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RAILROAD REGULATION. The Necessity of Enacting a Stringent State Law.

The Republican Legislature Responsible if They Fail in Relieving The Burden of the People. To the Editor of the BEE. I notice in the Bee of the 3rd inst., the article of your David City correspondent, Justice, headed "An Appeal for Unity," also your editorial, "Extortion Must Stop," in which you give the article of J. M. S., of Arberville. It gives me great pleasure to see that this great subject of railroad extortion is not to be neglected by the people or the press.

In England it is a grand thing to belong to the nobility and to have in your veins what is called "noble blood." But it often happens that the blood of a nobleman is not as good as that of the vigorous man who takes care of the nobleman's cows and pigs. Truly noble blood is that which is enriched with iron, and circulates in healthy bodies.

Now that word has been received that all Tammany is coming to the inauguration in a body the quadrangular fetes assume a formidable air. The democratic families grow jubilant over the prospects of the party's glory, but such of them as are householders here look forward anxiously to the triumphal dimes, as there is such a certainty of having their homes crowded with friends, relatives and parishioners.

There are some very essential points which should be aimed at in any legislation, to which I wish to invite your attention. First, a reduction of rates, both local and through, is one of the primary objects. But to make any such reduction either possible or permanent, stock watering must be stopped, and railroad building brought down to an actual cash basis.

ISTAK EN IDENTITY. How a Man Arrested for the Mammoth Cave Stage Robbery.

Was Convicted on Possible Identification Furnished by Jesse James' Photograph. Special Correspondence to the Globe-Democrat. LOUISVILLE, December 9.—A few evenings ago a party of gentlemen were seated in the office of the Louisville hotel including in the pleasant party, Judge Rountree, when the subject of the Tichborne claim, lately released from prison, was introduced, and Arthur Orton's identity with young Charles Reger Doughty Tichborne discussed at some length.

"Speaking of the question of identity," said Judge Harry Gobin, of Glasgow, one of the party, "a most striking case of mistaken identity occurred in our circuit court about two years ago. On September 3, 1882, two negroes, one coming from Memphis to Cave City, and the other on his way over to the cave, were met by two mounted highwaymen. With drawn pistols the robbers ordered all passengers out and made them stand in line and throw all their money and valuables into a pile. After gathering up the plunder the bandits made all the male passengers drink whiskey from a bottle and rode off.

"On one of the stages was a colored preacher. In the other were Judge R. H. Rountree, of Lebanon, Ky., a Mr. Rountree from Minnesota, a Mr. Craig from Georgia, a gentleman from Tennessee, and Judge Rountree's daughter. The passengers dived into some time by the robbers, and as the two villains were not disguised in any way it was believed to be an easy task to identify them in case they were caught. Among the plunder taken was Judge Rountree's fine gold watch, which had attached to it a large gold key with his name and some initials engraved on it, and a diamond ring to a present to him from Proctor Knott; also a diamond ring and a plain gold one belonging to Miss Rountree.

"A description of the men was published and rewards were offered by Judge Rountree and Governor Blackburn for their apprehension and conviction. Finally a fellow named Hunt was arrested in Ohio county as one of the thieves. He was brought to Cave City for his preliminary hearing. Maj. Bots, of Glasgow, my friend, detained him. At this examination Judge Rountree, Mr. Craig and the colored preacher testified for the state. Mr. Craig and the preacher both swore positively to the identity of the man, only claiming that at the time of the robbery he had about three weeks' growth of beard upon his face, while now it was closely shaven, excepting his mustache. The identified him, among other things, by a mole upon his cheek. On the other hand Judge Rountree said that he had come to Cave City with the belief that if one of the men had really been caught he would be easily able to recognize him; that he had heard Mr. Bots say that if Hunt was one of the men, his faith in his recollection was very much shaken.

"Neither Maj. Bots nor myself had ever seen Judge Rountree before, but the moment he entered the room where the trial was being held, Maj. Bots, one of the ablest criminal lawyers in Kentucky, examining his open countenance, intelligent face, turned to me and whispered, 'If that old gentleman swears to Hunt, our case is lost.' We introduced on behalf of Hunt the two drivers of the stages, who testified that while Hunt resembled one of the men, he was neither one or the other.

"The magistrates, who had only to be satisfied that there was sufficient ground for believing Hunt guilty, and who were convinced of the fact in their own minds, as magistrates often are before examiners held to answer at the circuit court. Hunt was committed to jail in default of bail, and in the meantime he should come down in an undertaking to find witnesses down in Ohio county, about his home, by whom to prove an alibi for him, but instead of being able to do that, I found out that the best man in his neighborhood said he was absent from home at that very time and was gone for several days away from his work in the mines. The more I investigated the darker I looked for the fellow, and Bots and I, who had at first believed him innocent, began to doubt it.

"His case was continued twice, I believe, but at the third term all parties were ready and we went into trial, after Hunt had been in jail about eighteen months. AGAIN IDENTIFIED. "Judge Rountree testified in substance as he did at the examination, and Judge Craig from Georgia, Rountree from Minnesota, the Tennessee man and another man whose name I have forgotten, along with the colored preacher, all swore positively that Hunt was one of the men, and the spokesman of the pair. We couldn't prove an alibi. All we had to rely upon was the swearing of the preacher, and a strong argument on the question of identity, and to try to create in the minds of the jury a reasonable enough doubt to get the fellow off. But the men who were so positive as to Hunt's identity were all men of fine intelligence, and the jury wasn't out but a short time till they brought in a verdict of guilty, and fixed his punishment at three years in the Pen.

"The very next day, however after his conviction, the papers brought the news of Jesse James' assassination at St. Joe, Mo., by the Ford boys, and the finding upon his person of Judge Rountree's watch and key, and upon Mrs. James' finger Miss Rountree's diamond ring. That was pretty conclusive evidence that Jesse had a hand in the robbery and was one of the two men. WAS HUNT THE OTHER? "I immediately commenced an investigation, with the assistance of Judge Rountree, to find out the truth as to Hunt's connection with the robbery. I got the affidavits of the Ford boys, in which they recited what Jesse James and Bill Ryan, now in the Missouri penitentiary serving out a term of twenty-five years for train robbery, I believe, had told them; also an affidavit from Dick Liddell, one of the James gang; a statement from the warden of the Missouri penitentiary in regard to something that Bill Ryan had admitted about the stage robbery; and a letter from old man Hite, in Logan county, Ky., an uncle of Jesse and Frank James, saying that the night after the stage was robbed Jesse James and Bill Ryan stood all night at his house

THE MISTERY SOLVED. To make a long story short, we found out conclusively that Jesse James and Bill Ryan were the men who robbed the stages and evidence we had was not of a legal character, and as that which was legal would be very hard to obtain, instead of applying for a new trial for Hunt, I went to Frankfort and there laid the whole matter before Governor Blackburn, who at once pardoned our client. Before Hunt left Glasgow, Judge Rountree had his photograph taken, and then wrote to St. Joe for that of Jesse James. When he received the latter there was found to be one of the most striking resemblances I have ever known between two men. Their every feature, their manner of combing their hair, correspondence to a misty; and the most singular thing of all, upon James' face was a mole in almost the same place as the one upon Hunt's cheek. As soon as Judge Rountree saw Jesse James' photograph, he exclaimed 'I have always said I could not recognize Hunt as one of the men who robbed us. I do recognize this as one of them, and the one Hunt has been mistaken for.'

"So there was an innocent man who, from a close resemblance to one of the most notorious highwaymen ever known, suffered imprisonment in jail for nearly two years. Where he was at the time the robbery was committed, and why he could not recognize Hunt as one of the men who robbed us, I never knew. One theory always has been that he was in some scrape somewhere else, as he was not a model man by any means, but it is certain he had nothing to do with the affair he was charged with. The lawyers at our bar frequently have occasion to use, and do use, Hunt's case as an illustration in cases of error, and attorneys are well acquainted with the case. It is a case of splendid intelligence, who are ever positive in their swearing, may get mistaken.

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Proposals for Building Bridges. Department of the Interior. Office of Indian Affairs, New York, Dec. 17, 1884. Sealed proposals, endorsed "Proposals for building bridges," will be received at this office until 1 o'clock P. M. on Monday, December 23, 1884, for the construction of three bridges on the Santa Fe Reservation in Nebraska, and Ponca Reservation in Dakota as follows: To be built in accordance with plans over the Barle creek, a bridge of three spans of 60 feet each, with 15 feet approach; on the Ponca Reservation, over the Nishara river, a bridge 100 feet from end to end, and over the West Fork of said river a bridge 60 feet long.

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