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Thief Knew Where to Get a Good Rig

Stole Assorted Wagon—Has Yellow Running-gears but Red Tongue to Tell on Him

The most peculiar crime of the season was committed in Salem some time last night, when some miscreant, desirous of supplying himself with a wagon, entered the implement house of F. A. Wiggins, on Liberty street, and stole a new wagon. The thief entered the warehouse through the rear door, which he succeeded in opening, secured the vehicle, and took it out through the alley, turning north to Court street.

The rig was a new Studebaker, 1 1/2 axle, with yellow running gear and a red body, having sideboards, short springs, and a high spring seat. The wagon stood in the shed, with the pole detached, and the nocturnal prowler, in fitting a pole in the vehicle, secured a red pole instead of the yellow one belonging to the rig. In taking the wagon out of the warehouse it evidently collided with the door frame, the left hook of the left singletree being broken, and the broken piece was found lying on the ground near the door. The wagon is valued at \$75.

The sheriff's office was notified of the theft, and instructions were telephoned to Lebanon, Albany, Oregon City and Sheridan to the officers in those places, to keep a sharp look out for the rig, as it is supposed the thieves are making in the direction of one of these towns, in their efforts to get beyond the reach of pursuit from the Salem officers. It is believed the wagon will soon be recovered, as the

officers have a clue to the perpetrators of the theft, and it is thought they cannot get away.

Mr. Wiggins, in discussing the theft, jokingly remarked that the thief probably came after the automobile, but, as that was not in the warehouse, he contented himself with a Studebaker rig as the next best thing.

The loss of the wagon was discovered at 9 o'clock this morning, when a customer was taken out to see it. Last night, before the store closed, a customer for the rig examined it, and it is known positively that it was in the store when the doors were locked for the night.

Circuit Court Proceedings

In the circuit court yesterday afternoon, the jury in the case of F. J. Eldridge, plaintiff, vs. Hooser & Zorn, defendants, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1500. The action was brought by Mr. Eldridge for the purpose of collecting rent in the sum of \$1950, alleged to be due for the use of a hop house erected by plaintiff on property in which he had an equity, and which was used by defendants without the payment of rent. The verdict gave general satisfaction among the spectators, many of whom were friends of the plaintiff, and whose claim was generally considered a just one. Mr. Eldridge was the recipient of many congratulatory expressions from his friends at the conclusion of the case. This morning the defense gave notice of a motion for a new trial, and the same will be presented in a day or two.

The case of Hooser & Zorn, plaintiffs, vs. T. A. Livesley & Co., defendants, an action for damages, was also tried yesterday afternoon. The action was brought to collect damages in the sum of \$1054.61, and interest from October 10, 1902, at 5 per cent per annum, on a quantity of hops, bought by defendants from Sing Boo, a Chinaman, and upon which the plaintiffs held a mortgage. The Chinaman having disappeared the defendants were sued for the amount due on the hops. The case was submitted to a jury composed of Jerome Morley, W. G. Miner, T. M. Hicks, O. G. Savage, R. D. Teter, H. A. Johnson, W. H. Black, J. W. Jorey, Robert Coshow, A. G. Jerman, H. H. Spalding and Samuel Helmroth, and these gentlemen found for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$1084.98, after a very short absence from the court room.

The case of the State of Oregon, plaintiff, vs. Emil Bier, defendant, went to trial at 9 o'clock this morning before a jury composed of R. A. Crossan, M. Cooley, James Winstanley, J. O. Kates, H. H. Spalding, S. H. Coleman, Jerome Morley, R. F. Cooley, G. A. Nye, J. A. Pooler, J. W. Jory and A. G. Jerman.

The accused was charged with poisoning a gun at Sanford Hammack, on last Friday evening. The case was submitted to the jury at 10:15 o'clock, when the jury retired to deliberate on a verdict. In about 15 minutes they returned into court with a verdict of guilty as charged. The defendant waived time for a sentence, and Judge Burnett fined him \$50 and costs, and committed him to jail in default of payment. His friends are this afternoon endeavoring to raise the funds to pay the fine.

The court dismissed the jurors for the term.

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Will Have No Queen

After a heated discussion and several days profound excitement it was decided yesterday at noon that Forest Grove should not be represented by a queen at the Woodmen's carnival at Portland. The two principal candidates were Miss Kate Stribbick and Miss Jennie Buxton. Miss Stribbick seems to have had the lead at the beginning, as she was amply supported by the members of the lodge. As all the tickets that were sent here were bought up in the heated contest, Mrs. Buxton, who was determined that her daughter should win, telephoned to Portland for 500 more tickets, and voted them all in the last minute for her daughter. Clerk John Anderson, however, ruled that those 500 tickets should be counted out, because Mrs.

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Buxton did not put up the money to pay for same, claiming he had \$70 on hand in favor of Miss Stribbick, that he was unable to vote, on account of absence of tickets.

After two days' wrangling over the matter, the lodge decided not to send any queen at all.

The Deadly Toy Pistol

Two Portland boys have given up their lives as a result of injuries inflicted with toy pistols in celebrating the Fourth. In each case lockjaw ensued after a few days' of suffering.

One of the unfortunate lads was Charles Wert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wert, 91 East Ninth street, North, and the other was Thomas Fairchild Struble, 30 North Twentieth street. Charles Wert, who was 12 years of age, was playing with a 22-calibre toy pistol in front of his parents' residence on the evening before the Fourth, when a portion of the wad struck the index finger of the left hand, making a slight wound. A physician was called, who extricated the particles of powder and wad, and the lad seemed to be getting on all right until Saturday, when fever overtook him, and, in spite of the best assistance that could be procured, lockjaw set in, and he passed away Monday night.

Young Struble was 14 years of age, and his death occurred on the steamer Potter, just before the boat arrived in Portland, early this morning. On July 3d he was on board the Hassalo, going to Long Beach, with his parents, and was playing with a toy pistol when a wad struck him in the palm of the left hand. At Iwaco a physician was summoned, who endeavored to extract the fragments, and little was thought of it until the boy became very sick a few days after. A physician was summoned from Portland, who stayed with him until today, but the boy grew gradually worse. In the hope of relief he was hurried to Portland, but barely lived to reach here. The lad's relatives and friends are very much shocked over his untimely taking off. He was a brother of George W. Struble, who was recently admitted to Annapolis Academy from Portland. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Physicians say that the matter of which the pistol wads is composed is very poisonous, and conducive to tetanus. Many boys have been killed by the use of the toy pistol in the United States this year, but these are the first two cases known in Portland.

Osteopathy calls mankind back to a common sense view of his life. Dr. Schoettle, Barr & Barr, Osteopaths, Grand Opera House, Salem, Ore.

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