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A BOLD GANG OF ROBBERS. Have Placed Their Vocation Successfully Now for Several Weeks.

The postoffice robbers who recently operated at Mainville, Picture Rocks, and several other places, are very daring and yet with all the chances they take, the outfit has so far succeeded in evading capture notwithstanding that there are at least a dozen detectives on the hunt for them.

This gang, at least it is supposed to be, last Tuesday night tortured Beville Metch at his home at Millersburg. They stole a horse and carriage and later drove to West Milton where two of them were seen in an abandoned boiler house.

It is said that all postage stamps stolen were sent to New York city where they are disposed of by a "fence." The gang usually rides freight trains and before a robbery sometimes puts up at a hotel.

The robbers work under the direction of a leader who plans all the jobs. He usually stops at the best hotels and rides passenger trains. He is described as a tall, red whiskered man and has been seen in the vicinity of Mainville upon different occasions.

WHICH PAPER?

Is the City Paper or the Country Weekly Best for Country People.

Perhaps there may be city papers, filled with worked over chaff out of the dailies, to be had for a trifle less than the subscription price of the home country weekly, but there are differences between the two that bear in an overwhelming degree in favor of the latter.

The city paper publishes little or nothing of your county news, cases tried in court, or any of the events of interest to the people of your locality. You may live the most upright life, be charitable and exemplary, and when you die, which paper sings your praise? If there is a wedding in your family, which paper pays compliments to the young couple just starting on the voyage of life? If you or your relatives engage in some enterprise, which paper makes note of the matter and gives it publicity for your benefit? If you or your friends get sick or hurt, which paper chronicles the fact? Which paper tells of your churches and schools and labors incessantly and without a tinge of proportionate recompense for the upbuilding and general welfare of your town and township and county, your granges and secret orders, and records the proceedings all around you, of your relatives and acquaintances, and overlooks family affairs that are better out of print, and does a thousand things for the good of the town and country districts? Is it the city paper or the country weekly?

Excursion Rates.

Taking effect January 1st, 1903 the Lackawanna Railroad Co. will sell excursion tickets to nearly all stations on their line. This will be another improvement that will be appreciated by the traveling public, the tickets will be good for thirty days including date of sale, stopover will not be allowed.

It appears to be conceded that the ground hog saw his shadow last week but notwithstanding the fact blue birds have already made their appearance, and this would seem to indicate that balmy spring is not far distant. It can't come too soon.

HOW'S THIS?—We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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HIRE SPECIAL TRAIN.

Senator Fairbanks Was Bound to Be on Time at an Indiana Political Meeting.

Senator Fairbanks loves to make a political speech, and is also very punctilious in keeping all the appointments he makes. During the last campaign he was scheduled to speak at Princeton, Ind. The itinerary had been supplied by the state committee, and the hour of the speech fixed for 2:30 p. m. The senator was in Indianapolis, grip-sack in hand, determined to be on the ground at the appointed hour. When the train reached Terre Haute, where he was to connect with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, he found that the connecting train had departed just ten minutes previously. There came before his vision at that moment the picture of a disappointed audience and the first break in a long record for punctuality in filling political engagements. Hurrying away to the roundhouse the senator inquired the cost of a special train to carry him from Terre Haute to Princeton. He was told that \$90 would foot the bill, and he paid over the amount and crawled into the cab with the engineer and fireman. The throttle was thrown open, and away the engine sped for Princeton. At Vincennes it overtook and passed the regular train with which the senator had hoped to connect. It was shortly after two o'clock when the senator reached Princeton and triumphantly alighted. There was no visible sign of an immediate political demonstration. The chairman of the committee met him at the train, and leisurely escorted him up town. The senator observed that he was "on time."



SENATOR FAIRBANKS. (Indiana Statesman Who Believes in Keeping Engagements.)

"Earlier than I expected," replied the chairman. "Will you go to your hotel now to remain until the meeting?" "When is the meeting?" inquired the senator. "Why, did you not know; seven o'clock to-night. I supposed the committee had advised you that the hour had been changed from afternoon until night."

But the committee had not, and therefore the senator had made an unnecessary expenditure of \$90 for a special engine for the trip.

THE GRANDMA GODDESS.

Grotesque Carved Wooden Image Which is Worshipped by the Huichols of Mexico.

One of the interesting ethnological objects collected for the American Museum of Natural History of New York by Carl Lumholtz, from northwestern Mexico, is a grotesque carved wooden image, known as "Grandmother Growth, the mother of the gods."



GRANDMOTHER GROWTH. (Unique Image Worshipped by the Huichols Indians of Mexico.)

She is the principal goddess of the Huichols Indians, who have lived in complete obscurity for thousands of years in a narrow valley in the mountains of the state of Jalisco. They are practically an unknown tribe, and Mr. Lumholtz was the first white man to visit them. They have innumerable gods and goddesses, one of the chief being "Grandmother Growth," who has the power over all the growth of vegetation.

A special god house is dedicated to her, inside of which are deposited votive offerings. Sticks of grotesque shape, with animal heads, which symbolize the age and power of Grandmother Growth, are placed in the cave as prayers for the health and long life of the children.

A curious theory is being investigated by the Paris Academy of Sciences. Human stature is supposed to be controlled by the gland in the throat under the larynx, and artificial stimulation of this gland is claimed to cause any child to grow to maximum height.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, February 16, 1903.

The President is much criticised for his action in giving out to newspapermen the sensational report that the Standard Oil Company had telegraphed numerous senators protesting against the enactment of the Nelson amendment for trusts amendment. That such telegrams were sent may have been true, although no man can be found who will acknowledge ever having seen one of them, but if there were there was nothing extraordinary in the proceeding. Whenever an important measure is before Congress senators and representatives receive hundreds of telegrams and letters protesting against the proposed law from people who believe their particular industry will be injured thereby. It is the opinion of many in Washington that a mountain has been made of a mole-hill and all for political effect.

Referring to President Roosevelt's sensational story, a prominent member of the House and one freely spoken of as the next democratic leader, said to your correspondent, "The reason for Mr. Roosevelt's unprecedented action is obvious. He appreciates that no genuine anti-trust legislation is to be enacted by the republican majority. He knows that in so far as the trusts are concerned the Nelson amendment and the Elkins bill are absolutely innocuous, but he has assured the people that anti-trust legislation would be accomplished at this session and now he wants to convince the people that he has kept his word. This he proposes to accomplish by creating the belief that the Standard Oil Company is opposed to the Nelson amendment. If there had been any real objection on the part of the Standard Oil people they would have pursued very different methods. Of course, with a large number of the people the Rockefeller story will go and they will regard it as a resident as a modern St. George valiantly destroying the trust dragon. To those who know the facts, however, the whole sensation is ridiculous."

One object has been attained by the disclosure made by the President and that is the close relation of the Speaker of the House to the trust interests. To those on the inside this has long been known but the Rockefeller story was the occasion for the Associated Press to reveal the fact that the Speaker actually drew the publicity substitute for the Nelson amendment which was favored by the attorneys of the Standard Oil Company. This amendment was urged upon the conferees but was rejected by them.

There is grave doubt in the minds of many senators and members of Congress as to the usefulness of the Elkins bill. It has been discovered that this amendment puts the inter-

state commerce act back on the same footing that it was some years ago, a footing against which the members of the commission earnestly protested. It was then claimed that by making the corporation guilty and providing only a fine, the grantor of rebates invariably entered the defense that the rebate was granted by an irresponsible clerk who was promptly discharged when his alleged fault was discovered. At the behest of the Commission the law was changed to apply to the individual who granted the rebate and imprisonment was added to the penalty. There has been no conviction under the present law for the simple reason that no genuine effort has ever been made by a republican Attorney General to secure such conviction. Now the imprisonment provision is to be stricken out and, moreover, both parties to the granting of a rebate are made equally guilty, partners in crime, whose mutual interest it will become to shield each other. Had only the recipient of a rebate been made punishable the law would have been reasonably effective as every large shipper would have feared to have placed himself at the mercy of the corporation which offered him a rebate.

The Nelson amendment, regarding which so much has been written, will amount to almost nothing. It provides for the compilation of trust statistics but for the publication of such only, as the President may direct. "Such a provision is utterly preposterous," said a democratic senator to-day. "Does it not stand to reason that no republican President will make public a statement of affairs which would be damning to his party and especially to the cardinal principle of the republican party, the policy of protection. In the first place, I do not believe

that under the provisions of the law the proposed Commissioner of statistics can obtain possession of any of the vital statistics which the people ought to know and in the second place, I am certain that if any such statistics were compiled they would never be made public as long as there was a republican in the White House."

There is no material change in the Statehood situation in the Senate. The republican leaders have gotten together and drafted a bill which they are pleased to refer to as a "compromise" proposition but which the democrats refuse to accept. The provisions of the compromise bill admit the four territories, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona as states. This is not acceptable to the residents of the territories and Senator Dabois yesterday told your correspondent that there was no hope of getting such a bill through the Senate. Mr. Dabois said that he regarded it as a grave injustice to the territories to propose such a measure and he felt confident that view was held by all of the democrats. Senator Dabois further stated that the democrats and the Statehood republicans were still determined to attach the Omnibus bill to the agricultural appropriation bill and force an extra session of Congress if necessary.

The Senate has ratified the Alaskan treaty as the result of a clever ruse. The report was spread that the Colombian treaty would be taken up next and it was known that Senator Morgan desired to debate that convention at length. This threw the opponents of the Alaskan convention off their guard and late yesterday afternoon, when most of those opponents had left the Senate, the Alaskan treaty was rushed through. An attempt was made to rush through the reciprocity treaty with Greece in the same way but was defeated by an objection from Senator Hoar. Today the Senate will meet at noon and as soon as the routine business of the day is disposed of will go into executive session for the consideration of the Colombian treaty.

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