

THE LAW OF HEREDITY.

Young Jesse James Seems to be Following in the Foot-steps of His Father.

THE NOTORIOUS GANG.

Sons of a Baptist Minister They Developed an Amazing Capacity for Crime.

Holding Up Railroad Trains and Bank Robbing Their Specialty—Allowed Nothing to Stand in Their Way—Their Adventure With the Guileless Cashier of a County Fair.

The dominating power of heredity over the individual is once more forcibly illustrated by the arrest in Kansas City, of Jesse James, Jr., for the alleged participation in the holdup and robbery of a Missouri Pacific express train.

Not yet has the elder generation of the public forgotten the criminal exploits of the famous "James Boys," respectively, and father and the uncle of Jesse, Jr., who for a quarter of a century headed a gang of train robbers and bandits that terrorized the Southwest.

They were the sons of a respectable Baptist minister. The father went to California in 1849 and died there in 1851, driven away from home, it is said, by his wife, from whom the sons seem to have inherited their deviltry.

The latent evil in them was brought out by the war. Early in 1861 Frank James, who had just reached his majority, joined Quantrell's band of guerrillas, in which he soon became noted for ferocious daring.

Jesse joined a year later, and soon eclipsed his brother and all other members of that gang of murderers and cutthroats, masquerading as soldiers.

Both brothers participated in the sacking and burning of Lawrence, Kan., when nearly every male inhabitant was ruthlessly murdered, and in the massacre at Centra, Mo., where, after the village itself had been plundered, the guerrillas waylaid an east-bound train, robbed the passengers and killed thirty-two sick soldiers en route for the St. Louis hospitals.

beside fifty members of a company of Iowa volunteers, who had hurried to the rescue.

When the war ended the State became too hot to hold the guerrillas. Jesse James, with a congenial spirit named George Shepherd, fled to Texas, while Frank followed the fortunes of Quantrell into Kentucky, where he escaped by the merest accident from being in the fight when Quantrell was mortally wounded and his band exterminated.

Comparatively little is known of the Jameses, except a personal adventure or two, from this time until 1868. In that year they began the life which made them famous as bank and train robbers.

Early in the spring Jesse James, accompanied by "Cole" Younger, "Al" and George Shepherd and "Jim" White, dashed into Russellville, Ky., and robbed the bank of \$14,000. Part of the party entered the bank, while the others remained outside and began a fusillade up and down the street to prevent the approach of help.

Accomplishing their object, the robbers rode away, and, though vigorously pursued, escaped.

One of their most daring atrocities was committed at Kansas City in the autumn of 1872. The County Agricultural Fair was going on, when three men were seen to ride up to the gate of the grounds. They were well mounted and wore long linen dusters and wide-brimmed hats.

On reaching the gate one dismounted, handing his bridle reins to his comrades. He approached the ticket office, and, looking through the window, said to the cashier:—"If I was to say I was Jesse James, and told you to hand out that tin box of money, what would you say?"

"I'd say I'll see you in—first," was the contemptuous reply.

"Well, that's just who I am—Jesse James—and you had better hand it out pretty quick, or I'll"—and the rest of the sentence was finished by levelling a huge navy revolver at the cashier.

The box was handed out with its contents of \$10,000. Jesse remounted, and the three desperadoes began firing their pistols, and hurriedly rode off. The alarm became general, and almost immediately a pursuing party was organized, but with no results.

Train and stage robberies followed the bank robberies. In many of their murderous exploits members of the gang were killed or caught, but such was the terror inspired by the Jameses that for more than ten years during which a price was set on their heads no one was found to earn the money by betraying them.

The offer of these sums led to the killing of Jesse James in April, 1882, by Robert Ford, a lad of twenty, who was in collusion with the detectives, but who had been accepted as a promising recruit by the unsuspicious bandit.

Frank James a few months later gave himself up, was tried and was acquitted on successive charges of robbery and murder in the teeth of the plainest evidence, but amid the plaudits of a Western assemblage. He then settled down in his father-in-law's home in Independence, Mo. In the fall of 1896 he accepted a position as special messenger on an express train, his duty being no other than that of meeting train robbers at their own game.

Nearly \$5,000,000 worth of patent medicines are exported from England each year.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, Dec. 29.

Howard J. Reeder, Judge of the Pennsylvania superior court, died at Easton, aged 55.

The Island of Guam, just acquired by the United States as a naval station, will have a naval governor.

It is reported that W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., now a Harvard student, will marry Miss Virginia Fair, of California. Mrs. Kate Adams died in New York from poison sent through the mails as a gift to a friend, labeled "bromo seltzer."

When the Americans went to take possession of Iloilo, in the Philippines, they found the insurgents had already captured the place.

Harry F. Bailey, cashier of the Colebrook (N. H.) National bank, is under arrest for robbing the bank of \$35,000. The bank has suspended.

Rev. Sam Small, the evangelist, now an army chaplain, declares that he will advocate the abolition of army chaplains as a useless expense.

At a district school near Clare, Ia., Harry Garvey killed the school teacher, Miss May Thomas, and then killed himself. She had killed him.

M. Claude Philibert de Corcelles, formerly secretary of the French legation at Washington, and a grandson of Lafayette, died in Paris, aged 96.

Friday Dec. 30.

A floating quarantine station, to cost \$70,000, is to be built at Philadelphia for Havana harbor.

The entire board of directors of the Moran (Kan.) bank are in jail, charged with violating the banking law.

The Cubans in Havana had expended \$10,000 for an evacuation celebration which was prohibited by General Brooke.

Frank Jay Gould, the youngest son of the late Jay Gould, paid \$20,000 for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

Arrangements have been perfected for bringing home the bodies of soldiers buried in Cuba, Porto Rico and Manila.

C. A. Boeler, a Wells-Fargo express employe at San Antonio, Tex., went to deliver a \$60,000 money package. He has disappeared with the money.

Saturday, Dec. 31.

Ex-Governor Merriam, of Minnesota, is mentioned as ambassador to Russia. The domestic letter rate from Canada to the United States has been reduced to two cents.

An army board will investigate the "embalmed beef" controversy between Generals Miles and Eagan.

Frank Biassington, aged 16, and his brother Joseph, aged 12, were drowned at Rock Falls, Conn., while skating.

The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company has started to raise the sunken Reina Mercedes in Santiago harbor.

R. G. Dun's review of trade says the year 1898 far surpassed all others in financial and industrial results. New York is now the center of the world's financial power.

Monday, Jan. 2.

A revolution has broken out in Bolivia and Ecuador is much disturbed.

Six Finnish mine laborers fell 500 feet to death down a mine shaft at Ishpeming, Mich.

The Louisville Courier-Journal nominates Dewey and Lee for president and vice president on the Democratic ticket.

The American liner Paris brought to New York the crew of the British tank steamer Vindobala, wrecked in mid-ocean.

An American lady in Rome has presented the pope with a magnificent gold snuffbox, studded with diamonds, and containing a check for \$50,000.

A New York newspaper sent a \$5,000 check to Emperor William, with a request that he write his views of the Spanish-American war. The check was returned.

Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Ottawa, Canada, voted to continue running street cars on Sunday.

Dr. Charles F. Gillou, ex-surgeon U. S. N., died in New York, aged 85.

The condition of Hon. Nelson Dingley of Maine, who is ill with pneumonia at Washington, is favorable.

British authorities have issued a warrant for the arrest of M. Zola, on the request of the French government.

In Paris it is asserted that Dreyfus was en route to France, but was taken back to his prison home to avert disorders.

The Georgia commission appointed for the purpose has located nearly 22,000 Confederate graves in the northern States.

The lower house of the Delaware legislature has deadlocked over organization, the Addicks and anti-Addicks factions being unable to agree.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Flour firm; winter superfine, \$2.25; city mills, extra, \$2.50; Rye flour quiet, but steady, at \$3.10 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat steady, but dull; No. 2 mixed, January, 75¢; No. 2 white, 75¢; No. 2 mixed, old, 43¢; do. do., new, 43¢; do. do., yellow, new, for local trade, 43¢; Oats scarce and firm; No. 2 white and No. 2 white clipped, 25¢; Hay steady; choice timothy, \$1.50 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, \$18.50; Pork firm; mess, \$9.75; Butter firm; western creamery, 15¢; do. factory, 12¢; Eggs, 21¢; Imitation creamery, 12¢; New York dairy, 13¢; do. creamery, 12¢; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 25¢; do. wholesale, 24¢; Cheese firm; large, white and colored, 19¢; small do., 11¢; light skims, 7¢; part do., 6¢; full do., 2¢; Eggs strong; New York and Pennsylvania, 25¢; western, fresh, 20¢; southern, 24¢.

Baltimore, Jan. 3.—Flour quiet; western superfine, \$2.25; do. extra, \$2.50; do. family, \$2.50; winter wheat, patent, \$3.75; spring do., \$3.75; spring wheat, straight, \$3.50; do. wheat easy; spot and month, 75¢; February, 75¢; No. 2 mixed, 75¢; No. 2 white, 75¢; do. southern, by sample, 75¢; do. on grade, 75¢; Corn weak; spot, month and February, 41¢; do. steam mixed, 38¢; do. southern, white, 29¢; do. yellow, 29¢; Oats firm; No. 2 white, 24¢; No. 2 mixed, 22¢; Rye firm; No. 2 nearby, 50¢; No. 2 western, 41¢; Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, \$1.50; Grain freight quiet; limited demand for steamers; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 4d.; January; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 2s. 6d.; 3d. January; 3s. 6d. February. Sugar steady; granulated, 5.08; Butter steady; fancy creamery, 22¢; do. imitation, 17¢; do. lard, 13¢.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Senate Adopts a Resolution For Adjournment on April 30.

Harrisburg, Jan. 4.—There were the usual scenes and incidents at the opening session yesterday of the house of representatives. The house was called to order shortly after 12 o'clock by Chief Clerk Rex, Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin was introduced, after prayer by Chaplain Sangree, and presented the certificates of election of the members. The list was read and the roll called, after which the members presented themselves at the bar and were sworn in by John R. Farr, of Lackawanna, was elected speaker by the full Republican vote of 127, the Democrats voting for Mr. Cressy, Jere B. Rex, of Huntingdon, was re-elected chief clerk and A. D. Fetterolf, of Montgomery, resident clerk. Henry Huhn, of Philadelphia, was reappointed speaker's clerk. The other officers and employes will not be announced before next week.

The usual committees were appointed and then a recess was taken until 4 o'clock, when the biennial message of Governor Hastings was read. Then the house adjourned until today.

The opening session of the senate was brief. Judge Simonon, of the local court, administered the oath of office to the new senators. Senator William P. Snyder, of Chester, the choice of the Republicans, was elected president over H. W. Haines (Dem.), of York, by 34 to 12. The other officers elected were: Chief clerk, E. W. Smiley, Venango; journal clerk, John M. Rheas, Cumberland; reading clerk, J. A. Leeds, Philadelphia; sergeant-at-arms, S. B. Cochran, Armstrong.

The senate then adjourned until 3:15 o'clock, and on reassembling listened to the reading of the governor's message. A number of recess appointments by the governor were read and ordered to lie on the table. The senate adopted a joint resolution providing for final adjournment of the legislature on April 30.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 4.—While skating on the Juniata river, near Alexandria, this county, Alfred Jones, aged 20, and Morris Knight, aged 15, broke through the ice and were drowned.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 3.—A cutter containing Dr. A. J. Kolb, a prominent South Scranton physician, and Jacob Kaestner, a bartender, was struck by a northbound Delaware and Hudson passenger train on the Elm street crossing last night. Kaestner was injured so badly that he cannot recover. The physician was seriously hurt, but his condition is not critical.

Phillipsburg, Dec. 31.—Perry Jones, of this place, for many years cashier of the Phillipsburg Banking company, and since the founding of the First National bank of Phillipsburg, cashier of that institution, committed suicide last night by shooting himself. One bullet entered the stomach and the other entered near the heart. Business worry succeeding a run on the bank caused the act.

Harrisburg, Jan. 3.—Dimmer Beeber, of Philadelphia, was yesterday appointed by Governor Hastings to the vacancy on the superior court bench created by the death of Judge Howard J. Reeder, of Easton. Mr. Beeber came to Harrisburg yesterday afternoon from Philadelphia and received the commission from the hands of the executive. He met the governor by appointment at the executive mansion, and after receiving the commission he took the oath of office. Colonel B. Frank Gilkeson, commissioner of banking, who was not offered the judgeship, tendered his resignation to Governor Hastings.

Norristown, Dec. 31.—William Usher, a farmer residing near King of Prussia, was found dead entangled in the shafts of his wagon late last night. He was 57 years old and served a meat route. When the team returned to his home last night no particular attention was paid at first to it. After he had delayed an unusual length of time before going indoors his wife discovered his body entangled in the shafts with his head upon the ground. The head was beaten into an unrecognizable mass by the continued kicking of the horses' feet. He had been dead for some time. It is supposed that he died from apoplexy and fell forward.

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—J. L. Davis, an engineer on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, while passing a water tank at New Waterford, O., was struck on the head by a piece of pipe which projected from the tank. The force of the blow knocked him from his seat in the cab. His scalp was torn from his right eye to the base of his skull. There was no member of the crew who was about to take his place, and he pluckily bound up the wound with a bunch of waste and resumed his position at the throttle. Weakened and almost blinded by the pain the engineer kept the train on its course and reached Alliance on time. Then he dropped unconscious.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 31.—A surface cavein caused a rush of quicksand into No. 2 slope of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Wanamie yesterday afternoon. Two hundred men were at work at the time, but all succeeded in making their immediate escape but eight. Two hours later five of the eight made their way through the sand, and shortly before 7 o'clock last evening the remaining three men came to the surface. The names of the three men who were entombed for over five hours are: William Williams, a miner; Henry Brown, driver, and Joe Zeloski, laborer. They escaped to one of the breasts till the cave settled, and then crawled through the sand to the foot of the slope. The air current was not cut off, and the men were apparently none the worse from their experience.

Death of Ex-Judge Brewster.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 31.—F. Carroll Brewster, formerly a judge of the common pleas court of Philadelphia, and attorney general of the state under Governor Geary, died yesterday in this city, while on his way to Florida, where he was going to recuperate after an attack of the grip. Mr. Brewster on Wednesday last made a speech at the Philadelphia Republican conference, in which he nominated City Solicitor Kinsey for the city solicitorship. At this conference Mr. Brewster, while making an able speech, appeared to be ill, and after the convention adjourned took the train for Florida, but was obliged to stop at Charlotte owing to a severe turn in his health for the worse.



COMMON SENSE DAIRYING.

The Way to Make That Part of Your Farm Yield a Good Profit.

The basis of profitable dairying is a herd of high grade cows. Next, the bull used should be of the same breed and have an unquestioned ancestry of merit and feeding for the cows and wise handling of the butter. Dairy cows should be stabled at night and on cold and stormy days, with plenty of bedding for warmth and cleanliness. A feed of ten pounds of clover hay and ten pounds of shredded corn-stalks, with what unshredded stalks they will eat clean from the rack, is enough rough food for the average cow per day. A daily feed of grain consisting of five pounds of wheat bran and five pounds of corn and cob meal ground fine, will bring good results. The quantity of food is not arbitrary, as some cows will require more and some less. Water twice a day. With the milk use a separator, a tester and scales, and dispose of, as unprofitable, every cow that does not come up to the standard under these tests. Raise the heifer calves to increase the herd. Pack the butter product carefully and have it of a quality that will command attention in the market. Mark it so that those who buy may know where it comes from and they will soon get in the habit of asking for it. Then the dairy will be found a most profitable part of the farm.

Hints About Milking.

Always confine cows in the stable to be milked. It is better than having them chase one another around the yard.

Have the stable clean and have the cow clean or you can't get clean milk. Lime and whitewash for walls and posts is a good thing. Land plaster is a good absorbent in the stable.

Before commencing to milk, brush all loose dirt from the sides and udder of the cow.

After a little manipulation of the teats and udder, the milk is ready to "come down." Then is the time to take it and do not delay.

Milk as rapidly as possible without irritating or worrying the cow.

No definite rule can be given as to how the teats should be handled in milking, as cows differ and hands differ so much; but be sure of one thing—please the cow if possible.

There should always be a friendly feeling between the cow and the milker, and milkers should not be changed if it can be avoided.

A cow will not "give down" her milk to a milker she hates or is afraid of, and what she does give will be deficient in butter fat.

New Use for Skim Milk.

A new product—a simple by-product—of the dairy is the manufacture of sizing to be used by the manufacturers of paper, to put the glazing on paper of fine quality. The practice heretofore in accomplishing this purpose has been to use a superior grade of glue with other compounds, but it has now been satisfactorily ascertained that a much better and cheaper sizing is obtainable from skim milk. So trustworthy is the article in this application that a five-year contract is said to have been made by one concern to furnish the liquid to some large paper manufacturers. The skim milk to be used in this way is put in a vat, treated with chemicals, and heated until curd is formed, the curd then being washed, pressed and conveyed to the headquarters plant; here it is ground fine and put in a large and improved drying kiln, where it is dried in about twelve hours, then bagged and is ready for shipment.

Binding Corn Fodder.

Corn fodder that is cut and left standing in the field is often greatly damaged because of the loose way in which the shocks are bound. A handy and effective way to draw the shock together for tying is to take a strap and fasten an iron ring two or three inches in diameter to one end. By putting the strap around the shock near the middle and running the free end through the ring, the shock can be brought to its smallest compass and held there while additional layers are being put on. There is little difficulty in keeping fodder which is well tied, and this method insures tight, compact shocks that will stand wind and storm.

Value of Milk.

The value of milk to a farmer who is producing milk for the profit there is in it, is measured by the difference between its cost of production and the income from its sale or use. It is a fortunate thing for the ambitious dairyman that some of the most important conditions which influence the cost of producing milk and affect its value when disposed of, are under his control. The dairyman who allows as few of them as possible to work against him is bound to succeed.

Breeding Sows.

When you select your breeding sows see that they are well developed, good feeders and thrive well on their food. This indicates a good constitution and good digestion, excellent qualities to be transmitted to their offspring.

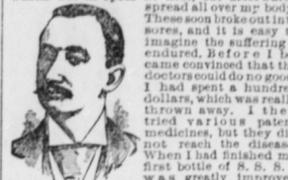
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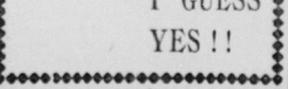
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