

THIEVES LEAVE A BLAZED TRAIL

Burglarize Grocery Store but Are Discovered Because of Hole in Flour Sack.

HELD UNDER \$1,000 BONDS

Police Arrest Four Negroes—Search of Premises Reveals Missing Articles.

Because a little mouse gnawed a hole in a sack of flour, which stood in the Cook & Beck grocery store, 1030 Seventh street, four men who are suspected of having burglarized the establishment some time Saturday night, were run to earth by a trail, which led from the store to the home of the supposed thief, located about a block away. The discovery was made by Herbert Cook, Jr., yesterday morning and his search ended in a few minutes. As a result, John Miller, J. W. Miller, John Matlock and Lucian Davis, all colored, are today behind the bars, held under \$1,000 bonds on burglary and larceny charges. Their trial will be held in police court Thursday morning.

STORE HANSAKED.
Mr. Cook locked the store Saturday night and upon visiting the establishment yesterday morning, found two window lights had been broken and that a large quantity of cigars, candies, flour and provisions had been taken, together with \$3.96 in cash, removed from the cash register drawer. Noticing a streak of flour leading from the store, Mr. Cook followed the scent across lots, through a small slough and up to the door of the Miller home on Eighth street, between Ninth and Eleventh avenues. Here a search was made and the flour was found, although the occupants of the house could not explain its presence. The police were then called and the parties arrested.

The negroes who are charged to have committed the burglary, came into the store Saturday night, paid their bill and departed.

"HOW'S HOBOES" TO CONVENE IN JAN.



James Eads How.

Cities anxious to get conventions will not look with anxious eyes upon New Orleans next month. On January 25 the Crescent City will be the scene of a meeting of the Brotherhood Welfare organization, the club founded by James Eads How, and known as "How's Hoboes." The club is made up of itinerant workers, or tramps.

MAKE TRANSFER OF NEW SITE FOR HOTEL

Final transfer of Moline's abandoned city hall site at Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue, to the Manufacturers' Hotel association, took place this morning at the meeting of the city commission. Speaking of the hotel company's plans, Manager Fred Leverson stated that members of the association will leave Moline shortly to make a junket of the principal cities of the middle west to gather ideas for the new structure which is to arise. The new hotel will contain some 200 rooms and will be eight stories in height.

GIVES SIMON SLIP BUT IS CAPTURED

A foxy farmer's efforts to evade a writ of attachment were put to naught this morning by Constable Simon Goldberg, who nailed the offender and brought him to the seat of justice after he had given the constable the slip for the nonce. William Huntley, a farmer residing just outside of Davenport came to town this morning with a load of corn. A Rock Island merchant, who had a \$25 bill against the farmer, then secured a writ of attachment which was given to Goldberg. The corn having been disposed of to a local liveryman, Goldberg attached the team and wagon and got inside. On the plea of wanting to weigh the empty wagon, Goldberg was induced to alight from the vehicle, whereupon Huntley whipped up the horses and disappeared. Goldberg then went to the police station and swore out a warrant against Huntley for resisting an officer, and the offender, when taken to the police station, agreed to pay the costs in the case together with the amount due the local merchant.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa: Please give me and my brother some mittens and stockings and what you think will please a poor little girl and boy.
LEONA AND JOHN.

Dear Santa: I wish you would remember me this Christmas and bring me a rocking horse, a pair of high shoes number 5 1/2, and some playthings. I am three years old and have a little sister three months old. Don't forget her. I do not know if my name is on the Santa Claus book or not. Written by mother for EARL.

Dear Santa: I wish you would bring me a drum, a horn and an engine and a picture book. BILLIE.

Dear Santa: I am Billie's little brother and I want a set of blocks, a drum, a horn, a picture book, a hand tag and a cat. CHIC.

Santa Claus: Please bring me something for Christmas. I am eight years old. HELEN.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a train that will really run on a track. I am seven years old. Good-bye. FRED.

MOLINERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Wife Wakes Up at 3:30 in the Morning and Finds Flames Eating Way Into Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers, 1151 Fourteenth avenue, Moline, had a narrow escape from death yesterday morning. Mrs. Myers awoke at 3:30 o'clock and discovered flames eating through the wall into their bedroom. A few more minutes and escape would have been cut off. They managed to get out all right. The loss to the house by reason of the fire was \$1,600 which is covered by insurance. A defective fuse is thought to be responsible for the early morning blaze.

RAIL AND WATER LINES TOGETHER

Washington, Dec. 22.—Railroad companies and steamship combinations control the regular steamship lines of the United States and have destroyed competition on many of the water highways of commerce, declares Luther Conant, Jr., commissioner of corporations, in a report to President Taft today.

The revelations of the report, based upon an extensive investigation, force upon the federal government, says the commissioner, the consideration of further regulation of joint rail and water traffic.

Principal features of Commissioner Conant's report are as follows:

Railroad companies and steamship combinations control the regular domestic steamship lines of the United States, destroying much competition.

Water lines along Atlantic and gulf coasts to large extent are auxiliaries or subsidiaries of railroads.

New Haven system charged with attempting to suppress competition on Long Island Sound.

New Haven system and the Eastern Steamship company, in which the railroad is stockholder, control New York City-New England traffic.

Southern Pacific is declared to have shown a disposition to restrict steamship competition on the Atlantic coast.

Railroads own the important through passenger and package freight lines on the great lakes.

Some competition on the Pacific coast, but railroad control also is found there.

Important hard coal fleets on north Atlantic coasts owned by few great anti-trust railroads.

Railroads control 30 per cent of mileage of private canals, and have caused many such waterways to be abandoned.

Westbound business on Erie canal virtually controlled by railroads; and eastbound business has been largely diverted to the railroads.

Further federal regulation of joint rail and water traffic suggested.

Miss Laurette Taylor Weds.
New York, Dec. 22.—Laurette Taylor, who has risen rapidly in the favor

TOMORROW



Most giftable things specially for All Day Tuesday

10c box of paints	7c	20c boxes of beads	15c
50c calendars, delightful gifts for grownups	39c	\$1.50 jointed doll—extra fine, for	\$1.00
Mother Stories Series of children's books, regularly 30c	20c	50c doll furniture tomorrow	39c
\$2.00 large toy stoves with alcohol lamp and cooking utensils, tomorrow	\$1.48	Celluloid doll sets—25c ones for	17c
Walking dogs (the famous Bing brand) regularly \$1.00	79c		

Free to Children

A McCall's Doll Pattern Simply call at our Pattern Dept. at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. With best wishes for a

Merry Christmas



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We Are Not Waiting for January

Cold type and mere words cannot convey the IMMENSE possibilities for saving in this Pre-Inventory sale. The thing we advise and urge you to do is COME QUICKLY and SEE the VALUES. Don't make one whit of difference where or when you have attended sales—you've never seen such VALUES in high-class clothes for women, misses and girls as here right now.

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PRE-INVENTORY PRICES ON FURS

Select your furs at GROSSMAN'S if you wish the best, in considering what to give a woman; be sure to bear in mind the fact that a set of furs never fails to make a beautiful gift and one that is always sure to be appreciated. Our stock of furs (the largest in Moline) is so vast and all exclusive that you will have no trouble in finding just the kind of fur you wish at the price you desire to pay, no matter what the price.

- \$12.95 black and brown natural coney sets; ornamented scarf and muff, satin lined, during this Pre-Inventory sale \$7.50
- \$40.00 eastern mink sets, scarfs and muffs ornamented with natural mink heads and tails, remarkable value during this Pre-Inventory sale \$24.75
- \$10.00 imitation blue wolf sets; ornamented with tails and lined with good quality satin; genuine value, during this Pre-Inventory sale \$6.98
- \$25.00 beautiful "Russalyn" fur sets, large shawl collar trimmed with tails and head and large fancy pillow muff to match; a rich, lustrous, black; special during this Pre-Inventory sale \$17.98
- \$22.50 brown marten sets, soft silk lined, scarf and muff trimmed with ornaments; during this Pre-Inventory sale \$14.75
- \$6.00 black or brown French coney muffs; during this Pre-Inventory sale \$2.98
- \$30.00 natural red or gray fox sets; during this Pre-Inventory sale \$19.95
- \$20.00 genuine (Natural) opossum sets, during this Pre-Inventory sale \$12.98

For Your Convenience We Will Remain Open Tomorrow Evening Until 9:30 P. M.



of New York theatregoers since her first appearance here a few years ago, was married secretly to J. Hartley Manners, playwright, recently. The date and place of the ceremony were not divulged.

Free 13 Convicts in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—Governor Marshall today granted one pardon and 12 paroles and the 13 inmates of the state's penal institutions were told they would be permitted to pass Christmas in their homes. Thirty-nine others who applied for releases were denied.

Do You Eat at Christmas Tide

We give this question most thought because it is a time of feasting. What would be a better Xmas present for the housewife than a well filled larder? And the extraordinary low prices we are offering this season puts the opportunity of giving this present in reach of all.

Just try Diedrich in comparison to where you have been buying. Our combination of quality at fair prices and most courteous treatment can't be beat.

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Save Miles of Steps

Only 5 More Members Can Enroll in the Hoosier Club for a Single Dollar

Your last opportunity to own one of these remarkable labor-saving machines that is stirring the entire city, is passing rapidly.

The demand has been far in excess of our expectations. We wanted 100 Hoosier Cabinets for this club, but The Hoosier Company under whose supervision it is being organized, would allow us only 50.

Why You Should Join Now

The memberships are being taken so rapidly that the entire club will be filled tomorrow, and we cannot get any more cabinets for months, as the Hoosier factory is far oversold. 20,000 Hoosier Cabinets will be given for Christmas in America this year.

Those who join the club get the **Lowest Cash Price**

You pay only a single dollar. The cabinet is delivered whenever you say. If you want us to bring

Do You Know the Hoosier Saves Miles of Steps?

Kitchen work is the greatest drudgery a woman has to do. The more cupboards and pantries she has the greater the inconvenience. She must walk from place to place to collect everything and put it onto her table, but with the Hoosier she has everything combined in one space. Pantry and cupboard are around the kitchen table. She can sit down at work and get through quickly. Constant interrup-

As a surprise Christmas morning, trust us to say nothing. Simply get your name in early before the allotment is gone. The balance is payable merely in \$1.00 weekly dues, and this wonderful labor-saving cabinet will belong to your wife the rest of her life, and save her hours of walking and hours of drudgery in her kitchen.

A half million women already own Hoosier Cabinets, and the number is increasing by leaps and bounds.

Your Wife Wants and Needs One

Will you buy your wife this wonderful labor-saving machine that will make her work so much easier? Will you give her the same opportunities for leisure, for preserving her health and strength that half a million other American women have? You want her to have this gift—then why delay? Enroll your name now before it is too late.

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