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NOW IN THE TOILS.

Crackmen Who Robbed the Bank at Lebanon Recently are in Custody.

A couple of issues ago brief mention was made of the fact that the bank in Lebanon had been robbed of \$9,000. So far as the cracking of the safe was concerned, the dynamite was handled so skillfully that what might be termed a neat job was the result.

That a number of men could work several hours in the central part of the city carrying numerous sacks of chittim bark without being observed is almost beyond belief. But if anyone observed them, nothing was done in the matter. The sacks of chittim were piled around the bank safe and inside as a "dead-end" when the dynamite was touched off. This was the use the robbers had for chittim bark.

The fact that Henry Milhollen became connected with the authorities in the apprehension of these "crooks" gives this matter local color. Mr. Milhollen for many years lived just across the Willamette from this city, in Linn county, and is well known here. He is a brother of Mrs. Taylor Porter, of this city. At present Mr. Milhollen is residing in Portland, but had occasion to visit Albany and Corvallis last week about the time of the bank robbery.

While in Albany he noticed several men whom he recognized as Portland gentry and whom he had for some time suspected of being engaged in some sort of swindling operations. From Albany he came to Corvallis and during his sojourn here he stated that he was positive of the identity of the men who cracked the safe of the Lebanon bank. These criminals resided in the neighborhood of the city.

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affection for children, taking them on numerous occasions to Sunday school and was their patron saint when baseball games were on, for he always took one or more little tots with him to see these games.

It is believed by the authorities, beyond a doubt, that this gang has been working systematically as crackmen for the past year and they have been under suspicion for some time.

By the capture of Henry Reynolds, one of the members of the gang of Lebanon bank robbers, taken Saturday evening by the Sheriff's men and as exclusively related in the Telegram of yesterday, the officers are confident they have one of the men who held up the O. R. & N. train Saturday night, January 21, on the East Side within the city limits.

Kingsley, the man who escaped and who was tracked to Seattle by Sheriff Word, was the other highwayman in this piece of work. This was a holdup equal in daring and nerve to the Lebanon safe-cracking and a complete chain of evidence, pointing to Kingsley and Reynolds as being the desperadoes, has been woven through the work of the Sheriff's office and private persons, who had long suspected this gang of crooked work.

In the county jail are now confined three men and one woman charged with complicity in innumerable pieces of crooked work which have been pulled off in and near Portland in the past six or eight months. Against Reynolds and Dunn and Dunn's wife the evidence is said to be almost conclusive, while Dunn's father is held as a witness and accomplice.

Kingsley and Darling have not yet been apprehended and it is believed that Darling is in hiding somewhere in Portland, while Kingsley left Friday evening ostensibly for Seattle.

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Not Our Major.

Many of our citizens who saw the dispatch from Washington to the effect that Major Edward E. Hardin had been acquitted in court martial on account of the escape of 30 prisoners from a military bastille in the Philippines Islands, said prison at the time being in charge of the major, made the same mistake we did and presumed the gentleman ex-honored to have been the officer in command at OAC previous to Lieutenant Quinlan.

Such was not the case. The commandant at OAC who was succeeded by Lieutenant Quinlan was Major C. B. Hardin—no relation of Major E. E. Hardin. On being ordered from OAC Major C. B. Hardin was sent to duty in the Philippines. This knowledge gave cause for the belief that Major C. B. Hardin was the gentleman recently acquitted in court martial.

By a peculiar co-incidence Major C. B. Hardin was placed in charge of this prison during, and pending the court martial of Major E. E. Hardin. We have just been shown a letter recently written by Major C. B. Hardin to a gentleman in this city, and from the tone of the letter it is very plain that he feared some of his friends in this city would make the mistake of fancying him subject to court martial.

We are informed that there are three Major Hardins in the army—Major E. E. Hardin, of the 7th Infantry; Major C. B. Hardin, of the 20th Infantry, and a retired major having the name of Hardin.

Reduction in Fare.

Commencing Nov. 7, rates between Corvallis and Portland, via C. & E., Albany, and S. P. will be reduced to \$2.60, same as West Side rate. Tickets on sale by C. & E. agent and all offices in Portland.

COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

Items of Interest In and Around the O. A. C.

There is to be a game of basket ball between the Willamette girls and the OAC girls in the Armory tonight, also one between the boys' basket ball teams of Salem and OAC.

Miss Barnes the national secretary of the Y. W. C. A. and Miss Corble, the state secretary of the Y. W. C. A., were visitors at chapel Wednesday. Seven minutes was taken from each of the last two hours in the morning and given to Miss Barnes to address the students in chapel. She gave a very interesting talk which was greatly appreciated by the students.

Eimer Wills, a former student, has taken a position in Cooper's Mercantile establishment at Astoria.

Fred Stinson was out of school several days this week on account of an attack of the la grippe.

A number of students enjoyed the skating the first of the week.

Ray Walker and Karl Steiwer have been unable to attend class this week on account of sickness.

A catalogue of the books in OAC's library, has been issued. It contains 32 pages and will be very useful.

The Zetageans are to entertain the Feronians Friday evening.

Next Monday is a holiday at OAC.

The Washington Birthday dance occurs tomorrow night in the Armory. A large crowd is expected. The music is to be furnished by the Albany orchestra.

The 22nd of this month is the date for the classes to contest for honors in the local try-out for the spring athletics.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

BEAVER CREEK.

Sherman Gleason was a Corvallis visitor last Friday.

Mrs. Alta Gray has returned home from a few days visit with the family of Otis Skipton.

Mrs. Ish is visiting friends and relatives at Junction City.

A team of horses belonging to Dick Scott ran away one day last week and demolished his seeder.

Andrew Ireland is visiting friends and relatives at Independence.

Mrs. J. S. Ireland returned last Monday from Sodaville, where she was called to the bed-side of her mother, who has been very ill, but is now improving.

Grandfather Butler is reported to be much improved in health; Grandfather Butler is over 97 years of age and remembers distinctly incidents that happened 90 years ago.

Billy Gates and Charley Armstrong have sent a fine collection of furs to a fur dealing house in Chicago.

Chas. Armstrong and George Winters are at present engaged in making a fine lot of boards, which they will sell at moderate prices; the boys say they are going to South America on the proceeds.

Mrs. Jas. Ireland is home from Sodaville. Her mother is much better, but a sister is very ill.

Andrew Ireland has gone to Council, Wash.

Mr. Daniel is practicing violin music now-a-days.

Mr. Earl Brown says these "nippy" mornings put him very much in mind of corn-husking weather in his old home country, northern Indiana. Mr. Brown rides his pony back and forth from Platte math every day.

Decision Rendered.

The decision of the Groves vs. Osburn case last Monday by the Supreme Court of Oregon ended a long-drawn-out and hard-fought battle between the litigants. In one form or another the question who would finally own the John Osburn home in Corvallis has been before the

court since the year 1900, when Mr. Osburn went into bankruptcy.

The contest was begun in the federal court, was transferred to the law side of the state circuit court, there pleaded and argued from many positions, and then taken into the equity department of the same court, where as much as three separate complaints were filed by the plaintiff, Groves, when issue was joined by answer of defendant Osburn, and upon trial being had, Judge Hamilton decided in favor of Mr. Osburn.

An appeal to the supreme court was then taken by Mrs. Groves who had in the meantime succeeded to the rights of the original plaintiff through the death of her husband.

It was either party's case till the court handed down an opinion this week. A new and difficult question of law perplexed the attorneys and the court; and counsel for both sides searched the books at home and in the State Library at Salem for precedent, but finding none directly in point, submitted their briefs to the trial court. Judge Hamilton decided for defendant Osburn and the supreme court as stated in the last issue of the GAZETTE, affirmed his decision; thus giving Mr. Osburn his old home under the exemption law.

How strange are the affair of this world. The average person had they been asked which had the strongest hold on life, the plaintiff or defendant, would have given Mr. Groves the better of it. Such was not to be. Mr. Groves has passed away since the institution of suit and Mr. Osburn is now living with his daughter in Gold Hill, Or., where he enjoys good health. The attorneys in this remarkable case were W. S. McFadden and E. E. Wilson for plaintiff and W. E. Yates for defendant, all of this city.

Home Savings Bank.

The First National Bank of Corvallis, Oregon, has been in possession for the last ten years of the small home savings banks, the same as advertised throughout the Willamette Valley. The customers of this bank can obtain these banks, and take them home at any time, by calling for them.

When a system of savings is adopted satisfactory and successful to the customer, the officers of the First National Bank will be pleased to inform you how you can readily own your own home, and proceed along lines of financial prosperity, finally gaining a competency for the future.

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Semi-Weekly

All the local news all of the time, with a large amount of miscellaneous matter.

Splendid Serials

An interesting serial story running every week in the Gazette.

Notions for February.

- GAZETTE—Bell phone No 341.
- Umbrella work at J. K. Berry's.
- Olives in bulk at P. M. Zierolf's.
- GAZETTE—Independent phone No 433.
- All work guaranteed at J. K. Berry's.
- Umbrellas recovered and repaired at J. K. Berry's.
- Get your ribs fixed at J. K. Berry's.
- Do not fail to see P. M. Zierolf's line of holiday chink.
- Get your school books and school supplies at Graham & Wells.
- Lewis and Clark souvenir plates at P. M. Zierolf's.
- Silk and woolen goods a specialty at Corvallis Steam Laundry.
- OAC souvenir dishes at P. M. Zierolf's.
- Send your lace curtains to Corvallis Steam Laundry.
- Patronize home industry—Corvallis Steam Laundry.
- Standard A cedar shingles for \$1.50 per thousand at the Corvallis Saw Mill. 10 ft.
- Second grade fir lumber, almost any dimension, for only \$6.50 per thousand feet, at Corvallis Saw Mill. 10 ft.
- Are you going with the crowd? The time of your life—the event of the season—W. O. W., Albany, Feb. 25. 11-18*
- Thirteen hundred shares Great Eastern Mining company stock for sale at 10 cents per share. Address Box 62, Corvallis, Oregon. 11-15
- A Menace to Health.**
- Kidney trouble is an insidious danger and many people are of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney cure corrects irregularities and strengthens and builds up the kidneys, and it should be taken at the first indication of kidney trouble, as it is impossible to have good health if the kidneys are deranged. For sale by Graham & Wortham.

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to know who is doing one of the largest businesses in town, just take a peep at our store and see what WE are doing. There are whys and wherefores to everything. The people trade with us, first, because they like our way of doing business; second, because they admire our broad, liberal policy; and third, because they know we keep everything in the House-furnishing line—and at prices within reach of everyone.

Our new spring stock of Go-carts will arrive about Feb. 15th. To make room for them, we will sell those on hand at greatly reduced prices. Easy payments—ask for terms.

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