

CRIMINALS HOLD A CARNIVAL

Thieves and Thugs Create a Reign of Terror.

PROFIT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CROWDS

Pockets Picked, Houses Looted and Men Robbed While the Spectators Enjoyed the Parade.

Creeds of all descriptions, particularly pickpockets and burglars, were numbered among the busiest people in this vicinity Thursday afternoon and night. The immense crowds which filled the fair grounds during the day and literally packed the streets in the evening afforded the pickpockets an unlimited opportunity to ply their trade without much danger of detection. The outpouring of the residents of the city into the downtown section to witness the parade left the residential districts practically deserted and the residences without guard. And finally it was found necessary to put practically the entire police force in the heart of the city to handle the crowds during the parade, so that the burglars had the opportunity to themselves and the crowds were so great in the downtown district that the police officers had little opportunity of doing anything else than to keep them out of the way. Looking after pickpockets who might be circulating in them.

While only a few cases were reported to the police, it is known that criminals carried on their work in the most high-handed manner. People do not like to acknowledge that they have been victims of pickpockets unless they lose enough to make it worth while to attempt to recover their property. An indication of the likelihood that all cases have not been reported is shown by the fact that the police have now in their possession ten pocketbooks which were undoubtedly stolen and it is believed that two or three of these belong to parties who have made reports.

NO RESPECTERS OF PERSONS.

Among the victims of the pickpockets was General Charles F. Mearns. His pocketbook, containing \$75 in money, was taken out of his pocket while he was riding downtown Thursday evening in a street car. The theft occurred in check for \$75 and is supposed to have been committed by a couple of men who were crowded on each side of General Mearns. A description of the men has been given to the police. General Mearns was considerably wrought up over the fact that he was made a victim, and when he made a report to the police he stated that he would willingly spend \$200 to secure the capture and the conviction of the thieves.

Peter L. Perkins, secretary and treasurer of the O. P. Lewis company, was one of the victims at the fair grounds and he is numbered among those who would not have made a report to the police if circumstances had not brought the case to light. His pocketbook was found in a bunch of five near the northwest entrance to the grounds. It contained in check for \$77 and other papers, but no money. As the papers could be duplicated, Mr. Perkins said that he had no intention of making a report of the case. The money was taken from Mr. Perkins while he was sitting on a street car with his wife on his way home from the fair last Thursday afternoon. In getting onto the car Mr. Perkins was squeezed between a crowd of men and it is believed the pocketbook was stolen then.

PICK UP POCKETBOOKS.

Four pocketbooks were found lying under a bunch of weeds on the fair grounds. The owner of the street car line Thursday night by S. M. Wright of Kennard, who brought them to the police station, is now in court. From the papers and the railroad tickets found in them they belonged to parties named J. C. Swern, Thomas Wilson of Springfield, William W. Smith of Wilcox, Mo., and Dr. H. C. Wheeler of Omaha. In the latter was also found a note given by John F. Lally of this city to the "Pardon Campaign Committee." It was dated at Omaha, Mo., April 19, 1897, and was probably Lally's assessment to the fund for the spring election when he ran for office. From the endorsements on the back but 45 of the amount has been paid, two payments being made in May, one of \$3 and the other of \$2. Five empty pockets were found yesterday morning lying inside the screen door of the book store at 1519 Farnam street. They had been filled, not a scrap of paper being left to indicate to whom they belonged. The pocketbooks were undoubtedly thrown away by thieves that they might not be found as evidences of theft on their persons in case they were arrested.

SOME WOMEN, WHO REFUSED TO GIVE HER NAME, WAS ROBBED OF A POCKETBOOK CONTAINING \$30 WHILE IN A CROWD NEAR SIXTEENTH AND DOUGLAS THURSDAY EVENING.

In the crowd Thursday night C. W. Britt's pockets were rifled of a number of articles, but no money was taken. A woman named Tillie Wright, a colored woman, was locked up yesterday for stealing \$20 from a visitor to her rooms on Ninth street. The house was searched and the amount found between two bed ticks. The money was returned to the man who claimed it.

TAKE ANY OLD THING.

As J. A. Thayer, a German farmer of York, was viewing the parade he was duped of a large silver watch. He was standing in front of the city hall with his daughter when a negro approached and asked for some information. The girl pointed out the location of the court house when the negro crowded heavily against him. At that moment he snatched the watch and fled. It had been given to him from the chain. He shouted vigorously and gave chase, but the thief vanished in the crowd.

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The man, a negro, dashed between the front wheels of a vehicle and the heels of two horses. He emerged, however, into the arms of Jailer Shand and Officer Connel. When the negro saw that escape was impossible he turned the purse, which contained \$20, into the crowd and it was lost. The thief, whose name is John Matthews, was arrested. The incident occurred in the vicinity of South Omaha, where they were considerably worked up over the robbery and for a time threatened to handle the prisoner roughly before he could be hurried away.

LATER IN THE EVENING JOHN H. CANNON, A RANCHMAN OF OMAHA, LOST HIS POCKETBOOK CONTAINING \$45 IN HIS HANDS WHILE HE WAS STEPS OF A CROWDED SOUTH OMAHA CAR.

The occurrence took place at Fourteenth and Farnam and Cannon caught a glimpse of the thief, who ran into the alley between Farnam and Douglas streets. Cannon was almost at his heels, when the man darted into the back door of a saloon and hid. The courage of Cannon waned and he abandoned the chase at this point. The thief seemed to have a desperate strike in his makeup as he held a revolver in his hand as he fled.

BURGLARS WERE BUSY.

A half dozen burglaries were reported.

THE PACE THAT KILLS!

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