



POSTOFFICE BURGLARIZED

**THIEF GOT DRUNK AND GAVE
IT AWAY.**

**Taken to Portland By Deputy U.
S. Marshal For Trial in Fed-
eral Courts.**

The Heppner postoffice was burglarized Friday night last and W. R. Trulock is under arrest charged with the crime. The robbery was a bungling job and but little booty was secured. An attempt was first made to enter the postoffice by going into an adjoining room on the rear used for ice cream parlors. Finding that he was in the wrong place the thief went into another room of the ice cream parlors.

Entrance was gained to the postoffice room by breaking out a pane of glass when the stops were pulled out and the window was raised. No attempt was made to open the safe. In rummaging around through the office the thief found \$1.50 in small change and \$17.73 worth of stamps which had not been locked up in the safe.

W. R. Trulock, a man in the neighborhood of 50 years of age, who has been employed by Ben Swaggart out on his stock ranch, was in town Friday and in visiting several saloons it was found that he had no money. The day after the robbery Trulock visited several saloons and was paying for drinks with nickels and dimes. Tracks that led to the postoffice window which had been made by the robber showed the imprint of several large hob nails, which corresponded with the shoes that Trulock wore. Saturday evening while in an intoxicated condition he tried to buy a drink with some pennies. He also made the statement that he had some more money out in a manure pile but could not find it the last time that he looked for it. The chain of circumstantial evidence was so strong that he was arrested by Marshal Rasmus and placed in jail.

Early Sunday morning Sheriff Shutt and D. C. Gurdaue decided to investigate the man's story about the hidden money. Getting a pitchfork and going out behind the postoffice they threw only a few forks of manure when the stamps which had been placed in a small paper box were unearthed.

Trulock waived examination and was taken to Portland this morning by Deputy U. S. Marshal Proebstel, who came up yesterday.

Oregon Educational Exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

The Educational Department of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition has adopted the following plan of exhibit, viz: To make a carefully and thoroughly graded exhibit from the kindergarten to the university. So far as practicable the exhibit will be arranged by counties. For purposes of organization the county will be the unit. Cities may organize as a unit within the county unit. The Educational Department recommends, however, a collective presentation of the work from different counties, except in cities having special supervision. The collective exhibit plan will require that material furnished by the different schools be assembled at some county center, arranged, labeled, and shipped by county organizations. Papers that best illustrate county plan of exhibit will be placed in exhibit cabinets, others will

be bound at the expense of the State Commission.

The arrangement will be by subjects and grades, beginning with the lowest grade. A typewritten statement or outline of the work to be exhibited in cabinets is essential to a correct understanding and presentation of the exhibit.

Exhibit cabinets are to be purchased by exhibitors. This department recommends that these cabinets be kept at some convenient county location after the exposition closes and become the center for the reception of meritorious work which may be made supplied from time to time to the end that the exhibit idea may be made a useful adjunct for encouraging excellence of pupils' work.

It is the desire of the department that the Oregon educational exhibit shall honestly represent the real work of the schools in the best way possible. Local industries should form the foundation for a large share of language and geography work. Grain, farming, stock raising, fruit and vegetable culture, become at once the choicest of topics for written work. Visiting observers are always pleased and benefited by the stories children write of their own environment.

Our educational exhibit will come directly into comparison with that from such states as Massachusetts, New York, Missouri, Wisconsin and California, as well as our Northwestern states. We want the comparison to be such as will fully express the good work being done all through the state. Each school district in the state is cordially invited to send something for the exhibit. Local interest and local pride will certainly stimulate each to do its best.

The teachers of Morrow county have organized and are planning to have the school work of the county well represented in this educational exhibit. They solicit the hearty co-operation of parents and all interested in education.

Advised Letters.

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| Barnes, Mrs M F | Barnes, Mrs May |
| Boggs, Mr Ray C | Courter, Mr Geo |
| Clark, W A | Clay, E P |
| Farlow, Marion | Howe, W A (2) |
| Hendricson, Fred | Henshaw, Mr Ray |
| Houston, John R | Johnson, T A |
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| Lindsey, Mr Lute | McRoberts, Arthur |
| McKinney, Mr J A | Moureader, Virgil |
| Maibon, Mr C | O'Brien, Mr D J |
| Orven, J C | Robison, H D |
| Stanley, Mr | Schroeder, J (2) |
| Stice, Mr Penn | Simmons, Wm E |
| Taylor, Mr Rush | Wille, Mr E P |
| Welch, Geo W | Wood, Mr W L |
| Watkins, E W (2) | Webb, F H |
| Wohltson, Aavery | |

Miss Lettie Conover, of Waitsburg, Wash., who has been visiting friends here, received a message Friday that her brother, Henry Conover, was dying of Brights disease. Young Conover was a former resident of Heppner, having been in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co. as messenger boy here. Miss Conover left for Waitsburg, Saturday.

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Chas. Royse and A. J. Carsner, of Spray, were registered at the Palace, Tuesday.

ACCIDENT— ALLY KILLED

**CHILD OF BOB DEXTER SHOT
BY JOHN BARKER.**

**Tragedy Occurred at a Dance at
Home of Walter Crosby—
Barker in Jail.**

An unfortunate shooting affair occurred at the home of Walter Crosby, seven miles south of Heppner, last Friday night, in which the seven-year-old daughter of Robert Dexter was instantly killed. Quite a number of young people and neighbors had gathered at the Crosby home to enjoy a social dance. Everything went off quietly until about 2 o'clock in the morning when John Barker, who has Indian blood in his veins, commenced to complain that he was not being treated right and was being slighted because his hand had been refused several times in trying to get a partner for the dance.

A waltz being called, Barker who it is said was under the influence of liquor, commenced to remonstrate with the manager of the floor, and becoming unreasonable in his fury whipped out a revolver and said that he was going to have a fair show.

This caused a panic among the frightened people present and Barker started to walk across the floor with the revolver in his hand, when he fired, the ball striking Alvina, the seven-year-old daughter of Robert Dexter, in the side of the head. The child fell dead instantly. The ball passed through the head and struck another girl of Mr. Dexter's directly over the heart. Fortunately the force of the bullet was spent and only went through the child's clothing, drawing a little blood but not penetrating the skin.

When Barker realized what he had done he ran and picked up the child which was later taken away from him by its mother, Mrs. Dexter, who is a sister of Barker's.

The remains of the unfortunate child were taken to the home of the grief stricken parents, where Barker also went.

Coroner Higgs summoned A. L. Ayers, J. T. Kirk, S. W. Meadows, W. E. Royse, C. L. Keithley and Walter Kileup as a coroner's jury and went out to Mr. Dexter's place Saturday where an inquest was held.

The verdict of the jury was that the death of Alvina Dexter was caused from a gunshot wound fired from a gun in the hands of John Barker.

Sheriff Shutt went out Saturday and found Barker at the home of Mr. Dexter where he was arrested and brought to this city. He is now in the county jail.

Barker naturally feels despondent over the killing of his little niece. His case will go to the circuit court, information having been filed by the district attorney.

Following is a condensed report of the testimony as given by Robert Dexter, the father of the child, who was an eye witness to the tragedy:

"Child and rest of family was at Crosby's at an entertainment.

"A square dance was ordered and two sets were wanted, and some of the ladies went out of the building. John Barker wanted to dance and couldn't find any partner so got mad and soon had a gun in his hand and claimed he wanted a fair show. He moved slowly across the floor and held pistol in both hands and fired and Alvina Dexter was

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dead.
"Barker took child from Mrs. Dexter and held her until I forcibly took her from him. All the time Barker seemed very much troubled. He always seemed to be very fond of the child. My 11-year-old daughter was slightly wounded in the left side. Barker hadn't been having trouble with any one that I know of and didn't seem to be shooting at any one."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Oregon Assessors Want Present Law Changed.

A majority of the assessors of the various counties of the state of Oregon, in Convention assembled, have unanimously adopted the following resolutions requesting the legislature to make the following changes in the assessment laws:

1. Abolish the poll tax law or add the amount to the road-tax, making said tax \$4 instead of \$3 as at present.
2. Pass a law enabling assessors to place a tax on franchises and other intangible property.
3. Require sheriffs to notify all persons at time of paying taxes on a piece of property, the amount of delinquent taxes, if any, against such property, including the penalties to date, and to apply the first money received upon such delinquent taxes, if any, and accrued penalties.
4. Any property wilfully concealed, removed, transferred or misrepresented by the owner, or his agents, to avoid taxation, upon discovery shall be assessed at not exceeding ten times its value and the assessment so made must not be reduced by the Board of Equalization.
5. That the assessor be relieved from taking the census and that it be made the duty of the Labor Commissioner to take the same, or that the census law be repealed.
6. That a Tax Commissioner be appointed to revise the present and recommend new taxation laws.
7. That all laws having reference to the revenues of the state, be compiled and printed in book form, same to be distributed to the various offices whose duties are in any manner connected with administering the same.

I'll brave the storms of Chilkoot Pass, I'll cross the plains of frozen glass, I'd leave my wife and cross the sea, Rather than be without Rocky Mountain Tea.—W. P. McMillan, Lexington, Oregon.

PERCY JARMON HURT.

Thrown From Horse Into Barbed Wire Fence.

Percy Jarmon, a well known stockman and rancher, while on his way from this city to his home on Butter creek last Friday met with a very painful and serious accident. While badly hurt he was fortunate in not being killed under the circumstances.

Mr. Jarmon started out from Heppner on horseback, the animal that he was riding being a little wild and not very well broken. Coming opposite the place of J. H. Edwards, about nine miles from this city, his horse became frightened and made a quick jump to the side of the road and attempted to go through an opening in the fence where some bars had been left down. Across the opening one barbed wire had been left which the frightened horse did not see in attempting to get through. When the horse struck the wire under the pain of being lacerated from the barbs he became entirely unmanageable and in trying to get away got Mr. Jarmon's leg against the wire. He received two frightful cuts on the left leg below the knee, cutting and mangling the flesh to the bone and severing several tendons. Another five-wire fence being near Mr. Jarmon in attempting to get off was thrown, and this is all that saved him for the frantic animal went on into the other fence and was terribly injured in getting through.

Mr. Jarmon was brought back to Heppner by Mr. Auderscn and his wounds were dressed by Dr. Higgs. He is now getting along all right but it will be some time before he will be able to get out again.

Elder Is Total Wreck.

Astoria, Jan. 28.—The wreck of the steamer Elder near Gob's is a total loss. The forward end dropped four feet from the deck line today and broke her back. She has turned sufficiently on the rocks to twist the hull and part the plates. The portable part of her upper works has been removed.

Property For Sale Cheap.

I offer for sale at 75 per cent of cost, the stone business building on Main street, which is now occupied by the Belvedere saloon. My residence property, which is above high water mark. I will also sell on same basis.

FRANK ROBERTS.