

SENTINEL COURIER OF COOPERSTOWN HAS BEEN ROBBED

**SOME BOOKS AND RECORDS AND
SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY
STOLEN—PRINTERS INK WAS
POURED ON MACHINES**

The newspaper office of the Sentinel-Courier, at Cooperstown, was broken into during the early hours of last Saturday morning, and judging from the acts committed it is difficult to determine the motive prompting this malicious piece of work. While no great loss is sustained, people on all sides are anxious to have the guilty ones apprehended in order to avoid any undue strife that seems likely to follow. One can hear all kinds of opinions expressed regarding the affair, and accusations are made that should be left unsaid. Let judgment be suspended at least until every effort is exhausted in locating the guilty ones.

Entrance to the building was made by forcing the back door, and once inside the culprits proceeded to smear things up in great shape. Lavish use was made of a pail of printer's ink, which was near enough the stove to keep it soft and permit it to flow freely. Using a ladle, ink was poured onto the magazine and keyboard of the linotype, the drum of the cylinder press and on the job press, all in the back room, and on the cash register, adding machine and two type cases in the front room. Some expense will be entailed in putting the adding machine in shape as the ink had flowed through into the inner works, which necessitated its being shipped to the factory for a thorough cleaning before it can be of service. The two type cases were rarely used. Some money and savings stamps, between \$30 and \$40, were taken from the safe, and also insurance papers and several books and records of the company. A ledger, which was lying on the adding machine and covered up with a copy of The Binford Times, was overlooked by the thieves. (Moral: If you want to cover up anything, subscribe for The Times.)

Stockholders of the company, who were in session Tuesday, stated that an audit of the company's affairs was possible with the aid of this ledger and checks which were in the bank.

Cooperstown citizens have expressed a desire to co-operate with the newspaper in having the matter cleared up.