

ROBBERY ATTEMPTED AT PALACE HOTEL

A cunningly contrived plot to tap the till at the Palace hotel was frustrated at 1:30 this morning by the failure of night clerk Fred Nitchman to act just as the would-be robbers figured that he might.

About 1:30 a call bell from a room on the third floor rung in the office and Mr. Nitchman started to answer it, but on passing the corridor leading from the lobby to a door opening to the rear of the barber shop, he happened to glance that way and saw a man peering through the glass door. He turned back to the desk to secure a gun and before he could reach the door the man had made his get-away. Investigation revealed that someone had been on the third floor and had scattered the bedding, mattresses, etc., from two beds into the hall, knotted the sheets around the railing surrounding the air shaft and otherwise disarranged things on that floor. Entrance to the upper story had been made by means of a ladder to the top of the brick storage room, a step ladder from that roof to the second story porch and to the third story porch by the iron fire escape.

The scheme seems to have been to call the night clerk to the third floor by the call bell and during his absence from the office the man at the back door would enter the office, tap the cash register and make good his escape. Strong suspicion points to two or three young men and it is possible some arrests will be made within a day or two.

Drafted Boys to Leave Sunday

Walter Matteson, of Heppner, and Fred W. Griffiths, of Ione, will leave Sunday morning for American Lake. They will be joined at Portland by Henry Leeson and Lewis M. Billings the four making up the first quota of the county for the second selective draft.

George Carter, who is being held in the county jail as a deserter, will be sent to Portland under guard of these boys to be turned over to the military authorities at Vancouver Barracks.

Red Cross Notes

What is the matter with the matter with the women of Heppner? Patriotism is lacking. Some are giving so much of their time and others have no time to give. The boys have given their time and risking their lives for their country, why should we stay at home and say we have no time. Come out and do your part on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the Red Cross work rooms.

The Red Cross wishes to thank Patterson & Son for their donation of scissors.

Anyone having pieces of old galatea dinims or other dark, heavy wash material please leave at Red Cross headquarters for the Juniors to work on knickerbockers for the French and Belgians.

Attention! Attention!

A meeting will be held in the council chamber Tuesday evening, April 2d, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a company of Home Guards. All able-bodied citizens are requested to be present. SAM E. VAN VACLOR, Chm. County Council of Defense

INCOME TAX MAN ROILS TAXPAYERS

Joseph E. Tuttle, federal customs agent, arrived in Heppner Wednesday presumably to assist citizens liable to the income tax in making out their reports but judging from expressions which have reached the Herald the gentleman has not made much of a hit with the people with whom he has come in contact but has succeeded in arousing considerable feeling because of alleged lack of courtesy in his dealings with them. Sheepmen, farmers and businessmen are complaining and, it is said, a protest has been made to Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue at Portland, regarding Mr. Tuttle's methods in handling the matter here.

Morrow county people are not slackers and are willing to, and have done their part in this national crisis in a manner of which they are not ashamed and they are entitled to helpful advice and assistance from representatives of the government, who are paid from the public funds for rendering such service, in solving the knotty problems involved in the income tax, rather than to be treated as disloyal tax dodgers and slackers.

It is said that many heavy taxpayers will refuse to deal with Mr. Tuttle but will employ attorneys to assist in making their reports and send them in direct.

LEXINGTON ITEMS

Mrs. Arthur Parker and sister, Miss Edith Reaney, returned to their home after a pleasant visit in Portland.

Miss Leona Leach is home again after her vacation at the Rose City.

A birthday reception was given Mrs. McAllister Tuesday afternoon by the ladies of the town in honor of her 71st birthday. Tea and cake were served and all report a good time.

Ben Crow received some severe burns when he attempted to burn a brush pile fire by jumping on top of the brush. In some manner his feet became entangled and he fell face downward, severely burning his face and hands, as there was more fire at the bottom of the pile than he thought.

Earl Estes of Portland is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Claud White.

Ben Swaggart has recently purchased a large new Oldsmobile car.

Miss Muriel Reade, of Roundup, Mont., is here visiting the Alleus. Miss Reade recently lost her mother by death.

We see Col. Boon around on crutches. Mr. Boon recently hurt his ankle when he slid down an embankment when going home in the dark.

Mrs. Edna Coxen and little son went to Heppner Tuesday evening on the train.

David Hynd of Rose Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow, was in town Wednesday.

A get together social will be given at the Congregational church Friday evening, April 5, at 7 o'clock. A picnic dinner will be served. All members and friends of the different departments of the church are cordially invited.

JITNEY SERVICE.— Call a jitney for special train trips or any other service, day or night. Day phone Main 152. Night phone Main 555. Lee Cantwell. 441

Notice to Customers

These are indeed trying times, not only for our Nation, but for each individual as well. We are repeatedly called on to show our loyalty in many and various ways.

The most serious problems now confront us as a nation and as individuals as a result of our entrance into the greatest world conflict in history. These problems must be patriotically met and solved with a view to as little disarrangement of conditions as possible.

In the stress of the existing circumstances the Grocers and Merchants are facing grave problems of their own. The recommendations of the Emergency Board of the Council of National Defense advise that all stores should prepare to operate with smaller forces and less equipment, and that delivery expenses be curtailed as much as possible. The Food Administration advises that they have under contemplation the licensing of approximately two-thirds of the items usually handled by the grocer, that the sale price to the consumer will necessarily be restricted to a small margin of profit.

The cost of merchandise has advanced to such an extent that it now takes over 100 per cent more money to carry the same stock than it did in pre-war times.

The wholesalers, however willing, are unable to furnish goods for an indefinite time and have made their terms 15 to 30 days, instead of 30 to 90 days, as before. In view of the facts above mentioned, it becomes necessary for us to adjust our terms to our customers to conform with the changed conditions.

It has, consequently, been unanimously resolved, that on and after April 1st, 1918, we will continue to extend a limited credit to those who have formerly been accorded this privilege in the past, but will positively be limited to 30 days. This means that the bills for the preceding month are due and payable on the first of the following month. You will also be allowed 10 days grace in which to settle in full, after which the amount will become delinquent, and positively no further credit can be extended. In order that each one may be treated with perfect fairness this rule will be strictly adhered to regardless of whom it may concern.

Also, beginning with the start of the DELIVERY of merchandise will be reduced to two (2) deliveries per day; one each in the morning and afternoon.

Please bear these new rules in mind and make your arrangements accordingly, as we positively cannot deviate from them in any respect.

Thanking you for your highly appreciated favors of the past, and by fair and square treatment in the future, still to merit a share at least of your business, and promising that this new arrangement will help us that we may help you in reducing the present high cost of living as much as possible, we beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Minor & Co.
Thomson Bros.
Sam Hughes Co.
Phelps Grocery Co.

Students Will Give Operetta

The popular operetta, "Polished Pebbles," will be given by members of the Athletic Association of the high school, under the direction of Miss Augusta Baker, instructor in music, Wednesday, April 3, at 8:00 p. m. A children's matinee will also be given in the afternoon at 2:30. The affair promises to be fine and should be liberally patronized.

The prices are 25 and 50 cents for the matinee and 50 cents for the evening performance.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Uncle Bob — Garnett Barratt
Mrs. O'Brien — Lou Briggs
Rosalie — Neva Chidsey
Winifred — Cordilla LaTruce
Millicent — Keannette Noyes
Mrs. Gabbie — Lois Hall
Mr. Gabbie — Ted Young
Martha — Cecile DeVore
Nick — Kenneth Binns
Chorus of Sunbonnet Girls and Overall Boys.

Wood and Coal

I handle Rock Springs Coal, Cord Wood and Slab Wood. Leave orders at Humphreys' Drug store or phone 392. Ed Bussell.

FARMERS FORM LOCAL COMMITTEES

Following the meeting of the Morrow County Agricultural Council a series of community meetings was arranged and definite plans for the complete organization of each community were outlined. In co operation with Mrs. Shurte, county school superintendent, meetings were held at Eightmile, Cecil, Boardman, Ione, Irrigon, Hardman and Pine City. At these meetings the purpose and plan of organization was outlined and the community urged to form a permanent committee.

At Boardman a committee consisting of Mr. Alesworth, representing the Boys' and Girls' Club work; Mr. Gibbons, representing the Farmers' Union, and Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hatch, representing the farmers at large, met and mapped out a program of work which includes the organization of a dairy association, demonstrations in growing corn, and a campaign to control rabbits.

The Pine City committee is composed of R. F. Wigglesworth as chairman, Chas. Bartholomew and Mr. Neill representing the farmers, Mr. Jarman and Mrs. Carlson representing club work and Mrs. Wigglesworth and Mrs. Bartholomew representing the ladies. A meeting of the committee will be held in the near future to plan some co-operative work in that community.

The committees in other communities visited were named and will be announced as soon as the organizations are complete. Meetings are scheduled for sections not yet visited.

HARDMAN HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Bettie Smith was born to Sanford and Adeline Howell in Oregon City Oct. 12, 1865, and died Tuesday, March 21, at the home of her brother, Joe Howell, after a lingering illness of several weeks before death came as a relief to her sufferings, which she bore with great patience. She was married to Rex Terrier, now deceased, at Oregon City Oct. 23, 1885, and to this union were born five children—Harrie, deceased; Addie, Pearl, Ethel and Arthur. She leaves also to mourn her loss her mother, Mrs. Adeline Howell, and seven brothers and two sisters. She was married to John Smith, of Hamilton, April 11, 1911, who still survives her. Her body was laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery March 22.

Miss Grace Bossen and Miss Josephine Copners attended the parent-teacher meeting in the Heppner high school Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Brookhousers visited in Heppner Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Stevens returned Monday from a weeks' visit with her daughter, Miss Cecile.

Mrs. L. M. Hadley has been on the sick list, but at present is much improved.

Master Ellis Wyland returned Tuesday from a weeks' visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Jay Devlin, of Heppner.

Mrs. Bertha Stoneman and little daughter Bernice of Lone Rock spent a few days last week visiting her parents in town. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hadley.

Born on March 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Leathers, an 8-pound girl. Mother and child are reported as doing nicely.

Mrs. Ora Wyland visited in town Tuesday.

PORT OF PORTLAND SURVEY ENGINEER HERE

Harold A. Rands, traffic survey engineer for the Port of Portland Commission, was a visitor in Heppner last Friday in the interest of Columbia river transportation as it relates to Morrow county freight conditions.

Mr. Rands is working for the organization of port districts along the Columbia for the purpose of providing docks, warehouses, elevators, etc., by means of which heavy freight, both incoming and outgoing, could be diverted from the railroad with its heavy freight charges, to the water route, which would be able to offer much more attractive rates to shippers.

With this end in view Mr. Rands points out that, with the completion of a paved highway through Morrow county as now contemplated, the county organized as a port district with a suitable dock and other needed facilities at Heppner Junction, freight from the interior could be handled by heavy trucks to dock and there reshipped by boat to tidewater at a very considerable saving over present cost.

This method would not only effect a saving to shippers, producers and consumers, but it would also materially assist in relieving the present car shortage and thus aid the government in overcoming the congestion of food stuffs, war material, etc., so urgently needed in Europe, there by becoming an important factor in winning the war.

The Open River Association, which was organized several years ago for the purpose of building a portage railroad around the Celilo rapids and to operate boat lines on the upper and lower river, it is said, have a considerable fund on hand which will be used to co-operate with different port districts along the Columbia in inaugurating and carrying forward this work.

W. J. Mariner and J. A. Smith, prominent residents of the Black section in Gilliam county, are officers of the old open river association and, should Morrow county decide to undertake the organization of a port district, would, no doubt, co-operate in the work.

Getting Ready for Business

George Jensen, forman for the United Contracting Co., has a crew of men at work opening a quarry just across Hinton creek from the school house, from which will be taken out most of the material for the present street improvements. The base of the basaltic rock bluff is being squared up preparatory to driving a tunnel or "coyote hole" back into the bluff for a distance of 50 feet or more, where a chamber will be excavated to hold a ton of black blasting powder. When this shot is exploded it is expected almost enough rock will be loosened and broken up to complete the job.

The ground has also been leveled and made ready for the crusher and bunkers, which will be installed as soon as the crusher arrives. A crusher larger than the one owned by the county will be brought in from Portland and when once under way the work will be pushed to completion.

Mr. Jensen thinks it will be a couple of weeks yet before grading and preparing the streets for the macadam will be commenced.