been discovered until a few moments later it doubtless the building would have been burned. The young man who ran the engine has been discharged.

Bentleity.

Dr. E. O. Smith, of Portland, formerly of this city, will make a tour through this country and will do all the dental work that his friends and the public generally may require. He will be at Lebanon on or about the 15th of this month, and will remain a week or so. He will then go to Brownsville and Halsey, remaining about a week at each place.

Return of the Hunters.

Last Monday the Scott-Burkhardt party returned from the mountains loaded down with the trophies of the chase—good, substantial trophies, too, in the shape of venison, hams, etc. One bear and eighteen deer were killed by the party.

State Deputy.

C. A. Sullivan, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of this State, has re-commissioned L. N. Liggett, of this city, as State Deputy.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

How They are Graded—The Different Text Books Used.

Our Board of School Directors have undertaken to grade our public schools in this city and if the people now give them an earnest support their efforts will be crowned with success.

The schools have been divided into eight grades, and when pupils graduate they will have an education equal to that which is obtained at most colleges. We have three school houses and in the two at the extreme ends of the city are taught the two lowest grades—the 7th and 8th, while the higher are taught at the Central School.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES.

In these grades are put all the pupils except in the mountains and on the numerous creeks running through it.

This place has a woolen factory, 4 churches, 4 large dry goods stores, 2 grocery stores, 4 drug stores, several cigar and notion stores, 2 hotels, numerous restaurants and boarding houses, two blacksmiths and 2 tinsmiths, 2 butcher shops, 3 livery stables, 2 planing mills, 1 grist mill, 2 bakeries and too many whisky mills—as every place has. Two newspapers are published here.

Of course every one wants to know if this is a healthy country, and what the chances are to get rich. As to the first, I can recommend Dayton as being a healthy place to locate, both from observation and experience, as also the surrounding country. Having come here in a very feeble state of health (the doctors having told me they could do no more for me) I am now blessed with sound sleep and an appetite that would make an invalid stare. Walla Walla however has the reputation of being a good place to move away from, owing, it is said, to too much irrigation. Many in poor health get as far as that place and feel no better, but rather the reverse, go back discouraged.

When we get a railroad here, which we shall do without a year, strangers with capital will flock here, where we have the advantages of water power and the best country in the world surrounding us for grain, fruits, and in fact everything that grows out of the tropics. No rust on the wheat here. Many are buying property in anticipation of the railroad, and those desiring homes should secure them as soon as possible, as property must rise.

Our Oregon friends will not fail to see the families faces of many old Oregonians, who are here to stay, and already have pleasant homes and are surrounded with all the comforts.

We have been informed that the pass is much lower by this Santiam route, and that even the winter trips can be made with much greater ease than by the McKenzie route, and if these things are true we want to know why Postal Agent Steel (why he permits this useless Eugene route to take the place of one which is far more feasible and convenient) and would accommodate a large class of citizens, not only in the Willamette Valley but in other Eastern Oregon regions?

Both going and coming we were treated with the utmost hospitality by Mr. John Gilliland and his wife and daughter. For a good meal and a warm reception command to the veteran toll-gate keeper and his estimable lady. (By-the-way, she is more generous than her husband, because when she keeps the keys of her gate she makes no charge for boys and girls.)

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Our Sabbath Schools.

The Superintendents of the different Sabbath Schools of our city met last Wednesday evening for the purpose of having the time of holding all our Sabbath Schools fixed at the same hour. At the meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe that the spiritual good of the cause of Christ would be advanced by having a uniform Sabbath School service in this city, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend that all the Sabbath Schools of the city convoke at their respective places of meeting at 10:30 o'clock, and that the Sabbath Schools immediately thereafter commence their services.

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