

### CAPTURED AT ST. LOUIS.

W. S. Page, of Golden City, Steals Eighteen Thousand Dollars.

Express Agent Who Attempted to Escape in Female Attire.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—At 6 o'clock this evening Detective Erskine stepped on an incoming train on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, and when the Union depot was reached emerged with a veiled woman attired in mourning. He carried a small satchel which had been in his companion's possession and was so solicitous regarding her welfare that he clutched one of her arms with a strong grip. The pair walked hurriedly to police headquarters, where the detective ushered his companion into a private room, and as soon as the door was closed said:

"Well, Page, the jig is up. Strip."

To this the veiled figure responded:

"I know it is, Frank. You've got the most of the bundle in that satchel."

The voice which came from beneath the veil was thoroughly masculine, but the hand which lifted off the head-gear was small and white. The face was small and delicate and smoothly shaven. The order to strip was obeyed, and after a dark shawl had been laid aside, a black jersey was unbuttoned and a mass of money extending entirely around the man was exposed. It was carefully taken out by the officer and the remainder of the search panned out even more astonishing discoveries. The satchel was opened and found filled with money, and after all the wealth had been gathered up in a pile, the detective said:

"A very good haul, Page, but you are a chump."

"I know I am," responded the prisoner, "for I had a chance last week to take \$50,000 instead of that."

The prisoner was W. S. Page, Adams Express Agent, at Golden City, Barton county, Mo., and at 7 o'clock last night he received a message over the wires that a package containing \$16,000 from Kansas City, consigned to the Golden City Bank would arrive on the next train. When it arrived he took the money and robbed the safe of \$2,000 more, hid the money and went home. He stole his wife's clothing and then changed his attire in the woods. He secreted the money about his person and put the balance in a small valise. He concealed himself in the woods until the St. Louis train arrived, when he boarded it. At Springfield he changed cars and came through to this city. The railroad men grew suspicious and telegraphed for a detective to meet the train. It happened that Erskine, who was detailed, knew Page personally. The money recovered amounted to \$8,000 and Page says he lost the rest in the woods where he changed his clothing. The officers believe he has it concealed near home.

"I know I am a d—d fool," he cried. "You see the boys took me out Sunday and made me drink too much, and so I just made up my mind to steal that package. It belonged to the Adams Express. I've worked for the concern five years. I guess I'll spend the next five years working for the state."

The prisoner is 29 years of age, small and light, and says he has a wife and two children and that his wife is not aware that he is a robber. He intended to desert his family.

The C. B. & Q. directors held a meeting last week, the principal object of which was to discuss whether or not the company should extend their road from Carrollton through Holden to Ft. Scott. These meetings are secret, and very few of them

actions are ever given notice to the public. Enough was learned, however, by the Chicago correspondent of the Globe-Democrat to justify him in telegraphing to his paper the following important announcement:

"It is reported that the Burlington directors have decided upon building the extension from Carrollton to Ft. Scott, Kan. Railroad men predict a clash in the event the project is carried out. Carrollton is a point on the Mo. Pacific line north of Sedalia, and not far from the terminus of the Burlington Missouri & Kansas City road."

The conversation of prominent railroad men spoken of above on the results of the extension proves conclusively that the reported action is true. We want the extension after we get it then we will talk of the probable result of the impending clash.—Holden Enterprise.

Yes, give us the road by all means and then let the clash come, the more the better. Every prospect points strongly to the extension of this road in the spring and if it should be extended to Ft. Scott, Bates county and Butler are directly on the route. It will not miss us unless the people show by their lethargy that they are indifferent, when our more enterprising neighbors may see it to our sorrow. If Butler secures this road her prosperity is assured, if not, God pity her.

### SAVED BY A BOY.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan 3.—A desperate attempt to burn down the town of Tarentum was made early this morning.

The fire was first discovered in Essler's livery stable on Gaines street. It soon spread to Rue & Jones' grocery store, Zimmerman's shoe store and Dr. Volzer's residence and all were destroyed.

The villains had taken every precaution to make the destruction sure. They had cut the ropes of two of the alarm bells and broken the principal pumps in the village and carried off the fire buckets and tubs.

### A YOUNG BOY'S BRAVERY.

The cries of fire aroused a lad named William Dibel, an employe of the planing mill upon which was a large bell. He ran to the mill and finding the bell rope cut, climbed to the roof and sounded an alarm by striking the bell with a hammer. This awakened the entire community, who turned out en masse and soon extinguished the flames. The loss is \$9,000, partially covered with insurance. About two weeks ago there was an attempt to burn the village down and six or seven large buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

The simple announcement "At Rest" at the head of an item in our issue to-day, conveys a volume in its pregnant meaning. The life wreck of the dear lady who died in her mother's arms this morning, is one of the most touching in modern times. And when Silas E. Cheek meets his maker, all his offenses will appear white beside the cowardly desertion of her who loved him as he can never be loved again. The dear woman would never have deserted him, though the honors of the inquisition had confronted her. By the side of such a man, Jesse James, looms up in grand proportions, for he at least had nerve and manhood. But who shall comfort the riven hearts of father and mother? The darling whom they have so often fondled has been murdered by the hand that should have been her guard and shield, and to their distant home they return to cherish nothing but her memory.—Clinton Advocate.

### Elkhart.

Sam McKee, the new tax collector of this township, may now be seen on his daily rounds, with grip sack in hand.

Cattle that are being fed in this part of the country have done exceedingly well.

J. W. Hardman over fed one of his best steers, from the effects of which it died. Mr. Sheets also lost one of his yearlings.

We learn that J. W. Alexander is offering 30 cents per bushel for corn to feed, as he is unable to get it for any less.

D. M. Cox sold a fine lot of hogs recently to Cox & Weaver at \$3.25 per hundred.

The strangest thing that has happened in our vicinity lately is the

### TAYLOR'S TAKE OFF.

A Prominent Henry County Farmer Ends His Life by Morphine.

Windsor, Dec. 29, '85.—Considerable excitement was manifested in Windsor last Thursday over the report that Mr. Frank Taylor, who has been living about three miles west of his place for a number of years, had attempted to end his existence by taking morphine. At first the report was not credited, as no theory could be advanced that would cause him to do such a rash act. Financially he was in good circumstances, being considered one of the most substantial farmers in this section of the country. His connections with his family, so far as his best friends would judge, were always pleasant, and as no reason could be assigned, the report was generally discredited.

But upon further inquiry the report was found to be true. Mr. Taylor was in town Wednesday and transacted some business at the store of Osborn Bros. & Kelley, and seemed to be more jovial than common, even inviting them out to hunt quails with him. He had done nothing that would cause any one to think he was contemplating taking his own life. But on that same evening, about his usual time for retiring, he went to his room, took the fatal dose, then prepared for bed. After he had been in bed some time he called to his son to come into his room, when he told his son to remain in the room with him. This being entirely unusual, the son asked his reason. Whereupon he told him what he had done, and said he did not want to die alone. Dr. Shadburn and the near neighbors were immediately summoned, but all to no purpose, as he would not allow anything to be done for him. He said he had taken the dose deliberately, knowing the consequences, and that he did not propose to have anyone interfere with his purpose. He even went so far as to take a large knife in bed with him to keep those who would try to save his life from coming near, and told them that it was no use in them trying to save him, that if they did save him this time he would yet accomplish his terrible undertaking.

It seems that his mind was thoroughly made up on the question. He was conscious until about noon Thursday, when he sank into a stupor, from which he never aroused, and died about 9 o'clock Thursday night, and was buried next day in the family burying ground.

As yet no reason has been made public as to why he committed the awful deed. He left several sealed letters to different individuals, one of which he handed to him Saturday, in which was stated that when he (Frank) received this letter he would be gone and that he had left no will, and requested him as a friend to administer on his estate.

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leakage of O. B. Clements' potato and apple holes, the former having leaked 17 bushels in one night.

The entertainment which was to have been given at the Burdette church on Thanksgiving evening, but was postponed one week, was quite a success notwithstanding the inclement weather, the proceeds amounting to \$37.

Fitzhugh Talbott, of West Virginia, who has been visiting different parts of Kansas, has come to spend the remainder of the winter with his brothers, S. M. and A. Q., of this township.

I. R. Ford and wife are visiting relatives in north Mo.

Mr. Porterfield Norman, daughter Mattie and Brother John are visiting relatives in Johnson county.

Bill Stone is the most successful hunter of this section, he having taken in a very large wolf recently.

In regard to the president's message, we say well done.

SILABUSTER.

All Sorts of

cuts and many sorts of oils of man and beast need a cooling lotion. Mustang Liniment.

### Notice.

We, the undersigned commissioners, give notice that we will, on January 13th, 1886, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, meet on the premises to be affected to assess the damages and benefits which will accrue to the owners of blocks 50 and 51, in the city of Butler, Bates county, Mo., by reason of the taking of ten feet of the west end of said blocks for the purpose of widening Mechanics street in said city.

J. H. Sisson,  
JNO. DEYSSNEY,  
J. C. CLARK,  
Commissioners.

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