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WALTER L. MAIN'S CIRCUS.

A Gorgeous Street Parade and a Splendid Performance.

The famous Walter L. Main circus appeared in Albany, Saturday, and exceeded in grandeur and splendor the expectations of our people. Mr. Main has a large and wonderful aggregation, in fact is one of the most successful circus managers now living, and his more than satisfactory performance has added to his popularity in this section. The street parade was an imposing one. Chariots, bands of music, handsome and gaily caparisoned horses, dens of wild animals, and a caliope made up a parade that was admired by throngs of people. The performances were given on the fair grounds and the monster tent was packed with people. The circus has the honor of having had the largest crowd ever assembled under the canvass in this town. The two rings were kept going constantly. The trapeze performance, horseback riding and leaping was of the best. Especially good was the feature of a riding lion, the elephant performance and a dog and pony exhibition. The men connected with the circus are well versed in their business and conducted it in a fair and satisfactory manner. They expect to show here next season.—[Albany (N. Y.) Argus, Sep. 10, 1894.]

Will exhibit at Hickory Wednesday Oct. 24.

There never has been a better circus in Dover than that given by Walter L. Main, and he has the reputation justly earned of giving a better show each succeeding time he comes. He exhibits here to-day (Friday) and the crowds in the streets prove that the people know a good thing when it comes along.—[Dover, Del., Index, Oct. 10th.]

To the Democrats of Catawba County.

Earnestly desiring to promote the best interest of our grand old party, I take this method of urging upon each one to do his whole duty from now until the end of the contest going on between the party of the people, and the combination of Republicans and Populists.

If the people in any section of the county no matter how remote, at schoolhouses or cross roads—desire speaking, let them write or send me word expressing their preference for any of the following gentlemen; all of whom I have not consulted personally; but I feel sure they will respond to any call upon them to address the people on the issues of the day:

Col. L. L. Witherspoon, Maj. S. M. Finger, Hon. R. J. Shipp, A. P. Lynch, Esq., and Mr. W. B. Gaither of Newton.

Col. M. E. Thornton, Messrs J. G. Hall, T. M. Huffman, W. A. Self, and J. D. Elliot of Hickory.

Dr. E. O. Elliot, Dr. Mack Yount, Messrs J. W. Mouser, P. K. Little, P. A. Hoyte, G. M. Yoder, M. F. Hull, C. L. Turner, Chas. L. Coon, J. F. Jordan, and others of the county.

If any Democrat be he young or old, has it in his heart to enter the campaign and speak for the good cause, let him make known the fact to me and due authority will be given and appointments advertised.

This is a time when all should work or speak, and all who can do both should get down to it at once.

A great victory awaits us if we work faithfully until sunset November 6th.

Yours very truly,
A. A. SHUFORD,
Chm. Dem. Ex. Com. for Catawba Co.

A False Rumor Answered.

Having heard, on numberless occasions, that the fusionists had about captured all the voters in the neighborhood of Squire Whitener's, and the regions of Baker's Mountain, we stopped the Squire on the streets of this city Tuesday and inquired as to the correctness of the reports. He assured us of their falsity, saying, if any changes have occurred, as to relative strength of parties in that vicinity, the Democratic party has been the gainer.

Every mother should know that croup can be prevented. The first symptom of true croup is hoarseness. This is followed by a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by O. M. Royster, 40-41f.

THEN AND NOW.

Or To Be Well Shaken Before taken; and Before and After Taking.

Just for the fun of the thing and to produce the "dry grins" where they will do the most good we herewith publish some deadly parallel extracts from our neighbor the dead left Mercury:

"We hear it frequently said that the Alliance is going to split the Democratic party and put the people again under the Republican and "nigger rule." They further say that the Republicans are looking forward, and working to that end.

"Take the negro out of the Republican party South and the Alliance out of the Democratic party, both of these parties will look like a starved peacock with its tail just pulled out, having lost its balance of power. So we ask how can the State be put under Republican and negro rule again by the Alliance."—[Mercury, Aug. 12, '91.]

"If the Farmers Alliance as a body go into the Democratic primaries, then to county conventions and appoint delegates to State convention and it is found that a majority there are of that organization and they nominate a State ticket and make a platform, will it not be a Democratic ticket and platform—is it not Democratic for a majority to rule?"

"The farmers came en mass (to Hickory) took the (primary) convention by storm and had every thing their way. At Catawba Springs the farmers did as they did at Hickory," etc.

"Some think very hard of the farmers for taking possession of the convention Saturday. Who had a better right? Will some one please tell who are the appointed guardians of that party? If a majority does not rule, it is not Democratic. In the goodness of the farmers they gave the town 5 and the county 18 delegates."—[Mercury, May 11, 1892.]

"When men slot together to double team on another because of his politics and give him a whipping, it is evidence that they can't counteract his influence for the want of sense on their part."—[Mercury, Aug. 24, 1892.]

"The lowest down and meanest man the devil ever made, is a traitor. He has blended together, to perfection, the liar, the rogue, the slanderer, the hypocrite, the seducer and everything that has ever accumulated in the mind of Satan in a constant study for over six thousand years."—[Mercury, Jan. 27, 1892.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., 9.—One of the most disastrous wrecks that ever occurred on the A. & S. Railway took place near Melrose this morning. Melrose is a station at the foot of a heavy grade on the Saluda mountain. At midnight a freight train, with fourteen loaded cars, left Asheville, bound South, and struck the Saluda grade at 5 o'clock. The first half mile of the grade was made safely, but suddenly the train shot forward and got beyond control of the crew. It then began a wild run away down the mountain most of the crew staying with the flying train till it reached the foot of the mountain, nearly four miles from where it started. The train went through Melrose like a flash, but when it reached the deep cut a short distance beyond the engine left the track, plunged into the side cut and twelve cars were heaped upon it. Fireman S. I. York was caught under the cars and killed. Neal Ewing a stone cutter of Asheville who was stealing a ride was also killed. Engineer Ira Broom's body was not found, but supposed to be under the engine. Brakeman D. L. Allen is also believed to be dead under the wrecked train. Conductor Will Patton was badly injured and one leg had to be amputated this evening, also has slight fracture of the skull. Brakeman John Miller jumped off the engine and was only slightly hurt. Wrecking trains went to the scene at once, but as the wreck was in a deep cut, work in getting to the bodies was necessarily slow. Ewing, the man who was stealing a ride, formerly lived in Charlotte.

—Messrs. Fred Laxton and Robert McConnaughey will open up their cash warehouse and general grain business next week in the store room, lately vacated by Claywell Bros.—[Morganton Herald.]

HELD UP AND RIFLED

Daring Train Robbery Below Alexandria.

PROBABLY \$180,000 BOOTY

Seven Masked Men Made Off with Their Booty in the Direction of the Potomac River, After Detaching the Engine and Pulling the Lever Wide Open.

The northbound express train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, leaving Richmond at 7 o'clock last night, was held up about twelve miles the other side of Quantico about 9:30 o'clock last night, and the express messenger robbed of about \$180,000. Seven masked men committed the daring deed, and after securing all the money in the Adams express car, they compelled the engine crew to uncouple the locomotive, jumped aboard, and made good their escape in the direction of the Potomac River, where it is supposed they had a boat in waiting to take them to the Maryland side.

The train left Fredericksburg at 8:58 o'clock, on time. The robbery occurred near Acquia-Creek, between Brook's station and Wide Water. It is not known at what point the robbers boarded the train, and the first intimation anybody had that trouble was brewing was when two men jumped from the coal car down into the cab, and leveling revolvers at the astonished engineer and fireman, ordered them to stop the train.

The engineer hesitated for an instant, but when informed that he must stop the train or be killed he closed the throttle, and the train, which had been running at about forty miles an hour, slowed up, and finally came to a complete standstill.

The fireman and engineer were compelled to leave the engine and sit quietly on the bank alongside the track.

After securing the plunder the robbers compelled the fireman, who is a mulatto, to uncouple the engine, not forgetting to caution him about disconnecting the airbrake tubes. The gang then boarded the engine, one of them yelled go ahead, and the engine moved off, leaving the train and its excited passengers standing on the main track. For the first mile it is said the engine ran rather slowly, stopping for a moment when about a mile from the scene of the robbery. Then a full head of steam was turned on, and the locomotive plunged ahead at the rate of about fifty miles an hour. As it passed Wide Water competent railroad men estimate that it was running nearly a mile a minute.

The robbers are supposed to have left the engine before it passed Wide Water, and the train dispatcher at that station, comprehending that something was wrong, telegraphed ahead to Quantico to look out for a wild engine. A switch was thrown just outside of Quantico, and when the engine arrived it was thrown over on a switch, crashed into a number of empty freight cars, and in a moment more a huge pile of debris marked the spots where the collision occurred. The engine was thrown on its side and is a complete wreck. The freight cars were reduced to kindling wood.

The long Atlanta special was standing on the main track at Quantico, and narrowly escaped being struck by the runaway engine. A brakeman had just thrown the switch as the wild engine dashed into the yards and out the side tracks into the freight cars.

The railroad company has offered \$1,000 reward for the arrests of any one of the robbers.

Express Messenger J. S. Crutchfield, who had charge of the express car, went on through to New York last night. He made a statement to the conductor and members of the train crew. He said he thought the thieves got about \$180,000.

"But one robber," said the messenger, "entered the car. He was of heavy build and dressed like a farmer, although he seemed to thoroughly understand the express business. He

had a red handkerchief over the lower part of his face. When the train was stopped I opened the door of my car. The robber fired and shot at me. I dodged back and closed the door. He called, 'Open that door!' I didn't do it. 'Open that door or I'll blow the whole car to pieces with dynamite.' 'Then he threw a stick of dynamite. It struck the door and shattered it and the casing. The force knocked me off of my feet.

"I then opened the door. One robber came in, and made me open the safe. He took everything. There was one package which he must have thought contained only papers for he threw it into the box. It contained \$6,000. Then he said, 'Open that other safe'.

"That is simply a deadhead safe," I said.

"The h— it is," he roared. 'Show me your waybill for it.'

"I started to get the bill, and he said, 'Keep your hands up. Show me the paper. I'll get it.'

"He looked at the bill and was satisfied that the second safe contained nothing, which was true.

"The man was very cool all the time. We had seven or eight through express pouches, each containing packages of money; how much, I can't guess. The man cut a small slit in each pouch and took every package."

Frank Dellager, the engineer who left the train at Quantico, lives in Richmond, and will be able to give good descriptions of the robbers. The engineer and fireman sat on the bank on one side of the train during the whole robbery, and were not ten feet from two or three of the robbers, as fired shots into the air. The man who entered the car seemed to be the leader, although a man on the outside, with a key voice, had a good deal to say about things. This man was tall, and ran about a good deal. He drove Charley, the porter, who rushed ahead at first, thinking that tramps were shooting, back into the sleeper, and fired two shots at him.

This tall man also fired the shot into the express car, and after the robbery had been completed, which took a good twenty minutes, gave the word. "Go ahead with the engine."

The night was as dark as pitch, the hour being just before the moon came up. The place was a deep cut, just the place for a robbery.

The train crew, the postal clerks, and all the passengers were thoroughly cowed, the terrific dynamite explosion having caused them to fear that they would be blown to pieces at any moment. Conductor Birdsong, who is one of the oldest conductors on the road, alone of those in the rear coaches, was brave. He went out on the platform and frightened back a bandit who was there for the purpose of keeping the passengers on the inside. The conductor called for weapons. One single revolver was produced. The conductor then told them to get their knives ready. All the passengers hid their valuables, and many of them dropped down in the aisles and between the seats.

Among the passengers were W. H. Perkins, of Philadelphia; Mr. Stringfellow, of Richmond; Sol Haas of the Richmond and Danville road; Robert Simpson and Frank D. Syrich, of this city. The latter was in the car next the smoker.

There were seven postal clerks in the car ahead of the express car. The postal car was full of windows, and the clerks were badly frightened. They had no arms. The postal car had many sacks of registered mail, but no effort to touch Uncle Sam's property was made.—[Washington Post, 13th.]

Public Speaking.

Hon. L. C. Caldwell, of Iredell county, one of the leading speakers of the State, will address the voters of Catawba county at Hickory, October 24th.; Plateau, October 25th, day; Newton, October 25th, night; Catawba, October 26th, day; Conover, October 26th, night; Oxford's Ford, (Smith's Store) October, 27th, day. Speaking will commence at 1 o'clock p. m. and 7 o'clock p. m.

W. C. Newland will probably be present on the above dates. A fair division of time will be accorded to any Populist or Republican. Newton Cornet Band will be at Plateau and Oxford's Ford on 25th and 27th.

A. A. SHUFORD,
Chairman Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

TRAIN HELD UP IN CALIFORNIA.

Two Business-like Bandits Easily Secured Four Bags of Gold.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—A report from Sacramento states the east bound overland train, due there at 6 o'clock last night, was held up by two men about six miles below the city last night. The track-walker was first robbed and then forced to start to town. The train robbers then covered the engineer and fireman with guns and compelled them to accompany them to the express car. Messenger Page shot twice at the bandits.

The engineer and fireman called upon Page to open the door, as the train robbers were going to shoot them if he did not and were prepared to blow up the car with dynamite. He complied with their request in order to save their lives, and the robbers looted the car of four bags of gold, the value of which is unknown. They then cut loose the engine, boarded it and ran toward the city. The engine was then released and set on a wild run toward the train, but by the time it had reached its destination the stream had run so low that the collision caused little damage. The robbers made their escape.

The amount captured by the train robbers was \$51,000.

Free Coinage Certainly.

Commenting on the determination of the Ohio democracy to make the campaign on the free silver issue, The New Orleans Picayune puts in some good lies for the cause.

Without advocating silver, The Picayune says that it is enough to know that the people favor it, and they are bound to have their way sooner or later. Our contemporary puts the matter in this shape:

The authorizing of a state bank currency and the repeal of the tax on state bank notes have gone far towards pacifying the dissatisfaction and moderating the demands of the western people for some financial relief. But every demand was met with a flat refusal, and the western people, who are weighed down by mortgages on their homes, and who have been bankrupted by bursting booms, in 1893, found the president opposed to every appeal they made upon Congress for assistance.

The result of the president's unyielding opposition to every appeal for a financial policy which the western people thought would give them relief has been to arouse and consolidate the demand for unlimited silver coinage until it is overflowing the country in a tidal wave, and the finances of the nation will be put upon a silver basis, and that will be as soon as the people can speak through their representatives. * * *

There is no question that a silver flood will be welcomed by a majority of the American people. More than this, the people are determined to have it, and to that end the coming campaign for congressmen is being made on the free coinage issue.

These are prophetic words. Party leaders have wavered, and party platforms have been smashed, but the people have from first to last remained true to the money of the constitution—gold and silver. They have never consented to the demonetization of either, and they will never rest satisfied until silver is restored to its rightful place. Silver is the winning issue.—Constitution.

The Newton Cornet Band will be here the 19th inst., the day that Hon. R. B. Glenn speaks in our Opera House, and will furnish the music for the patriotic Democratic sons of toil. Everybody will be given the most cordial welcome, and all prodigal Populists, who have repented of their political wanderings and would return to the home of their fathers will be accorded plenary absolution.

"Many of the citizens of Rainsville, Indiana are never without a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house," says Jacob Brown, the leading merchant of the place. This Remedy has proven of so much value for colds and croup in children that few mothers who know its worth are willing to be without it. For sale by O. M. Royster, Druggist. 40-41f.

—Children are still arriving at the Deaf and Dumb School. Supt. Goodwin is doing remarkably well, getting in ship-shape in such a short time, as the building was hardly ready to move into.—[Morganton Herald.]