

FIFTY BURGLARIES IN SEVENTEEN DAYS

That is the Record that Stares Chief of Police Hunt in the Face.

THESE WERE REPORTED. MANY WERE SUPPRESSED

In Only a Few Instances Have the Criminals Been Arrested and Punished.

Since Dec. 1 about 50 burglaries have been reported to the police. The number of captures of thieves compared with the number of cases in which nothing whatever has been accomplished...

Perhaps the most notable captures were those of Frank E. Brown and Charles Keith by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan.

Detective Day succeeded in locating and fastening the guilt for the theft of money from Mrs. W. Harris at the Hotel Scott on Frank Seelye, a bellboy.

It is owing to Detective Weiner that Mrs. H. Seelye believed to be a clever female "confidence" operator was taken into custody and forced to leave the city.

With the addition of two cases of arson and two hold-ups, the following forms a list of the principal thefts reported to the department, on which nothing has been accomplished:

Jewelry was lost by Mrs. M. Pfeil of 221 Thirteenth street, including a diamond cravat pin ringed with rubies and a diamond locket.

Rector Arnwine, a Shaniko rancher, was robbed of \$208 by crooks at a pretended poker game in the Star saloon.

A moving picture machine, with films and other accessories, valued at \$300, the property of J. Yamaguchi, was stolen from a car lying in the yards of the Terminal company.

Many Burglaries Reported. Breaking into the Norton house, at Twelfth and Morrison streets, a burglar obtained several articles of wearing apparel belonging to H. Allen.

C. E. Conner, the restaurateur of 208 Irving street, mourns the loss of money, an overcoat, a suit case and other portable articles.

F. J. Browning, a First street barber, lost \$37.50 on a worthless check. The identity of the man who passed the check is known, but he has not been located.

James Platte claimed that he was robbed of \$42 at the police station while being searched before being imprisoned on the charge of being drunk.

D. W. Stuart was held up on Fourteenth street, between Main and Salmon streets, and robbed of \$11.

Three Stolen from Y. M. C. A. A valuable diamond ring was stolen from Frank C. Houghton at the Y. M. C. A. building.

L. Rosenberg lost a ring at the Y. M. C. A.

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AGED CAPTAINS SPIN QUEER OCEAN YARNS

Several deep water captains in port are convinced that there is such a thing as a sea serpent; they assert positively that they have seen him "with their own eyes," and, therefore, cannot be mistaken.

"I saw a sea serpent a couple of years ago," said George Jorgenson yesterday afternoon. "I was beating up the Pacific coast in a square-rigger, north of the equator, when I saw a sight which chilled my blood. It was a serpent. It was about 50 feet long, 20 feet across the beam and looked to be about six feet deep. The reptile appeared to be nearly all out of water, and was headed straight toward us, coming at the rate of 20 knots an hour, as near as I could judge."

"There are undoubtedly sea serpents," spoke up J. A. Anderson, who has spent many years at sea, "but they are no rarer than they are seldom seen. But, changing the subject, did you ever notice how difficult a matter it is to kill a shark? I remember that upon one occasion we caught one of these fish, and by means of cables pinioned him to the deck. Then we stripped him of every particle of flesh, nothing remaining but his bony skeleton. This operation was completed at about 6 o'clock in the morning. At sundown of the same evening one of the boys gave that skeleton a kick, and it switched up what was left of its tail and nearly swept him overboard. The skeleton appeared to be as full of life as when it was covered with scales. I do not believe that life departed from that shark until the following morning."

"Let's have a Lawson cocktail," said Captain Jorgenson; "it's on me. I told mine first."

C. A. building. Both rings were taken from lockers while the owners were in the gymnasium.

W. Melton, a Burnside restaurant-keeper, was choked and robbed of \$5.15. Nineteen heavy timbers were stolen from the vicinity of the new Pacific Coast coal bunkers at the foot of Columbia street, and floated down the river.

Whis Frank Gardner was sleeping in a chair at "Liverpool Liza's" dive, at Second and Davis streets, \$6 was taken from his pocket.

A gold watch and chain and a necktie, containing \$5 were stolen from Japanese servants of Arthur C. Newell, who conducts an academy for boys and young men at 240 Corbett street.

W. J. Robinson, of 159 1/2 Fourth street, lost a suit of clothes, a cravat pin, fountain pen and underwear.

Umbrellas and Cheating Gum. An overcoat was stolen from W. H. Healy of 43 Grand avenue, as well as a number of articles of small value.

A quantity of chewing gum was stolen from the showcase in a store conducted by L. W. Schwartz, at 43 North Third street.

A thief entered the rooming house at Second and Davis streets, conducted by the Salvation Army and carried away a quantity of clothing.

A costly gold-handled umbrella disappeared from the office of the Portland Lumber company, at 749 Pettygrove street.

The residence of Mrs. E. Morrison, at 259 1/2 First street, was broken into and a pocketbook containing a small amount of money and a pair of gold-rimmed eye glasses were taken.

Cigars, Tools and Overcoats. The cigar store of Cowan & Hillman, 106 1/2 Russell street, was broken into and cigars, pipes and other articles were stolen.

Several thefts of tools were reported. S. C. Baker of 349 East Grant street lost carpenter tools from a chest at the Southern Pacific car shops. A large number of tools were also stolen from a chest placed for safe keeping in a barn at East Ninth and East Stark streets. They belonged to P. J. Burns of 295 Salmon street.

A thief entered an overcoat from the Portland club saloon the day before the sheriff closed the place.

A young man who represented himself to be an employee of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company opened a telephone box at No. 426 Alder street and took all the money it contained. Miss L. Hartman reported the robbery.

During the past week a large number of checks to which the names of prominent firms were forged—have been passed. About 20 instances in which money was secured on these spurious checks, used in payment of articles purchased, have been reported.

SHERIFF WORD WILL ENFORCE THE LAW. Sheriff Tom Word, who was enjoying a visit in California, has returned in post haste to be on the ground and repel allegations that there was an ulterior motive in his temporary absence from the city.

His appearance in Judge George's court yesterday morning to listen to the opinion on the M. B. Nease poolroom demurrer was the first intimation that he was in the city. Speaking of the future policy of his office, the sheriff said: "The policy heretofore in vogue in this office will be continued without deviation by a hair's breadth from the strict enforcement of the law, as in the past. Any rumors to the contrary may be accounted as lies manufactured from whole cloth by enemies of law and order."

NAN PATTERSON TO BE STAR WITNESS

Former Chorus Girl Will Tell Story of Young's Death in Court Tomorrow.

BETTING ODDS FAVOR ACQUITTAL OF GIRL

Defense Expect to Complete Case So that it Will Go to Jury by Wednesday.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) New York, Dec. 17.—Preparations are being made today by counsel for the defense of Nan Patterson for the presentation of their side of the story as to how "Caesar" Young met his death when the trial of the former chorus girl resumed. It has been definitely decided by Mr. Levy and his associates to put in testimony, and the strongest witness will be Nan Patterson herself.

So widespread is the interest in the trial and so doubtful is the outcome, that wagers are being made on the result. In a Broadway hotel the record of a bet of \$100 to \$50, made between a prominent sporting man, to take the large end, and the clerk of the hotel, that the accused young woman will be freed by the jury.

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THUG MURDERS AN OAKLAND POLICEMAN

Murderer Apparently Thought Question Asked Another Was Intended for Him.

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Oakland, Cal., Dec. 17.—Policeman George W. Brown, who was shot and instantly killed by a footpad at Twenty-sixth street and Broadway at 7:20 o'clock this evening. The murderer is still at large.

The shooting occurred at the north-west corner of the street, almost directly opposite the Providence hospital. Three shots were fired by the thief, one of them entering the right shoulder of the policeman, and the other taking effect three inches above the left breast.

Brown, who was a mounted policeman, was at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-sixth street when J. H. McKay sped by him on a wheel on the sidewalk. McKay, who resides at 1059 Clay street, was on his way to the Providence hospital to visit a sick friend. As he crossed the street Brown dismounted from his horse and called to him: "Here, don't ride that wheel on the sidewalk."

McKay by this time had dismounted and his back was toward the policeman. While he was placing his wheel against the side of the steps of the hospital, he heard Brown call to him: "Come here, I want to speak to you."

At the same instant three shots rang out in rapid succession. McKay turned and saw Brown across the street, staggering. He heard him cry "Murder! Murder! I am shot!"

At the same time McKay saw the fleeing form of a man on Twenty-sixth street, hurrying toward Telegraph avenue.

Less than 10 minutes before the murder, M. C. Hervey, a lad of 18, who resides at 314 Twenty-second street, had been held up at Twentieth and Harrison streets by a masked man, clothed in a dark suit and wearing a soft hat. Covering Hervey with a revolver, the footpad ordered him to throw up his hands, and then went through his pockets, securing \$1.75. The thug then told the frightened boy to stand where he was, and disappeared in the direction of Webster street. It is supposed that this footpad is the same who murdered Policeman Brown.

MACHINE SEEKING TO SHELVE WORD

heaters upon either the city or the county payroll, and the creation of a tax collecting department would provide for some of the most useful of them. There are difficulties, however, in the way of the scheme, for it is doubtful whether the Multnomah delegation can be induced to give unanimous support to the proposed legislation. Governor Chamberlain would doubtless veto it, and without the solid backing of the delegation it might not be possible to pass the bill over the veto.

The problem is one of many that are causing the machine leaders anxious thought.

TRIED TO BRIBE HIM

Mr. Butler refused to give the name of the material man who came to him or the amount received, saying that they were private affairs of the company. He admitted, however, that the material man was simply working as an agent of George F. Heusner, who now has the contract.

Heusner declined to say anything about the matter last night. Councilman Russell, who is said to have been the councilman to make the proposition to City Engineer Elliott to award the contract to the San Francisco firm, laughed at the story. He said he would stake his reputation for veracity against that of Mr. Elliott.

Much excitement was occasioned yesterday afternoon in city hall and courthouse circles when it was learned that the grand jury was investigating the charges made by Ferdinand Joplin against Councilman Sigler. The story of the alleged extortion of the councilman has been known to many for some time, but it was never thought that the matter would be taken up by the grand jury.

Contractor Joplin was before the grand jury all morning. It is said that he not only told what he knew, but that he was made to present the notes in evidence. There were several other witnesses called on the case.

LIES IN AGONY ENTIRE NIGHT BY ROADSIDE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal) Harpster, Ind., Dec. 17.—John McLeod was kicked by a horse while some distance from his home yesterday and lay all night by the roadside suffering untold agony and unable to move. He was picked up this morning and taken to his home, where he died today.

Christmas Spectacles

Nothing that you could get for your parents or grandparents would give as much satisfaction and pleasure as a pair of the Oregon Optical company's perfect-fitting glasses. With every pair of glasses sold we give an order that entitles the holder to be fitted by us or on their special prescription without extra charge.

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PRODUCE MERCHANTS ENJOY BANQUET

Stories of the Street Told by Business Men at the Commercial Club.

The Produce Merchants' association enjoyed a delightful banquet at the Commercial club last night. There were many impromptu speeches, and wit, wine and business secrets flowed freely. The dining-room was beautifully decorated with roses, ferns and carnations.

The following were the talks: Thomas Farrell, "How to Make Money Selling Chickens on 5 Per Cent"; R. F. Hoskins, "The Profits in Oranges"; F. W. Arise, "How I Bought a Steamer Loaded with Apples From Cool Bay"; W. A. Mansfield, "Reclamation"; H. W. Metzger, "A Skin Game"; Charles Levy, "Sprouts"; E. A. Bamford, "Cull Apples."

Those present were: W. H. Chapin, of the W. B. Glafko Co.; Charles L. Levy, of Levy & Spieg; W. A. Mansfield, Bell & Co.; Thomas G. Farrell, Eveding & Farrell; W. B. Glafko, Glafko Co.; F. W. Arise, Mark Levy, of Mark Levy & Co.; J. P. Ludlum; of Glafko Co.; H. W. Metzger, George W. Pawis, H. C. Thompson, of Davenport-Thompson Co.; George N. Pearson, of Pearson-Page Co.; E. A. Bamford and C. Ritterspachner of Page & Son.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF MYSTIC SHRINERS

Annual election of officers of Al Kader temple, nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held last evening at Masonic temple, and resulted as follows: Illustrious potentate, George H. Hill, who was unanimously re-elected for the third time; illustrious chief rabban, D. W. Taylor; illustrious assistant rabban, J. C. Mack; illustrious high priest and prophet, L. G. Clark; illustrious oriental guide, Archie Thurlow; treasurer, J. M. Hodson; recorder, B. G. Whitehouse, who was re-elected for the 18th time; J. G. Mack, Sigmund Sichel, George H. Hyland and John H. Hall were elected grand representatives to the imperial council.

Illustrious Potentate Hill made the following appointments: Robert Lutke, first ceremonial master; D. G. Tomasi, second ceremonial master; J. P. Moffett, director; A. H. Willett, marshal; C. F. Wigand, captain of the guard; Howard Davis, outer guard. The next grand ceremonial of the temple, for initiation of candidates, will be held about January 15.

Reports of the recorder and the treasurer showed the temple to be in an excellent financial condition. During the last year 58 sons of the desert were initiated. The temple lost by death the following members: A. G. Lawrence, G. R. Shaw, L. F. Chemin, George Lilly, P. F. Morey, George P. Hughes, Dr. George H. Chance, Daniel C. McCercher, John Dukelhart, A. P. Nash, F. C. Dobler and Seymour Chipman.

IDAHO COP WORKS A MODERN MIRACLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal) Moscow, Ida., Dec. 17.—A fake cripple who was begging on the streets of the city today began cursing a crowd of citizens because it did not bestow its alms on him more generously. When arrested his anger became more violent and his actions similar to those of an insane man.

He started to tear his clothes to shreds and then threw a handful of money into the street and hooted at the crowd as it picked up the coin. On the way to the jail he threw his crutches away and walked as briskly as the cop. He said that he had served a term in the Montana penitentiary, and on his release had set fire to the town of Deer Lodge, and that he would do the same by Moscow when he was released.

THERE'S TIME ENOUGH. In which to have your clothes made to order for Christmas if you come to NICOLL. Fashionable fabrics pleasingly tailored at prices all can afford. Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits a specialty. Garments to order in a day if required. Satisfaction guaranteed in all cases.

Diamonds and Watches On Easy Payments for Christmas Gifts. There is no need for you to pay an exorbitant price simply because you buy them on credit. Since we instituted our plan of "easy payments" quite a number of imitators have come into the field, but none of them seem to have caught the "personal tone" which characterizes our business. By "personal tone" we mean the individual guarantee, which we give to every customer, of full value, quality of goods purchased and willingness to put the most liberal construction upon our business relations.

Images of jewelry: Ladies' Solid Gold Watches, Gents' Solid Gold Watches, Solitaire Diamond Rings, Fancy Cluster Rings. Elgin and Waltham works... \$17.50 and up. Elgin and Waltham works... \$25.00 and up. Elgin and Waltham works... \$9.50 and up. Elgin and Waltham works... \$7.50 and up.

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A READY REFERENCE FOR GIFTS FROM ONE TO ANOTHER. Six days left in which to do holiday purchasing. Yesterday was a great day for us. Buying was very brisk. Shows the quality and style of our wares are approved of, and, of course, the economy in prices goes without saying—acceptable to all.

From Father to Son: Gold Watch, Chain and Locket, Fob, Scarf Pins, Link Buttons, Diamond Ring, Diamond Stud, Seal Ring, Military Brushes, Nobby Umbrellas, Wallets, Vest Pocket Glasses, Writing Pens, Ink Well, Gold Pocket Pencil or File.

For the Young Lady: FAN, OPERA GLASSES, OPERA BAG, NECKLACE, VIENNA VASE, BRONZE BUST, DRESDEN PIECE, BONBON DISH, COMPART, TOILET SET, MANICURE SET, PAIR COLOGNES, MINIATURE, JEWEL BOX, CUP and SAUCER.

For the Home: Cut Glass Bowl, Dish, Sugar and Creamer or Water Bottle, 5-piece Tea Set, 2 or 4 dozen Flatware Set, Candelabra, 5-piece Carving Set, Soup Ladle, Trays, Electric Art Lamp, Bronze Center Piece, Bohemian Bowl or Vase, Dresden Vase or Plate, fine Bronze Figure.

For the Young Man: FOB, LOCKET, WALLET, SCARF PIN, TIE CLASP, POCKET KNIFE, CARD CASE, LINK BUTTONS, SEAL RING, FLASK, PIPE, MILITARY BRUSHES, CLOTHES BRUSH, SOAP BOX.

From Husband to Wife: Elegant Cluster Ring, Diamond Ring, Necklace, Pendant or Brooch, Diamond Ear Screws, Chatelaine Watch, Gold Mounted Back and Side Combs, 9-piece Manicure or Toilet Set. Don't Forget the Babe: Set Bib Pins, dainty Ring, Neck Chain and Locket, Drinking Cup, small Comb and Brush, Baby Spoon, Food Pusher, Napkin Ring, Baby Rattle, Child's Set. For Presentation Gifts: Silver Tea Service, 5 pieces; Silver Chest, complete in detail; Gold Watch, Chain and Charm, Cut-Glass Water Bottle and Tumblers on plateau, Marble Bust.