

The Giddings News

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Grange Store Burglarized

Burglars entered the Grange Store Thursday night of last week and stole goods amounting to at least \$1,000. Entrance was gained by using a pair of skids (used for unloading barrels of oil) and climbing up on the vault, then using the same skids and climbing on to the roof, pulling the skids after them and leaving them on the roof. They then removed two plates of glass from the skylight, and also one of the metal cross ribs which left a hole sufficiently large for them to enter. They were careful in not breaking the glass. They used a rope for lowering themselves to the floor.

They went to the flour bin, presumably in search of sacks, leaving tracks, and then a sack of coffee and a sack of rape seed were emptied on the floor, the sacks being used for carrying away the loot.

They took about twenty-five silk, linen and woolen dresses, two suits of men's clothes (from a front show window), many pairs of high grade silk hose and gloves, about one dozen Stetson hats and some of another brand, and unwrapped about twelve bolts of satin goods, leaving the boards which were in each bolt. They left the store building through a window in the office. The thieves were careful in what they took: among the silk hosiery there was a box of woolen hose which they examined but did not take. They did not take any boxes or containers which would show any marks of identification, leaving all such behind. Large rewards are offered, but as yet, no clue has been found. Robberies of a similar nature have been conducted at Taylor, Rockdale and other nearby towns, and some heavy hauls have been made from those places.