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THE CHAMPION PRISON BIRD.

History of a Criminal Who Has Spent His Life in Prisons.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 22.—There is now in the Kansas penitentiary, under the name of James Leonard, a man who has committed more burglaries in his time and done time in more prisons than any of the "profesh" now on earth. It is none other than the notorious "Nosey" O'Brien, a clever pick-pocket, sneak-thief and safe-blower. Born in East Boston and schooled in the Scott-Dunlap gang, he has led a life which has been a succession of ins and outs of prison. He has registered at Charlestown, Massachusetts; Cherry Hill, Philadelphia; Jeffersonville, Ind.; Fort Madison, Io.; Joliet, Ill.; Lincoln, Neb.; Jefferson City, Mo.; Sing Sing, N. Y., and in October last turned up in Leavenworth, where he was sent for two years and six months for robbing a safe at Newton, Kansas, belonging to the Santa Fe company. These are the state institutions to which he has been admitted, but the number of times he has been incarcerated in county and city jails are so numerous that he has never kept a record of them. He claims to have a brother in St. Louis who belongs to the "Pinky gang," and "Nosey" himself refers with pride to personal acquaintance with detectives Egan, Desmond and Lawler, and says that Tom Furlong, of the Missouri Pacific service once did him a great injustice once by arresting him for the alleged stealing of a case of shoes from a freight car.

Chief Speers, of Kansas City, sent him to Jefferson City for two years for having in his possession "a kit of the best tools ever made." He was there at the time the penitentiary was set on fire by a convict, and also when a convict named Duke killed one of his keepers in the kitchen of that institution. He was sent to Jeffersonville, Ind., for robbing a jewelry store at Washington. For that offence he was arrested by Yankee Blye, the well known Louisville detective, who shot him through his hand while he was attempting to escape. He went to Joliet for a slick robbery in Chicago, and to Fort Madison for the robbery of a grocery store at Burlington. He was arrested in New York for the attempted diamond robbery of Miss Hetty Green, while riding in a street car, but as nothing could be proven against him he was given hours to leave town. He returned there the day before the Grant funeral, but was "collared" by one of Inspector Byrne's detectives and held until after that event, when the inspector took him and gave him such a lecture that he says New York shall see him no more. He escaped from the Westboro (Mass.) reform school, did the same thing from the Brockmeyer institution, Elmira, N. Y., and again at Jeffersonville, Ind., but was recaptured after being away from the latter place two days.

In appearance he is a typical rollicking Irishman, but his beauty is marred to some extent by a terrible gash, extending from the corner of his right eye the entire length of his nose. As the size of the latter furnished him a nickname, you can rest assured it is one of no mean proportions and the scar does not lessen its size. His experience would fill a book, but as the coal mine is pushed with orders he will not have time, before the summer of 1890, to relate them. He has an alias for every prison and reforma every time he is sent over the road. He would undoubtedly keep reformed if he did not fall in with bad company, which he immediately hunts up as soon as he gets out.

A SUDDEN CLOSE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The trial of Dr. St. John, Levi Dell and Captain Freer, indicted for conspiracy in aiding in the escape of Warden W. J. McGarigle, came to a sudden close this noon. The states attorney acknowledged in open court that he had not evidence enough to convict. So Judge Collins ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal and the state nollied the other indictment against them. The indictments against Captain Irwin V. Master, of the Blake, who has kept himself in Canada since the escape, still stands.

HAYMARKET MONUMENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The first meeting of the Haymarket committee was held today, and it was decided to stop the inflow of money, as the $7,000 on hand was deemed ample to erect a suitable memorial of the heroism of the police. It is probable the monument will not be located on the exact spot where the bomb fell, but will be raised not far away, in the center of the great square.

TWO CENTS A MILE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A recommendation has been made by the passenger department of the Central Traffic association lines that all mileage rates, whether one thousand, two thousand or five thousand miles, be fixed at the uniform rate of two cents a mile. The managers referred the matter today to a special committee for consideration, and it will report to the general meeting tomorrow. It is believed that the recommendation will be adopted.

AN EX-SENATOR ARRESTED.

John J. Kiernan Arrested for Falsely Representing Some Financial Affairs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Ex-Senator John J. Kiernan was arrested last Thursday on an order granted by Judge Lawrence, in a suit brought by the Columbia Rolling Mill company, of New Jersey, whose New York office is at 132 Nassau street. He was released on $5,000 bail. William L. Brockway, the general manager and agent of the company, and J. J. Van Roden, of Bradstreet's Mercantile agency, made the principal affidavits upon which the order of arrest was granted. Mr. Brockway says that Mr. Kiernan, in July last, induced him to sell and deliver to him several shares of its capital stock and accept promissory notes for $4,400, indorsed by him on his falsely representing that he was financially solvent; that Mr. Kiernan at different times during the spring, summer and fall, furnished to Bradstreets statement of his resources, which included a large amount of real estate in Brooklyn, half interests in the firm of J. J. Kiernan & Co., and Frank Kiernan & Co., $30,000 in bonds, interests in two telegraph machines worth $5,000, and that he owed no debts of any amount. Mr. Van Roden swears that Mr. Kiernan did make such statements to Bradstreets. Mr. Brockway urges that the statements were untrue; that October 31, when the prommissory notes became due Mr. Kiernan came to him and got him by still making him believe that he was selvent to grant an extension by giving him his check for $300, Western National bank, and a new note payable in fifteen days; that neither note nor check has been paid. The company claims that it has been damaged the facts of the notes and interest thereon.

SOMETHING WRONG.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 22.—Several days ago a man giving his name as W. J. Ellis located in Sedalia and opened a commission house. Associated with him in the business were two confederates, whose names are unknown. Large quantities of butter, poultry, fruit of all kinds, vegetables, cider, etc., were ordered from St. Louis and Kansas City houses, and for a time "Ellis & Co." did a land office business. Sunday night the trio disappeared. Consignments of goods continued to arrive daily until yesterday and remained at the freight depot, as no one called to pay freight and charges. Webster Bros. of Kansas City and several other parties in St. Louis and elsewhere are supposed to have been victimized by Ellis and his partners. The head of the firm always displayed large sums of money while in Sedalia.

"GREEN GOODS" MAN ACQUITTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Anthony Nelson one of the "green goods" men recently arrested, was put on trial in the general sessions today. Allen Gilan, and the deacon of a church at his home in Tennessee, or "sucker No. 82," as the "green goods" gang termed him, identified the letters he had received inviting him to come here where he could purchase $10,000 for $650. Counsel for the prisoner asked to have the case taken from the jury and his client discharged on the ground that there were no proofs mentioned in the circular and the letter that it was counterfeit money. After considerable argument Judge Cowing held that the point was well taken, and discharged the prisoner.

NOTED GEOLOGIST DEAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—This morning Dr. Ferdinand Vandeveer Hayden died at his residence in this city after an illness which has confined him to his home for over a year and a half. He was a distinguished scientist and was widely known as a geologist. He occupied more than twenty years in the exploration of the great west and has extended his investigations over the greater portion of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Utah. Among his publications were "The Great West, Its Attractions and Resources," in 1880, and "North America," in 1883.

ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED ARSON.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 22—Joseph Lewine, member of the firm of Lewine Bros., wholesale and retail dry goods merchants, was arrested here today on the charge of arson. The firm has a branch house at Hillsboro, which was burned out last night, and the arrest was the result of the fire. H. J. French, a brother-in-law, and the manager of the Hillsboro house, was also arrested. The firm has an office in New York, and is rated at $75,000.

SCHOONER FOUNDERED.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The schooner C. G. Cramer, which arrived from Norfolk, reports that on Sunday, off Cape Henry, she fell in with the schooner Cath W. May (late Williams), bound from Philadelphia for Richmond, which had encountered a gale on the 17th and had sprung a leak. The crew were kept at the pumps from Saturday until Sunday, when she foundered. They were almost exhausted. The captain and stewart were drowned.

EXAGGERATED.

THE TERRIBLE SUFFERING IN WESTERN KANSAS DENIED.

Advices From the West State that Little or No Real Suffering was Experienced.

The Report of Great Numbers Having Frozen to Death Proves Entirely Without Foundation.

Plenty of Coal, Plenty of Food, and Even to Sell or Give Away—List of Casualties.

NOT TRUE.

The Reports of Suffering Humanity in Western Kansas Denied.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—The weather continues to moderate in this city and in the state of Kansas. Tonight the thermometer is twenty-three degrees above and is slowly rising. Encouraging reports are coming in from the west which go far to remove the impression which seems to have gone out that there is extreme suffering in Kansas from lack of food and fuel. Where there have undoubtedly been isolated cases of death from exposure and instances of individual suffering from scarcity of provisions or coal, there is no doubt that the condition of affairs has been grossly exaggerated and misrepresented by irresponsible persons. A dispatch tonight from Arkansas City near the Indian Territory line, says that less than one inch of snow fell there and that there has been no suffering whatever and adds that people of Arkansas City would be glad to send presents to their eastern friends if the latter will make known their individual necessities.

Clark county, Kan., which has been reported as being the region where the most suffering prevailed, sends an emphatic denial of the stories to the Times tonight through Hon. A. L. Cowden, postmaster at Ashland, the county seat. Mr. Cowden says that Monday's storm abated Tuesday. While there was a strong wind only four inches of snow fell and the thermometer did not go below zero. No suffering or loss of life is reported throughout the county. The following dispatch to the associated press from Hutchinson, Kan., was received tonight:

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Dec. 22.—The only effect of the cold snap, at this place has been to delay the work on buildings now being erected. There is plenty of coal here and there has been no scarcity this season. Special dispatches to the News from points within a radius of 100 miles indicate there has been no unusual suffering from cold. We have no advices of any scarcity of food or fuel. The backbone of the blizzard is broken and today was bright and sunshinny.

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Dec. 22.—In conversation with representatives of eleven counties of Southwest Kansas, the Sentinel today learned that in those counties there has been no more suffering from the cold snap than is usually experienced by people who are provided against such occurrences by clothing, food and fuel. No deaths have been reported from cold, and the people are well provided with food and fuel, the coal famine having coming to an end about two weeks ago. The Sentinel, of this city, has correspondents in twelve counties, from whom it hears regularly and it can state authoritively that in the counties of Scott, Wichita, Greely, Hamilton, Kearney, Finney, Haskell, Grant, Stanton, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Gray and Garfield there has been no more suffering than the usual inconvinience from cold in any community.

MUCH SUFFERING

Caused from the Lack of Fuel and Food in Western Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Mr. J. A. Hazeltine, banker of Johnson City, on the frontier, is in the city. He reports that a farmer named S. C. Clark, living near Golden, Grant county, left his family at home Monday to go to Hartland, the nearest railroad point, for the purpose of getting coal, his family being entirely without fuel. He left Hartland late Monday evening with coal and the next morning was found about six miles from the house lying by the side of his frozen horses, frozen stiff. All of the bodies were partly covered by snow. Clark's wife and three children had, in the meantime nearly perished and had only saved themselves from death by leaving their shell of a house and taken refuge from the blizzard in a cave. Two deaths are reported from Greeley county on the Colorada line.

A brother and sister named Robert and Sarah Holzapfel, who lived on a claim in an unsettled portion of the country, found themselves without fuel Sunday evening. They tore down a stall shed to burn the lumber, and that night all but the stall which they had themselves burned was stolen from them. Early in the forenoon the young man went to the town of Horace, about two miles distant, and succeeded in getting 200 pounds of coal. He did not reach home till nearly midnight. His limbs were then numb and he was nearly exhausted. He found his sister in bed insensible and almost stiff. She had been without fire all day. He tried to revive his sister but to no avail.

A farmer, 62 years old, living alone in Greeley county, was not only without fuel but without food, and was frozen to death.

A widow named Mrs. Reilly, and her two little children perished in the storm of Monday night, near Dighton, in Lane county. They were without fuel and the storm came so suddenly upon them that they were unable to get it. The woman's oldest son started out in the storm to get coal. He was overcome by the intense cold, but fortunately wandered to the house of a neighbor. He was unable to speak and his arms, feet and ears were frozen. By strenuous efforts his life was saved although he will probably loose his feet.

There are also reports of great suffering in Clark county, on the Indian territory line. A family of four were travelling overland, and being about ten miles from home and several miles from any other house, determined to reach home that night in spite of the terrible storm. The horses were overcome and the family was obliged to abandon the horses and wagon and walk several miles to the nearest house. A two-year-old child was frozen to death in its father's arms, before shelter was reached. The others reached the house badly frozen.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22.—In the newly organized county of Perkins the death of a man and brother is reported. They were attempting to make their ranch, twenty miles from Ogallala, when the storm overpowered them. Both were frozen to death.

Another man named John Grant, who had been on the railroad construction work on the Black Hills extension of the Burlington & Missouri River, was found dead a mile out from camp.

On the Kansas line no dead have been discovered, although suffering is reported as very severe.

HARPER COUNTY TROUBLES.

An Epidemic, Suddenly Appearing, Keeps Witnesses Away From the County Seat Trial.

Special Dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

ANTHONY, Kan., Dec. 22.—In the contest trial today it was developed that an epidemic had broken out at Harper. It consists of cramps of the stomach and chronic diarrhoea. Many prominent citizens were afflicted with it who were subpoenaed to appear here as witnesses. They failed to put in an appearance yesterday and bench warrants were issued to bring them forthwith. These failed. The officers of the law could bring nothing but Harper doctors' certificates. There seems to be a disposition on the part of the contestants and Harper people generally to prolong this trial to an indefinite period. As the trial progresses it becomes more interesting. James McGee, from Wellington, swears that he received $100 from a man by the name of Buell, and that he gave it to parties who went over to Harper to vote. Judge Ruggles seems to be master of the situation, and in a very concise little speech, gave the contestees an idea of what will be proven. There seems to be great interest, as the court house was full all day.

One Samuel Cox had both feet so badly frozen that amputation must certainly follow. He was down in the territory and undertook to cross Sand creek on the ice. It broke with him and let him into the water while coming home some twenty miles.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

THE FLEISHMAN FIRE.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—A fire broke out in the millinery and furnishing store of S. S. Fleishman & Co., 506 Market street, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The flames had gained considerable headway when discovered, and before they could be controlled the double four story structure, together with an adjoining five story building of Galger & Co., toy dealers, No. 508 Market street, were completely gutted. During the progress of the fire, firemen Gus Dalte, Emil Spahr and Scott Ward were injured. Dalte and Spahr were buried under the debris of a falling floor and were severely burned and bruised. Ward was overcome by smoke and fell from a ladder. His condition is serious. The losses of Galger & Co., on stock and building is $90,000; insurance, $40,000. Fleishman & Co., stock, $55,000; insurance, $51,500. Buildings owned by Hacke & Gregg, $24,000; insurance, $20,000. Rosenbaum & Co., millinery establishment adjoining Galger & Co., damages on stock in cellar by water, $15,000; fully insured. The fire is supposed to have caught from a lighted cigar stump carelessly thrown into the rubbish in the cellar of Fleishman & Co.

THE ROCHESTER EXPLOSION.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The lower end of Mill street presents a desolate spectacle this morning. The street was torn up in all directions by the force of the explosions of last evening. Windows of the surrounding buildings which escaped the flames are shattered. A stone from one of the falling buildings was thrown 100 feet through a second-story window of one of the factories and shattered a 500-pound iron wheel. Clouds of smoke and steam are still rising from the ruins. Portions of detached walls are leaning at seemingly impossible angles and threatening every moment to fall. Smoky icicles hang from every projection. Streams of water from every available source are playing on the ruins, which are still red-hot in places. It is not probable that the ruins will be cool enough to permit a search for the bodies of any who may have perished before tonight or possibly to-morrow. Even then the search must be attended with great caution, on account of the unsupported walls still remaining. The general impression is that there must be several bodies in the ruins.

A BRUTAL ENGINEER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The incoming Baltimore & Ohio train plowed at full speed through the crowd boarding the Illinois suburban train at VanBuren station last evening. Fully 200 people were thronging the tracks at the time and without a whistle or note of warning, the train was upon them. In an instant Miss Lottie Landerville was thrown through the air a distance of fifteen or twenty feet and fatally injured. Immediately after the accident the Baltimore & Ohio train backed up and had barely stopped when the cab was boarded by an infuriated crowd of persons who had narrowly escaped death. The engineer was roughly seized and cries of "Lynch him!" "Kill him!" were shouted from hundreds of throats. Just in time to prevent the crowd from executing its threats, two central detail officers arrived and rescued the cowering man from the throng of avengers. The engineer was quickly spirited away.

A FATAL COLLISION.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—This morning a fatal collision occurred on the Cincinnati Northern railroad, now known as the Ohio & Northwestern road, at a point three and one-half miles beyond Idlewild station. The Montgomery accommodation coming south and the outgoing passenger train going north met at Bloody Run. Both engines were wrecked. Mrs. Proctor, living at South Norwood, and Mrs. Ringgold were both fatally injured. Engineer Edward Colin's ankle was broken by jumping. Engineer George Glasgow, leg broken; Edward Sykle, passenger, badly mashed foot; Chas. Barbor, passenger, was injured about his face.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

ROCK RAPIDS, Io., Dec. 22.—A serious accident occurred yesterday on the Cherokee & Dakota branch of the Illinois Central, which is just being completed through this place. A train loaded with supplies, when about ten miles west of this place, collided with a work train which had on board about 200 laborers. The collision occurred just at the end of a long bridge. Fireman Geo. Davis, of Cherokee, died from the effects of his injuries. Engineer Caffel is in a critical condition, having received severe injuries in the spine and internally. Many of the laborers were slightly injured.

JEALOUS IN EARNEST.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 22.—An Advance special from Scott county says: Napoleon B. Templeton was killed yesterday by George Adams in the road near Estellville. Both were young men of the best families. Jealousy was the cause of the murder. Templeton married a girl whom both were courting and Adams determined to have revenge. Meeting Templeton yesterday evening, he drew a pistol and without saying a word shot him between the eyes, killing him instantly. The murderer escaped, but the sheriff's posse is after him.

ANOTHER NAPHTHA EXPLOSION.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 22.—A naphtha tank in the office of the New Jersey gas light company exploded at half past 12 o'clock today blowing out the front of the building. A boy named Bryan was buried in the debris and fatally injured. A clerk in the office named Michold, and and another clerk were knocked senseless by the explosion. Michold is seriously injured. The building immediately caught fire, but the flames were quickly subdued.

WASHINGTON.

REPRESENTATIVE MOFFETT, OF MICHIGAN, DEAD.

Both Houses Adjourn, After Little Business, as a Mark of Respect, till January 4.

A Short List of Confirmations—Senator Voorhees' Idea to Create a Land District of Cimarron.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland will Receive New Years—Government Monthly Receipts Exceed Expenditures.

CAPITAL BUDGET.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Confirmations: Samuel T. Williams, of Maryland, to be secretary of legation to Brazil; O. S. Stauss, minister to Turkey; H. H. Russell, postmaster at Warrensburg, Mo.; S. S. Carlisle, of New Orleans, to be minister to Bolivia; J. G. Walker, of Texas, to be consul general at Bogota. Bills were introduced today as follows:

By Senator Vorhees.—To extend the laws of the United States, except those providing for pre-emption, timber culture and desert land entries of the public lands, over the public land strip south of the indian territory. It also creates the land district of Cimarron.

The secretary of the treasury today transmitted to congress estimates to meet the deficiencies in the expenditures of the various departments of the government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, and prior years amounting to $5,580,978. He also submitted an estimate of $3,078,044 to cover the urgent demands upon the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, and a schedule of claims amounting to $388,703 allowed by the sixth auditor on account of the compensation of postmasters under the readjustment act of 1883.

Secretary Lamar today instructed the commissioner of the general land office that the order of December 15, 1887, directing "that all lands heretofore withdrawn and held for indemnity purposes under the grant to the railroads," mentioned in said order be restored to the public domain and opened to settlement and entry under the general laws after giving the usual notice, be changed and modified so that the lands shall be restored to the public domain upon the same terms and in the same manner as was directed to be done by the order of August 3, 1887, in relation to the indemnity lands withdrawn for the benefit of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad company, and the subsequent orders of August 15, 1887, in relation to other roads. The secretary also directs that for reasons stated the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad be excluded from the operation of said orders.

The president will receive on New Years day according to the usual program. He will be assisted by Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the cabinet. Mrs. Cleveland's Saturday afternoon receptions, from 3 till 5 o'clock, will begin on Saturday, January 7, and continue on alternate Saturdays throughout the season.

The government receipts so far this month amount to $21,496,298, being an excess of $12,997,136 over all disbursements for the same period.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Dolph introduced a bill to provide for the payment of the claims for Indian depredations. He said there were some 45,000 such claims aggregating some $14,000,000 or $15,000,000. It was a burning shame that for thirty years congress had declined to take action on these claims. The bill was referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

The senate then took up the joint resolutions introduced by Dolph on the 15th, proposing a constitutional amendment on the subject of marriage and divorce, prohibiting bigamy and polygamy. The proposed amendment is in the following:

Congress shall have to legislate on the subject of marriage and divorce by general laws, applicable alike to all states and territories; and neither bigamy nor polygamy shall exist, or be permitted within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Mr. Dolph addressed the senate in support of the joint resolution. At the close of his remarks the joint resolution was ordered to lie on the table, Mr. Cullom saying that he proposed to submit some remarks upon it after reassembling of the senate.

The presiding officer announced the appointment of a special committee to investigate the condition of five civilized tribes of Indians, as follows: Messrs. Butler, Morgan, Dawes, Cameron and Teller.

Mr. Teller introduced a bill to provide for compulsory education of Indian children. Referred.

A message from the house announced the death of Representative Moffett, of Michigan. On motion of Mr. Palmer, the usual resolutions of regret were adopted. A committee was appointed consisting of Palmer, Teller and Jones, (of Arkansas), to attend the funeral at the dead member's late home in Travers City, and as a further mark of respect, the senate adjourned to meet on the 4th of January, 1887.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—When the house met today the desk recently occupied by Mr. Moffett, of Michigan, who died in Providence hospital this morning, was draped in the emblems of mourning and decked with flowers.

Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, said it became his painful duty, on behalf of the Michigan delegation to announce to the house the death of Hon. Seth C. Moffett. In his death, the delegation felt a personal bereavement, and his state had lost an able congressman. Mr. Burrows then offered a series of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, expressive of the regret with which the house had heard of Mr. Moffett's death, and providing for the appointment of a joint committee of seven representatives and three senators to superintend the funeral and escort the remains of the deceased to the place of burial.

The house then at 1:15 p. m., as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned until January 4.

STABBED BY HER FATHER.

RUTLAND, Vt. Dec. 22.—Wm. Shelby, a Salvation Army crank and a book canvasser, became suddenly insane this morning and stabbed his seven-year-old daughter in the back with a knife, and in a tussle with a ten-year-old son trampled on his head, inflicting bad bruises. He then rushed bareheaded into the street with a valise full of books and commenced reading and praying. He was arrested, and, after a hard struggle, was jailed. The girl's wound is a bad one, and may prove fatal.

MINUS $2.100.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—John Goff, who claims to belong in West Hartford, Vt., reported to the police here today that he had been robbed yesterday of a pocket-book containing $2,100. He had sold a farm at Hodgins, O., and started for his old home in Vermont, stopping on the way to see the sights of Boston.