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MASKED MOB ROB

RAILWAY STATION.

Four Bandits Hold Up a Crowd of Passengers and Steal Contents of Safe at Baxter Springs, Kan.

Baxter Springs, Kan., May 8.—Four masked men entered the Frisco Railway Station in this city at 4 o'clock this morning, and, with drawn revolvers, commanded all the passengers to get in line. While three of the men covered the crowd with their revolvers and threatened to kill them if they moved, the fourth man searched every passenger, taking all of value he found.

From the passengers, the man doing the searching turned his attention to James Tyler, the night operator. He compelled Tyler to open the safe and took its contents, amounting to about \$50.

About this time the Meteor, bound for Kansas City, arrived, and Conductor Sylvester entered the station to register. The highwaymen turned their guns on him and compelled him to give up his watch and all his cash fare receipts.

Sylvester was then forced to enter his train, and, with curses and yells, the highwaymen commanded all passengers to not leave the train or the waiting-room.

They secured possession of a hand car by breaking open a lock, and went east. The hand car was found standing on the track near Galena at 6 o'clock this morning.

The exact amount of money taken by the bandits is not known, but it is believed to be near the \$200 mark. In addition to this, they secured five gold watches and a revolver, which was taken from one of the passengers in the station.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles most always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

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County Court Proceedings.

County court met in regular session with all the members present. \$100 road fund appropriated to Grand River.

Assessment on personal property of A. G. Wilson reduced one-half on account of Kansas assessment of same property.

J. K. DeJarnett appointed justice of peace and member of township board, Osage township, vice M. D. Van Dyke, removed.

Bridge commissioner ordered to build culvert in Hudson township, when citizens furnish stone for the arch. The citizens to do all necessary grading free of costs.

\$75.00 appropriated to Charlotte township out of road fund. George Lloyd adjudged insane and ordered sent to asylum at Nevada as a county charge.

\$50 appropriated to East Boone township for culvert near Bagley place.

Two saloon licenses granted J. R. Cobb & Bro., for Senate and Oak saloons on North Main, Butler.

School loan of Emma Gyles approved for \$100.00.

County Clerk ordered to extend the following levies on tax book: State 17 cents, county 40 cents, Mt. Pleasant R. R. 50 cents on \$100 valuation.

Saloon license granted Frank Mahott, Butler.

School loan of J. F. Howard approved for \$400.

School loan of Emma S. Duke approved \$400.

\$300 road fund appropriated to Osage township.

County clerk ordered to have the financial statement published in Bates Co. Democrat and Rich Hill Enterprise.

Bridge commissioner ordered to make estimate for bridge across Big Deer Creek in Deer Creek twp., in section 24, near Judge Fullers'.

Ordered that Chas. Hunt be notified that guaranteed subscription on bridge across Panther Creek is due.

Bridge commissioner ordered to notify Brown and Moore to re-build stone abutments of the Miami bridge in Charlotte township.

County Treasurer ordered to advertise in St. Louis World for call of Mt. Pleasant R. R. bonds Nos. 13 to 18 inclusive.

The usual batch of accounts for current expenses of the county allowed.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for croup, whooping cough, grip, pneumonia and consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Frank T. Clay, Druggist. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c, \$1.00.

Virginia Items.

We heard it and jotted it down. What happened in and out of town. Mr. Whisler bought the Jenkins postoffice and moved to his home south of Virginia this week.

W. A. HeElroy, of Butler, passed through Virginia Monday.

Mrs. Noland returned last week from Liberty, Mo., where she spent a month with her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson. She reports a little baby girl at their home.

Elder Short will preach at the christian church Sabbath, the 15th, at 11 a. m. and at night.

Aaron has been asked why the town ladies are such great eaters when in the country.

Dr. Christy was called to see Mrs. Andrew Simpson last week.

Ed. Addison and wife of Panama, visited his sister, Mrs. Isaac Lockridge last week.

Judge Wolfe brought some fine cattle from Kansas last week.

Early planted corn looks spotted. Most of it will have to be replanted.

Rev. Sappreached Sabbath night. The show failed to get here Friday night. It passed through Virginia Monday for Amsterdam with six wagons.

Isaac Lockridge lost between Butler and Virginia on last Monday, a gage reiger. Finder will please leave at Omer Drysdale's.

Early Tuesday morning, May 3rd, the friends of Mrs. G. W. Park gathered at her home on the north side of Parktown, with well filled baskets, filled with all the good things heart could wish, except fish. Even Aaron and Nels Nestlerode enjoyed tasting the different kinds of pies and cakes. It being Mrs. Park's 72nd birthday she received quite a number of nice presents, which she will keep in loving remembrance of the day. Those present from Butler were W. M. McElroy, Mrs. Jas. and Everet Drysdale, Miss Susan Park, Mrs. A. L. Fox. Neighbors, Grandma Craig, Grandma Cope, Mesdames Isom, W. W. Park, J. T. Whinnery, Jack Berry, Will Ayers, Geo. Thompson, R. T. Judy, J. W. McFadden, S. S. Martin, McCann, and Gilbert. All her children and grandchildren, nine in all, beside some other young folks, were present. Nels took a picture of the crowd. They left about 4 o'clock voting it a most enjoyable time and wishing their hostess many more birthdays. There were 39 present.

Walter and Don Wolfe caught six wolves Monday. AARON.

Ballard Breezes.

The Woodmen supper and entertainment Saturday night was well attended. The boys showed considerable skill in handling the ax, and the ladies skill in the culinary art can be testified to by all who were so fortunate as to secure boxes. The boxes met with a ready sale, the bidding in some cases being spirited. The net receipts amounted to something over thirteen dollars.

There was no preaching at Fairview Sunday morning on account of the rain. The evening service, however, was well attended.

The 15-year-old son of Andy Shelton was kicked by a mule last week, injuring him so seriously as to cause his death in a short time. Interment was made in the Bethel cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Warford was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Powell who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Woods, of Kansas City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pipes this week.

R. D. Beatty and wife have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their little boy whose burial took place at Walnut Grove Thursday.

T. H. Douglas closed a two months term of school at Dillon Friday. W. H. Banks did some much-needed work on the road between Spruce and Shawnee Saturday.

The base ball boys will organize a team in the near future.

There being no prayer meeting Friday night, the same subject—Prayer—will be carried over to next meeting.

All parties desiring to send laundry from Ballard should bring it in before 2 o'clock on Saturday of each week.

With a few days of nice drying weather the farmers will be able to finish planting their corn. WINDY.

"BACK TO THE FARM"

IS JESSE'S ADVICE.

President of State University

Says Agriculture Pays Better Than the Law.

Columbia, Mo., May 9.—President Jesse, of Missouri University, thinks that young men ought to study agriculture in preference to law or medicine. In a recent publication he says: "Unless a boy has a deep-seated preference for some other profession it does not seem to me wise for him to ignore the great opportunities that agriculture offers, whether he was born in the country or in the city."

"In my opinion no other occupation offers so rich rewards, all things considered, as agriculture offers to those who are willing to train themselves for it as earnestly and intelligently as they would train themselves for law or medicine.

"If a boy will put the same amount of time and study into his training for agriculture that he would put into his training for law or medicine he will in the great majority of cases make more money, enjoy greater freedom, better health and develop stronger character."

FORMER JUDGE

GOES TO PRISON

William H. Becker Convicted of

Fraud in Conducting Bank at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., May 8.—William H. Becker, who was once a judge of a circuit court in Dakota, was sentenced yesterday in the criminal court to two years in the penitentiary.

He, William H. Canfield and J. T. Morrow opened a bank on Southwest boulevard, called the Mutual Benefit Bank. They were convicted of receiving deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent.

Judge Wofford yesterday sentenced Becker and granted Canfield a new trial. A new trial was granted to Morrow some time ago. In sentencing Becker the Judge said:

Barnum was right when he said people loved to be humbugged. You could go right across the street there in that old frame shack and put a sign up, "Bank, One Million Dollars Capital," and have a check book and a man inside making lines in red ink, and before night you'd have deposits.

Now, you tried to run a bank on wind and talk and I must make an example of you. I am going to sentence you. Canfield is a country boy who knew no more of banking than he did of the music of the stars. You have been a lawyer and a judge and knew better."

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At the faintest suspicion of consumption get a bottle of Scott's Emulsion and begin regular doses.

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Three Jap Divisions Lost Just 900 Soldiers in Crossing Yalu River.

Tokio, May 9.—The official report of the Japanese casualties at the battle of the Yalu, May 1, shows that the guards lost one officer and twenty men killed, and had seven officers and 122 men wounded.

The Second Division lost one officer and eighty-four men killed and thirteen officers and 305 men wounded. The Twelfth Division had three officers and seventy-six men killed and five officers and 263 men wounded. The total casualties thus number just 900.

Snow Storm in Colorado.

Leadville, Colo., May 7.—Severe snow storms have prevailed in this vicinity for several days. There was about 3 feet of snow in the hills, but no damage has resulted from the storm. It is still snowing to-night.

He Died Reading the Bible.

Centralia, Mo., May 8.—Joseph Wiggington, 88 years old, fell dead from heart disease last evening. He had been in apparently good health and was reading the Bible when stricken. He was born in Virginia and came to Missouri seventy-five years ago. He was a brother of W. R. Wiggington, a well-known Baptist minister of Linn county.

Woman Sleeps 192 Hours.

Chisholm, Me., May 9.—After sleeping soundly for 192 hours, Mrs. A. J. Bretton has awakened. It is believed that she will recover from her illness. She was stricken with hysteria and fell into a deep sleep. Physicians vainly tried to awaken her. While she was asleep she took no nourishment and when she awoke she was very weak. The case has puzzled the physicians. Mrs. Bretton is of Canadian birth and the mother of six children.