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custody, the other members
use all 'lawful' means of securing his escape or pardon as the case might be. "The 'ffth wheel' of the machine was detalled to be in walting with a hack at the corner of Thirteenth and H streets. The driver was bribed to keep 'mum' and arrangements were made The way was clear and the four 'sleuths' made their entrance. The to carry the booty and looters to the cave near the penitentiary, where the division of the spolis was to take place "All was dark and quiet in the vicinIty of the capitol that night. The clouds hung heavlly over the earth and a drizzling mist added to the dreary aspect. Not a sound issued from the gloomy bullding and only an occaslonal whistle from a midnight train broke the stillness. Policemen made their beats with a feeling of 'don't-care-
edness,' and even the watch-dogs refused to give forth their customary yelp when strangers passed. Everything was in favor of the students. "Two o'clock would find the watchman at the other end of the corridor last man up carried the 'jlmmy' which was to serve as proof that the robbers Intended great harm to the state. Mr. 'Jimmy' was placed near the vault and a few tools scattered promiscuously about the floor and a scratch or two made on the vault door. A bottle of
'nitro' was also left as an evidence of nitro was also left as an evidence of
their intentions and one of the robbers dropped a few matches previously burned to make the scene more genuine.
"Then came the retreat. No reason was ever given for not leaving the building immediately and by the en trance effected; but perhaps curlosity caused the young 'safe-breakers' to venture into the hall.
"Quletly opening the door they entered the corridors and crept along he south wall toward the center of the building. Suddenly a dark lantern bilnded their progress and a command to halt came from a gruff voice. Now the students were not hunting for trouble, and they did not expect to encounter opposition in their treacherous work. It was 'up to them' to make 'de grand escape' and they lost no time in retracing their steps into the treasurer's offlce. What they heard has been variously related. One of the number declared that wild shouts broke from the hall and cries of anguish filled the quiet atmosphere. The echo reverberated from one end of the building to the other, entered the side passages and climbed upward into the dome only to rebound and mingle with the ever-increasing yelling. Then pistol shots took up the melody and added new terror to the nolse. To the students it sounded like a battle in which the cries of the injured were con forted with the rattle of musketry and fearing for their safety, they jumped out of the window and sought shelter in the waiting hack. By a circultous route they reached their rooms, hurriedly retired for the night and the next morning read the account of the attempted robbery at the Nebraska state capitol.
"The entire incident was rehearsed
at a fraternity banquet not long ago but even yet no names are mentioned in the recital."
This story bore all the earmarks of a "fake," and was not at all beyond the eapabilities of the versatile staff of the aforesaid evening paper. A Ne braskan reporter, bent on learning as much of the truth as possible from such inveterate romancers, called on

formation." He was told: "Yes, the tory is true. But some of the parties concerned are now men of family, and
highly respected; so it was thought best to use no names. But the robbery was really attempted," which is the one lota of veracity in the editor's andid reply, "and by University stuents. The Star never gives its readrs anything but actual facts."
The reporter was forced by this re ply to resort to Philbrick's famous 1899 process of "analytical historical riticism." and by the aid of that method arrived at the following facts Such a robbery was attempted.
No University students are known or suspected to have been in any way hape, form or manner connected with it either in intent or act.
Most students knew nothing of it. There was no such "fraternity ban quet" held as the one whence the city paper pretended to derive its informa tion.

No one- divulged any "secret."
There was no "secret" to divulge.
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