

PENKNIFE, WEAPON AGAINST ROBBERS.

Edgar Simpkins Encountered Four Highwaymen Late at Night in the County.

HE SLASHED TWO OF THEM.

Their Companions Then Pursued Him, but He Escaped Them—William Kaatman's House Looted by Thieves.

With a penknife Edgar Simpkins of No. 231 Bacon street frustrated an attempt by four highwaymen to hold him up on the Pea Pea road at its intersection with the Midland Railroad tracks late Monday night.

Simpkins had been at the home of William Kaatman, who was killed on the Midland tracks last Friday night. The funeral of Kaatman took place yesterday morning, and he started to St. Louis Monday night to take his mother out to the place in time for the funeral.

The distance from the house to the street railway tracks is a half mile. When he neared the tracks Simpkins saw two men sitting in the waiting car. He concluded that he had missed his car and started back to the house to wait for the next one, which passed there at 12 o'clock.

As he did so one of the men called to him to wait and went toward him. Then two men got up, one from each side of the track, where they had been lying. One of them was within ten feet of Simpkins and made a grab for him. The Simpkins had been whittling on a piece of pine with a penknife as he came down the road, and the blade was still open. The weapon, small as it was, proved useful, for Simpkins stabbed the robber in the left chest and drew the blade half way across his face. With a cry of pain the man fell back and one of his companions jumped at the intended victim.

Once again Simpkins used his knife dexterously. He gave the man a ripping slash in the abdomen and caused him to run. All this was done in less time than it takes to tell it. The man from the car had not yet come up and Simpkins took advantage of the setback the other two had received to run up the pursuit. Simpkins ran and for a quarter of a mile the race lasted. The going was uphill, but Simpkins says he never ran so fast in his life.

When they came in sight of the house Simpkins met a young man, who was a cousin of the Kaatman girl. The highwaymen then gave up the pursuit. Simpkins kept running until he reached the house. He was breathless when he got inside and dropped the knife on the floor. It was covered with blood. For several minutes he was so excited that he could not tell his story. He remained there until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, when he came to St. Louis with a farmer, who was passing in a wagon.

Simpkins said yesterday evening that he could identify the men and would prosecute them if they were captured. The matter has been reported to the police at Clayton, and two deputies are now working on the case.

Sheriff Kerth thinks the men are the same that robbed the home of William Kaatman Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock, when the family was absent. They broke into the house with an ax and used the blade to smash the furniture in their haste to open locked drawers and obtain what was contained therein.

The robbers got every piece of clothing that Mr. and Mrs. Kaatman owned except that which they were wearing. In addition, they took three rings and a ladies' gold watch and chain.

The men were tracked to the farm of Judge J. E. Brouser, adjoining, when they started through some high grass. Two of the rings were recovered and also a suit of clothes that one of the burglars had exchanged on the bank of a creek for Mr. Kaatman's Sunday suit. Mr. Kaatman reported the matter to the Sheriff yesterday morning and a deputy was detailed to visit the St. Louis pawnshop.

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T. LESTER CRAWFORD DIES AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS.

Was in Good Health Until Last Saturday—Widely Known and Popular as a Musical Leader, Club Man and Amateur Athlete.



T. LESTER CRAWFORD.

T. Lester Crawford, clerk of the United States Circuit Court and one of the most widely known and most popular men in this city, died shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lillian G. Pearson, No. 463 Maryland avenue.

Mr. Crawford's death was sudden. On Saturday morning he was in good health and appeared as usual at his office in the Federal building. Later in the day he complained of a sore throat and on going home in the evening he called in his physician to treat it. During the night laryngitis developed. Sunday his throat was fearfully swollen and he experienced great difficulty in breathing.

Monday his condition was considerably worse, and three additional physicians were called in consultation. They decided to lance the patient's throat. This operation eased his breathing somewhat, but the fever continued up around the 104 mark. Yesterday the malady affected Mr. Crawford's heart and the attending physicians realized that the end was near.

His immediately family and several intimate friends were with Mr. Crawford when he expired. He became unconscious about an hour before his death. Last night dozens of friends called at the house to express sympathy and offer their services. At a late hour the funeral arrangements had not been completed. L. C. Pearson and W. H. Hill received those who called.

T. Lester Crawford was born in Jefferson City, Mo., forty-five years ago. When a boy, after leaving a primary academy, he began his public services as page in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C. Twenty-five years ago he came to St. Louis and almost immediately became connected with the United States Circuit Court, in which he was clerk at the time of his death. He had never married.

Even in boyhood Mr. Crawford had a very cheery personality and almost from the time of his advent to St. Louis he has been popular with all sorts of men. He was always interested in music and his criticisms carried much weight with local musicians. Mr. Crawford was president of the Apollo Club, the most exclusive musical organization in the city, for a long time.

He was a wide circle of acquaintances all over the world, and his apartments are filled with autographs and letters from every famous musician who has flourished for the last two decades. Personally he had great skill in playing the piano.

Mr. Crawford was also a prominent member of the St. Louis Club and of the St. Louis Amateur Athletic association. Beside the fact that he was known as one of the most fastidious dressers in St. Louis, he was also a member of the city. He was an accomplished equestrian.

Missouri Smelter in Cheltenham and Mining Property at Leadington, Mo., Transferred.

Guggenheimer Brothers of New York, It is Said, Intend to Make St. Louis Their Western Headquarters.

Incipient Eye Trouble Should not be neglected. Doctor Bond, expert optician at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, will examine your eyes free of charge and guarantee a correct adjustment of glasses. Steel frames, \$1 and up; gold, \$5 and up.

Lineman Roasted Alive. St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 7.—John D. Ross, a lineman in the employ of the street railway company, was electrocuted at the top of a high pole in the business center of the city today. He was hanged, as it were, and his safety belt prevented him falling to the street.

TRAFFIC OF BUYERS TO ST. LOUIS.

Makes Busy Times for Wholesale Merchants and Interstate Headquarters.

RETAIL TRADE PROMISES WELL.

Crops Have Been Generally Good and Farmers Are Well Supplied With Money—Names of Arrivals.

The rush of out-of-town buyers to St. Louis again, and yesterday was a very busy day at the headquarters of the Interstate Merchants' Association. About fifty visiting merchants were registered, but this did not represent the number of arrivals, as many of the visitors went at once to the different wholesale houses to do their buying, without waiting to pay their respects to Secretary Singer.

Most of the arrivals are from Missouri and Texas, but there are also merchants here from Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Illinois and other States.

The visitors are unusually cheerful in speaking of the crop prospects in their respective localities and are unanimous in saying that the outlook for a good fall and winter business in the retail trade was never better. Crops in nearly every section of the country were good and good prices were received for all kinds of products, which gives the farmer plenty of money, and his purchases will accordingly be large.

Wholesale merchants, especially in the dry goods and kindred lines, report that indications point to a larger season's business than ever before. Prices are on a somewhat basis. There is not so much speculation buying as there was last year, when prices were advancing at a phenomenal rate and dealers were anxious to stock up before the top was reached. Merchants, as a rule, are disposed of their stocks and are now buying or re-ordering requirements for their fall trade. The result is a larger volume of business and a healthier tone to the market.

Mr. J. W. H. Carleton Dry Goods Company, in speaking of the business outlook yesterday, said: "All of our customers report prospects good for a large business. Collections are unusually good and merchants are buying large stocks. The number of opening registers is larger than ever before."

Among the visitors registered at the headquarters of the association yesterday were the following:

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J. W. H. Carleton, Kansas City, Mo.
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LAYMAN IS PASTOR—CHURCH PROSPERS

W. D. Pittman, Business Man, Shepherd of Second Christian Congregation.

UNIQUE TERMS OF SERVICE.

Accepts No Remuneration, but Contributes Liberally—Some Innovations.

The Second Christian Church, located at Eleventh and Tyler streets, has the most unique pastorate in the city. If not in the entire country.

Its pastor is a layman, W. Davies Pittman, secretary of the Broadmoor Realty Company, who took charge of the church sixteen months ago, with the understanding that, in addition to donating his services in the pulpit on Sundays, he should be permitted to pay the interest on the entire indebtedness of the property, amounting to nearly \$500. Not only this, but Mr. Pittman further agreed to employ, at his own expense, a woman missionary, who should visit the members of the church and perform such pastoral duties as were necessary.

All this, however, Mr. Pittman proposed to do on condition that the congregation should pay him no salary for the services of a pastor to the liquidation of the principal of the indebtedness on the property.

The Second Church accepted the proposition in good faith, as the results will show. In the last sixteen months 100 members have been added to the church, and there has been a net gain of seventy-five. The church has raised and paid a \$50 floating indebtedness, and made repairs on the property amounting to \$100. The Sunday-school membership of 275, and its Sunday-school enrollment has doubled.

Mr. Pittman also has introduced an entirely new feature into the Sunday morning service. Instead of the usual plan of having the Sunday school meet at 9:30 a. m. and the regular service follow after an interval of half an hour, the school meets at 10:30 a. m. and is blended with the preaching service in such a way that the entire double service only occupies an hour and a half.

Mr. Pittman says that this plan practically brings all the church into the Sunday school, and all the Sunday school into the church. Then, too, there is a nursery in connection with the church, in charge of an experienced nurse, where tired mothers may leave their little ones and give themselves to the enjoyment of the service.

Last Sunday was "free-will offering day" at the church, and as a stimulus to the most liberal giving, Mr. Pittman made the following proposition, or, rather, series of propositions:

- 1. I will duplicate the largest individual contribution made on this occasion.
2. I will give on terms as much as the average individual contribution made on this occasion.
3. I will duplicate the largest and the smallest five-dollar contributions made on this occasion by a Sunday-school class.
4. I will duplicate the average contribution made on this occasion by the Sunday-school class.
5. I will give one-tenth of the amount given by the Ladies Aid Society, the Helping Hand, the Senior and Junior Endeavor societies and all other auxiliaries connected with the church.
7. I will give one-tenth of the amount contributed on this occasion from any and all other sources not enumerated above, which will include cash contributions from friends who are not members of the church, Sunday school or other auxiliaries of the church.

The result was that the offerings were the largest in the history of the church. Mr. Pittman proposes to continue this relation and on the same basis until the church is entirely free from debt and increased to a self-supporting church in every particular.

Mr. Pittman has been identified with the Christian churches of St. Louis since his boyhood. He was a member of the First Church, and later, when he moved to the West End, transferred his membership to the Mount Calvary Church. He is a singer with special aptitude as a leader of congregational singing. He is married, his wife being a daughter of Robert D. Patterson, formerly proprietor of a large stationery establishment here. Mr. Pittman lives at No. 452 Berlin avenue.

TRIPLETS, ALL BOYS, AND DOING WELL.

Mrs. Frank L. Taylor, of No. 5152 San Francisco Ave., Is the Proud Mother.

FATHER ENJOYS DISTINCTION.

Thinks That He Will Name the Youngsters William, Jennings and Bryan.

Frank L. Taylor is a happy, but nevertheless a surprised father. Yesterday morning his wife presented to him three healthy, well-formed boys. They are not large, two of them weighing five and a half pounds, and the other weighing five and a half pounds. The Taylors live at No. 5152 San Francisco avenue.

They have been residents of St. Louis for three months, having come here from Belleville. Mrs. Taylor was formerly Miss Ella Cheek of Louisiana, Mo., where she was born. Before her marriage to Mr. Taylor she was a widow, Mrs. Innan. She has a married daughter, Mrs. Pearl Beckel, formerly Pearl Innan, who resides at No. 5129 Broadway avenue.

"It was a surprising event," said Mr. Taylor yesterday, "but I must confess that I enjoy the distinction of being the father of such excellent triplets. I consider that I am at the winning end of a big bargain; there are not many men in St. Louis or anywhere else, for that matter, who can say that they became a three-time father on one propitious occasion. The boys shall have the best I can give them. They are entitled to it."

"And you ought to see them! I will give you my word that there never were three other such boys. They are healthy, well-formed, and they can make as much noise as they could be expected to make at their age. If they were only another one of them, what a quartette they would make!"

"I have been thinking that I will name them William, Jennings and Bryan. If I do one will not have to guess at my politics for once it is not correct that I will do so, for you know when one has relatives, some distinguishing feature may develop, but I have decided, for the present, at least, not to take any chances, and have tied on such a ribbon. William, if I may anticipate the names, wears a red ribbon; Jennings has white one, and Bryan sports a blue one."

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MUST TRANSMIT GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Board of Trade Cannot Withhold Knowledge So Essential to Public Prosperity.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7.—Governor Tanner today suspended the operation of the law providing for the transmission of the shipping of cattle into the State at certain periods of the year. The proclamation issued over a year ago by the Executive scheduling all States and Territories in the United States as places where the cattle could be imported into Illinois was revoked. This was done by a new proclamation issued by the Governor.

"I do hereby make proclamation and suspend the further operation of my proclamation scheduling localities to be imported on account of tuberculosis among dairy herds and breeding cattle, rated and stamped as such, and under such conditions as the supreme Court shall pass upon the constitutionality of the act by authority of which said proclamation was issued."

Judge Bond, County Judge of DeKalb County, has refused to deliver a criminal proceeding, held that the proclamation of a year ago was null and void, and under his authority the State can have no appeal. Three other cases, one of them being the case of the State, will be decided by the Supreme Court, which will be asked to pass upon the validity of the proclamation.

Governor Tanner said to-night that he had not hesitated to suspend the operation of the law because there was not sufficient available funds to carry out the provision of the act, and because he was not in full sympathy with the provisions of the law.

"The eradication of the disease," said the Governor, "by destroying all cattle infected with it, is in the interest of the whole people, that in the State and the State should bear the burden of loss of the cattle owned by the dairy and that is infected."

In conformity with the action of the Governor, the Board of Live Stock Commissioners passed a resolution suspending the rule which provided for testing all dairy or breeding herds of cattle for tuberculosis, either the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, or the National Stock Yards, at East St. Louis, with tuberculosis.

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Transport Logan Arrives. Washington, Aug. 7.—The War Department received a telegram from Major General Logan at San Francisco announcing the arrival of the transport, the arrival of the transport Logan with sixty-one of the Ninth Infantry and four prisoners aboard.

The following deaths occurred during the voyage: Private J. H. McNeeny, D. Ninth Infantry, died June 30 of pernicious malarial fever; Private Guy De Stroock, E. Ninth Infantry, died of chronic dysentery; Private David Milos, G. Ninth Infantry, died July 22 of chronic dysentery.

Go to Northern Michigan summer resorts via the Vandana-Pennsylvania line. Through sleeper leaves St. Louis daily 1 p. m. for Petoskey, Boy View, Westport, Sing, Mackinaw City, etc. Dining cars.

Farmer Gored to Death. Wichita, Kas., Aug. 7.—Joshua Hizer, a farmer, living south of the city, was gored to death Sunday by a vicious bull. He was trying to drive it into a pen at the time.

NO VOTE FOR PORTO RICANS. Attorney General Holds Natives Must Become Naturalized.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 7.—According to an opinion rendered this morning from the office of the Attorney General, natives of Porto Rico now residing in the State are not entitled to vote unless they have secured naturalization papers, as provided under the law.

The opinion covering the much-discussed question was written by Judge R. D. Monroe, the Assistant Attorney General, in the absence of Mr. Akin, who is away on his four weeks' vacation. Judge Monroe contends that the treaty between Spain and the United States does not confer the political status of inhabitants of territory ceded, but leaves it to Congress. He concludes: "I am not aware that Congress has passed any law fixing the civil rights and political status of the inhabitants of Porto Rico, and in the absence of any such law I am of the opinion that they are still regarded as foreigners, within the meaning of our naturalization laws."

Tanners Going to Colorado. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 7.—Governor Tanner and wife will leave at noon to-morrow for Colorado, where they will spend three or four weeks in the mountains. They will be accompanied by Colonel J. Mack Tanner and family and by Turney English, Tanner's father. Governor or Tanner expects to hunt a greater portion of the time while away.

Brakeman Fatally Hurt. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Duquoin, Ill., Aug. 7.—Sam Isaacs of this city, a brakeman on the Rock Island Railroad, died at Topeka, Kas., this morning from injuries sustained in a railroad accident. His body will be shipped here for interment.

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MRS. FRANK L. TAYLOR

Erastus Allen Burned to Death in His Barn.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Monroe City, Mo., Aug. 7.—Erastus Allen, a farmer, living sixteen miles north of this city, committed suicide yesterday. Mr. Allen has been a patient in an insane asylum, but was apparently cured. He was about 59 years old. He started to make a fire in the cook stove for his wife and split up a lot of kindling, which he deliberately set fire to the barn floor. His wife then went to the kitchen and set fire to it. He then crawled into an oat bin and was burned to death. The barn and its contents were totally destroyed. When the body was found both legs and arms were burned off. The head and body were badly burned and almost unrecognizable.

Suicide by Fire. Erastus Allen Burned to Death in His Barn.

Grayville Chautauque. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Grayville, Ill., Aug. 7.—To-day was Grand Army Day at the Grayville Chautauque Assembly and a large number of old soldiers were out. The attendance was about 1,000. Bishop McCabe was the principal lecturer of the day. The Sunny Side of Life in Liberty Prison. Professor C. M. Lowe also lectured. The usual daily musical programme was rendered.

Officials' Nice Junket. Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners Going East. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 7.—Judge Cletor J. Lindly, chairman of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, left to-night for Chicago, where to-morrow he will be joined by a party of ten persons and start for a tour of Canada and the East. The party will travel in a special car and will visit Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, Canada, Portland, Me., Boston, Albany, New York, Washington, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis. The members of the Commission will be accompanied by the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of Maine and New York States. J. J. Tamm, the assistant secretary of the Illinois Commission, will be one of the party.