

STRANGER BEAR PECKED

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 new 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 7:35 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 entered into a saloon on Wabasha 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 like to go to the presence of another "good fellow." Bear said the more the merrier, and a third stranger, doubtless the robber, got into the hack. All that Bear can distinctly recall of his ride, after the advent of the third stranger, 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 out first, and as he remarked upon the loneliness of the place, one of the men 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. His assailants savagely gripped his throat to prevent his calling for help, while the others hurriedly searched his pockets.

When they had secured his pockets, the highwaymen took Bear's diamond ring, a diamond stud, his cuff buttons and a lady's diamond breast pin set with rubies, which he had pinned inside of the coat, and a jewelry aggregating fully \$200 in value.

The highwaymen seemed desirous of injuring Bear as little as possible, so they made no attempt to search him about the neck, but they did take the time to man his throat with the grasp of the circus performer was unconscious of the robbery.

When the highwaymen found himself lying in a clump of bushes fifty feet from the roadside, he was utterly bewildered and spent several minutes in endeavoring to collect his wits. He then walked back to the city. He reached his hotel at 3 o'clock, still dazed from the effects of the attack, and until yesterday.

Patrick Hill and "Billy" Hoban, young men with unenviable police records, were arrested by the highwaymen as they were going out Rice street in a hack with two women at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

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STATE FRUITS AND FLOWERS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THEIR CULTIVATION IN MINNESOTA

Prizes Offered by the Agricultural Society—The North Star State Produces Apples That Are Equal to Those of Any State—Horticulture Hall Will Be Filled With an Abundant Display.

For an exhibition of clear Yankee grit, carried through nearly half a century of thankless and discouraging experiments, the people of Minnesota can point to their horticulturists. A country in which fruit could not be grown would seem a long way from home to people who are accustomed to living among orchards and vineyards, and the first luxury the pioneers of the Northwest tried to provide for was home-grown fruit.

It was not until the late '40s that the abundance at their old homes. But conditions were so different that trees brought from their old homes usually died. It was not until the late '40s that they survived a mild winter, and, if they did, they were very young and very tender.

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RED SNOW. Curious Phenomenon in Russia Explained by Science.

From the Philadelphia Record.

An interesting report has been issued by the officials of the Grand Ducal observatory at St. Petersburg concerning the late red and yellow snowfall which excited so much attention. A fall of yellow snow occurred in the Engadine on March 3, and red snow fell to a depth of eight centimeters on the same day at Krasnaya province; and also, all over the plateau of the Königswald; too, colored snow fell, the wind blowing from every nook and corner, so that the red snow was everywhere, rising from rosewood to that of brown.

An examination showed that the tint exhibited was due to mineral dust, and that the red color was not due to iron, as was at first supposed. The investigation, it reveals the presence of chalk elements—this, too, notwithstanding the fact of their being no chalk existing in the vicinity. The places where the snowfall was deepest. Of course, this phenomenon is well known to naturalists, snow of a really red color having been found occasionally in the Alps and in the regions, some of the chemical experiments revealing the presence of a certain vegetable substance, like the pollen of a plant.

A \$50 BICYCLE FOR 30 CENTS. 43 wheels delivered in Minneapolis Saturday. Have you one of those "Flyer" models, absolutely up-to-date in every respect, by the expense of 30 cents and just a little of your leisure time? Among the hustlers, Wm. H. Curtis, postmaster Minnehaha Park, offered in two days, July 12 and 13, a \$50 bicycle for 30 cents. The offer was made in a public square, and was a great success. The bicycle was a "Flyer" model, absolutely up-to-date in every respect, by the expense of 30 cents and just a little of your leisure time? Among the hustlers, Wm. H. Curtis, postmaster Minnehaha Park, offered in two days, July 12 and 13, a \$50 bicycle for 30 cents.

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COOLER WEATHER PROMISED. Yesterday One of the Warmest Days of the Summer.

The hot spell of the last few days, according to Observer Lyons, will give way today to more enduring weather.

There is an area of low barometer throughout the Northwest, which promises thunder showers and cooler conditions in this locality. The temperature, Observer Lyons says, will not fall so much, as indicated by the thermometer, but the rains and accompanying winds will dissipate the hot wave.

Yesterday was decidedly warm even for the city. The thermometer registered a maximum temperature of 94 degrees at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and said it must have been much hotter than this down on the streets, where the sun radiated from the pavements and buildings increased the discomfort.

People in general seemed to realize that the city was in the warmest part of the summer. The usual Sunday crowds were not about the streets, and even the cyclists pedaled listlessly through the city.

The suburbs and picnic resorts were all well patronized. All who could hied themselves away to the lakes Saturday evening, but others took the morning trains yesterday, getting away before the real heat of the day commenced. Some of the most popular resorts are the lakes and the picnic grounds. Several picnics also drew many visitors, anxious only to get away from the heat of the city.

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PACIFIC STATES WANT THE NICARAGUA CANAL BUILT

G. W. Dorman, a Portland Man, Tells What Advantage It Would Be to the Slope States—Open a Market for Their Lumber and Other Products—They All Want It Built.

"The building of the Nicaragua canal through Central America would result in opening up a new market for the resources of the Pacific coast as nothing else could do," said G. W. Dorman, of Portland, Or., at the Merchants' hotel, yesterday.

The millions of acres of valuable pine stumps, and that of other woods, would be doubled at least once in value, and all other products mined or farmed west of the Cascade mountains would have a greatly increased market.

The construction of this canal would make the Pacific coast rich. The wonderful resources of the coast states have only commenced to be developed. There is such a demand for the crops which the soil will yield that experiments, one might say, had only begun, although thousands of people have been rich in the past.

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