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GOING WEST. TIME TABLE. GOING EAST. 1874.												1874.
Way Freight	Ex. Exp.	Kal. Accom.	Day Exp.	Mail.	Stations.	Mail.	Day Exp.	Kal. Accom.	Night Express.	Way Freight		
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.		P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.		
6 00	4 00	1 45	10 15	7 15	Detroit,	3 00	6 00	10 00	11 10	4 00pm		
9 00	6 00	4 00	11 45	9 00	Ann Arbor	1 00	4 00	7 45	1 50	10 00		
P 12 00M	8 00	6 00	P 1 15	11 15	Jackson,	10 15	2 00	5 00	4 45	P 12 00m		
A 5 00	12 00M	10 00	6 00	5 00	Marshall,	7 00	9 00	12 00M	7 00	7 00		
P 3 00	10 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	Bat. Creek,	9 00	11 00	2 00	5 00	P. M.		
A 6 00	2 00	12 00M	9 00	6 00	Kalamazoo,	6 00	8 00	11 00	2 00	A. M.		
9 00	5 00	3 00	12 00M	9 00	Lawton,	3 00	5 00	8 00	11 00			
11 00	7 00	5 00	2 00	11 00	Decatur,	1 00	3 00	6 00	9 00			
12 00	8 00	6 00	3 00	12 00	Dowagiac,	12 00	2 00	5 00	8 00			
1 15	9 15	7 15	4 15	1 15	Niles,	11 00	1 00	4 00	7 00			
1 45	9 45	7 45	4 45	1 45	New Buffalo	10 30	12 30	3 30	6 30			
3 15	11 15	9 15	6 15	3 15	Mich. City,	9 00	11 00	2 00	5 00			
4 00	12 00M	10 00	7 00	4 00	Chicago,	8 00	10 00	1 00	4 00			
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.			

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Westward.				Eastward.
a m	p m		a m	p m
10 35	8 00	depart Lansing, arrive	6 45	5 05
11 25	8 57	Charlotte,	5 48	4 08
11 46	9 19	Olivet,	5 25	3 45
11 59	9 35	Bellevue,	5 10	3 30
12 35	10 15	Battle Creek,	4 30	3 08
1 45		Climax,		2 04
1 52		Brady,		1 57
2 05		Schoolcraft,		1 08
2 28		Marcellus		12 28
3 27		Cassopolis,		11 40
3 50		Edwardsburgh,		11 13
4 20		Mishawaka,		10 42
4 30		arrive South Bend, depart		10 30

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Dated October 16, 1873. 968t7

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Paw Paw, February 17, 1873. 984

THE BRIGANDS OF THE WEST,

—OR—

JOHN LONG,

The Wolf of the Prairies.

Just as the smoking venison and the crisp prairie fowl were sat upon the board before the robbers at their council hut in Washington Grove, the measured signal of the clan was struck sharply against the outer door, announcing a new arrival. After exchanging the word through the wall to those who made the summons, the door was opened at the order of the Chairman and two men presented themselves to the assemblage. A rattle of glasses on the table greeted their appearance, and the Chairman formally welcomed them in the name of the company.

The former of these two men was tall; he had a withy, nervous frame, and though but twenty-two years of age would, from the hard cast of his features, have passed for a man of twenty-six or seven. His complexion was of that swarthy cast which beseems the pirate and the brigand; the color of his hair was in keeping with his cheeks, and his bold and penetrating black eyes resembled those of a tiger more than any which belonged to human sockets.—Though rather light in frame he had a great breadth of chest, and he stood erect with that easy grace which denotes recklessness and strength. The fine points of his structure, however, were more than counterbalanced by the sinister expression of his face; for its cold, hard lines, its wedge-like decrease from the broad cheeks to the narrow chin, and the thin and contracted mouth, betrayed a vicious nature and a ruthless heart.

The other man was small in stature, but also strongly built. His complexion was of a dirty sandy color; his hair and eyes were light, but there was no style or spirit in his bearing, which to a hasty observer would render him worthy of association with the dashing vulture at his side. A steadier view, however, revealed a smouldering sullenness in the lower shades of his faint grey eyes that looked like resolution, and that promised to flash as high as courage when properly touched with motive. A still closer observation might have discovered in this inferior and sulky figure a likeness to the Appollo of the Plains beside him, for, wide as was the difference, they were cradled in the same cabin and were doomed to perish on the same beam.

These men were two of the celebrated Mormon brothers, Hodges, of whom we have heard Long and his comrades speak when reposing after the affray at Grafton at the station of old Hunt. Their names were Stephen and William, the former and most formidable looking one being the youngest, while William, the short one, was the senior by two years.

No sooner had these ruffians taken their seats by the now abundant board than a new rap followed and was succeeded by the introduction of another guest. The name of this man was Thomas, or, as he was more familiarly called, Tom Brown, a close associate of the Hodges, though not stationary like them at any place. He was a rover of the prairies, constantly moving from place to place, and generally flying with a dripping knife from the pursuit of some cold blooded and voluntary murder. In height he was nearly six feet, and in his cruel disposition he somewhat resembled the youngest of the brothers who had just preceded him. He was highly esteemed in that ferocious crowd; no man could excel him in deeds of daring, and had he possessed judgment commensurate to his other powers he would have been the Hector of that circle; but he was reckless to the last degree, and rather than depose a little prudent patience on a job he would undertake it often when the conception was unripe, and force it to success through a crowd of unnecessary dangers. It was this hot haste of spirit which obliged him so often to pluck his knife from its sheath, and cut his way through obstacles that he might have eluded or wooed aside.

"Now," said Jack Redden, as Brown took his seat, "church is in, and it is time for the exercises to begin," upon which signal the hungry brigands fell to work upon the smoking viands that sat before them, and performed such feats, each for himself, as would have been creditable to the Reverend Friar Tuck, or the giant Dundemere after his fe fo fum. The venison which stood piled up in trickling haunches was slashed down with trenchant bowie blades, and transferred to the private plates in broad and juicy collops; the prairie fowl were dismembered and strewn about in savory fragments among the members of the board, while before Kilgore was decently laid out a roasted sucking pig, whose tender joints were soon dissevered to let out a fragrant steam of thyme and savory that pervaded the hut, and would have done honor to a London Christmas board.

There was great trencher work in that cabin. Those who have seen the clown play with chop sticks at the circus, or the jugglers devour eggs at the museums, can have only a faint idea of it. The venison when its foot was on the heath was scarcely more nimble to disappear, or the prairie hens more light of wing while cluttering over the meadow, than when lying before the hungry hunters of that board. There was wassail, too, among those rude merry makers, and the woods around, which had so often wailed with the piercing cry of their despairing victims, were now vocal with a softer phase of their unbended natures.

At length one leaned back from his labor, then followed another and another, and when the last reclined from his devotions with a deep, half-smothered sigh of satisfaction, the final fragment of the meal had taken its leave from the dishes of the board. A drink all round in regular form then closed this portion of the evening's business, and the chairman, wiping his mouth with a nonchalance which implied some notion of the dignity of his station, intimated that the time had come for counsel.

"Hold on a minute!" said Jack Redden, who had been laughing at a communication made to him by Tom Brown, "I want Tom to give you an account of an exploit he performed at Rockford, Illinois. It's in his own style, and will pay for listening to."

"Yes, yes, let's have it," said half a dozen voices.

The chairman nodded acquiescence and Tom Brown, without feeling it necessary to exhibit any diffidence, commenced relating how he and a fellow named Bundy had conceived the enterprise of robbing a store at Rockford, kept by a man named McKinney. It was expected that he had two or three thousand dollars in cash in a trunk that sat under a table at the back of the store, and the plan was to enter the store at night by false keys and carry off the trunk, in despite of McKinney's brother who slept there, or of a poor family who lived up stairs. "I expected to be obliged to silence the clerk in case he should wake," said Brown, "and as that was more in my line than Bundy's I intended to station him at the door, and tying a handkerchief over my face, with two holes cut into it for my eyes, to go in with my knife in hand and accomplish the job. We arrived in the neighborhood of the store at about half past eight in the evening and commenced reconnoitering. But seeing that there was no one in the store at that time except the clerk, and that he was asleep with his head down upon the counter, I told Bundy we would not wait till they closed up, but take the chance at once. He tried to dissuade me from it on the ground that somebody might come in, but I shook him off, and telling him to stand hard by and cover my retreat I entered. The fellow on the counter slept like a top until I got nearly out with the trunk on my shoulder, when he suddenly started up and sung out, 'Who's there?'"

"Oh, it's nobody but me!" said I, setting the trunk on end in the door-way where Bundy could reach it, and facing the clerk so I could be prepared for any emergency. "It's nobody but me!"

"Who are you, and what are you doing with that trunk?" said he.

"Your brother wants it," answered I motioning behind me to Bundy to snatch it away.

"Well, it can't go," said the clerk, moving towards me from behind the counter.

"At this moment Bundy snatched the trunk away, and I took out my knife and advanced cooly towards the young man. He shrunk as he saw my bowie, but I caught him by the hand and held him like a vice. I then drew the edge of the blade lightly across his fingers and asked him if that was sharp. He trembled and acknowledged that it was, whereupon I told him that I did not fear to use it; that if he would keep still he should not be hurt, but at all events the trunk must go. I had no further trouble with him, but, shaking my knife at him as I backed out, I followed on the heels of Bundy who had made good headway with the 'swag.' We bursted it in the woods but got from it only seven hundred dollars."

"By G—d, that was well done," said Stephen Hodges, filling up his glass.

"I never hear Bundy's name but I think of John Long, said Louther. "When Bundy was in jail at Louisville and bound to go to the State prison if nobody had helped him, John Long was the man to give up a five thousand dollar 'sight' at Montrose and hurry down to his rescue. All the boys but him were afraid to go to Bundy's aid because he was caught so 'foul,' but John Long swore he would not see a friend suffer while he had a tongue in his head or could carry a knife in his hand, so he persuaded our friend Granville to go along with him, and like staunch men and true they swore him clear."

"That is so," said Young, modestly; "the proposal came from John, and he was at that time about the only man whom I would have shared so desperate a chance with. John Long is a trump and no mistake."

"I wish he was here to testify at Dubuque for Harris and Barton," said Bridges.

"Or to study out an escape," said Jack Redden. "In that line he has no equal, for he has already broken out of eleven jails himself."

"Never mind," said the chairman, "we will content ourselves at present with having Granville as a witness in his place, and if a conviction should follow it is very likely that Long, Fox and Birch may all be in time for any measures of the last resort."

The business for which the party had been convened being now thoroughly broached, it was entered into with a spirit and earnestness that made the brigands for a time forget their cups. Every mind was ransacked for an idea to place at the service of their bloody comrades, and every pocket was assessed for means to hire legal confederates to swindle them clear. At length the lawyers who were to be entrusted with the charge of the case were indicated; witnesses to the extent of fifteen or sixteen were selected by name, not only from the company present but from the various adherents of the band, to hold themselves at the command and tuition of the lawyers, and a committee appointed to notify these witnesses of their duty and to see that they paid strict attention to the obligation which was thus imposed. None were expected to refuse; indeed it was a point of safety as well as honor that none should, for no man could tell what hour would place him helpless at the dependence of his comrades' good will. Everything being daily digested and arranged the council relaxed from business once again, and welcoming the bottle with a freer will sounded it more deep than before. Story telling, song singing, and gasconading followed, and many a red exploit was told over with as much gusto as if it were a creditable deed. When they had done comparing with each other what each had done, and were plunged into the goblet, they got so far as to communicate what designs each had in store, and the dark confidences of the miscreant circle were exchanged so freely as to unveil a world of crime

Kilgore revealed to Louther at his elbow that he had got a "sight" upon the premises of a man named Mulford, in Winnebago county, not many miles from the very cabin where they were then feasting, which he expected would net at least from twelve to fourteen thousand dollars, and that he intended to call in Long and his party to help work it up. Louther, in return, communicated that he had a "sight" upon the hut of an old Norwegian farmer in Lee county, Iowa, in which he was engaged with Jack Redden, and to which it was his intention to call Granville Young. This he said was due to Young for having given him an excellent "sight" to raise in the previous spring, and moreover for already having come round the table to offer him a share in an intended enterprise against a man in the same county.

The two Hodges on their part communicated to Redden and Young a chance to rob an old Mormon preacher near Pekin, Illinois, and also suggested the robbing of Beach, a Mormon merchant of Nauvoo. It was likewise mentioned in this circle that in Lee county, about twelve miles from Nauvoo, lived a German farmer who had a large sum of ready money that was worth having.

"He has a son-in-law and wife living with him, and another man and wife," said Stephen, "which makes three to contend against, therefore it looks like a pretty hard job."

"It does so," said Young, "nevertheless I think it might be managed."

"Yes," replied Stephen, "but if wants the proper help, so I have notified Fox of it, and intend to have him lend a hand."

"Now, shall I tell you who is your next best man?" said Young, "and you will want one more."

"Who?" said William Hodges.

"Why, Tom Brown over there," answered Young. "He is just the fellow."

"By —— so he is," said Stephen. "I will engage him in the matter at once."

While these satanic conferences were going forward, a fellow named Baxter, who had proposed the "Law as the sheet-anchor of stealing" at the commencement of the feast, was looking round the circle from one part of it to another, and quietly noting the chance expressions which fell from this party and from that. "Well," said he, to himself after awhile, "they all flatter themselves upon great prospects and splendid 'sights,' but I have an enterprise for Long and his two comrades which will not only distinguish them above all their competitors, but make them and me rich for life."

The villain little thought when he conferred thus with himself that he was writing the death warrant of those co-adjutors, nor did Young imagine, when he commended Tom Brown to Hodges for the foray upon Miller and Leicy, that the gallows stood behind his words. But when murderers talk death walks between their lips, and stands as near always to their hearts as it does to the hearts of their victims.

At a late hour and after a deep carouse the banditti separated, and wended their way by the grey morning light through different avenues of the forest.

The Detroit *Free Press* tells this little story:

There is a newspaper man in the eastern part of the State who is being bantered as the champion railroad pass begger. "Passing" him by, we want to tell a little story about an old acquaintance who once published a paper on the line of the Detroit & Milwaukee Road. He was a mighty poor compositor, to begin with, and the first issue of his paper was a sight to see. He had borrowed old Nuchu and bitters stereoptypes to fill up with, and his "salutoray," as he called it, contained about two hundred typographical errors and half that number of grammatical blunders. But it was a foundation, and he went to receiving subscriptions and sending for railroad passes.—He "went for" superintendents until he had a pass over every road in the State, but these were not enough. He sent abroad, and finally he addressed the superintendent of an Ohio road. No answer. The editor wrote again.—No answer. He wrote a third letter, and an answer came back:

"Go to h——!"

The editor turned the letter over and wrote:

"Send me a pass on your road and I will!"

The pass came and he —— was made happy.

In commenting on some strictures of the Eaton Rapids *Journal* the Detroit *Tribune*, among other things, says:

The *Journal* is one of those papers that get along only by dint of hard work and closest economy. We have always noticed it for its neat and cleanly-printed page, for the excellent arrangement of all its reading matter, and especially for the evident painstaking care that is bestowed on its columns. Judging from what little we know of it, we have no hesitation in saying that its editor's work had never been appreciated by the Eaton Rapids people as it ought to have been. It has represented that thriving community abroad handsomly and well—actually better than it could afford—and has manifested a pride in so doing that has merited a better return than it has ever yet received in the way of home advertising and subscriptions. These words are not 'writ sarkastic,' but are meant for just what they express, and if the people of that town would take our advice, the subscription list of the *Journal* would be doubled within a week, and so would its advertising. Instead of the usual grumble that 'the paper has nothing in it,' if such just and wise appreciation were extended, it would furnish the *Journal* the means and the encouragement to do much better than it has been able to do as yet, of which means its editor would make prompt use we have no manner of doubt."

All this is just as true as preaching, and a great deal more so. Think of it.

To the Electors of Van Buren Co.

At the annual session of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, held at the Court House, in the Village of Paw Paw, in said County, on the 21st day of October, A. D., 1873, the following resolution was adopted:

Supervisor Williams moved the following amendment to the report of the Committee on County Buildings: That the County raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a fire and burglar proof building for the offices of Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Judge of Probate and County Treasurer, on condition that the citizens of Paw Paw and vicinity raise the sum of five hundred dollars to assist in the erection of such building, and that the same be referred to the people at the next spring election for their approval, which motion prevailed.

Notice is hereby given that at the general Election, to be held in said County, on Monday the 6th day of April, A. D., 1874, the question of raising the amount recommended in said resolution will be submitted to the legal voters of said County.

Dated Paw Paw, March 3d, 1874.

988t4 SAMUEL HOLMES, Co. Clerk.