

CORVALLIS GAZETTE

CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON

MARCH 16, 1909

GOOD DETECTIVE WORK

Chief Wells Nabs the Court- house Robbers.

Frank Clayton and George Davis, the two thieves who burglarized the vault in the treasurer's office at the courthouse here on the night of March 4, are now safely lodged in the county jail as the result of persistent and efficient work on the part of Chief of Police Wells.

When the burglary was committed it was thought that no trace had been left by the robbers, but Chief Wells, to whom Sheriff Gellatly handed over the case, found a slight clue and this he followed like a born sleuth for nearly two weeks, finally nabbing his men on the streets of Portland Saturday night and bringing them up here in irons Sunday.

Chief Wells deserves the highest praise for the really capable

manner in which he handled this case and he is deservedly gratified at its successful conclusion. With only the faintest possible clue he traced the thieves from the scene of the crime to their making off in the Occidental Mill launch and then to Woodburn where they boarded the train for Portland and then tightened the net around them there until he had them in custody.

When searched the men had in their possession two watches belonging to Mr. Berry, at Peoria, thus proving that they were the same gang who robbed the store at that place some time ago. About \$60 in money was also recovered and Chief Wells is in hopes of finding more of the plunder.