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Criminal: Ingenuity.

Not very long ago the Hillsboro county jail contained a man who was conceded by authorities to be one of the boldest and most dangerous criminals in the State of Oregon. This man was Bennett Thompson held for the Jennings-Ristman murder, one of the most fiendish and cunning crimes committed since the "Trunk murder mystery" which so long baffled the Portland police.

On several occasions during the confinement of Thompson at Hillsboro he was suspected of making attempts to escape, and once a long, crudely made hook was found in his cell.

Just how nearly he came to making good his threat, that the jail couldn't hold him, has remained unknown till the other day when Sheriff Applegate was making an examination of the steel cage in which desperate prisoners are confined. Here, behind some rubbish, was found a crudely shaped drill made from a portion of a broom handle about a foot long with two sticks notched across it and a piece of tempered steel inserted in the end for a drill point. The piece of steel was made from the handle of a table fork, tempered to the hardness of steel in the stove used to heat the jail, and sharpened into a drill point on the concrete floor.

With this instrument, working night after night during his confinement, while the officers were absent from the jail, or the steel door at the entrance shut off the view, he worked away at the heads of the rivets which held the bars in place. By this slow process he managed to wear away the heads of seven rivets and two more would have given him access to the jail proper. From here it would have been an easy matter for one so ingenious to have worked his way to the outside and liberty.

To cover his work he again demonstrated his wonderful ability to cover his trail. With wads of bread he would fill the places where he had been drilling, and with whitewash scraped from the walls of the jail he would cover up any remaining traces of his work.

The Brownsville Times tells of an old subscriber who stopped his paper because no mention was made of a matter in which

he was concerned. Every country newspaper has such experiences and the explanation is that subscribers evidently believe the editor a much smarter person than he really is. He is usually a common, every day, hard working individual who finds it a physical impossibility to know everything that happens and he trusts largely to what people tell him. If there is a person he loves like a brother it is the one who drops into the office or calls up on the telephone to make known a happening in his own or a neighbor's family, for these are the things he wants to print. The real country newspaper is somewhat of a co-operative affair in which all of its readers unite in making known the affairs that concern them and which combined make up the history of the town. Therefore the fellow who cared enough because he was not mentioned to stop his paper should have been enough interested to do his part and see that the editor was informed.—Independent.

Beaverton 29—Tualatin 19.

The local high school team put a crimp in the fast basket tossers from Tualatin high school last Friday night, to the melodious strains of 29 to 19. The game was fast from start to finish and both teams were compelled to play up on their toes from the first whistle. The local boys were larger, both in height and weight, but for team work and speed the boys from Tualatin certainly show class. Every minute of the game was filled with excitement, and though verging on roughness at times, good feeling predominated between the teams. This now makes a game apiece, as the Beaverton boys met defeat on the Tualatin floor a few weeks ago.

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