

OFFICE AT CAYUSE ROBBED

Attacked by Four Men, They Escape, Leaving No Trace to Be Followed.

Blew the Safe and Damaged the Building.

Government Lost Fifty Dollars' Worth of Stamps, While the Postmaster Lost Cash and a Gold Watchman Was Bound and Hurt by Falling Down While in That Plight—Indicates That Robbers Are Experienced.

The postoffice at Cayuse was broken into last night, John McNerny, who was sleeping in the house, was gagged and robbed, the safe was blown open and robbed, the contents of the building blown out at the time of the explosion. The robbers took about \$50 in cash and an amount in stamps, the postmaster's gold watch, and went to the letters in the office in hopes of finding money. They made good their escape and had not been located up to this morning. No trace of them been seen.

W. Flaack, the postmaster at Cayuse, came into Pendleton last night and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brownfield. He left the office at the postoffice Mr. McNerny, who was to sleep in the office, and see that all was right. McNerny went to bed at an hour, after having locked all the doors and made the place secure. He went to sleep, and was awakened this morning about 2 o'clock by two men who were standing by his bed with a couple of revolvers covering him. As soon as he awakened he was blindfolded and securely bound and gagged. The robbers went then to the lower part of the house and drilled the door. Their work was a success, as they blew the door to pieces and had easy access to the contents of the safe and the house next to the safe was blown out, making a ragged hole in the building.

McNerny, after the robbers had made good their escape, succeeded in getting out of bed and to go down stairs to give the alarm. He fell at the head of the stairs, however, and rolled down, unable to save himself owing to the way he was bound. He succeeded in getting rid of his gag and gave the alarm, but by the time the thieves had vanished, the robbers gained access to the safe through the side door, sawing the door out and turning the key to the inside. They took their share of the work and were evidently hands at the business, from the manner in which they got through the place. The \$50 in stamps and the watch were the property of the postmaster, but the rest of the booty belonged to the government.

The telephone wire was down between this place and Cayuse, and no word could be given to the sheriff until after Mr. McNerny had been brought to this city on a handcar. The notification was given. He was badly shaken up by his fall, bruised, but is otherwise unharmed. He thinks that at least four or possibly more men were in the office. The sheriff has no clue at present upon which to work. Mr. McNerny thinks he could possibly identify the two robbers who came up stairs to tie him, as he got a glimpse of them just as they placed a handkerchief about his eyes. One of them was a heavy, dark, earthy fellow and the other a medium sized man, with a light mouse-colored face.

They left two O. R. & N. pay checks belonging to McNerny, on the table near the safe, as they feared to handle these and risk being caught. They took about \$15 in change and a good watch from Mr. McNerny's pocket.

John McNerny has been O. R. & N. section foreman at Cayuse for the past 10 years, and is one of the most popular employes on the line. This is his first adventure with thieves and he says he don't want a government job, if these escapades go with it. He has often accommodated Mr. Flaack by sleeping in the house during the latter's absence in this city. He will remain in Pendleton several days, resting up from the shock and recovering from the severe bruises he received in his fall.

All but one of the logging camps have closed down for the season. The camp still in operation is the one above Starkey where logs are sent to the river by a chute.

There will be 100 men employed on the drive and the amount of sawlogs to be brought down is estimated to be 16,000,000 feet. This is not quite as large as drives of former seasons, owing to the fact that the company had 4,000,000 feet of logs in the river above Perry.

The total output of the Grand Ronde Lumber Company this year will be 20,000,000 feet or an average of 100,000 feet of lumber per day for a period of 200 days.

Paymaster Short.

Manila, Feb. 24.—Paymaster Biscoe, of the battleship Oregon, is alleged to be \$2,600 short in his accounts, and has been ordered under arrest by Admiral Evans.

MONSTER LOG DRIVE.

Grand Ronde Lumber Company Preparing to Cut 20,000,000 Feet.

La Grande, Feb. 24.—The Grand Ronde Lumber Company, at Perry, has arrangements completed for the annual log drive from the lumber camps up the river. The Wanagan boat and the three bateaus have already been sent up the river and the provisions and other supplies are on hand for the work, and the drive will begin as soon as the weather and the condition of the river will permit.

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FOR ROOSEVELT.

All Delegates So Far Elected Are Instructed for Him.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—More than a score of delegates already have been chosen to the republican national convention and all have been instructed for Roosevelt. Today the South Carolina republicans meet in state convention to choose delegates to the Chicago convention.

Other state conventions already called are those of Virginia, March 3; Kansas, March 8; Minnesota, March 17; Missouri, March 22; Pennsylvania, April 6; Tennessee, April 7; Nebraska, May 8; Alabama, May 10; Illinois, May 12; Nebraska, May 18; Iowa, May 18; Michigan, May 18.

HARDWARE DEALERS.

Over 500 in Eighth Annual Convention at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 24.—More than 500 representative hardware dealers of Minnesota are attending the eighth annual convention of their state association, which began its sessions in Elks' hall today. The presiding officer is W. H. Tomlinson of Le Seur, and the secretary of the convention, M. S. Matthews of Minneapolis.

Various measures looking to the protection of the trade will be discussed and the questions of insurance, the parcels post, and several other subjects will receive attention. The convention will remain in session until Saturday.

JOHN DAY COAL GOOD.

Fuel Deposits There Said to Be Genuine and Extensive.

Sumpter, Feb. 24.—Anthony Mohr and Lewis Walker returned yesterday from the lower John Day, where they have been a few days on business connected with their coal property. Neither of the gentlemen entered into details of the work, but said that everything at the present time was progressing nicely.

The work in the main adit has been carried ahead on a large seam of coal showing it to be quite permanent, and carrying a good grade of fuel.

WRECKS OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

GREAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY HEAVY MISTS AND FOG.

Ships' Crews Undergo Great Suffering, and Many Men Are Drowned—Rescuers in Great Peril and Sustain Loss of Life—Much Property Lost.

New York, Feb. 24.—In a heavy mist off the New Jersey and Long Island coasts this morning, the schooner Cromwell, laden with lumber, was wrecked on the bar off Bellport. Seven members of the crew clung to the rigging, while lifesavers endeavored valiantly to rescue them from a heavy sea. The masts finally went over, carrying the men into the sea. Only one was rescued.

Another schooner, name unknown, went ashore near Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Lifesavers have gone to the rescue.

Later—The last named schooner turns out to have been the Pimlico, en route from Jupiter Inlet. Her entire crew of 17 men was lost, either by being drowned or freezing before the rescue party could reach them. Zimri Wunchell, one of the rescuing party, succumbed to chill and heart failure and died in the lifeboat before it reached shore.

FIVE INDICTMENTS.

Must Stand Trial for Responsibility for Fire.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The special Iroquois grand jury this afternoon brought in five indictments as follows: Manager Davis, for manslaughter; Assistant Manager and Treasurer Noonan, for manslaughter; Stage Carpenter Cummings, for manslaughter; Building Commissioner Williams, for manslaughter; Building Inspector Laughlin, for manslaughter.

NEW MAIL BOXES.

Fourteen Have Arrived and Will Be Put in Their Places Soon.

Pendleton is soon to have some new mail boxes as a new year's gift from Uncle Sam. The postoffice has received notification from Washington that they can install the boxes, some 13 or 14 in number, at the places asked for. The boxes are now at the Nagel blacksmith shop, where they are being furnished with locks. As soon as the repairs are made they will be painted and then put in place.

Christianity is just as good to live by as it is to die by.

UMATILLA IS ASKED TO EXHIBIT

Official Invitation Sent to the County by Lewis and Clark Fair.

ALL OREGON COUNTIES WILL BE INVITED.

Special Space Privileges Can Be Secured by Responding Early—Cities, Counties and Commercial Bodies Will Be Urged to Make Commendable Showing—Time for Erecting Buildings Drawing Near—State Should Be Well Represented.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition Company has sent out official invitations to the different counties of Oregon to make an exhibit and contract for space at the fair.

Cities, municipalities and counties are invited to take active part in every city and organized commercial body in the state will receive the same circular invitation.

The official invitation to Umatilla county is as follows: Portland, Ore., Feb. 21, 1904.

An official invitation is hereby extended to Umatilla county to make a special exhibit, either in its own behalf or in connection with some other body, municipal or otherwise, at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to be held in Portland in 1905. It is the purpose of the exposition to encourage comprehensive exhibits by counties and by chambers of commerce, boards of trade and other commercial organizations.

For exhibits of this character, illustrating the resources, industries and progress of communities, the following regulations have been provided:

First. The preparing and installing of exhibits by counties or organizations will be left to the counties or organizations in whose name or under whose authority the exhibits are made. Counties or organizations may erect separate buildings, or may install their exhibits in the state building of the state in which the county or organization is located.

Space will be provided on the exposition grounds for all buildings erected by counties and organizations and no charge will be made therefor. Plans and specifications for such buildings shall be submitted to the director-general for his approval.

Second. All collective exhibits made by counties and trade organizations will be permitted to participate in the general competition; that is, be both collective and competitive.

I desire to enlist your cooperation and support in this movement, and respectfully to urge early consideration of this invitation so that, if favorable action is taken we may allot the necessary space and give you ample time to proceed with preparations for your exhibit.

Whatever may be the decision upon our invitation, I am satisfied we can shape our plans so as to harmonize all efforts to the end that your exhibit may be highly creditable, not only to your progressive community and state, but to the exposition as well.

We feel confident that the arrangement we propose will offer to counties an exceptional opportunity of demonstrating their potentialities at the Lewis and Clark exposition in 1905, and that the result of exhibits made in this way will be beneficial to all.

Very respectfully,
HENRY E. REED,
Director.

The state league of Iroquois clubs of California, by a vote of 42 to 13, has refused to indorse the democratic national platform of 1900, or any similar platform adopted since.

Has a Malignant Growth.

London, Feb. 24.—A Manchester dispatch today says it is learned from high authority that a malignant growth in the kaiser's throat is the cause of grave apprehension, and says the worst news may be heard any day. The paper adds the sincere hope exists everywhere that the reports are erroneous, but unfortunately there is little ground for hope.

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