

Story of the Big Springs Robbery.

A gentleman who was one of the passengers on the train that was robbed on the Union Pacific road at Big Springs, Wyoming, lately, sends the following racy account of his experience:

We rolled up to Big Springs depot as usual. The night was beautiful and the moon shone brightly. As the train stopped, I went out on the platform of the car, where I found an Omaha merchant, and we stood and talked there about two minutes, when there suddenly appeared before us on the ground four masked men, with a cocked revolver in each hand aimed directly at us. At first I thought it was some joke, but when the devils ordered us into the car "— quick," and to hold up our hands and make no "break," and called us hard names, I concluded it meant "business," and another look at those eight revolvers, which just about that time looked like mountain howitzers, convinced me in less than a week's time that the evening air was unhealthy, and we had business inside immediately.

In other words, I got, quick. As I closed the car door two shots were fired at my friend, hitting him twice in the hand, and taking off about a foot of the door casing. That satisfied him, and he took an inside berth tolerably lively. Well, they stationed one man at the front end of the car, one at the rear, each with two pistols, and to each of the remaining ruffians was allotted the pleasant task of robbing a row of seats, which they proceeded to do each after his own original style.

The first man robbed was a drummer from a New York house. He was ordered to "stand up, hold up his hands, keep his mouth shut," and the search commenced. They took from him \$480 and a gold watch valued at \$300. The next man had only one arm. The gentlemanly villain that was searching him happened to notice the empty sleeve: "H—," said he, "have you only got one arm?"

"Only one, sir," replied the man. "Well, take back your stuff—we don't want your money. Sit down and keep still."

It was a rich scene—about forty men of us sitting there quietly to let four masked scoundrels go through us that way, but what could we do? Not a revolver in the car except one, and that at the bottom of a valise. There was no use for any one to make a start; there were several ladies in the cars. The two men at the end of the cars covered everybody nearly with two cocked revolvers, liable to go off at any moment, for their hands trembled violently, showing that they were themselves excited. So we obeyed orders to a certain extent, but not fully.

I didn't. I had my hands up the most of the time, except when I wanted to use them down, because it was a sort of relief to my arms to change them from their usual position, but I found time to put my pocket-book with \$400 in it down behind a ladies' work-basket, who occupied the next seat, after doing which I walked back four seats and managed to get my watch and chain off and down behind my valise and the car floor, after which little performance my hands were up, and up good and steady. I then had nothing on my person that I thought the thieves would take except about ten dollars in coin in one pocket, and I finally worked up a scheme to beat them out of that. The man who was robbing the seats opposite me was much more expert than the other, and got away ahead of him. After he had passed about four seats from me the other way, I got up leisurely and crossed the aisle, and took a seat with a man who had been robbed, and the villain whose plain duty it was to rob me, overlooked me entirely, so I was not touched, and was the only man in the car who was not "gone through."

Caught in His Own Trap.

We copy the following from one of our exchanges: Henry Landis of Landis valley, suspected that some one was relieving him of his corn without the proper remuneration. He made a remark to this effect to man who had occasion to be about his premises, and he suggested that he should set a trap for the thief. This was agreed upon, and the proposer of the plan assisted in arranging the trap. Mr. Landis afterward unsuspectingly changed the position of it, and the next morning, upon going to see what his luck was, found the very same man who had been his kind assistant firmly clasped by the trap and unable to release himself. He fully comprehended his humiliating situation and asked Mr. Landis to put an end to his miserable existence by shooting him. This request, of course, was not complied with. He was, however, released without being prosecuted.

The body of a drowned man, supposed to be that of John Henn, of Brooklyn, was found about eighteen months ago, and buried with considerable expense by his family. Mrs. Barbara Schwartz, a sister of Mrs. Henn, administered on his estate. The bank where he had his money deposited refused to pay until they had better proof of his demise. A motion was made for an order to compel the bank to pay, and then evidence was produced that Henn was confined on Ward's Island.

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