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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

HERE FOR SAFETY

Fred Michael, the Young Desperado, Brought to the County Jail in Montgomery.

FATHER AND COUSIN HERE

He makes a Confession, and Attributes His Downfall to a Drunken Spree.

Lying on his cot in the Montgomery county Jail, Fred Michael alias Henderson, the young desperado who robbed the Wabash depot at Salisbury and the Chicago & Alton depot at Centralia and killed Elmer Magruder and dangerously wounded city marshal Cain in a successful effort to escape, made a confession Saturday to a reporter of the TRIBUNE. Going into the details of his dastardly crimes covering a period of only two weeks' duration, he attributed his down fall to a drunken spree at Salisbury a week ago yesterday, when he and his two partners, Bud and James Anderson decided to rob the Wabash depot at that place. He now says he has nothing to conceal and proposes to tell the truth and is ready to take his punishment whether it be the gallows, penitentiary or reform school.

While Michael is only seventeen years old he is rather intelligent and does not look like a boy capable of his record of the last ten days. He holds a teachers certificate and is well educated for his age. He has an open countenance, brown eyes and black hair and was clad in a suit of overalls, a woolen sweater and a plain sack coat. His thought seemed to be to shield his parents of any trouble or expense and insist that he was more guilty than his two pals, the Anderson Bros. who are now confined in the county jail at Huntsville waiting trial. He seemed determined to tell the truth and to take his punishment, and at first rejected a suggestion that he was badly in need of legal advice.

"In my own conscience," said the young prisoner, "I do not feel guilty of murder only that of robbery committed while on a drunken spree. The two young men, Bud and Jim Anderson, aged seventeen and nineteen respectively, have been traveling over the country with me. I have known these two young men for about one year. We all reside near La Plata, Mo. We found we were short of money to execute a theatrical plan we had in mind and after drinking and playing pool and carousing around at Salisbury one of the party said—"Suppose we hold up the Wabash depot here tonight." I said no, lets not do that but we kept on carousing and drinking and then the robbery was suggested again and we planned to execute it. Armed with pistols, we went to the office, displayed our fire arms and told the agent and others to hold up their hands and deliver the cash. We told them if they acted promptly there was not the least danger of being hurt. They responded both cheerfully and promptly. We then made our way to Higbee where we were arrested. We were taken to the jail and searched but the officers failed to find my pistol. He relieved the Anderson boys of their weapons. As the officers were locking us up I had a mind to shoot him in the arm and make him drop the key and thus give myself and partners a chance to escape. I shot once or twice in my excitement but did not know I had killed anyone until arrested at Mexico. Of course I am sorry I am guilty of murder but I am willing to take my punishment. It must have been an accidental shot that killed officer Magruder.

I do not know how much money we got at Salisbury or Centralia.

COMING ATTRACTIONS A Royal Carnival

OF VALUE GIVING to be held in Montgomery City, Mo., commencing on

Wed'nesday, Jan. 6, at 8:45 a.m.

16 days == Lasting == 16 days

¶A Carnival indeed. \$28,000.00 worth of merchandise, Montgomery's largest, best and choicest Dry Goods and Clothing, etc., stock, aggregating to \$28,000.00 worth of standard brand, fresh and new Dress and Dry Goods, silks, furnishings, hats, shoes and ready-to-wear garments for men, women and children, this entire well known A. HAAS & SON stock to be liquidated and disposed of at public sale at once. The most stupendous bargain fete that the buying public has ever known.

¶Not exaggerated, no matter how strong the statement seems. This mammoth stock to be sold on the premises occupied by A. HAAS & SON for the past years.

¶Every article included. For particulars and prices see pages 4 and 5. Goods exchanged or money refunded, if so desired. All goods sold for cash only. Telephone or mail orders filled.

Look for the Red and Blue Canvas Signs

Sale begins Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 8:45 a. m., lasting until January 23d.

A. HAAS & SON

Montgomery City, Mo.

WANTED AT ONCE

15 extra Salesmen— 15 extr Sales ladies — 2 Cashiers — 5 Bundle Wrappers — 12 alert and active boys to act as Cash boys. Apply Saturday, January 2nd, between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. only.

For Prices and Particulars see

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The Centralia job was easy because I already knew I was a criminal for the first time in my life. I walked into the depot there and told the night agent I wanted a ticket to Chicago. When he came around to the window I put my pistol into his face and told him I believed I would take the money instead of the ticket and he very promptly dumped the money drawer on the counter. I then told him to stand where he was for five minutes while I made my escape. I only feel in my own conscience that I am guilty of robbery while drunk, but I am not going to conceal anything further. As I stated, I was the only one armed at the time Magruder was killed.

I did not want my poor mother and father in Iowa to know about my troubles or to lend me any assistance whatever. Both are christian people and they tried to raise me right and I think I have a good record up to the time we got drunk at Salisbury. I have been alluding the officers since the escape at Higbee. I have been sleeping in barns and haystacks. While I was slightly wounded it did not keep me from doing farm work."

Sheriff J. G. Houston of Randolph county and Harry Hutton, the Wabash detective, brought the prisoner here Saturday night instead of taking him back to the scene of the crime or to St. Louis. The sheriff said sentiment did not justify the risk of taking the prisoner back to the scene of the crime. He left him in jail here pending a preliminary trial.

When confronted by his father in his cell he wept bitterly. His father begged him to cheer up and

assured him that he and his mother still loved him and would stand by him in his trouble. He said he had employed John F. Barker, representative of Macon county to defend him. The father, who is about 38 years' old, told the prisoner that he had heard he was found dead in the woods near the scene of his last act, which was Centralia. He and his wife had prepared for his burial, when he learned the boy had been rushed to this city for safe-keeping. Mr. Michael said he was going to Moberly and requested Sheriff Houston and the Prosecuting attorney of Randolph county to leave his son in the jail here until his trial, so he would be safe from mob violence.

Before departing today Mr. Michael brought his son a Bible and told him to be a good prisoner and not to forget his prayers. He says he attributes his boy's downfall to the fact that he was a constant reader of 5-cent novels and a cigarette smoker.

Who Gets Michael Reward

There is a squabble among those who participated in the apprehension and arrest of Fred Michael, the boy murderer, who was taken into custody at Mexico Christmas night, as to who gets the \$500 reward.

Michael was first apprehended by Thomas Bruce, a clerk at Joseph Barth's clothing store. Bruce reported his suspicions to City Patrolmen Kemp and McCormick. The patrolmen did not think much of the matter at the time, but conferred later with special officer William Barnett, who had just received news of a man being in town whose appear-

ance corresponded with the description furnished of Fred Michael. The policemen told Barnett that Michael was at the Wabash station, whereupon the special officer hiked for the station and walked up to where Michael was standing, laid his hand upon the young man's shoulder and led him to jail.

Bruce is claiming the entire reward. Barnett is willing to split it with Bruce or divide the money among the four, inasmuch as the city patrolmen accompanied him when the arrest was made.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Following are the Real Estate transfers since our last report.

John H. Bourne to Otto L. Barton, lots in Middletown, \$550.

Benjamin Seale to Ollie K. Walker, 29-49-6, \$3500.

James F. Austin to Hallie M. Kiser, 17-48-3, \$70.

David Lehnen to Wm. Ayers, lots in Wellsville, \$100.

Grace Whitehead, et al to Ira Haight, 9-49-5, \$6080.

Mrs. S. L. Brandt to W. R. Anderson, lots in Montgomery, \$250.

Frederick Gutman to August Zimmerman, 12-47-5, \$2500.

John Smith to Charlie Mueller, lots in Wellsville, \$1000.

Lula May Leard, et al to T. G. Leach, 39-49-6, \$10.

"Suffered day and night by torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John R. Garrett Mayor Girard, Ala.

All job work entrusted to us will be promptly and correctly executed.

DAVE BALL FOR A RECOUNT

Would Open Ballot Boxes to Settle Painter-Gmelich Contest.

In an interview at Jefferson City last Monday Col. Dave Ball is quoted as making the following statements. "The returns, as originally certified by the several county clerks and election commissioners in the contest for lieutenant-governor, would be unfair for the reason that every vote cast for either of the candidates should be counted as cast. If mistakes were made they should be corrected, but to say that county clerks could certify additional returns would be to set a precedent that would be bad; therefore, the only way to do it would be for the legislature to appoint a committee to open the ballot boxes and count the votes in all counties where mistakes are said to have occurred.

In this way the actual vote for each candidate could be ascertained and in this way every honest man in Missouri, whether Democrat or Republican, will say is fair; any other way, they will say is wrong."

A Heavy Side Line

Dairying and Poultry Keeping are a good combination for a heavy side line to general farming. Of course the cream or butter only is to be sold and the milk retained for feeding. Milk less the water, is rich in postein, an essential for egg production. Chickens will drink milk in any form—sweet, sour or buttermilk. It is an excellent ingredient for their mashes, and chickens young and old will thrive and grow on it. A mixture of poultry and dairy manure makes one of the best of general fertilizers. Poultry droppings carry a high content of strong mineral plant food and cow manure furnishes an abundance of organic matter for humus forming material, so that the two make a complete chemical fertilizer besides furnishing a large proportion of bulk in organic matter, mild and quickly available.—*Journal of Agriculture.*

IT DOES THE BUSINESS.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlaine of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used them for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it, without leaving a scar behind." 25 cents at Crump & Kidwell's Drug Store.

Married.

Mr. George L. Walker and Miss Maude C. McGinnis, both of Buell were united in marriage, Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, 1908 at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. L. Carr of Montgomery City. They will make their home on a farm near Buell. There many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

The First Sabbath School Began in "Sooty Alley."

"Bobby Wild Goose and his ragged regiment" was the name hoisted after Robert Raikes, the first modern Sunday School advocate and his scholars. The thoroughfare was "Sooty Alley" and the scholars were the ragged boys, who toiled in the pin factories of Gloucester, England. Robert Raikes paid Mrs. Brandon, a poor woman, one shilling each Sunday to teach the boys the Bible. That was in 1780. Four years later there were 250,000 boys and girls attending Sunday School in the Kingdom.

To-day the Sunday School hour in City or village, the civilized world over, resembles Lilliputian land on dress parade. Streets leading to churches are bonny with lads and lasses, not ragged, but dressed in their best, going happily to hear, "the wondrous story." Thousands now do the work Robert Raikes started.

One of the greatest factors in

developing the Sunday School in America is the Sunday School Union. Mr. E. P. Bancroft is the present Secretary. This organization has been laboring in the field for ninety-one years. Last year established 1871 new Sunday Schools in destitute places and reorganized 724, a total of 2,662 set in operation, with 102,634 members. The society employed 297 missionaries. It received \$215,613 and spent \$206,917. Besides the work of this organization, each denomination has its own missionaries in the field, recruiting for its Sunday Schools.

"How 100 Sunday Schools have succeeded."—*January Dictator.*

The Boss Soap Board for sale by D. Saethen. t.f.

Justified His Name.

On opening a new golf course at Tankerton, Whitstable, Eng., recently Mr. Akers-Douglas related a good story. A golfer at Hale had an irritating experience with a local caddie. He followed so closely, and was so anxious to please by intelligent anticipation, that the player had several narrow escapes of severely disfiguring him. After a tedious and unprofitable round he paid him off, gave him his lunch ticket and threepence for cleaning his clubs, and addressed him: "You know you are not quite perfect as a caddie. There is room for improvement. But as an agent for an accident insurance company you are pretty hot stuff. What is your name?" The caddie, a stolid-looking and hitherto silent youth, moved, like Balaam's ass, by the exigencies of the situation, opened his mouth and replied, "Mustard!"

Soon Available.

Scene—Matrimonial agency. Manager and gentleman applicant.
Mat. Agent—You want a wife?
Customer—Yes, sir.
Mat. Agent—Blonde or brunette?
Customer—I am not particular. I insist on but one thing—she must be a divorced woman.
Mat. Agent—Sorry, sir. I have none on hand, but if you can wait a few days I have one in preparation.—*Bohemian.*

The Way of It.

Proud Traveler—I have had such experiences with the bandits in Italy and Spain. Have you ever had an experience in the least like it?
Stay-at-Home Citizen—My dear sir, I can surpass your experience. There was a time of my life when I never went out that I was not held up by force of arms.
P. T.—Good gracious! How was it?
S. A. H. C.—It was when I was a baby and my nurse took me out for an airing.

SETTLEMENT DOCKET

January Term Probate Court, Montgomery County Mo., 1909. At City of Montgomery.

First Day, Monday, Jan. 18, 1909.
Anderson, J. A. deceased. Henry D. Roley, Admr.
Atterberry, Mary A., John W. Jackson, Exr. Brookshire, Rose and Mamie. (minor) W. L. Mabry, Cur.
Bruce, Mary A. deceased. W. E. Bruce, Admr. Bohn, Emma, minor. Fred Schmidt, Cur. Boegadine, Cecil R., minor. J. E. Moseley Cur. Carrell, May & Rebyrn. W. M. Wheeler, Cur.
Second Day, Tuesday, Jan. 19.
Cahill, Rachel, minor. Thos. B. Farnen, Gdn. Dyson, Joseph, minor. Lucy D. Kidwell, Cur. Dowling, Ellen, minor. John M. Dowling, Cur.
Davis, T. P. Minor. Mrs. Ella Davis, Cur. Davis, Addison, Henry Davis, Exr. Ford, Gretchen W., Maggie Ford, Cur. Gill, Lottie E., Jas. E. O'Donnell, Cur.
Third Day, Wednesday, Jan. 20.
Garwood, M. H. deceased. David Lehneu, Admr.
Gibson, Edith L., J. H. Dunham, Cur. Holloway, Wm. H., Geo. Lottan & W. D. Holloway, Admr.
Hays, Jeremiah, Mary E. Hays Admr. Hunter, Mary J., F. W. Long, Admr. Hunze, Fredericka, E. P. Rosenberger, Admr. Henry, B. B., Mrs. Bettie Henry, Admr.
Fourth Day, Thursday, Jan. 21.
Ives, Mary T., Julia V., Homer, M. Moran, Cur.
Kirus, Mary, deceased, J. S. Bradley, Exr. Looker, Albert V. & Albie, Geo. Lottan, Cur. Mud, Alexander, L. D. Studd, Gdn. Miller, Caroline, deceased. Wm. H. Miller, Exr.
Osgood, Chas. S., John Jeffers, Admr. Parsons, G. W. A. L. Farnock, Admr.
Fifth Day, Friday, Jan. 22, 1909.
Rixey heirs, T. P. Rixey, Gdn. Reed, John H., A. A. and W. H. Reed, Exrs. Rice, Adam W., Mary Rice, Exrs. Swope, Jacob L., Francis Swope, Admr. Stieglma, Henry, Annie M. Stieglma, Admr. with will annexed.
See heirs, John W. Edney, cur. Scamand Jas., Elford Thorne, Admr. Williams, Ollie, E. H. Way, Gdn. & Cur. Woodhill, Harrison, E. P. Rosenber t.f. LESLIE D. ELLIS, Judge of Probate