

A ROBBERS' SCHEME FOILED.

HOW A PRISON-HATCHED PLOT WAS DEFEATED.

Why Several Discharged Convicts Were Gathered in on Charges of Vagrancy.

The scheme to burglarize the street railway company's receiving office, near the Southern Pacific Company's depot, did not come off as per schedule, owing to a subsequent scheme concocted and pushed to a successful termination by Chief of Police Dwyer.

About three weeks ago a young man belonging to the fraternity who "toil not, neither do they spin," told Chief Dwyer of a conversation he had overheard in a K-street saloon between two ex-convicts, which related to a plan to crack the safe at the receiving office as soon as their terms of imprisonment should expire.

With the information in hand Chief Dwyer followed up the lead. He found that it was correct, and that "Chick" Dwyer, Frank Anderson, Mark Kelly (alias Mansfield), "Kid" Thomas and Tom Hausensacker were in the plot.

After satisfying himself that the burglary had been planned to take place as soon as the convicts interested should all arrive in the city, Chief Dwyer set his plans for heading them off. He informed Frank A. Ross, Superintendent of the Street Railway Company, of the contemplated raid, and the latter determined to have a man and a shotgun on the battlefield, in case the gang should gather before Chief Dwyer could round them up.

Mr. Ross asked the Chief to recommend a man for the job, and the latter named J. M. Harlow, who has had considerable experience as an officer, and who was considered equal to the task of judiciously distributing buckshot into the carcasses of the ruffian from the State's prison pen.

A Southern Pacific Company's switchman's box adjoins the receiving office, and in this Harlow was cased every night while the danger existed. A peep-hole was sawed out so that from the switchman's box he could get a good view of the interior of the office and safe, and with extra heavy charges in his fowling-piece he awaited the moment when Chief Dwyer was determined to prevent if possible.

"Chick" Frost's term expired about ten days ago, and as soon as his face became a familiar object on the street, and just about the time the rest of the ex-convicts were due to arrive and test the efficiency of Harlow's buckshot, the Frost was whisked off to the city prison and in lieu of anything more convenient he was charged with vagrancy.

The next day Anderson was given a suit of gray clothes, a free pass over the railroad and a \$5 gold piece and walked out of the penitentiary a free man. He took the train for Sacramento and was whisked off to the city prison and in lieu of anything more convenient he was charged with vagrancy.

Then Hausensacker came in, and was followed by Kelly, or "Mansfield," down from Marysville, to take his part, and the quintet were all in the city jail.

Not only that, but every man knew what it was for. Chief Dwyer did not want to convict them of vagrancy and keep them in the city, his object being to have them "move on," and this they all promised to do. They realized fully that the jig was up, so far as the street railway receiving office safe was concerned, and were now in concluding that Sacramento, as a field of operations for them, was not a bed of roses nor a free ride to prosperity.

They were accordingly taken before Justice Davis, ostensibly given six months vacation on the country rock crushing plant, and then were marched in smooth, even tones, which carried a world of meaning with them, to "beat" out.

And they "beat" Harlow hung up his shotgun, and the city is well rid of five as hard "mugs" as any outside of prison walls in the State today. For some time preceding the date set for the burglary, considerable money had been left over night in the safe at the receiving office, but Chief Dwyer is still unable to account for the manner in which the ex-convicts became possessed of the facts.

With the people were loud in their praise of the new Chief of Police for halting the city of ex-convicts, not a half-dozen persons knew the story at the bottom of it.

THAT SCRAP.

How San Francisco Sporting News is Written Up.

Referring to the glove fight about to take place in this city between Pendergast and Birdsall, one of the know-it-all San Francisco papers had this to say on Friday:

"Wells Birdsall of the Sacramento Athletic Club and Tom Pendergast of the Manhattan Club of San Francisco will meet to-night in a twenty-round contest in Sacramento. Considerable speculation is indulged in concerning the result of the fight, but as it is before the Sacramento Athletic Club and a Sacramento boy is concerned, Pendergast will not get the decision unless he knocks Birdsall out—any one who knows that club's methods will agree to that."

The Sacramento Athletic Club had nothing to do with the battle whatever, but has the reputation of conducting the cleanest pugilistic contests of any club on the coast. Pendergast is as much a Sacramento man as Birdsall. He

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Hicks went to Dyea last fall with a couple of comrades, and after all their supplies had been packed across the Chitoot Pass to the lakes Hicks returned to Sacramento to gather a new lot of supplies and join his friends this spring in the mining section on the Yukon. What he will now do is not known, but he will probably push on and trust to luck for this year's "grab."

A NOBLE WOMAN.

Death of Mrs. Marie Calio in This City Yesterday.

Mrs. Marie Calio, widow of the late John Baptiste Calio, died at the home of her son, Twenty-sixth and P streets, yesterday, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Calio was one of the earlier residents of Sacramento, and was widely known and esteemed. She was a native of France and 80 years of age. She leaves two daughters and a son—Mrs. C. W. Clark, Mrs. M. E. Light and John Calio. No kinder-hearted or more hospitable woman ever lived than Mrs. Calio, as many of the old-time Sacramentoans, long since gone to their rest, could testify if living.

The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. on Monday afternoon, and will be private.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Orpheum this evening—by the way, the house was filled last night, one of the best Saturday night houses for a year—the management returns to vaudeville variety with "The White-neys," a novel musical treat; buck and ban dancing by a young colored quartet; "An Escaped Lunatic," a sketch. "The European Wonder," an equilibrium and globe walker; Maud Beal Price, vocalist and mimic; Maggie Burselle, impersonator, balladist and dancer; Smart and Williams, colored comedians, and the Albin brothers, "The German Professors," a sketch. "The German Professors," certainly, that is a bill full of promise.

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LUXON ADMITS HIS GUILT.

ACKNOWLEDGES STEALING HIS SISTER'S JEWELRY.

George Luxon, the young man recently arrested in San Francisco on a charge of stealing jewelry and diamonds valued at \$150 from his sister, Mrs. C. H. Davis, who lives at 1731 Third street, in this city, had his preliminary examination before Justice Davis yesterday morning on a charge of grand larceny, and was held to answer before the Superior Court, bail being fixed in the sum of \$1,000.

C. H. Davis, Luxon's brother-in-law, testified that the latter had gone to San Francisco some time ago, and that before his arrest Mrs. Davis had received a letter from him, written at San Francisco and dated March 3d, in which he said he was very sorry for what he had done, and that she would find her things at "Uncle Ike's." Luxon said in the letter that he had robbed a man in this city, and had taken nothing to raise enough money to square himself and keep out of the State Prison. He wanted to know whether she intended to prosecute him, and said that, if so, he would give himself up. He had been driven to what he did, and the "old man" had refused to help him, and told him he would not look on his face if he were dead. The letter was admitted in evidence.

Witness said that when the letter was received Mrs. Davis did not know anything belonging to her had been stolen, but on investigation she found a clean sweep had been made of her jewelry, which had been kept in a trunk, after receiving the letter the witness went to "Uncle Ike's" and found his wife's watch hanging in the window. The other jewelry was also exposed for sale, except the diamonds.

Jake Zemanaky, to whom Luxon sold the jewelry, said the latter had offered the lot for sale, representing that it had belonged to his wife, who was dead. Witness had paid \$20 for the lot, and had exposed the several articles for sale. The diamonds had been sold for \$10 to parties whose names he had furnished to the police, telling them that they could be located by word of return to them their money. The watch, he thought, was worth \$10, and the other jewelry, which was old-fashioned, was worth only what the gold it contained would bring—probably \$10.

Luxon took the stand and testified that he wrote the letter to Mrs. Davis long before he did, as he had access to them, but had desisted until he was obliged to do so. He had asked his sisters and the "old man" for assistance, so that he might leave the city and begin a new life, but they had declined to help him out. The trunk, he said, was not locked when he took the jewelry. He had represented to Zemanaky that the jewelry had belonged to his wife, who was dead, though as a matter of fact his wife was not dead, and the jewelry was his sister's. He denied ever having robbed a man, and said when he wrote the letter to Mrs. Davis he was being drunk heavily, and was hardly responsible for his utterances.

He evidently expected that the fact that the trunk was not locked when he stole the articles would be in mitigation of his act, but Justice Davis did not think so, and held him to answer, as already stated.

Going to His Death.

Sheriff Burr and Deputy Sheriff White of Los Angeles yesterday passed through the city en route to Folsom with a prisoner named John Bartholomew, who goes to Folsom under sentence of death for the murder of his wife.

Coronado water, Stockton sarsaparilla and iron, champagne elder, ginger ale, orange elder. J. McMorry, agent.

THE WORK OF THE HOWARDS.

COUNTY'S MONEY IS EXPENDED JUDICIOUSLY.

Road Work Must be by Contract if Over \$300—Sixteenth-Street Extension.

Richard Dale, manager for the Howard Benevolent Association, appeared before the Board of Supervisors yesterday on his books and papers, prepared to show how every dollar expended to the association for the relief of the poor was used. He had not proceeded far with his explanation before the members of the board were convinced that the money appropriated by the county was honestly and judiciously expended.

The county allows the association \$300 per month, and Mr. Dale showed that of this sum \$100 was paid monthly in rentals for poor people, and another \$100 for fuel. The monthly bills for supplies, he said, run over \$300 per month, so there is no question about the county's donation being required.

Last month, he said, the association had \$4 in the bank, and had to draw \$400 from its reserve fund.

Mr. Dale said there is \$8,700 due from the State for the support of orphans and half-orphans for 1897-8, besides what is due for 1897 and if this were collected it could be used to good advantage and lessen the draft on the county.

Supervisor Curtis thought the District Attorney should be asked to look into the matter of collecting this money.

Supervisor McLaughlin explained that the State Board of Examiners had examined the books of the association and advised the payment of the claims, but the matter had been referred to the Attorney-General on some minor points. He thought the money would soon be paid.

Mr. Dale was requested to report to the board each month the names of persons who had received aid from the association, and this he promised to do.

MUST HAVE BIDS.

District Attorney Ryan, by request, quoted from the law of 1887 to show that where any piece of road work shall cost to exceed \$200 the board must first advertise for bids for the work, but if the board should be satisfied, after receiving bids, that the same are too high, and that the work can be done more cheaply by day labor, the board may reject the bids and have the work done by the Commissioner for the district. The "cost" of the work, Mr. Ryan said, evidently refers to the entire expense, such as material, labor, etc.

Chairman Jenkins called attention to the fact that some repairs were a few days ago ordered on the lower Stockton road, the cost of which, including the crushed rock, would exceed \$500. The rock was ordered from the State, and the Commissioner for the Fifth District was to engage men and teams to do the work. This order was voted for by all the members except Morrison, who was absent.

The District Attorney said this evidently came within the provision quoted. The County Surveyor should make a survey and estimate of the work and its cost, and bids would be called for. If the bids were too high the board could order it done otherwise.

Supervisor Curtis remarked that this being the case he would, after on, move to rescind the action of the board already taken.

PRISONERS' CREDITS. The usual report was filed by P. R. Beckley, County Jailor, giving the names of prisoners confined in the jail who are entitled to credits for good behavior, and the amount allowed.

SIXTEENTH STREET ROAD. District Attorney Ryan submitted to the board the following opinion in the matter of the proposed Sixteenth street road extension:

"To the Honorable Board of Supervisors—Gentlemen: In answer to your query as to whether the parties now occupying the lots and alleys north of B street of Sacramento City, on the line of Sixteenth street, have a right to occupy such streets and alleys, I find on examination of the original maps of Sacramento City that Sixteenth street extended to the American River at the time of, and was one of the streets included in the grant made by John A. Sutter, Jr., to the City of Sacramento for a public use.

The north line of the city originally extended to the American River. Subsequently this line was changed by Act of the Legislature on June 28, 1874, to North B street, and in the Act closed the streets outside the new city limits.

"After a careful examination of the statutes and ordinances, I cannot find where Sixteenth street was ever closed.

"I therefore my opinion that Sixteenth street remains now as it did at the time the city was laid out—a public highway, and the parties in possession of said street have no legal right to the same. Respectfully submitted,

F. D. RYAN, Dist. Atty."

A large number of claims against the county were submitted, and one rejected. The party in whose name it was filed last November (a woman) returned it with the statement that the county was not indebted to her, and the announcement almost deprived the members of their breath. Fortunately none of them are afflicted with heart disease, or there would have been work for the undertaker.

The board adjourned for the session, after a very busy week.

Y. M. C. A.

Secretary Ekins Will To-day Tell About "Pa's Boots."

H. W. Stone, General Secretary of the Portland Men's Christian Association, passed through Sacramento on Friday evening on his way to Portland, after spending a few weeks visiting in San Jose. Mr. Stone, in speaking of the recent acquisition of a finely-equipped building by the Portland Association, said that more than \$25,000 of the cost was given by three wealthy men, who understand the value of the association in the community, and \$7,500 was pledged by the young men of Portland, most of whom are receiving salaries of less than \$75 per month.

Mr. Stone further said that there are 300 men using their gymnasium, making eighteen classes per week. Such an institution is commendable, and Sacramento can do the same in proportion to the population.

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the parlor of the local association, the General Secretary, Grove F. Ekins, will deliver his lecture, entitled "Pa's Boots," and both men and boys are invited. Some crayon sketches will be used to illustrate the lecture.

Mr. Ekins has delivered this lecture in Oakland and Riverside to large audiences of boys, and has now adapted it so as to interest both men and boys. Young men should hear what he has to say about "Pa's Boots." Miss Belle Carrington will sing a solo, and the male quartet will also sing.

DIED.

R. H. Newton Breathed His Last Yesterday.

Word came from Woodland last night to the effect that R. H. Newton, whose critical illness was mentioned some days ago, had breathed his last.

Mr. Newton was one of Yolo's most prominent and enterprising citizens, and for several years was a Director of the State Agricultural Society. He had many friends in Sacramento, while in Yolo he was generally held in the highest esteem.

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