

SUCIDE OF A RAT.

This Small Animal the Heavy Villain of a Little Tragedy.

A DOCTOR'S STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

The Bloodthirsty Rodent Makes Nightly Attacks for Revenge.

LIVE NEWS FROM THE THREE STATES

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

BEAVER FALLS, Jan. 25.—Dr. T. J. Ritchie, one of the rising young physicians of this place, has had an experience with a rat for the past week which he will not likely forget for some time to come.

For some time past he has been experimenting on rats, dogs, cats and other animals for the purpose of studying the process of digestion. He would take the animals, place them under the influence of chloroform and then, after cutting them open and noting the working of the intestines, would sew up the wound, anoint it with a healing salve and let them go.

Last Saturday he captured a large rat, placed it under the influence of the anesthetic and to his great surprise discovered that the animal was one he had previously operated upon. Just as he turned to his case, the necessary instrument with which to again cut the rat open, it revived suddenly and, springing from the table, ran along the floor, sprang into the open fireplace and escaped up the chimney.

The Rat Keeps Up Its Attacks. There was no fire in the grate and the rat's retreat was made in safety. The doctor, thinking the animal would pop out of the top of the chimney, ran out on the street to look for it, but no rat appeared.

That night, as the lay asleep, he was awakened by a sharp pain in his finger, and upon opening his eyes saw the rat that had escaped from him in the afternoon scamper off the bed and up the chimney again. He examined his finger and found it badly bitten. He washed and bound up the wound, and again went to sleep, only to be again awakened by the same rat biting his nose. He closed his eyes, but got little rest that night, for the rat kept attacking him, and when he would attempt to kill it it would take refuge in the chimney.

The next night, and for every night afterward until last night, the rat prevented him from sleeping by its persistent and bloodthirsty attacks. He stuffed up the grate, but the animal always managed to get out of the chimney. He left the door of the room open, but it would not leave the premises. He set a trap for it, but it would not be trapped until last evening, when, upon examining the trap, he found the rodent safely ensconced inside.

The Rodent Commits Suicide. When he saw the doctor it showed every sign of the greatest terror, and when he put the rat on the table and brought out his bottle of chloroform and sponge it gave a despairing squeak, tore savagely at its abdomen with its sharp teeth, until the wound, only imperfectly healed from the former operation, burst open. Its blood gushed out and the poor animal rolled over, dead. It had committed suicide rather than submit to a second operation.

The doctor shows a number of wounds on his hands and face to bear witness to the savage tactics which the rodent resorted to in its desperate attempt to escape from the doctor's hands. He is now recovering from his operation.

FUT BULLS IN HIS RIVAL. Attack by One Man Upon Another in Their Lady Love's Presence.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. Mr. PERRYMAN, Jan. 25.—This town was much stirred up last evening by a shooting match between two young men who are suitors for the hand of the same young lady. Miss Lillie Wait received a call from Edward Davis, whom, it is thought, she preferred, and later in the evening, Irving Morrow, the other principal suit, in an appearance. The gentleman sat on either side of the maiden, and they well for, for a while until they quarreled over her.

Morrow started for Davis and was about to strike, when the latter drew a 32-caliber revolver. Morrow threw up his left hand and brought down a bullet, closely followed by the other, which struck Morrow in the left side and two more in the left leg. A physician was called who extracted the bullets and said the wounded man could not live. Morrow himself up and will likely be taken to jail at Greenock. Miss Wait is a responsive young lady and was staying with her sister when the shooting took place. Morrow formerly resided here but recently moved to Dunbar, where Davis' home is at this place.

WOMEN STUDENTS IN LUCK. While Preparing for Business They Receive a Welcome Legacy.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ZANESVILLE, O., Jan. 25.—Two young lady students of the business college received word yesterday that by the will of their great grandfather, whose death Mrs. J. J. occurred, they are each bequeathed \$20,000.

The beneficiaries are Mrs. Casey and her sister, Miss Minnie Walker, of Vienna. They are not at present very well off in this world's goods, but some time ago concluded to expend a large part of what they possessed in acquiring an education for business, and came here the first of the year to take the shorthand course in the college.

As might be supposed from the names, one of the young ladies is a widow. Their mother, an old soldier and was formerly postmaster at Vienna. Their means were very limited when they arrived here, and determined to exhaust their resources any faster than was necessary, they took pleasant apartments and had been doing their own housekeeping. Their heads have not been turned by their sudden good fortune, however, they intend to continue the study of shorthand, and will remain here until the term is completed.

CAUGHT AFTER MANY MONTHS. Nick Clapper Arrested for Shooting a Massillon Postman.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. MASSILLON, Jan. 25.—A desperate encounter took place on the streets of this city at an early hour on the morning of May 7, last, between Postmen Hagan and Eric and two masked burglars, who had been surprised by the officers. Eighteen shots were exchanged, Hagan being shot in the leg, Mike Moran, the burglar who shot Hagan, was shot at the time, and is now serving a 12-year sentence. His partner, but the wounded officer never halted in his determination to capture him.

Patent investigation satisfied Hagan that the man he wanted was a crook named Nick Clapper, whose home is in Wooster. At noon yesterday, Frank Miller, who knows Clapper, saw him at the Post. He was locked up, and was to-day positively identified by Officer Eric as the man who was wanted. Proof is also to be had that he was in the city on the night of the shooting and had paid for a room in a hotel which he had not occupied. Clapper will be arraigned for shooting with intent to kill.

ATTACKED BY A BURGLAR. Mrs. Russell, of York, Overcome in a Midnight Encounter.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. YORK, Jan. 25.—The house of W. G. Russell, on West street, was entered by a burglar early yesterday morning. Mrs. Russell, who was alone, was awakened by a noise in another room. She arose and found a man with a revolver in his hand. The burglar made a plunge at Mrs. Russell and grasped her by the throat. He was the stronger and choked her until she was too weak to continue to struggle. Mrs. Russell was awakened by the noise and appeared on the scene, but not before the burglar had flown with \$200 money. Mrs. Russell describes the man as being 5 feet 4 inches in height, with a light mustache, and that he wore dark, smooth overcoat and a peaked cap. Both the front and back doors were open, the former having been picked. Mrs. Russell has been ill for some time, and to-day was greatly prostrated on account of her encounter with the burglar. This is the third time a burglar's presence has been entered since their coming to this city.

RIGHT OF THE STATE TO LEASE. A Suit in Ohio of Importance to Oil Producers.

AN ECONOMICAL MEASURE.

Senator Neeb Explains Why He Wants Murderers Hung in the Penitentiary—To Avoid Hanging and Keep Away the World People.

WEST VIRGINIA DYNAMITE.

The Residents of Bluefield Terrorized by Several Explosions.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 25.—The fourth instance in which houses in this vicinity have been blown up by dynamite, occurred here last night. Wednesday night the dwelling of Mr. Rosen was demolished, and several persons in it at the time were injured by flying fragments, none seriously, however. Thursday night a fearful explosion occurred under the house owned and occupied by James Collins. At the moment of the explosion the family were eating supper, and fortunately all were in one room which was not so badly wrecked as the others. They were all frightened, but none of the members of the family were injured. The same night the large stone building of Moses Henry was partially wrecked, though in this case, no one was in the building.

Last night an unknown dwelling was torn almost to pieces by an unknown dynamite bomb. The people of this place are completely terrorized, and fear to go to bed at night, because it will be their turn next. The object of the persons trying to destroy fortunes and lives is not known, but the houses which are destroyed are quiet, peaceable, and orderly citizens, with no enemies. It is thought to be the work of some party, and that a mass of boys have made up their minds to blow up the town. It is noticed that the only intention is to wreck property, as the explosions generally occur in portions of the houses that are unoccupied.

Three arrests have been made to-day, as the result of last night's explosion.

A MAN OF MIGHTY STRENGTH. Shorty Spence Performs a Remarkable feat at New Castle.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW CASTLE, Jan. 25.—There is a man of mighty strength in this city named Shorty Spence, or better known as "Shorty." This morning he gave an exhibition of his strength. He was detailed to take the place of a sick man in the Western New York and Pennsylvania shops here. While the blacksmith was heating an iron he, not knowing his man, asked "Shorty" if he could strike a heavy blow. "Shorty" got the idea that some heavy pounding would be better than a "Shorty" and he struck the iron with his right hand, and the iron was bent into a ring.

The modern Hercules swung the sledge on high and brought it down with all his force. The blow was so strong that it bent the iron around the shop, setting fire to it in several places; the handle and the iron being bent in two. "Shorty" remained standing in his place, and the blacksmith, who was watching in terror, it was feared the former had been killed, but it was found he had simply fallen on his hands and knees. It is now reported that "Shorty" has been offered the position of pile driver at the shops.

WEST VIRGINIA RED MEN. The Famous Band of Vigilants Severely Whip Two Men.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WHEELING, Jan. 25.—The noted Red Men, having been quiet for a long time, again committed one of their peculiar depredations, or rather showed their authority in their own peculiar way.

Last night 30 masked men took John Barber and James Ballard from their homes in Wirt county, tied them to trees and beat them unmercifully with clubs and whips. Nothing has yet been heard of the crime committed by the men, but they are reported to be suffering greatly from the harsh treatment received at the hands of the Red Men. One Oscar Keiser alleged to have been a member of the band, has been arrested, and will be charged with outrage. It is said he would give the band away to the officers if he were not afraid of his life.

REV. MR. MACQUEAREY'S REPLY. He Defends Heber Newton From the Attacks of Father Ignatius.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CANTON, Jan. 25.—Rev. Howard MacQuearey, in a sermon to-night, replied to the sermon of Father Ignatius which was delivered by that monk in New York a week ago. He said the father had attacked Heber Newton, who is described as a good man, and the Rev. Mr. MacQuearey said he expelled from the church, while in reality, Father Ignatius himself had denied the privilege of preaching in his own country, and only through the good will of the Rev. Mr. MacQuearey had he been granted the privilege here. The sermon to-night was very interesting, and was attentively listened to by a large congregation.

COUNTERFEIT SILVER DOLLARS. Merchants of Zanesville Get Rid of About \$100 in Good Money.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ZANESVILLE, Jan. 25.—This city was thoroughly worked yesterday by a gang of counterfeiters. They were well supplied with bogus silver dollars, and contrived to get them into a good many tills in exchange for genuine money, making some trivial purchases. Main street merchants at the Bank of New York had been taken in, and probably \$100 of the stuff was left in the city.

Special To Let Lists to-day.

WHY HE FAVORS FREE COINAGE. Senator Cameron Tells a Friend That the People Want It.

State Senator Ed Robbin, of Greensburg, was at the Union depot last evening, going home. The Senator said he was interested in the question of the free coinage of silver, and had been looking up the subject. A few days ago he met Senator Cameron and asked him why he had voted for free coinage. The Senator replied that the people demanded more money to be put into circulation, and he voted for the bill to please them.

Mr. Robbins thinks this answer is not satisfactory, and he is not ready to see the free coinage of silver adopted. He expects the present session of the Legislature will be long and interesting, as bills on the subject of pipe smoking, taxation and improvements have been introduced. The House has been captured by the farmers, but it remains to be seen what they will do in the Senate.

LOST HIS SUNDAY STIMULANT. William Koven Assaulted by Highwaymen and Robbed of an Eighth of Beer.

William Koven was assaulted Saturday evening by two men and robbed of an eighth of beer. Koven was returning to his home on Stanton avenue about 11 o'clock at night, and when near Fifty-third street two large men sprang upon him, one of whom struck him on the head with a bill, inflicting a severe scalp wound. An eighth of beer was taken from him and the assailants disappeared.

NEXT SUNDAY THE DISPATCH will begin publication of a series of South Sea Letters by Robert Louis Stevenson, the novelist. Watch for this great feature.

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