

HOW CARS WERE ROBBED.

With several score freight-train employees in jail, the Pan Handle Railroad has broken up a series of burglaries from freight trains which have extended over many months. Out of eighty crews running into Pittsburg seventy-five have been found to be corrupt.

In speaking of the arrests a prominent officer of the Pan Handle Road said: "For three years past the Pan Handle Road has been systematically robbed. Cars on sidings and cars in moving trains were broken open and goods stolen, including every description of merchandise. It is estimated that at least \$200,000 worth of goods were taken for which the company had to pay. In August last we got a clue, and the company determined to push it to the end. Detectives were employed who followed up every scent and finally we had the information upon which to proceed. When everything was ready we decided to make a move all along the line from Columbus to Pittsburg and 2 o'clock Monday morning was fixed to strike the blow. About eighty warrants were issued for men in Pittsburg. I can't tell how many for other places, but it was at every point along the line; it will run up in the hundreds.

Among those arrested was a man named Baker, against whom there are thirty-eight charges. Early one morning some months ago at Sheridan Station, near Pittsburg, a train was stopped for water. An attack was made on the crew and in the fight the fireman was shot. He afterward died from his injuries. At daybreak it was found that two cars had been broken open and their contents stolen. Baker is accused of firing the shot that killed the fireman and this is understood to be one of the thirty-eight charges against him. The goods were obtained from the freight cars by the thieves in various ways. In many instances the seals were broken, while in others hatchets were used to cut a hole in the end of the car, through which the men crawled and took what they coveted. Then they reported the car in bad condition, claiming the hole had been made by accident. The operations were all the result of combination. Arrangements were made and each rascal was assigned to his particular part of the work in much the same way as bank robbery is conducted by professional cracksmen. A thorough understanding existed among them, and they acted in concert to cover each others' misdoings. A thing which alarmed us more than anything else was that they stole large quantities of whiskey and drank it in the cabooses. They needed vessels to hold the liquor, so they stole milkcans and kept it in them. Not daring to keep the whiskey openly in the cars, they tore up the flooring and hid it underneath. Men were continually reported drunk on duty, and the probability of disaster was something frightful to contemplate. All kinds of goods were stolen, including sewing-machines, guns, revolvers, cutlery, silverware, cigars, clothing, liquors, groceries, furniture, and, in fact, every imaginable article that can be carried on a car, were quietly removed. The depredations were committed all along the road and the losers reside at points as far west as Denver. Fences were established where the stolen property was taken and then sold, the money being evenly divided among the crews. It is impossible to give the aggregate value of the property stolen.

A special from Dennison, Ohio, says the officers have arrested James and W. Collis with several thousands of dollars worth of velvets and high priced dry goods in their possession, articles taken from United States bonded cars en route to Chicago, St. Louis and other points West. One Busby, the worst man in the gang, slipped his handcuffs and recklessly threw himself from the train whilst it was going and escaped.

To Joseph Rue, special agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Detective Gilkeson, of Pittsburg, is due all the credit of running the thieves down. Rue this afternoon gave the following account of the inception of the robberies, their detection, the modus operandi of their execution, etc. Mr. Rue said: "Two years ago we decided to dispense with locks on the cars and introduced our present system of seals. The seal is of lead, is about the size of a five-cent piece and is about one-eighth of an inch thick. The wire used in connection with it is one-sixteenth inch iron, twisted to prevent drawing through the seals.

"One dark night one of our brightest men saw the freight crew come to a Union Line car. The wire was pulled out of the seal, the door was thrown back and the car entered. In a short time the men emerged carrying a lot of plunder. They made off to the caboose and the conductor pulled back the door, ran the wire through the seal where it had been pulled out and with a board struck it a blow. The wire went back to its place, the blow united the soft lead again without destroying the lettering on either side, and the seal was apparently untouched. I saw one of these, and it was only by the closest scrutiny that a person could detect the signs of tampering with it.

"All this made clear, our course was much easier. The individuals of these crews were then each tracked down

and so closely were the stolen goods located that out of all the arrests we made last night and this morning, there was not one man but had stolen stuff either upon him or in his room.

I can give a few illustrations of the spirit of these employees. In one case, just lately, the pursuit was so hot that twenty-five boxes of fine cigars were hastily burned in a caboose stove. In another instance a crew broke open a car and found it full of organs. One of the men was so enraged by finding nothing of the stealable kind that he thrust an iron bar into the organ and ruined it. A freight conductor broke into a car, opened a piano, and sat and played it all night, stopping at midnight to eat his supper off of the polished top. The same fellow was thumping a piano in a dive when captured. Everything except a coffin and a blacksmith's anvil has been stolen and made use of.

An Oregon Man's Fish Story.

"I was over on Big Sturgeon Lake looking for a duck or a goose for dinner, when just as I paddled my skiff around a point I saw a deer's horns sticking out of the water near the shore. I thought it was a deer swimming across the lake, and without stopping to look blazed away. I heard some of my shot strike the horns, and then saw them go under. I thought that singular, but after a while I saw them roll up again half a mile off. The idea of a deer swimming that far under water was a paralyzer. I rowed out cautiously to the horns, and found that they were sticking out of a sturgeon's mouth. He had swallowed the deer, but had not room for the horns, and was waiting till he should have digested the animal so he could spit out the horns. I recognized the sturgeon at once as 'Gros Ventre,' a fish I had known ever since I took up my claim on the island.

He was named by a priest who had been a missionary among the Indians in Montana. The fish recognized me, and his eye twinkled as he rolled up to have a look at me, and his silvery sides sort of rippled, as if he was trying to laugh. He evidently realized the ridiculousness of his situation, but he probably found it was uncomfortable swimming around with the horns under water, and so turned over to rest. Now the gastric juices of the sturgeon are powerful. I have known them to dissolve an ax which a sturgeon had swallowed."

Give us one story at a time exclaimed several of the listeners.

"Well, as I was going to say, it would not take the sturgeon long to digest the horns of a deer, but I did not like to see an old acquaintance in such a fix, so I out the horns off, and blessed if old 'Gros Ventre' didn't swim out a piece and rise up about five feet clean out of the water and make me one of the gracefulest bows you ever saw, and then he leaped his whole length out of the water and came down with a splash which sent the ripples circling to the farthest shores of Big Sturgeon Lake."—Portland Oregonian.

Giving the Teacher Something.

A certain young teacher in one of the public schools suffers all the pleasures and inconveniences of being idolized by her boys. The children demonstrate their affections in various ways, and one of their greatest pleasures is "giving teacher something." The other morning a little chap slid up to the desk with a box in his little red paw, and pressing it into his teacher's hand, said in a whisper:

"There, I've brought 'em for you."
"What is it, dear?" said the teacher.
"O, you look!" with a grin of satisfaction.

Untying the strings she opened the box, and behold there was a set of false teeth!

"They are mamma's," exclaimed the child in a delightful tone; "they're much prettier than yours, and I brought 'em to you."—Boston Herald.

Postal Cards

At the postal-card factory in Castleton, Pa., between two and three tons a day are manufactured the year round. The largest order ever filled for one city was 4,000,000 cards, or about twelve tons of paper, for New York city, where they used about 6,000,000 cards a month. Chicago comes next, with about 3,000,000 cards in the same period. There are 450,000,000 postal-cards manufactured annually. Two-cent postage did not lessen the use of postal-cards, but checked the growth of their use for some little time. The check has been overcome, and the public are using more and more postal cards every day.

James McEllen, Port Huron, Mich., writes: "Had severe pains in side. After taking Red Star Cough Cure the pains ceased entirely." Price twenty-five cents. At Druggists.

Professor Peter Collier of Vermont, who was formerly the chemist of the department of agriculture, has gained his suit in the court of claims for \$5,000 claimed to be due him for services rendered as expert in analyzing sugars for the treasury department in order to aid in the defence of the suits brought in New York in which the government was a party.

Just a Little Bit Of.

Foreign Tourist (after a train robbery)—My stars! I didn't think things were so bad as that in this blasted kentry.

Omaha Traveler—Such things happen sometimes.

"Well, I don't wonder the papers keep hitting at them."

"Hitting at them?"

"Yes; those are the porters, ain't they?"—Omaha World.

Miss Alice Jordan, who took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Yale Law School last June, has been admitted to practice in the Superior Court of Michigan.

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