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A Bad Gang Broken Up.

THE PRINCIPALS IN TWENTY ROBBERIES UNDER ARREST.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., April 30.—Within the past three months more than twenty robberies have been committed at the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's freight depot in this city. Notwithstanding the vigilance of the night watchman and special police employed for the occasion, the depot has been broken into and large quantities of valuable property stolen. Freight cars standing on the siding have also been broken open and burglarized of merchandise worth hundreds of dollars. For a long time the mysterious nature of the robberies prevented the police from apprehending the guilty parties. This morning, however, Chief Police Decker with the assistance of Detective Root of Harrisburg, succeeded in capturing two of the gang and disclosing their systematic method of operations. The parties arrested are Frank Lamp, alias "Hookie," and John Conley, alias "Reddy," of Altoona, who are well known offenders to the police in all the neighboring towns. They belong to an organized band of burglars and car-breakers who made their rendezvous on Warrior Ridge, three miles west of this city, and where a large quantity of the stolen property, which they had been accumulating for months was found secreted. All the stolen property recovered was returned to the railroad company. Lamp and Conley were remanded to jail by Justice Murray, in default of bail, for their appearance at Court. The four remaining members of the gang have fled the country.

A Ghastly Find.

THE BODY OF A MAN IN A TRUNK AT THE UNION DEPOT, PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, May 1.—This evening about 6 o'clock, Baggage-master Jenkins, at the Union depot, upon bursting open a trunk, which gave out a suspicious odor, was horrified to find therein the body of a man securely bound and in an advanced state of decomposition. The face was badly discolored and bloated, and the stench was so great that it kept at a safe distance the large crowd which quickly gathered. The trunk arrived here from Chicago on the morning express, and was checked 4,171, but no person called to claim it. The baggage-master noticed a peculiar smell when it was unloaded from the train this morning, but no attention was paid to it until this evening, when the stench became unbearable. After consultation the railroad officials decided to open it and the result was the ghastly discovery.

The body, in order to get it into the trunk, had been bent almost double. Around the neck, arms and legs was a hemp cord, about one-eight of an inch in thickness, which had been drawn so tight that it had cut deep into the flesh. There was no mark of violence, and so far as could be ascertained from an outward examination the stomach was in a normal condition. The body was that of a laboring man. There was nothing on the person that would furnish any clue to his identity except an international money order in favor of Filippo Corusa for \$25.45. The order was drawn at Chicago, February 24, 1885. The coroner is holding an investigation. He is of the opinion that the remains were in the trunk at least thirty-six hours.

Robbed by a Tramp.

CHICAGO, April 30.—The Louisville express arrived about three hours late this morning. Shortly before the train should have reached Bloomington last night, a man having the appearance of

a tramp entered the express car from the smoking car, armed with a heavy hickory stick. In the express car were George K. Davis, the express manager, and Peter Weber, the baggage man. He struck Weber on the head felling him, while Davis ran for his revolver. Before he could reach it the man hit him also, and then taking away the revolver, shot him in the head. He then made the baggage man open the safe and take out the money. The tramp then pulled the bell-cord and stopped the train, but first fired at Weber, striking him in the forehead. Weber succeeded in reaching the smoker and gave the alarm, but the solitary robber had disappeared in the darkness. The alarm was not given until the train reached Bloomington, when a search began. The amount stolen is not known, but exceeds \$12,000. Davis has since died.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 30.—The American Express officials are unable to say how much money was in the safe robbed last night, but think there is not much lost. As near as can be got at, Davis had only about \$400, in his care when he left this city. The agent at New Albany says he sent out \$1,300 by Davis from that place. How much was picked up by him at way stations cannot be said, but is not probable the amount will exceed \$100. The officials feel very bad over the murder of Davis, as he was one of the most popular and efficient messengers in their employ.

Soldiers Orphan Schools.

Superintendent of Instruction Higbee announces that the orphan school vacation this year will begin July 10 and close August 31. The state superintendent and Inspector Sayers will conduct all the examinations. The examinations will take place on the following dates: Uniontown, May 18; Mercer, May 20; Dayton, May 22; Mountjoy, May 26; White Hall, May 27; McAllisterville and Loysville, May 28; Chester Springs, May 29; Mansfield, June 1, Hartford, June 5, and Soldiers' Orphan institute, June 17. An invitation will be extended the governor to be present at as many of the examinations as his official duties will permit. Commander Curtin, department of Pennsylvania Grand Army of the Republic and staff are cordially invited to attend as many of the examinations as will suit their convenience.

The superintendents of schools and principals of state normal schools will take part in the examinations held in their respective districts. An exhibition of industrial skill and military drill form a feature of the examinations. The authorities of the several schools are requested to invite especially the presence of superintendents, directors and teachers of common schools, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, old soldiers and sailors, members of the legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of education conducted in these schools.

Searched Like Criminals.

GREENSBURG, N. Y., April 30.—One of the scholars in the public school claimed, a few days ago to have lost some money from his pocket. Mr. Jolly, the principal, left the school and returned with Justice Slade and a policeman. The Justice advised searching the children, and directed the female teacher to search the girls. The boys were taken into another room and searched by the policeman. The search was so thorough that nearly all the clothing was removed from the girls and boys. The lost money however, was not found. These proceedings have aroused a storm of indignation. One man tried to induce others to join him in presenting Jolly with a coat of tar and feathers. Others say they will take legal proceedings against Jolly and Justice Slade.

In Favor of Water Works.

HUNTINGDON, April 30.—At an election held to day, to decide on the question of water works on a proposition made by Peter Herdic to furnish the town with forty hydrants at a rental of \$1,600 a year, the vote was almost unanimous for water. Surely after this emphatic demand by the citizens the borough fathers will not hesitate to push the matter along. Fogysm has had its day in Huntingdon, and a brilliant future awaits the ancient borough.

A Lady's Perfect Companion.

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VALUABLES IN TRUST.

With the approach of summer begins the accumulation in the vaults of the safe deposit companies of great piles of family silvers-plate, jewelry and valuable property and papers which the householders about to depart on their vacation fears to leave at home, trusting to the vigilance of the police.

We have now in our vaults," said Safe Superintendent Clark, of the Fidelity Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Company, yesterday, "some four thousand packages, value of which I could not begin to calculate. For I don't know what they are really worth. People who leave their property in our charge rarely assess them at their full value, so thoroughly do they feel convinced of their absolute safety. Lately we have added a new precaution in the shape of a shock for the possible sneak-thief."

"Do you have visits from sneak-thieves?"

"We have had some. For instance, you are coming to visit your property. As you enter the gate to the vaults you pass the gatekeeper, who recognizes you by the password. With you enters a well-dressed man who has just accosted you with a simple remark about the weather, to which you have replied in the same simple manner and the gatekeeper, thinking he is a friend of yours allows him to go by with you. While you are examining, say some coupon bonds, your supposed friend brushes a document on to the floor apparently accidentally. In your excess of politeness you pick it up without looking at it and ask him if it is his. He replies that it is, thanks you, walks off as if on other business and might escape from the building before you could give the alarm. But the gate is closed and can only be opened on the outside and only on receipt of the password. This gate is also one of our protections against mobs."

"Mobs?"

PREPARED FOR MOBS.

"Yes, indeed. An organized mob could break into the building as far as that point. But when that door is closed I can direct a current of electricity through its steel bars sufficient to kill a man instantly. By the time it was broken down our safe doors would be closed and bolted and then we wouldn't care for any mob. What do people deposit with us? Oh, well, it would be difficult to say. We don't ask what are the contents of their trunks. We do not take furniture. I wish we did. I would like to make arrangements so that when a family are going abroad or out of town, they should give us notice and we would undertake the packing and transporting to our vaults or our ware-rooms the complete house contents. Then when the family are coming back, they should let us know and we would replace everything as we found it. Of course it would be a great undertaking, but it is only a small increase of duty and responsibility after all. Perhaps it may be interesting to you to know that the finding on the desks, tables and floor during 19 years amount to nearly \$6,000,000, all through the carelessness of safe-renters. With the exception of an inconsiderable amount of bonds, coupons and money, as well as a diamond necklace and a few watches, the whole of this large amount has been restored to its rightful owners."

"We receive for safe-keeping," said John J. Gilroy, secretary of the Guarantee Company, "valuables of all descriptions, such as coupons, registered and other bonds, deeds, mortgages, coin plate, bullion, jewelry, clothing and other personal effects, assuming all liabilities. And I can assure you that our deposits are of the most varied description. We have a most perfect system of identification by which it is almost impossible for any but the right owner to obtain possession of the property entrusted to our charge. We have first of all a guarantee delivered to the owner and a password known only to the owner or such a person or persons as he may choose to tell it to. Then we have as complete a description as possible of the owner and we require him to sign his name.

IDENTIFYING A DEPOSITOR.

"Here is an example in point. A short while ago a lady came here and asked for certain property. She produced the guarantee and gave the password. I thought I recognized the face but still I did not feel altogether satisfied in my mind about it. I got our description book and then put this singular question to her:

"You are not so old now as you were when you deposited this property; can you explain this?"

"Oh yes, she replied; 'it was my mother, but she is sick in bed so she gave me the password and asked me to do her business for her.'

"Of course that accounted for the strong likeness which had struck me at first. However, I had to tell her that unless she produced an order, correctly and fully filled out by her mother, I could not give her admission to the vault."

In both of these companies' buildings

watchmen patrol night and day, fully armed, and their faithful performance of their duties is insured by detectors and electric time clocks. In a thousand and one unlooked for and unexpected places alarms, police calls and apparatus for severely punishing those impudent enough to lay their hands where they should not be, are hidden. Fire is combated on the principle that prevention is better than cure by a method of heating by steam generated by boilers under the street and isolated from the main buildings.—Philadelphia Times.

A Paradise For Lazy Men.

WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE BORN TIRED AND CAN LIVE ON 75 CENTS A WEEK

[N. Y. Sun.]

Key West has, without exception, the finest climate in the United States. There is always a breeze and rarely a gale, and you may wear a straw hat with propriety every day in the year. It is solely due to the monumental sluggishness of the population that Key West is almost unknown to the tourist and health-seeker. Key West is reached by steamers from New York, from New Orleans, and by a mail steamer from Tampa Bay. The key has about as much shape as a camel, but in a general way lies east and west, and contains about six square miles. It is as flat as pan cake, the highest point being sixteen feet above mean sea level. To the casual visitor it looks as though the sea particularly in a storm, would submerge this insignificant rise; but it is a matter of record that it never has. The city proper covers the western end of the key. It is densely settled, and about un-American as possible, bearing a strong resemblance to a West Indian town. The houses are of wood, plainly built, and with a few exceptions, painted white. There are, I think, only three brick buildings, certainly not more than six. Piazzas abound, and occasionally some lattice work is seen, but there is no attempt at decoration or display. Many of the business houses have no signs, and there is a general air of don't care-whether-I-see-or-not about the shops. The houses are of all sizes, jumbled up in the oldest way, and anywhere but the line of the street. The interior of each block is filled up with one story shanties, access to which is had by going up alleys, through fences, or over somebody else's yard. The population being 14,000, land is precious. Lots are divided and subdivided, and houses built in yards and gardens are wedged in here, there, and everywhere, facing sixteen ways for Sunday. Where there is no room for a house they build a stable or a pig pen, and sprinkle chickens around in the corners. The richest people do not disdain to thus add from \$2 to 6 a month to their income, although it destroys their privacy and disfigures their grounds.

The streets are of good width, tolerable length and passably clean. The roadway is coral rock. There is no soil. What passes for soil is merely triturated coral, wonderfully rich in phosphates, and making an excellent fertilizer, but, by itself, deficient in fat. To garden you must use a pick instead of a hoe. No vegetables are raised on the key, and the vegetation is confined mainly to coconut trees. Here and there you will find a pine or an oleander, a star of India, or a royal poinciana but the main tree is a criminal lack of foliage. The nature of the population is thus shown. The key has been settled for fifty years; every tropical or semi-tropical tree, shrub or flower known to man has but to be planted to grow, and the city is bare, hot, and verdureless.

The white houses, without a vine or climbing flower, the dazzling streets, without a tree and with no sidewalks—dusty and glaring wherever you look—it is enough to make you wish for a hurricane to stir the city's blood. Yet, to the student of sociology, the explanation is plain. The population is to blame, and the climate makes the population.

The colored folks drive the drays and hacks, act as porters and stevedores, and do the bulk of the heavy sitting around. Everybody takes a turn at the latter work, however and the whole community offers to the historian the most striking example of people, born tired. It is an edifying spectacle to Northern eyes to see a native of Key West going on an errand or doing a piece of work. Usually he moves like a snail. If you are not particular you can live for 75 cents a week. A stick of sugar cane costs only 5 cents, bananas and oranges can be hooked from the auctioneers, hominy is cheap, and a string of fish can be caught from any wharf. For a shelter there is little need, save to keep off the rain, and it needs not a house to do that. What a country for tramps! What a climate for the poor!

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