

SENSATION AT EUGENE

A Prominent Young Man is Under Arrest.

FOR ROBBING HIS EMPLOYER

His Family Much Esteemed in the Community, and He Was a Favorite in Society.

EUGENE, April 19.—A sensational arrest was made here last night, and R. M. Stevens, a prominent young man in society, is now in jail with a charge of burglary against him. The clerks in the store of A. V. Peters have for some time been missing articles out of the store, and suspected that some one was entering the store at night. They notified the officers, and a plan was at once adopted to ascertain whether a burglar was entering the store. Money was marked and left in the till, and a seal put on which would have to be broken if the till was opened. This was Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning the till had been opened.

Last night the officers thought they would watch for the burglar. They hid in a store across the street, where they could command a full view of Peters' store.

Shortly before 12 o'clock R. M. Stevens was seen to walk down the main business street, and in the full glare of an arc light unlocked the front door of the store with a key he took from his pocket and entered. The officers then placed themselves so as to capture him when he came out. He went in and helped himself to a pair of ladies' shoes and several other articles, and opened the till and took a portion of the small change left there. He came out at the front door with the plunder, and was then placed under arrest. He waived examination this morning, and was bound over to appear before the grand jury, under bonds of \$1500.

Much sympathy is expressed for his widowed mother and his sisters and brother, who are highly esteemed by their neighbors, and who have been sorely afflicted the past year or two in the loss of their husband and father and a son and brother by an accident.

The Indemnity is Payable in Seven Years.

YOKOHAMA, April 19.—Nichiichi today publishes the terms of the treaty of peace concluded between China and Japan. The new details furnished are that the indemnity is payable in seven years, with interest at 5 per cent, but if the amount of 200,000,000 taels is paid Japan in three years no interest will be demanded. Japan is also entitled under the treaty to the most-favored-nation treatment, and has the right to navigate the Chung Liang, Foo Chow and Hong Kong rivers, to import goods of certain grades, and machinery, free of duty, and establish factories. A new treaty of commerce is to be concluded, based on existing treaties with foreign powers. China is to comply with the customs laws of Japan, and part of the expenses of the occupation of Wei-Hai-Wei, Port Arthur, etc., by Japanese troops, are to be borne by China.

China engages not to punish returned prisoners, nor to inflict punishment upon Chinese who may have aided the Japanese army and navy. China also binds herself to return Japanese prisoners unconditionally. The exchange of ratifications of the treaty will take place at Che-Foo not later than May 8.

One stipulation of the treaty between China and Japan is that Chinese who have been captured by the Japanese, and others who had sold supplies to the Japanese troops, should not be beheaded, according to the Chinese customs. Until the beginning of the war between China and Japan each country had con-

sular jurisdiction over its subjects in the other country. It now appears that Japan will no longer grant this privilege to China, on the ground that China is a barbarous country, and foreigners residing there must be protected by their own country.

The Coroner's Jury Returns a Verdict Against Durrant.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The coroner's jury shortly before noon rendered a verdict declaring Durrant guilty of the murder of Minnie Williams.

The usual crowd of curiosity-seekers was present when the inquest was resumed this morning. Durrant and his attorneys were also present.

Elmer Wolf, the young man whose statements have been questioned recently, was recalled to the stand and offered to produce witnesses to substantiate all he had said previously in regard to his movements on the night Minnie Williams was murdered, but the coroner declined the offer, and both that official and the chief of police said they were satisfied with Wolf's statements and did not believe he was connected with the crime.

Two of Durrant's comrades in the National Guard company were examined and said that on the afternoon of the night that Minnie Williams was murdered they saw Durrant loitering about the ferry at the foot of Market street, and talked to him. They said Durrant told them he did not expect to be at the armory that night, and he asked them to respond to his name at roll-call. Dr. Bartlett, who conducted the autopsy, testified that Minnie Williams died of asphyxiation, as the result of having part of her clothing forced down her throat by the murderer, and that the knife wounds found on various parts of her body were inflicted after death. He also testified that the girl had been outraged, and that previous to the time of the tragedy she had led a blameless life.

Several other witnesses were examined on minor matters, and about 11 o'clock the coroner announced that he had no more testimony to offer, though he called Durrant to take the stand and the latter left his seat as if to present himself for examination, and then looked toward his attorneys, who advised him not to speak, and no further effort was made to question him.

The jury did not occupy an hour in deliberation, and returned a verdict before noon, charging Durrant with the murder of Minnie Williams. It was the case of the death only that was being investigated. The case of the murder of Blanche Lamont will be taken up later.

Durrant awoke this morning in a cheerful and even flippant frame of mind. He laughed and cracked jokes with the prison officials, to whom he has heretofore shown intense reserve, and when Captain Douglas entered the prison for the purpose of escorting the prisoner to the inquest, Durrant greeted the captain pleasantly, and smiled as the handcuffs were snapped upon his wrists.

Chief Crowley said today: "The evidence against Durrant is clear and convincing, and I am fully satisfied of his guilt. We shall prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that he met and murdered Miss Williams, and I have no hesitancy in saying that the evidence in the case of Blanche Lamont is even stronger than in the former case."

Coroner Hawkins has decided to hold the inquest in the case of Miss Lamont on Monday morning next.

Captured Without Resistance.

OMAHA, April 19.—A Special to the Bee from Pender, Neb., says: The posse who went to the reservation country last night after the Indian police, captured two, who are now in jail at this place. The posse took the Indians by surprise and with no resistance. It is said that in case Captain Beck, the Indian agent, continues his forcible ejections of leaders, a conflict may result between the civil and federal authorities.

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