

BOLD BURGLARY

SEVERAL HOUSES IN COURTENAY ENTERED ON SATURDAY NIGHT BY SOME OF THE BOLDEST OPERATORS IN THE STATE

Saturday night was burglar night in Courtenay. When the inhabitants arose on Sunday morning it was to learn that the town had been the scene of several burglaries during the night and some of the people have been sleeping with one eye open ever since. About two o'clock Sunday morning, as near as can be learned, burglars entered the residence of H. J. Murphy, using a skeleton key to unlock the doors, and relieved him of about ninety dollars in cash and some valuable silverware belonging to Mrs. Murphy. The family sleep upstairs and the burglars went into their bedroom and took Mr. Murphy's pants off a chair within three feet of his head and carried them down stairs and went through the pockets. Shortly after, Mr. Murphy awoke and was unable to get to sleep again, so he went down to the kitchen to get something to eat and was surprised to find his pants in the kitchen and his watch on a chair in the hall.

About four o'clock in the morning the burglars tried to gain entrance to the residence of John Syvertson, but Mrs. Syvertson happened to be awake and scared them away. About five o'clock they gained an entrance to the home of Loran Nichols but were unable to find anything to their liking. Mr. Nichols awoke shortly after and found the doors of the house all open and the house very cold but the only thing he could see they had done was to go through his coat pockets and take out some papers and letters, which they left on the floor. They were also in Mr. Gallivan's house and tried to get into Mr. Horn's house but did not succeed in this. William Whitford also had about seventeen dollars taken from his pants pocket at the hotel but whether or not it was the same fellows who took this money is not known.

There is no clue as to the guilty parties.