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Sending Seed To Farmers.

The agricultural department at Washington began its annual distribution of field and garden seeds to farmers all over the country. More than a thousand tons of seed, put up in 45,000,000 packages, will be distributed at a cost to the Government of \$270,000. Each member of congress is allowed 12,500 packages of garden seeds in five varieties. In addition to this the department has an allowance of 700,000 packages, which it sends to its correspondents through the country and to state experiment station, grange associations and weather bureaus. The distribution of seeds this year exceeds that of any other previous year.

Porcupines are doing much damage to the timber on the 20,000 acre tract owned by Colonel R. Bruce Ricketts, on North Mountain, and he has engaged skilled hunters to exterminate them. They cut the bark from the trees and kill them. In three days the hunters have killed twenty-one porcupines, and one large catamount.

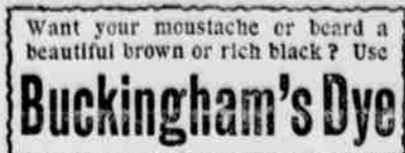
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DYING OPERATOR WIVES "I'M SHOT"

Telegrapher Slain at Lonely Signal Tower Sent Message Before Murderer Finished Crime by Beating Him With a Bar.

"I am shot; I am dying." This tragic message was received over the wire in the New York Central Railroad offices at Jersey Shore Junction at 6.30 o'clock Thursday evening. It came from Brown's tower, about three miles west of Jersey Shore, where William Clendenin, a telegraph operator, was stationed.

A few minutes later a locomotive, with an operator and an armed crew aboard was speeding up the track toward the tower. Arrived there, the truth of the startling message was revealed. Lying on the floor of the tower, by the side of the telegraph instruments, was the dead body of Clendenin. Not only had he been shot, but the murderer had made sure of his crime by battering his victim over the head with an iron bar, crushing in his skull, while Clendenin was sending his last message.

Robbery is believed to have been the motive. Clendenin received his month's pay that day and the money is missing.

Twenty minutes before the message from Clendenin was received at Jersey Shore Junction a freight train had passed Brown's tower and Conductor Witherall had entered the tower and registered. He saw a stranger there when he went in, but paid little attention to him, the man turning his head when Witherall entered. Who he was or what he was doing there is not known, but it seems probable that he is the man who committed the murder.

The bullet struck the operator in the head, and the nerve and presence of mind displayed by sending the message while he was dying is remarkable.

After the shot had been fired and while the operator's stiffening fingers was ticking off the tragic message, the murderer evidently picked up the iron bar, which was found near the body, and pounded his victim over the head with it.

The country in this vicinity of the scene of the crime is being scoured by scores of searchers for the murderer. It is believed he will be captured.

Brown's tower, where Clendenin was stationed, is in Clinton County, near the bridge where the Beech Creek Division of the New York Central crosses the river, about midway between Oak Grove and Youngdale. It is a farming community and there are no houses near the tower.

Clendenin was about 35 years old and unmarried. He lived with his mother and sister at Youngdale, about a mile west of the scene of the crime.

OTHER RAILROADMEN ATTACKED.

John Dalton, night watchman at the Philadelphia & Reading station at Girardville, was attacked at midnight last Friday night by four masked burglars and, at the pistol's point, was locked in a room while the desperadoes ransacked the place. The general belief is that these men are a part of a gang whose members killed Operator Clendenin at Jersey Shore and on the same night attacked Operator Hafer at Allenwood. Operators and railroad men are in constant fear of assault and grave danger. Men whose work calls them near the lines at night have armed themselves for protection.

John Dalton was making his rounds at Girardville and had absolutely no warning when a revolver was shoved into his face and he found himself confronted by four men. All four men were armed and masks covered their faces. His first attempts at resistance were met with violence, and after being handled in a way that showed the determination and desperation of his assailants, he was forced to give up the struggle and surrender to the robbers.

The four men then led him forcibly to the rear of the station and thrust him into a room. Binding him hand and foot, they turned the key in the lock and left him a prisoner while they entered the front of the building and began to loot the cash drawer of the ticket office and the messenger's department of the United States Express Company.

Dalton's nerve returned to him as he heard the footpads in the room above him and knew that he was alone. He began to work at

his bonds and soon had one hand free. The rest was easy. He knew that the robbers would be too intent upon their work to pay any attention to him, and so, working carefully at the window, he opened it and slipped out. He dropped to the ground and started at full speed along the tracks toward the town of Girardville, but the noise of his fall had been heard by the men in the station, and they started in pursuit.

Dalton, however, was too fleet for them. Finding that their victim was escaping, one of the men stopped, and, drawing his revolver, fired two shots at the fugitive. One of the bullets passed through Dalton's hat; the other went through his sleeve, grazing his skin.

It took only a few minutes for the watchman to reach the town, and only a few minutes more for a posse to collect and return with him to the station, but the robbers were gone and no trace of them could be found. They had secured \$15 from the cash drawer and three packages from the express room.

A man named Patrick Brennan was arrested on Saturday, and is held in the Pottsville jail.

The police propose to leave no stone unturned in this case for they believe that, in solving the mystery of Girardville, they will unearth the murder of Operator Clendenin at Jersey Shore, and the assault of Operator Hafer, at Allenwood. They unhesitatingly express the opinion that these robberies are the work of a gang and that the plans of the desperadoes are leading them into this section as a field for their crimes.

STATION ROBBED AT CLEARFIELD.

Robbers entered the passenger station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Clearfield last Saturday and with nitro-glycerine blew open the safe, but were frightened away before securing any booty. The interior of the office was wrecked.

AGENT AT ALLENWOOD ATTACKED.

A masked man at 1 o'clock last Friday morning entered the Reading station at Allenwood, greeted the operator with the stern command: "Get up; open all the keys," and enforced his demand at revolver's point. A threat of death caused Operator Murrell J. Hafer, who lives at Milton, to open the money drawer, a blow felled Hafer and chloroform placed him out of the way and likewise Benjamin Jamison, who was asleep in the waiting room, thus giving the brutal desperado opportunity to escape.

Hafer had received over the wire the startling message of Clendenin's tragic death and the information that the murderer was speeding away from the scene of the bloody crime on a freight train, having left the New York Central at Newberry Junction and boarded a train south. At 10 o'clock the Montgomery operator wired Hafer of a man failing to leave a freight at Montgomery because the train was going too rapidly. When the train, No. 58, reached Allenwood the operator saw the man jump down and vanish in the darkness. Thinking perhaps the fellow was Clendenin's slayer and that he was bound for the Pennsylvania tracks, Hafer notified the proper authorities, then resumed work.

The young operator (Hafer is 23 years old) paid no attention to footfalls he heard at about 1 o'clock until he looked up into the coldly gleaming barrel of a deadly weapon aimed at him. The robber thrust the revolver into his face and ordered him instantly to go to the money drawer. From it the masked man took \$21.89. Then without warning he grasped Hafer by the throat, felled him with a powerful blow, gagged him, and chloroformed him, having first, however, dragged the sleeping lounge in the waiting room.

Unable to "raise" Allenwood operators north and south dispatched the engines of freight No. 90, south bound, and No. 1081, north bound, to the station. No. 90 got there first and the engine men found the operator and the lounge both unconscious on the floor. The gag removed, the unconscious operator was slowly brought to consciousness and to a remembrance of the terrible ordeal he had experienced.

Detectives found \$6.59 in nickles and pennies that the robber had dropped near a fence a short distance from the station. The direction taken by him when he fled is unknown, but a search was instituted near Catawissa when it was reported that a man of his description was seen there.

A slouch hat covered the upper part of the ruffian's face; a handkerchief the lower portion, so Hafer could not describe his assailant's features. The operator says, however, that the robber was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed about 150 pounds and was wearing a dark overcoat and light trousers.

HITE OUT ON BAIL.

The Court Fixes the Amount at Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

MRS. KREBS OUT OF DANGER

On the strength of the statements of Drs. Renn and Shindel the Mrs. Krebs was out of danger and would recover, Judge Savidge, this afternoon, directed that Jacob Hite, the alleged perpetrator of the crime, be released from the county jail on bail for his appearance for court.

Attorneys Schaffer and Clement for the prisoner, made application to the court Monday morning to have their client released on bail under the act of Assembly passed in 1870. District Attorney Cummings and his associate, Walter Shipman, objected. A petition for writ of habeas corpus was then presented and made returnable by the court immediately.

Dr. P. H. Renn testified that he had seen Mrs. Krebs at the hospital at 11:30 o'clock at which time he found her pulse to be 76, temperature normal and general condition very good, with no indications of constitutional disturbances. He stated that she was able to be up and walk around and that he considered her out of danger.

Dr. Will L. Shindel testified that he had just left the patient and that she was able to sit up and that her condition was such that he considered her entirely out of danger and that she would recover.

In view of these statements Attorney Shipman made no objections to the acceptance of bail, and the amount was fixed by the court at \$1500, in addition to the \$500 furnished on the other two charges. Geo. M. Conrad, Chas. A. Conrad and W. A. Riland were accepted as bail.—Sunbury Daily, Nov. 23.

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