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ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB GRESHAM BANK

Evidences Point to Work of Professionals — Money Safe Not Opened.

Last Tuesday night as Cashier Archie Meyers locked up the money and books in the big burglar-proof safe in the vault of the First State Bank little did he think that before opening time on the morrow an expert cracksmen would be on hand to test the safe, in the strength of which every director had great confidence.

About 12 o'clock Tuesday at midnight John Faris passed the bank on the way to his home. Glancing at the blinds he noticed they were all drawn to the ceiling but the north wind was blowing a gale and being in a hurry to get out of the cold he gave no more thought to the unusual position of the blinds behind the bank windows.

Wednesday morning about 7:30 Ernest Schwedler and Bank Director Theodore Brugger were passing the bank on their way to the depot. Mr. Schwedler noticed the unusual position of the curtains and glancing at the door noticed a portion of the inside jamb missing. He immediately proceeded to investigate and found at once that the bank had been broken into. Mr. Brugger's attention was called to it, and Cashier Archie Meyers notified. Together they investigated and found that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to rob the bank. The burglar had stolen a heavy sledge, hammer, tongs, pinch bar, etc., from Hart's blacksmith shop. With the pinch bar he had evidently forced an entrance through the outside door and the two inside doors. This gave him access to the outside door of the big vault. With the heavy sledge he broke the outside combination off, placed nitro glycerine in the cavity and blew off the inside combination through which he was able to withdraw the bolts.

Opening the outside door he went practically through the same process on the inner door, blowing this open and gaining access to the big burglar-proof safe containing the books, securities and money of the bank. The combination of the safe was attacked, broken off and nitro glycerine placed in the hole, a fuse attached. The outside doors of the vault closed, the explosion came off in due time, but the burglar had reckoned without his host for all the damage done to the safe was the cracking of one or two of the outer portions of the front plates of the door. The outside safe door was not even budged, and there were yet four sections of that door beside inner doors to go through before the money could be reached.

Morning was evidently near at hand, hence the burglar concluded that it was better for him to leave.

The bank was open Wednesday for deposits as usual and Thursday was transacting business as though nothing had happened.

The bank and its contents are fully insured by burglary insurance, hence there will be no loss to the bank, a new safe having been provided by the insurance company.

No clue is yet found to the perpetrator.

Mr. Hart Improves Blacksmith Shop

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Mr. Hart is thus making a move in the right direction as one will readily understand when paying a visit to his shop.

A powerful Stover gasoline engine, set upon a concrete base, stands in one corner of the long machine shed. This furnishes ample power for the drill, emery wheels and polishers, an immense grindstone, band-saw, blowers, etc., all running as nicely and smoothly as it is possible for machines to run, except the blowers which are not yet installed. Heretofore it has been impossible to get chilled plow lays, or disc harrows ground or polished outside of the larger cities. With the equipment just installed Mr. Hart can sharpen and polish any kind of a chilled plow lay, disc harrows or other special machinery. He is also better prepared than ever to care for the heavier lines of blacksmith work, and now can consistently ask, Why take any kind of work to Portland when you can save time and money by letting Hart do it for you here?

Letter from James Preston.

BERKELEY, CAL., Jan. 1, 1907.—To the Editor:—"God made the country" and the rustic editor of the right sort helps to keep it decent. "Man made the town" and the devil runs it for him when he is busy or asleep. You are forgiven for a New Year's "toot"—on your little, silver bugle. I hope your friends see the necessity of furnishing you with a bigger, better horn for 1907.

No one thing has done so much for Gresham as the Beaver State Herald. Gresham's advantages are advertised, her resources are developed, her people unified, and instructed. Every home is the better for such a paper,—neighborhood news without scandalous gossip, exposure to a wise word now and then without "preaching," teaching without the rod, a tickling of the "moss-backs" till they shed their "verdure" and tootle-tootle too in the van of progress, moral "bitters" for the boys who need a little spiritual tonic. The original right man in the right place, you are doing good work Mr. Editor, and we know it. Toot!

JAMES T. PRESTON

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WILL EXPERIMENT WITH APPLE ORCHARD

Farm of Judge Ryan Used for the Purpose — State Board Assists.

[Special to the Herald.]

PORTLAND, Ore., January 8, 1907.—The first active steps of planting experimental 10 acre apple orchard on the farm of Thomas F. Ryan of Clackamas County, is now in actual progress. Judge Ryan and the State Board of Horticulture have agreed as to the variety of trees to be planted. There will be Gravensteins, Spitzenberg, Baldwins and Wagners in the Ryan orchard, which will be under the officers of the State Horticultural society for the first ten years, when Judge Ryan becomes the owner of the matured trees. Meanwhile the cultivation of the trees, including pruning and spraying, will be looked after by the horticultural society.

Two other orchards will be planted in Clackamas according to the same arrangements and conditions. One will be a 10-acre tract on the farm of W. H. Heller of Garfield, and here only Spitzenbergs and Wagner apple trees will be planted. On the farm of H. A. Kayler of Molalla, Spitzenberg and Baldwin trees will be planted in the same way.

Of course the object of this experimental tree planting is to make a practical demonstration of what can be accomplished in scientific cultivation of fruit in the Willamette Valley.

It is to be hoped that arrangements can be made by which an experimental orchard of 10-acres can be planted at some central point in Multnomah county. It is believed that the State Horticultural society would extend its work to this county if asked to do so.

A number of errors in our mailing list were called to our attention this week, and were promptly corrected. Our thanks are due these people for calling our attention to the mistake. And we sincerely hope that anyone noticing an error in names or dates will promptly call our attention to it.

Observe Your Wrapper

Our subscribers will notice that their names are printed on the paper this week, in place of being written. It will also be noticed that the date to which their subscriptions is paid is also in evidence. This is an improvement long contemplated, but owing to unavoidable circumstances could not be accomplished till now.

In making the change there has doubtless been some errors made. We must therefore ask each subscriber to carefully note the name and date on your label and if this does not correspond correctly with your receipt, kindly notify this office at once giving your name in full. Postoffice, rural route or street number and the error will be corrected.

NOW'S THE TIME TO ADVERTISE OREGON

Gresham's Development League Can Do Much to Turn Attention this Way.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan. 7th, 1907.—Never at any time since Oregon became a state has there been such widespread interest in her development, as is evidenced by the letters received from all parts of the United States by the Oregon Development League.

President T. B. Wilcox, of the State League, has just authorized an increase in the advertising in thoroughly reliable agricultural publications of large circulation. These advertisements are devoted exclusively to the agricultural lands of the state, for it is an increased farm population that Oregon needs more than all else combined. Put energetic farmers on the vacant lands, cut up the large ranches and the cities, towns, and villages of Oregon will grow and prosper. With that end in view Oregon is being advertised as never before, and the inquiry is three times as great as during the Lewis & Clark Exposition.

Many communities of the state are sending out literature to inquirers, lists of whom are being furnished to each and every one of the sixty-three organizations composing the Oregon Development League. Letters of inquiry are coming in many languages, English, German, Swedish, and Polish lead; letters are coming from every state in the union, but Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, and Nebraska, are about equal in number, and it is from just these portions of the United States that we want our immigration. An accurate conception of the enormous correspondence can best be had from the fact that it cost \$527.00 to pay the outgoing postage for the past twenty-five days from the Portland office alone.

Remember that it is in January that you get more readers than any other month, because the farmers in the cold sections of the country are resting, but February is also important. One piece of literature and a personal letter sent today are worth more than ten during the farmer's busy season.

Now is the time for Gresham to get busy.

How to Kill San Jose Scale.

GRESHAM, Ore., Jan. 10, 1907.—To the Editor.—If you will give space in your paper I will give a little of my experience combating the San Jose scale, as I have heard several persons ask the question whether it can be successfully killed or not. As it is a comparatively new thing in our community I thought a write up might be of some help to some one.

I have spent the last three years in a scale section in Southern Oregon where people were compelled to spray against it or have no fruit.

I had charge of an old orchard almost ruined by scale, and was told that the year before I took it there was not a good apple in the entire orchard.

The orchard consisted of prunes, apples, peaches, pears and cherries, pears and apples suffered most, I cut the trees

CLOSES YEAR IN GOOD CONDITION

Farmers' Line Shown to Be a Success at Annual Meeting Held Monday.

The Stockholders of the Multnomah and Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company held their annual meeting in the Grange hall at Gresham, last Monday morning. The meeting which was well attended was called to order by President H. W. Snashall, who gave a brief outline of the work accomplished during the year just closed. The company he said is in good shape financially. Its liabilities being about \$800 while its total resources run into the thousands. Several hundred dollars are due the company, which together with the unfinished lines and the business in sight, will place the company in splendid shape financially.

The by-laws of the company were amended so as to combine the offices of secretary and treasurer, also arranging the term of directors for one, two, three, four and five years respectively, instead of for one year as heretofore.

The election of directors resulted as follows: A. Dowsett director for one year; C. F. Ruegg for two years; C. R. Keller for three years; E. S. Jenne for four years; and Theodore Brugger for five years.

The stockholders discussed the question of expansion of lines and also voted to have the secretary treasurer placed under bond. This company to purchase the bond. Immediately after the stockholders meeting the directors held their meeting and affirmed the election of Mr. Dowsett as secretary and elected C. R. Keller to the office of president and general manager.

It was also decided to push the work as rapidly as men and means will permit.

The selection of the present board was a wise one and appears to be very satisfactory to all. Although many are disappointed at not being able to retain the services of ex-president H. W. Snashall to whose untiring efforts is largely due the success of the company up to this time.

I. O. O. F. Installs Officers.

Gresham Lodge No. 125, I. O. O. F. installed their newly elected officers last Saturday night, as follows: J. G. Metzger, N. G.; George Keller, V. G.; D. M. Roberts, Secretary; Geo. W. Kenney, Treasurer; Ed Sleret, Warden; Lewis Shattuck, Conductor; John Roberts, R. S.; John Palmquist, L. S.; Orland Zeek, O. S. G.; R. R. Carlson, I. S. G.; J. C. Stanley, R. S. S.; B. M. Raney, L. S. S.; Timothy Brownhill, Chaplin. The officers were installed under the supervision of Deputy Grand Master, C. R. Hayworth of Montavilla, who was loud in his praises of the work done by the new officers, who he said had given the work second to none in the state. W. W. Howitt, who was also present said some very nice things of the Gresham team and officers. After the installation a splendid lunch was served to which the boys (about 25) did ample justice. George Preston and Emil Eilers, were the committee on refreshments and well did they do their part, so much so that the boys are well satisfied to have them act in that capacity again.

A Correction Concerning the Bank.

GRESHAM, Ore., Jan. 11, 1907.—To the Editor.—Judging from an item in last week's paper some one has led you to misunderstand the matter of charges on checks. We certainly cannot cash all checks free for those not depositing with the bank nor for depositors where they simply want to be a "Good Fellow" and take a man's check simply to prevent him paying exchange which is an imposition on the bank.

We will have to make enough to pay postage even if cashier will be obliged to go without a salary.

A number seemed to have understood that we take checks from anyone just simply to accommodate them and have money invested here for the sole pleasure of having it in Gresham.

A. MEYERS.

We print butter papers cheap at The Herald office.

Superior Stoves, Ranges

We have just added to our stock a full and complete line of Steel Ranges, including Superior, Mohawk, Lorain and Niagara, all prices and all grades, which we are selling at prices that satisfy, and on any terms to suit you. Call and see them and get our terms.

Sample Hats.

I bought a line of sample hats, about 100 in number, — All the Latest Styles and Shapes — All drummers are out with Spring and Summer Goods and these Winter samples are to be sold direct to you. REGULAR \$2.20 to \$3 VALUES at \$1.50 to \$2 each. An elegant chance to get a fine hat cheap. Call and inspect before it is too late. All in fine condition, not soiled at all.

This is the One

WE ARE SELLING THEM Just as Fast as they Come in.



"LORAIN." Remember the Name!

If you want to see a perfectly satisfied person, see a Lorain user. Mrs. C. Lewis of Gresham writes us that she was prejudiced against Ranges, but when she saw the LORAIN it struck her fancy and they purchased one and now she has a good many good things to say about the LORAIN. Max Davis says they are an ornament to any kitchen. We sold him one. The following have bought ranges since Jan. 1, 1907: Mrs. C. Lewis, Max Davies, Mrs. C. H. Sloop.



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I have accepted the agency for Phoenix Pure Paint and have just put in a stock of 200 gallons for the coming season and want to furnish you with anything you want in this line. This paint needs no introduction to you as it is as well known as any paint on this coast, put up by W. P. Fuller & Co. and is guaranteed strictly pure.

LEWIS SHATTUCK,

Dealer in "Goods of Quality" GRESHAM, ORE.