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DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Five Bandits Rob Bank and Escape on a Train, But Are Pursued and Three Are Captured.

Chicago, April 8.—Five daring masked bandits, a bank blown up with nitroglycerin and rifled of \$2,600, an open revolver and shotgun battle between pursuing night watchmen and sheriff's posse and the robbers, who fought back from a rapidly moving train as it raced through three Illinois cities, and the final capture of three men aroused the whole countryside along the Santa Fe railway southwest of Chicago early this morning.

The wrecked bank was at Coal City, 69 miles southwest of Chicago, on the Santa Fe road. The thieves got about \$2,000 in stamps and currency.

BLEW UP BANK BUILDING.

The marauders entered the town on a passing freight train and began operations by tying Barney Ghetto, the night watchman, and Washington Frye, night engineer of the electric plant. They then blew up the bank building and shattered the safe with a great charge of nitroglycerine, and after seizing the contents of the safe leaped on a Santa Fe train with their plunder, which was partly in stamps.

Three hours later three men suffering from wounds inflicted by small shot were arrested at Morris, Ill.

The wounds were received, it is reported, when a posse formed along the line of the road met the fugitives. As the train carrying the bandits pulled out of the town Ghetto succeeded in cutting his bonds and rushed to the telephone, notifying Eugene Miller, the night watchman at Mazon, seven miles south of Coal City. He with Dr. E. D. Watts, who was at the station at the time, lay in wait for the robbers. Watts was armed with a repeating shot-gun and Miller carried a revolver.

FIGHT IN DARK FROM BUSHES.

At Mazon the freight train stopped to switch cars. The bandits leaped from the train hid in a clump of shrubbery near the track. Miller and the physician discovered their hiding place and opened fire, which was promptly returned, about 25 shots being exchanged. When the train started the bandits leaped aboard and again escaped.

Immediately the Sheriff at Morris was notified. Several automobiles were pressed into service and the pursuit began. The machines followed a road along the Santa Fe right of way. For a time the motorists sped directly alongside the train, members of the posse occasionally firing at dark objects which they thought to be bandits. When the train came to a stop at Vernon, near Morris, the cars were searched by the sheriff and his men.

THREE WOUNDED FOUND IN CAR.

Three of the fugitives were found in an empty baggage car. All were wounded. The other two had fled. It is believed that they jumped from the moving train on the side opposite the posse and escaped with the booty. The prisoners were taken to Morris, where they admitted that their homes were in Chicago and gave their names as John Hoyt, Rawer Tomaszewski and Joseph Crewlick.

VERY GOOD YARN.

Meat Was so High That Drummer Had Dog Served Up to Him—Specimen of a First Class Lie.

Many yarns have been told about making sausage out of dog meat. Comedians in shows have used it for years. The Waco, Texas Times-Herald, however, gets off quite the best story in this line yet. It says that "E. G. Sewright went into a restaurant in Los Angeles, Cal., and ordered a Weinerwurst. While he was masticating it with great zeal and much satisfaction his teeth came into contact with something hard, and drawing it out, he found it was a dog tag numbered 413. Sewright began by denouncing the beef trust for raising prices to such a height that a restaurant keeper can't afford to put any thing into his sausage but dogs. The waiter expostulated because he made so much noise and Sewright thrashed him. The cook came to the rescue of the waiter and Sewright beat him until he roared. Then, with the tag still in his hand, he went to the city clerk to find out who answered to the number of 413. He found it had been issued to Miss Anna Bell for her Scotch terrier, Daisy. "I have eaten her," replied Sewright, referring to the dog and not the maid. Then he looked up Miss Bell and found that she had lost the dog three weeks before, and had been offering a reward for its recovery ever since. And thus was it made evident to Miss Bell that the want columns of the newspaper can perform the impossible; still, she got the tag." The reporter who got off this yarn is entitled to go to the head of the class.

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PRIMARY LAW.

Full Text of the Law Under Which the Primary for the Appointment of Delegates to State, Congressional and Judicial Conventions Will be Held.

The primary to be held in Anson June 26th will be conducted under what is known as the legalized primary law for this and other counties. Delegates to State, Congressional and Judicial conventions will be appointed, and township executive committees elected. The full text of the law is given below:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That every political primary election held by any political party organization or association for the purpose of choosing or selecting candidates for office or the election of delegates to conventions in this State, shall be presided over and conducted in the manner and form prescribed by the rules of the political party, organization or association holding such primary elections, by managers selected in the manner prescribed by such rules. Such managers shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, each take and subscribe to an oath "that he will fairly, impartially and honestly conduct the same according to the laws of said State governing regular elections for the offices of said State." Should one or more of the managers thus appointed to hold such elections fail to appear on the day of election, the remaining managers shall appoint others in their stead and administer to them the oath prescribed. The managers shall take the oath before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths; but if such officer cannot be conveniently had, the managers may administer the oath to each other. Such oaths shall, after being made and subscribed to, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which such primary election shall be held within five days after the election: Provided no such political party, association or organization in any county or district shall be required to hold such primary election unless the executive committee or county convention of the party, association or organization require a primary election to be held.

Section 2. That before any ballots are received at such primary elections, and immediately before opening the polls, such managers shall open each ballot box to be used in such election, and shall exhibit the same publicly to show that there are no ballots in such box. They shall then close and lock or seal up such box, except the opening to receive the ballots, and shall not again open the same until the close of the election. They shall keep a list of the voters voting at such election, and shall, before receiving any ballot, administer to the voter an oath, provided such voter's vote is challenged, that he is duly qualified to vote according to the rules of the party, and according to the election laws of said State, and that he has not voted before in such primary election then being held. He shall certify the result of such election in the time prescribed and to the person or persons designated by the rules of the party, organization or association holding such election.

Section 3. That every such primary election shall be held at the time and place and under the regulations prescribed by the rules of the party, organization or association holding the same, and the return shall be made and the result declared as prescribed in the foregoing section. And the returns of the managers, with their tally-sheets or poll-lists, together with all other papers connected with said election, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the county in which such election is held within five days after the final declaration of the result thereof, and shall remain there for public inspection.

Section 4. That any manager who shall be guilty of wilful violation any of the duties and obligations devolving upon him as such manager shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months; and any manager who shall be guilty of any fraud or corruption in the management of such election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in the sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars or imprisoned not to exceed twelve months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Section 5. That any voter who shall, if challenged, swear falsely in taking the prescribed oath, or shall impersonate another person and take the oath in his name in order to vote, such voter shall be guilty of perjury, and shall upon conviction be punished as for perjury.

Section 6. That if any person voting at such primary election shall vote more than once for each candidate or at more than one polling-place, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding six months.

Section 7. That any person who shall either buy or offer to buy or sell, or be in any way concerned in buying or selling, or contribute money for the purpose of buying a vote in any primary election in this State, whether the election shall be for nominees for State, county, municipal or Federal officers, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding twelve months, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Making Good Progress.

A Winston-Salem dispatch says: "The Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company has decided to lay its own rails and it hopes to lay its first one at Lexington the first of May. Two locomotives and fifty-six flat cars to be used in the construction of the track have been completed for the company and are being held awaiting orders from this point. The contractors are making good progress and the company hopes to have the track completed to Wadesboro by the first of September.

ATLAS J. DARGAN.

BY JUDGE BENNETT.

"Claret for children, port for men, brandy for heroes," said Dr. Sam Johnson, no doubt repeating them of old.

Dargan was exceptional in one respect—he never found solace in the seclusion of his home. Agreeable conversation was his passion. He was an engaging talker, but he never banqueted his own thoughts. He coveted diversion with gun and with rod and tackle. He spent much time under Col. Wm. G. Smith's hospitable roof. The Nelms brothers were to him a rich mine of wit and humor and edifying speech. One day while fishing on Brown creek Col. Smith met Dargan going up the creek swiftly; "where are you going Dargan?" "Down the creek to find Eben Nelms." Nothing would convince him of his error except the running water.

The Spanish, who boast more sayings of rare brilliance than any people in Europe, invest every man with being part doctor, some madman and a fraction of weather prognosticator, Bull's Bay, southeast of the stream, the proximity of the Gulf Stream and the south winds were his brewing grounds of the weather. If he ran up short in prediction of rain he put the wind to immediate torture, declaring if it continued to blow from that direction it would not rain in 25 years.

No man ever played excesses from a fuller hand than the dear old man preserved good nature through evil as well as auspicious report alike.

He had contracted something of the manner of the west; close observers remarked the system of terraces in his manners. Captain Burgwyn, killed in storming Puebla Der Taos, while Doniphan was co-operating more circuitously with Taylor and Scott conquering the armies of Mexico, being detained at Rockingham by a great freshet in the Pee Dee river, asked if Dargan, with whom he played cards, had not lived a good part of his life in the west. Gen. Dargan, though as kindly of heart as any man of his way, was never the model of a good family man; no further seek the reason why.

He often spoke of Beccaria on "Crimes in the Long Ago." I have read and admired the learning and philosophy of it. He was the first man to tell me of Mollere, Racine, and Lope De Vega, whose fecundity as an author is known to the stage. He must have acquired his knowledge of these in New Orleans or Mobile. He was proud to say he was never north of Richmond, Va.

Some of our people will recall the career of Phillips White, of Philadelphia, who found leisure between his sprints to enlighten our folks on the evils of intemperance in drink or addiction to intoxicants, the legitimate and inevitable consequences were to destroy every stream of virtue and wither every plant of goodness in the human heart. General Dargan put him to confusion by excessive buffoonery and harlequinism, comparing White to a great ruffe who came south feeding over the tops of the pines and cheating honest toil out of the rewards of labor. He recapitulated the 28 misfortunes of Harlequin.

I recall hearing White in the old

building in which the Methodist church of this town worshiped. It has given place to the new church and the old lot is now the residence of Seaborn Benton.

He was a cunning advocate but caught it in the curl now and then. Dargan said he was the Boo-Hoo fetched from the Fee Gee Islands in two ships.

R. T. BENNETT.

Rev. And Mrs. A. J. Stafford.

Being a loving friend and true admirer of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Stafford, I feel that a sketch of his life is incomplete without a mention of his faithful, devoted wife and life-long companion, Parthenia Beverly, of Wadesboro, N. C. She was stricken some time ago with an illness that lasted for weeks, and during this time he most tenderly and lovingly ministered unto her, both by day and by night, and even though many times friends and physician urged him to have an assistant, he would not consent, but continued his faithful devotion until he was taken unwillingly from her side, himself ill unto death, and after a brief illness of only five days passed over the river to wait her coming. She lingered about two weeks, and even though suffering physically, yet her mind was clear to a remarkable degree, and all those who were near her wondered. But we realized she was filled with the "peace that passeth understanding," and was calmed with the assurance that she too would soon pass over the river where separations are no more.

Mrs. Stafford was a woman of rare mental ability, but on account of her retiring nature, few knew her intimately, or were permitted to know and appreciate her many noble characteristics. For those she loved there was no limit to her devotion, and I feel that my short acquaintance of only a few years has been a benediction to me.

Words are inadequate at such a time to express our true feelings, but we know our loss is their gain, and that He will bring at last unto His heavenly glory all those who put their trust in Him. One Who Loved Her. Spartanburg, March 23.

Saved From the Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could not do any work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. Its best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obsolete coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, influenza, grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed by Parsons Drug Co.

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