

A BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

OCCURRED NEAR CHICAGO.

The Northwestern Fast Mail Stopped—Four Masked Men Guilty—Express Car Blown Up—Safes Ripped—Took a Signal Tower—Many Shots Fired—Operator Was Bound and Gagged.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Masked robbers held up train No. 9, of the Northwestern railroad between Maple Park and DeKalb and shot at Dan White, the engineer, ran away with the engine and blew open the express car and safe. When the robbers had rifled the car they disappeared.

Train No. 9 forms part of the fast transcontinental mail which was recently established between New York and San Francisco. The run is made from Chicago to Council Bluffs on a schedule exceeding a mile a minute. It has been the general custom to carry only two cars, one containing express matter and the other mail.

Train No. 9 left the Northwestern depot with Dan White as engineer. No stops were scheduled between Chicago and DeKalb. At Maple Park, 50 miles from Chicago it was discovered that tower "W," at Elburne, was either out of order or was not giving the right signal. Dan White closed the throttle quickly and brought the train to a standstill. The train was midway between Elburne and Maple Park.

White had hardly brought the train to a standstill when two masked men jumped on to the stern and pointed guns at him and the fireman.

"Throw up your hands!" they shouted. The railroad men did so.

The two robbers detached the engine from the rest of the train, and White was told to pull out. The robbers ordered him to take his engine two miles up the track. Then he attempted to make a fight and recapture his engine. He struggled manfully. Finally one of the robbers shot at him but failed to hit him.

In the meantime, four other men had attacked the conductor and brakeman. Numerous shots were fired to intimidate them. The conductor was unable to make any resistance as he was told he would be killed.

One of the brakemen managed to escape in the darkness and raced to Elburne, where he managed to send the alarm to the train dispatcher in Chicago.

The robbers, after overpowering the conductor, ordered the express messenger, Frank Hobson, to admit them to the car. "You open up that car," one of the robbers shouted, "or we'll blow it up."

Back from the car came a shout: "You try to force it open and I'll shoot the first man who shows his head."

A volley of shots was let fly, and after several bullets had whizzed past his head, the express messenger opened up the car. They put revolvers to his head and compelled him to give up the keys to the local safe. They then blew open the door of the local safe with dynamite, the explosion wrecking the car. The robbers grabbed all the money and express packages they could and fled.

Although it is impossible to give with any accuracy the amount, it is estimated by the officers of the American Express Company in Chicago, that there was \$25,000 in the safes. This amount was stated by General Manager Anrisdel of the American Express Company, to have been in the car in cash alone. The amount of jewelry, etc., Mr. Anrisdel said he could not guess at.

The news of the hold-up was received in Chicago immediately. Word was sent at once to the Superintendent and a special was ordered made up. Messengers were dispatched for Detective Reilly, chief of the special police of the Northwestern system.

When the train dispatcher was notified he gave orders to freight No. 118, bound east, to stop at Geneva and return to the scene of the hold-up. The trainmen of No. 118 had noticed No. 9 standing on the track with a detached engine as they went by, but thought nothing of it.

When the freight crew reached tower W, they found the operator bound, gagged and tied to a chair. When released he gave the first real information to the officials. He said four men had come to the tower and asked him the number of the next train going west. They wanted to know if it was not No. 9, but the operator says he told them it was No. 119.

The robbers then told the operator he was a fool, that they knew better. To show the operator they had laid their plans thoroughly and knew what they were talking about, they pointed guns at his head and told him if he made a move they would kill him. They tied him up with ropes, stuffed a towel in his mouth and told him if he was a good fellow he would escape without being hurt. They then set the signals which caused No. 9 to slow up.

The train dispatcher made repeated efforts to reach the Maple Park operator when no report was made to him for 15 minutes of the passing of No. 9. It was first thought at the Northwestern office that No. 9 had been wrecked and orders were sent up and down the line to watch out and report an accident if any had occurred.

August Jacobey, chief editor of Vorwaerts, the leading social democratic daily of Germany, died last week of apoplexy. At the time of his death he was under two months' sentence for editorial utterances.

WASHINGTON.

The rush of farm work continues in the Palous country.

South Bend has raised the saloon license from \$300 to \$500 for the ensuing year.

The enrollment in the Olympia schools is but slightly greater than a year ago.

Medical Lake is under the necessity of employing an additional teacher in the public schools.

Walla Walla now believes she has succeeded in capturing the firebug that has been operating in that city so long.

The record of births and deaths of Walla Walla county for the quarter ending September 30, shows 63 births, 36 boys and 27 girls, and 47 deaths.

Spokane bank clearings for the week just past were \$1,522,284, an increase of about 30 per cent over the same week one year ago.

The county commissioners of Whitman county have fixed the state and county tax levy at 19 mills. Last year it was 14 mills.

The apple crop of the Rogue River valley is good this year, and is being looked after both by local shippers and buyers from abroad.

Beef cattle are not so plentiful in the Colville valley this year as in the past, and milch cows demand a higher price this fall than heretofore.

A one-horse circus, which has been operating in Vancouver, broke up in a lively row, in which soldiers, actors, employees of the show, citizens, and peace officers all took a hand.

Robert Watkinson of Skagit county raised 26 pumpkins in one hill, the largest of which weighed 105 pounds, and took the prize at the Northwestern exposition. The combined weight of the 26 was one ton.

At the state fair in Yakima an apple was exhibited that measured 18 1-2 inches in circumference, which is claimed to be the largest on record. Another apple weighed 23 ounces, and a squash measured 90 inches around.

Hardy Getty of Fairhaven, a boy of 16, while working at a tin cutting machine in the Pacific Sheet Metal Works, got both hands under the circular cutters, and they were so badly mangled that the doctors are very doubtful of saving either hand.

The O. R. & N. has bought 33 acres of land at Winona junction, in Whitman county, on which it will establish carshops and division and dispatchers' headquarters. The shops now at Tekoa and Starbuck will be removed there before January 1 next.

A potato phenomenon is being displayed in Colfax. The growth consists of several large vines, on which there are scores of potatoes ranging in size from a bird's egg to a man's fist. The potatoes grow entirely above instead of under the ground.

STRIKE TWO BY THE BOERS.

Another Armored Train Blown Up Near Mafeking.

London, Oct. 16.—The Exchange Telegraph company received a dispatch from Cape Town saying the Boers have blown up another armored train carrying operators from Mafeking. The Boers, it is reported have seized the railroad stations north of 12 streams between Vryburg and Kimberley. Fighting is still continuing in the neighborhood.

According to dispatches from the front the Boers have made several attacks upon Mafeking, all of which have been repulsed.

In connection with the rumored attacks upon Mafeking, a disquieting report comes from Pretoria to the effect that the Rustenburg and Marico commanders have crossed the border and entered the Rooigrond territory between Lichtenburg and Mafeking, blowing up bridges over the Maloppe river and destroying a trainload of dynamite and the track. As Mafeking depends upon Rooigrond for its water supply, the significance of this move is evident.

A dispatch from Pretoria says: "General Koch wires from the natal border that his command has occupied Botohas pass and also captured the railway station."

The latest reports from every burg say the armored train that was destroyed at Kraaipan contained, in addition to Nesbitt's force, a number of workmen and six residents of Marigogo, south of Mafeking, who, on hearing of the Boer advance, took refuge on the train.

Captain Nesbitt, who was killed at Kraaipan, belongs to the Mashona and mounted police. He served in the Matabele war during which a daring exploit won him the Victoria cross. With 13 men he fought his way through the Matabeles, rescued the beleaguered party and escorted them to Salisbury.

Following the example of the Scotch miners, who have introduced the proposal at two or three annual conferences, many of the miners in Lancashire and other counties have just passed resolutions in favor of raising the age of boy labor in mines from 12 to 14 years. The question will be introduced at the next conference of the Federation of Great Britain, and parliamentary action decided on.

There are rumors in the air of a great English coal combine, and during the past few days various rumors have been circulated on the Quay-side, Newcastle, as to a most important amalgamation of the Weardale Coal and Iron company with other large collieries in the county of Durham.

DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT.

A Washington Girl's Invention for Kissing by Mail.

A Washington girl has invented a method of sending kisses by mail—a method by which she can present to the favored one the living image of a kiss from her own rosy lips. It is a sort of sign label, incapable of forgery or successful imitation. It is the veritable documentary evidence of a kiss given and received, and it may yet prove to be of vast legal import.

Like many another good thing, the malleable kiss was discovered by accident—at least that is what the inventress says. The method of the discov-

I shall write you again on the morning I fall from your well. I'll be with you, I'll be with you, I'll be with you, I'll be with you.

Your own Lillian

From thirty-third

P. O. Box 100

ery was this: It happened one day that she wished to write a letter to "him." It was a chilly day and a blustery—she says—and to protect her carmine lips from the salute of the winds she reached for a little box of salve upon her dressing table and therewith liberally anointed her lips. And in that salve there was a considerable percentage of rouge.

The letter having been finished, it was adorned at the foot with the conventional brace of ink crosses. Now, she had not seen him for a long time, and the last letter he wrote was really a nice one, so that it was understandable that the crosses having been made—and blotted—she should press her lips just once to the letter.

The rouge in the salve did the rest. It was a little greasy, but the unintentional result was a perfect picture of a pair of pursed lips. The inventress was so pleased that she tried it again, and the second picture was better than the first.

When the pictures reached their destination it did not need the inscription, "these are genuine," to tell the recipient what to do with them. They spoke for themselves.

No patent upon the process has yet been applied for, but a slight improvement in the original method has been made. It is now the fashion to slightly dampen the paper and to dust with dry powder the lips of the sender. It works just as well, and the kisses don't "run."

A PRESIDENT'S BIRTHPLACE.

Buchanan's Home Unchanged, Though Moved to Another Town.

In Mercersburg, Pa., is the old cottage in which James Buchanan, President of the United States from 1857 to 1861, was born. It was removed from Stony Batter, Peter's township, fifty years ago. It is said that James Buchanan's mother put a bell on his neck, when he was a little fellow only a few years old, in order that she could tell in just what section of the wood he was wandering.

The home of Buchanan was a trading post. It was on the line of the



BIRTHPLACE OF PRESIDENT BUCHANAN. turnpike that ran from Chambersburg to Pittsburg, and as the father of the future President was a shrewd business man he accumulated there what was considered a large fortune in those days. He sent young James to Dickinson College, in Carlisle, from which he was graduated in 1805. The house in which Buchanan was born is now rebuilt. Before it was torn down all the logs were carefully numbered, and when it was again erected it was made a facsimile of its former self. The house is a story and a half high, containing two rooms. There is a single window and a door in front and one window on the alley side, with a door at the rear.

Mrs. Gladstone. Mrs. Gladstone, widow of the grand old man, is a woman of wonderful strength and endurance. Not long ago she was driving in a pony carriage when the animal started to run and overturned the vehicle. Though much shaken up and shocked at the time the venerable lady soon recovered and showed no ill effects of her accident.

Cleansing Dishes. When tin plates and dishes are very dirty, it is a good plan to boil them in strong soda and water before scouring and polishing them.

She Drank Poison.

Spokane, Oct. 20.—Mrs. John G. Buell died at her home in the old college building on Bridge avenue from the effects of a quantity of poison which she drank, with the idea of taking her life.

The poison, which consisted of a quantity of rough on rats, was taken in a fit of despondency. The deceased had been in poor health for the past two years and is said to have had a similar nervous impulse to make away with herself once or twice before, although this was the first time she attempted suicide.

Mrs. Buell had lost two children in the past few years, and her only other child is low with typhoid fever. These facts had preyed upon her mind and made her very nervous.

A West Indian Hurricane.

Recently traveled up the coast at will, and acted in an entirely different manner from any other storm. Sometimes dyspepsia acts the same way. It refuses to yield to treatment which has cured similar cases. Then Hostetter's Stomach Bitters should be taken. It has cured stomach trouble for half a century.

The German "lobe wohl" is not particularly sympathetic in its sound, but it is less embarrassing to those it speeds than the Hindoo's performance, who, when you go from him, falls in the dust at your feet.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The Sioux and Blackfeet will at parting dig their spears in the earth as a sign of confidence and mutual esteem. This is the origin of the term burying the tomahawk.

SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, nervous feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for Ingrowing Nails, sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. We have over 30,000 testimonials. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

MONTANA.

The Ravalli county teachers' institute has convened in Hamilton.

Forest Supervisor J. B. Weber of the Bitter Root reserve announces that the forest rangers will all be discharged on the 15th.

G. Denny, county attorney of Missoula county, will go before the democratic convention next year a candidate for the office of governor.

The real estate which Ravalli county has acquired for taxes will be sold at public auction on November 14. The assessment list shows that Ravalli county has 1750 taxpayers.

Charles Henton, a miner at the Broadway mine at Silver Star, was torn to pieces by a missed hole. His partner who was working by his side, was not injured. Henton had his home at Boulder.

Rev. James Reid, president of the Montana state college of agriculture and mechanic arts at Bozeman, says that the higher educational institutions are receiving great aid from the high schools.

E. Goughnour has sold his entire lumbering interests on the St. Regis to the Western Lumber Company. The price paid is said to be \$50,000. This includes a fine milling plant recently put in place.

There has been encouraging activity in real estate circles in Helena, Mont. during the past fall. There has been much activity among small buyers, and a good demand for small homes and improved residence property.

Captain Detachment of the Twenty-third United States infantry has opened a recruiting office in Missoula, having been informed that in this neighborhood there are several desirous of seeing service in the Philippines.

The total tax and assessment of Ravalli county, as equalized for the year 1899, is as follows: Total assessment, \$2,710,877. State tax, \$6,777.19; sheep inspection and indemnity tax, \$28.57; stock inspection and detective tax, \$511.91; stock indemnity, \$42.73; county taxes, \$54,217.54; poll tax, \$1,912; special road tax, \$1266; special school tax, \$11,750.35; town of Hamilton, \$1,635.39; total tax, \$80,487.97.

The movement of a drawer at both ends is equalized when being opened or closed by a new attachment, consisting of a pair of levers formed into an X, with a pivot pin at the junction, the ends being secured in the rear to the drawer and the inside of the case, to move in equal angles. — Chicago News.

Society will not make us a present of solitude.

IDAHO.

The warehouses at Moscow are piled to the rafters with wheat.

Moscow has been stirred up over the charges against Postmaster Barton.

The Florence school district will be bonded for \$1000 for the purpose of erecting a new school house.

The jury in the Dorsey case at Lewiston failed to agree and were accordingly discharged by the judge.

Moscow was treated to a genuine snowstorm, and the ground was covered to the depth of six inches. It has done great injury to fruit trees.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Moscow is larger than was expected. The grain hauled in since the first rains is in prime condition and grades No. 1.

Rock is being hauled for the foundation of the new Bellinger brick on D street, Lewiston. A force of men are now engaged in removing the old building.

The Herres-Sperry contest for a quarter section of valuable land at the mouth of Big Canyon on the Clearwater has been settled at last in favor of Herres, who was the original locator.

Lewiston is having a genuine smallpox scare. Seven cases of a suspicious nature are within the city limits. The majority of the cases have been pronounced smallpox by the physicians in charge.

Negotiations are pending now for the purchase of a mill site for the Samuel Tiffany saw mill outfit, that was recently shipped from the east on the Powell ranch, about a half mile below Kendrick.

There is general rejoicing at Kendrick over the success of the Nez Perce exhibit in being awarded the capital prize at Spokane, and Thomas Kirby is the recipient of many compliments for his hard work.

Bannister Brothers, while drilling a well on the Bullard & Johnston ranch near Squaw creek butte, struck a vein of water at a depth of 325 feet that threw a stream through their drill pipe 18 feet in the air, says the Independent. This is the strongest flow of artesian water so far discovered in that section of the country, where considerable prospecting has been done.

D. D. Reeves, of Moscow, is exhibiting a mammoth yield of Early Thoroughbred potatoes. The collection of tubers range in weight from five and a half pounds to a few ounces and aggregate 15 pounds. They were all taken from a single hill. The largest potato is of remarkable size and commands a good deal of attention. The potatoes were raised one-half mile west of Moscow on the Pullman road.

On the occasion of the return of the soldiers from Manila recently a handsome flag, 12x18, the largest in Moscow, was unfurled for the first time from a staff specially provided for the occasion by J. Manwaring, a native of England, and the pole from which it was flung was provided, painted and raised by F. L. Koehler, a native of Germany. Both of the gentlemen named are citizens of the United States and in this way have given expression to the love they bear for their adopted country.

Last week was a busy one in the county recorder's office, at Wallace, 109 different instruments being placed on record. Of these, 26 were deeds, their aggregate value being \$23,041, although 13 of them named \$1 each as the consideration. There was also one patent. Thirty quartz locations, seven placer claims and six water-right locations were recorded. Two marriage licenses were issued and four new companies filed their articles of incorporation. The business is increasing so that the recorder has applied for another deputy.

A Warehouse in Shanghai.

With reference to the warehouse which the National Association of Manufacturers is to establish in Shanghai, China, President Theodore C. Search makes the following statement:

"For more than six months past the National Association of Manufacturers has been making preparations for the establishment in Shanghai of a large warehouse for the display and sale of goods made by members of the association and we have advanced so far with our plans that we shall probably be able to open the warehouse for business about the first of the year.

"The warehouse will contain two departments, one for the display of goods and the other for making sales. The financial arrangements, which have been made in the United States and in China, will permit the transaction of all business upon a cash basis and any goods that may be sold through the warehouse will be paid for at the time of shipment from the United States. The storage and display section will not undertake any business transactions but the business department will be conducted under the supervision and control of the association and provision will be afforded for the accommodation of its members and the promotion of its members' interests.

"I regard this as the most important step that has ever been taken in China with a view of the extension of American trade in that country. It will be entirely an American institution from beginning to end. This warehouse will be the second in a series of such establishments which the association has undertaken. The first was opened in Caracas, Venezuela, a year and a half ago, and plans for others to follow the one in Shanghai are now under consideration."