

BOY STOLEN BY BANDITS

Daring Deed of a Band of Indiana Outlaws.

HELD IN A CAVE FOR RANSOM

Six-Year-Old Ray Wickham Carried Away by a Gang of Outlaws Who Expected to Secure a Reward for His Return.

By the United Press.

Lebanon, Ind., Jan. 7.—The most dastardly attempt at kidnaping ever made in this vicinity occurred at Thorntown, ten miles west of here, on Friday. Charles O. Wickham, assistant cashier of the Thornton National bank, is the father of a 6-year-old boy. His name is Ray. He is a bright little fellow with golden hair and talks with an air of wisdom which would do credit to a person many years his senior.

First Clew for the Searchers.

Mrs. Emma Baker, who resides at the Plum street crossing, told him about the stranger taking the boy upon his horse and riding away. For the first time the terrible truth dawned upon the mind of the father. The fire bell was rung and a meeting held in the opera house, and in a short time several hundred men were scouring the country in every direction.

Bandits Surrounded in a Swamp.

A messenger who arrived from the vicinity about 2 o'clock reports a running fight as having taken place between the officers and the outlaws about 2 o'clock. He says that when he left the bandits were surrounded in the swamp, and their capture is but a question of a few hours.

"AS WELL OFF AS THE RICHEST."

Charles V. Maria Theresa, the Empress of Austria, Goethe, Beethoven, Blismarck, the Princess Louise of England, Count Von Caprivi, and a host of other celebrities, have visited the famous Sprudel Spring of Carlsbad, and we are not all Goethes and Blismarcks, but we may enjoy the greater advantage of having the Spring with all its benefits brought directly home to us.

THE POTTSVILLE SCANDAL

Report of Auditors Reveals a Shocking State of Affairs.

GRAVE CONSPIRACY CHARGES

Solicitor for the Investigating Board Tells of the Difficulties Encountered in the Effort to Obtain Witnesses Against the Almshouse Officials.

By the United Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 7.—This morning before a crowded court room, Judge Bechtel on the bench, William Wilhelm, solicitor for the county auditors, read the report of the result of their investigation into the almshouse scandal. The testimony was exhaustively reviewed and prosecution recommended.

INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

It has been stated that the Pennsylvania railroad has resumed the work of revising line and grade on the main line between New York and Pittsburg.

Action Must Be Taken at Once.

An investigation as to the alleged misconduct of E. J. Emerich, while steward at the almshouse, was also made by the auditors. This misconduct of Emerich's occurred some time immediately prior to April 1, 1893.

INEQUALITY OF TAXATION.

Secretary Edge of the State Board of Agriculture Prepares an Interesting Comparative Statistical Statement.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—The inequality of local taxation in Pennsylvania is most effectively shown by a comprehensive statistical statement which Secretary Edge, of the state board of agriculture, has prepared for the information of the legislature in forming a revenue measure.

Philadelphia Stockholder.

The breach between Chairman Hutchinson, of the Lehigh Valley so-called protective stockholders' committee, and the directors of the Lehigh Valley is now in a state of open warfare.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

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