

The Sheriff's office was robbed of about \$600 Wednesday at noon. Theo. Steinhilber, acting sheriff, had been receiving taxes and left a small box containing over six-hundred dollars on his desk. The thief, who must have been well acquainted with the surroundings and the sheriff's habits, unlocked the outside door, and then pushed the jail corridor door shut so the prisoner could not see who was in the office, made a grab at the money box and escaped. He left some gold and silver in the box but got away with nearly \$600, mostly paper currency.

Otis Howell, the prisoner, thought the person entering was Mr. Steinhilber, and did not think it necessary to raise an alarm. He says someone entered the office night before. It is evident that the thief knew all about the office and had a key that fitted the outside door and had been watching his opportunity for some time. As the lock and key is of a peculiar pattern, he must have had a chance to make a duplicate of the sheriff's key.

In the excitement, Mr. Steinhilber unfortunately suspected two gentlemen from Woods. They were overtaken on their way home, brought back and searched, but released, as they are well known and respected citizens, entirely above suspicion.

A man about town is strongly suspected and will be closely watched, as his reputation is none the best, and circumstantial evidence is against him. It is generally believed he is the person who stole Judge Perrin's money and burglarized the Temperance Parlor.