

STRANGER BEAR PLUCKED

RELIEVED OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS BY HIGHWAYMEN

Pool Game in a Saloon Led to a Hack Ride With New Found Friends and a Hold-Up in Which He Was Stripped of Money and Jewelry—Three Arrests Made by Police.

E. J. Bear, a stranger in the city, was the victim of a bold highway robbery, Saturday night, by which he lost \$500 in money and jewelry. He was decoyed to a lonely spot by several acquaintances, whom he met during the evening, and stripped of every article of value about his person.

The robbery took place shortly after 11 o'clock. Bear is unable to locate the place where he was attacked, but from his story it would appear that he was held up in West St. Paul near the High Bridge.

Bear is a circus performer and reached the city at 7:30 Saturday evening from Seattle, Wash., en route to Galveston, Tex., where he is to join a show with which he has a contract. He knew no one here and started out after supper for a quiet tour of the city by himself.

He drifted into a saloon on Wahasha street, near Seventh, where he watched several strangers playing pool and finally took a hand in the game.

During the progress of half a dozen games of pool Bear grew confidential with his new acquaintances and displayed a roll of bills containing \$200. The strangers suddenly lost interest in the pool game and suggested a hack ride. Bear agreed and left the saloon in a hack with two of the men, one of the strangers rode on the seat with the driver, while the other was inside of the carriage with Bear.

The carriage had proceeded some distance when it stopped and Bear's acquaintances asked him if he would object to the presence of another "good fellow." Bear said the more the merrier, and a third stranger, doubtless sent out to select a favorable spot for the robbery, got into the hack. At that Bear can distinctly recall the ride; after the advent of the third stranger, it is that the carriage seemed to travel quite a distance and crossed a long bridge.

At the end of the bridge the carriage stopped and the man who had occupied the seat with the driver opened the door with an invitation for the others to alight. Bear got up, and in the meantime he remarked upon the loneliness of the place, one of the men suddenly seized him about the throat. In a moment the other two men were upon him, and in spite of a stubborn fight, Bear was soon prostrate on the ground. One of his assailants savagely gripped his throat to prevent his calling for help, while the others hurriedly searched his pockets. When they had secured the \$200, the highwaymen took Bear's diamond ring, a diamond stud, his cuff buttons and a watch, and a pocket pin set with rubies, which he had pinned inside of his vest, the jewelry aggregating fully \$200 in value.

The highwaymen were desirous of injuring Bear as little as possible, as they made no attempt to use any kind of weapons or to strike him, but by the time the man at the front reached his home, the performer was unconscious. When he regained his senses Bear found himself lying in a clutter of bushes fifty feet from the roadside. He was badly wounded and spent several hours wandering about endeavoring to find his way back to the city. He reached his hotel at 1 o'clock, still in a dazed condition, and did not report the robbery to the police until yesterday.

Patrick Hill and Billy Hoban, highwaymen who were arrested in connection with the robbery, were locked up at the Bond Street station last evening, on the charge of robbing Bear. The police were called to the scene of the robbery at 10:30 p. m. and were charged with the duty of recovering the property. Hill and Hoban, together with "Putty" Smith, were party to the robbery, and were charged with the robbery of Bear, while he was on one of his tours of inspection.

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Class 105—Apples. Open to All—Lot 7. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 106—Apples. Open to All—Lot 8. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 107—Apples. Open to All—Lot 9. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 108—Apples. Open to All—Lot 10. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 109—Apples. Open to All—Lot 11. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 110—Apples. Open to All—Lot 12. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 111—Apples. Open to All—Lot 13. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium, \$15; 3d premium, \$10; 4th premium, \$5; 5th premium, \$3; 6th premium, \$2; 7th premium, \$1; 8th premium, 50c.

Class 112—Apples. Open to All—Lot 14. Collection, grade and quality, open to all competitors with the following modifications: 1st. The fruit must be grown in Minnesota. 2d. The collection may include any variety, seedling or otherwise, grown in Minnesota. 3d. Printed cards for this purpose will be furnished on application to the superintendent. 4th. 25 premium, \$25; 2d premium