

SAFE AT ATHENA IS DYNAMITED

BELIEVED THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH OFFICE. Violent Explosion Was Heard All Over City and Large Crowd Rush to Bank, Thinking Robbery Was Being Committed Here—In Mean Time Blowers Make Escape—This is Fourth Robbery and it is Believed One Gang is Doing All the Work.

Athena, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Safe crackers blew open the postoffice safe in this city last night between 1 and 2 a. m., and made good their escape with about \$40 in cash, the entire contents of the safe.

Entrance to the postoffice was effected by boring through the rear door, and removing the lock, the job being done by some one perfectly familiar with the premises.

The tools used by the robbers were stolen from a local blacksmith shop and were left lying on the floor of the postoffice. Two charges of dynamite were used in blowing open the safe, the first evidently doing little damage, but the second and heavier shot completely demolishing the front of the safe and exposed the inner apartments. Postmaster L. A. Githens estimates the amount taken at about \$40.

The explosion which shattered the safe door, was heard all over town and a large crowd rushed down to the bank, thinking an attempt was being made to rob that building, but on reaching the bank, Cashier Le Grow, who was the first to reach the building, found that nothing had been molested there, and the crowd then went to the postoffice, finding the safe door blown into fragments and the tools lying on the floor, but the robbers gone.

They had made quick work of rifling the safe after the explosion, as no one saw them, as the people rushed past the postoffice down to the bank building, and by the time the crowd returned to the postoffice no trace of the robbers could be found.

This is the fourth safe blown open in Umatilla county within the past month, and the work has evidently been done by the same parties as the same general methods have been pursued in all the robberies. The robberies mentioned are the Milton station safe, of the O. R. & N. company, the Oregon Lumber Yard safe in Pendleton, the Cayuse postoffice safe and the Athena postoffice safe.

It is thought that an organized band of safe blowers is at work in Umatilla county, so well organized as to expert as to elude the extraordinary vigilance of the efficient county officials and police.

NEWS OF ATHENA. Called to Lewistown, Idaho, by Illness—Child Burned by Carbolic Acid—Activity in the Cattle Market—Mrs. Davis is Seriously Ill—Ex-Marshall Gholson is Ill—Visitors Returned to Fairhaven.

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RESUME IRRIGATION WORK.

Engineer Davis Has Arrived and Mr. Whistler is Expected Shortly. Edmund S. Davis, the city engineer, resumed his work on the first of the next week will head a party of surveyors who will take up the government work in the Echo country.

Meanness Man on Earth. A case was brought in Justice Herrick's court this morning which ought to call for action by a vigilance committee. In a complaint filed by Mrs. Hattie Peters for the recovery of personal property from M. Anderson, the pawn broker, it is alleged that her husband, Lee Peters, sold them without her knowledge or consent, and which has left her and her two-year-old child in a destitute and helpless state.

The couple came here from Caldwell several weeks ago since which time he was working as a chimney sweep. When their two trunks arrived at the depot containing their wearing apparel, and what household goods they possessed, Peters took them and the money, and squandered the money. It was some time afterwards before she discovered what had become of them.

Before this, however, Peters purchased a tent in which he lived down on the river side. A few days ago he took down the tent and sold it, thus depriving his wife and baby of the only shelter they had. Since then they have been living in a tent with a neighbor who is also said to be in a destitute condition.—Boise Capital News.

GREULICH SHOT AT THE BURGLAR

LATTER WAS TRYING TO GAIN ACCESS TO A HOME. "A Short, Thick-Set Man," Who Has Been Making Himself Obnoxious of Late—First Tried to Enter Mr. Greulich's Residence on Cobble.

Things happened last night for a few minutes around the residence of Charles Greulich on Cobble street, when about 10:30 o'clock, Mr. Greulich opened fire on a man who had been trying to get into some of the residences of the neighborhood.

Police officers were called to the neighborhood where the man was frightened by some one trying to get into the houses and testing the doors and windows, but until last night no one could get a look at the intruder. Last evening, however, Mr. Greulich heard some one fumbling with the lock to his front door and went to the front window to investigate. He saw a short, thick-set man at his door, who, finding that he could not open the lock, went to the next house, where he repeated his investigations.

Mr. Greulich waited, thinking the man would go into the house, when he would follow him up and catch the man in the act, but the man started away, when Mr. Greulich opened fire on him. The would-be burglar took to his heels, vaulted over the fence and did a lively sprint for his life. It is a thought that he will be in the same place again some time, as the bullets cut pretty close to him as he ran.

BREVITIES. M. O. Turkey, of Weston, is in the city for a short visit. A. A. Miller, of Athena, is in the city for a short visit. G. W. Hunt, of Portland, is in the city for a few days' visit. Will M. Peterson, of Athena, is in the city on legal business.

"Doc" Mansfield, of Athena, was a Pendleton visitor yesterday. V. White, of Weston, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of friends. Clark Wood, editor of the Weston Leader, was a visitor in the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kunkle left this morning for a visit with friends in Spokane. Miss Bessie McBride returned last evening from a visit with relatives in Weston. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stone, of Athena, are visiting friends in the city for a few days.

WHEAT TAKES DROP

FARMERS REFUSE 70 CENTS AND NOW IT IS 69 CENTS. Growers Offer 40,000 Bushels at 71, But Buyers Turn Down the Figure. May Buy the Dull for Some Time—Eastern Quotations Are 6 Cents Lower Than They Were Saturday—Will Wait for Higher Prices.

Wheat today is a dull thing, with the market at 69 cents and nothing being bought. The mills are the only ones in the field and as they are not well stocked it is not probable that much wheat will be moved for several days unless conditions change.

On Saturday afternoon the buyers still bought 15,000 bushels at 70 cents and had 40,000 bushels offered to it at 71 cents, which was refused.

The farmers were somewhat in the race on Saturday afternoon with a pool of 40,000 which they wanted to sell at 71 cents, but the figure was turned down. The exporters thought for a time that they would be able to handle a large shipment of wheat at that figure and after making the rounds of the grain offices and the mill gave up the effort for a time and will wait for higher prices. They are of the opinion that the exporters should pay them 71 cents or more. Now they will ask for a still higher price though today the buyers would not give the figure of Saturday for the reason that the Eastern market has fallen something like 6 cents below the quotation of Saturday.

MRS. MARY DUTTON DEAD. Passed Away at Her Home Some Time Last Evening. Mrs. Mary Dutton died at the home of her son, Charles Dutton, at 215 Garden street, last night, after an illness extending over some weeks. The deceased was 72 years of age and had been a resident of this city for the past three years, making her home with her son, Charles Dutton. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the interment being in Olney cemetery.

Mrs. Dutton leaves a daughter, Mrs. F. H. Fisher, and a son, E. E. Dutton, of Caldwell, Idaho, besides Charles Dutton, the well known resident of this city.

Real Estate Transfers. Mollie Reed and husband have sold to William Schrimpt for \$1,000, the west one-half of lots 11 and 12 in block 9, of the Railroad addition to Athena.

The Oregon Trust and Agency Co. have given a deed to B. F. Brotherton to the west one-half of the south-east quarter and west half of the north-west quarter section 16 in township 5, north of range 33, east, being a tract of 160 acres in the vicinity of Spafford.

Waiting for 75-Cent Wheat. J. I. Joy of Helix, was in the city for a short time today on business. Mr. Joy is one of the prominent farmers of the Helix country, and is one of the big wheat raisers. He has held his wheat since the last harvest, not being willing to sell for the prices offered, and now has 2,500 sacks on hand. He has been offered 70 1/2 cents a bushel for the lot, but has refused the price, thinking that it will yet rise to 75 cents.

Wouldn't Pay the Fee. The charter of the Boston and Seven Devils Copper Company, a New Jersey corporation operating in Idaho, has been forfeited, according to advice to the Baker City Herald from Camden. The reason of the forfeiture was the failure of the corporation to pay its 1903 state taxes, and all powers and privileges conferred by the New Jersey laws upon this corporation are declared inoperative and void.

Butcher's Victim Out. "For the first time in several weeks Jerry White appeared on the street yesterday afternoon. He said that he felt pretty well, except that the fingers of his left hand were still partially paralyzed. He thinks that the ball is located in his shoulder blade.—Baker City Democrat.

MASONIC MEETING

OFFICIAL VISIT OF GRAND OFFICERS TO PENDLETON. Grand Master S. M. Moran, Grand Senior Warden W. H. Flanagan and Grand Junior Warden Dr. W. T. Williamson Meet With Pendleton Brethren on Saturday Evening—Very Entertaining and Profitable Session—Able Address by Grand Master.

May Freedom, Harmony and Love Unite You in the Grand Design; Beneath the Omnipotent eye above—That you may keep the upspring line. Still rising by the Plummer's Law, Till order, bright, completely shine—Should be my prayer when far away! —Robert Burns.

One of the most enjoyable events in the history of Pendleton Lodge No. 52, A. F. & A. M., was the occasion of the visit of the grand master and wardens last Saturday night.

A special meeting had been called and the visiting officers were greeted with a large attendance. The spacious lodge room was filled with Pendleton Masons and visiting brethren and the grand officers were made to feel that the brotherly spirit in the world's oldest fraternity is ever deepening and kindling and that Pendleton possesses Masonic interest in an extraordinary degree.

Worshipful Master T. W. Ayers, after calling the lodge to order, invited Grand Master S. M. Moran to preside and the grand officers were made to feel that the principles of Masonry to which they had ever listened.

The grand master is a fluent and entertaining speaker and his address marks an epoch in the history of Pendleton lodge. The compliments offered the speaker at the close of his remarks were profuse and heartfelt.

Grand Senior Warden W. H. Flanagan of Grants Pass followed the address of Grand Master Moran, in an entertaining and able address, and recalled the fact that it was yesterday in which the active principles of Masonic charity were in work in the interest of humankind.

Grand Junior Warden Dr. W. T. Williamson, now of Portland, but formerly resident of Weston, followed, followed by Flanagan in a few well chosen remarks, after which Judge S. A. Lowell, County Clerk W. D. Chamberlain, W. D. Hansford and R. Alexander made brief addresses, all expressing the hearty appreciation of Pendleton lodge for the kind words and able addresses of the grand officers.

After the speechmaking was concluded, a delicious lunch was served and an hour spent in story telling and anecdotes.

About 80 members and visitors were present and it was one of the most profitable sessions ever held by Pendleton lodge. The grand officers left Sunday for the West expecting to visit Arlington and Hopper before returning to their homes.

Dr. Williamson Well Known Here. Dr. W. T. Williamson, of Portland, who has been in the city for a couple of days visiting the Masons, is a former resident of Weston. He located there many years ago, where he soon became one of the leading physicians of the county. He received the appointment as assistant surgeon of the asylum in the fall of 1886 under the administration of Governor Z. F. Moody, the superintendent being Dr. Joseph Taylor and W. S. Pelling, now residents of Portland, were rescued at a crossing of the Des Chutes by an Indian, sent out by Ned Chamberlain, as they were trying to reach The Dalles from their abandoned camp on John Day river, now a populous, rich mineral and farming region. Files on piles of cattle, frozen to death, filled all the canyons.

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UNUSUAL INTEREST THIS WEEK

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