

JESSE JAMES' ANCESTORS

Among the Early Settlers of Hancock County, West Virginia—Summary of their Robbing.

A dispatch from New Cumberland in Hancock county goes on to say that the renege interest awakened by the recent publications of the daring exploits of the James brothers, and the tragic death of Jesse James at St. Joseph, Mo., the other day, has brought to light the fact that old Jesse James, grandfather of these two blood-thirsty bandits, once resided in Hancock county. He was a carpenter by trade and a number of buildings, one of them a flouring mill, still stands in the vicinity to-day as monuments of his workmanship. He was considered by those who knew him at that time as a skilful mechanic and a shrewd business man, but was somewhat addicted to strong drink, which habit eventually proved his destruction.

One day, about the year 1825, while under the influence of liquor two young girls attempted to bring him across the river in a skiff, at a point known as Blackhorse Landing, about a mile below here, when by some mishap he lost his balance, fell into the river and was drowned.

Soon after this occurrence the family gathered together their effects and emigrated to Kentucky, where they were finally lost sight of by their friends here. Young Robert, who afterwards became the father of Frank and Jesse, the noted desperadoes, was old enough to attend school before the family left here, and some of his old schoolmates, who still live here, remember him as a bright, amiable and intelligent boy. Old Jesse James and his wife belonged to the Baptist church sometimes denominated Campbellites—who worshipped at that time in an old log school house a short distance east of town, the ruins of which are still visible. The Jameses were looked upon as honored members of the church, which they earnestly and liberally supported.

These facts and incidents were related to-day to the writer by a man who has turned his 83d year, and who has been a life-long resident of this county. The conversation was brought about by the graphic account of the eventual career of the renowned James brothers, published on Saturday, which the old gentleman had just read. He further stated that he had lived neighbor to the Jameses for several years and remembers them well, and that the two redoubtable cowboys must have inherited their "devilish depravity" from their mother, as their ancestors who resided here never exhibited any of the traits which have made two of their grandsons so famous.

Relatives of old Mrs. James, whose maiden name was Gorman, still reside in this county, and no doubt can vouch for the truth of these statements.

THEIR PLUNDER

There have been a great many stories as to the amount of plunder secured by the James boys in their robberies, some accounts placing the aggregate as high as half a million dollars. There is no way of determining the amount accurately. In most instances express companies do not give explicit information and passengers who are robbed will from various motives give unreliable statements as to their losses. A list of the robberies most generally ascribed to the Missouri gang is given below with the amounts officially or unofficially declared to have been realized. It is not to be supposed that the James boys participated in all, but all those in the list are circumstantial ly traceable to either them or some of their confederates. For instance the Big Springs robbery was committed by the Sam Bass gang. There is no particular reason to connect the James boys with it, but Jim Berry, an old Quantrell guerrilla and a chum of the Jameses, was in it and was killed while resisting arrest. In the list here given the amounts so far as possible are taken from reports of the robberies published in the newspapers of the towns where they occurred. The sum total is big enough.

Table listing robberies and amounts: Liberty, Mo., Jan. 20, 1866... \$72,000; Richardson, Mo., 1867... 4,000; Russellville, Ky., March, 1868... 14,000; Gallatin, Mo., Dec. 7, 1869... 700; Corydon, Iowa, June 3, 1871... 4,500; Columbia, Ky., April 29, 1872... 600; Kansas City, Sept. 23, 1872... 978; Ste. Genevieve, Mo., May 27, 1873... 3,500; Iowa train robbery, July 21, 1873... 2,500; Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 15, 1874... 2,000; Gads Hill, Mo., Jan. 31, 1874... 10,000; Corinth, Miss., 1874... 30,000; Manley, Kas., 1874... 30,000; Huntington, W. V., Sept., 1876... 10,000; Baxter Springs, Kas., April 18, 1876... 3,000; Ottumwa, Mo., July 7, 1876... 15,000; Northfield, Minn., Sept. 7, 1876... 10,000; Big Springs, W. T., Sept. 18, 1877... 60,000; Glendale, Mo., Oct. 8, 1879... 6,000; Winston, Mo., July 15, 1881... 4,000; Blue Cut, Sept. 7, 1881... 16,000.

Total... \$263,778. The people who lost neither sons, brothers, fathers nor husbands, nor shared in the losses of money here set down, may indulge in senseless and disgusting sympathy for the bloody and heartless murderers who turned their hands against society. They are of the kind of people who in war would sacrifice "their wife's relatives" to patriotism. Their pleas are not worth a great in the estimation of a sensible, well-balanced mind.

A Historical Circus Piece.

The last clever dodge of the circus man to buy the clothes worn by Guitou on the 2d of July, and McDonald, the sculptor, was employed to make a life-size figure of the assassin and one of President Garfield, with which to represent the actual scene of shooting. By accurate casts, measurements and photographs the figures were carefully worked out, and from sittings and studies in his cell the evil and ugly countenance of Guitou was reproduced in the finest line and shade. Visitors to McDonald's studio fairly jumped when the door was flung open and the scene presented to them, Guitou with outstretched arm and pistol in hand, standing behind his victim, and the whole of his fiendish malice shadowed in his wicked eyes and savage mouth. Any one can picture how the rural communities will flock to this show, and his face and general appearance made known by this perfect image, Guitou will be even more universally hated and despised by the people.

stored up, and much more capital invested in solid improvements to protect stock in hard winters. The demand from the east seems to be unlimited. The eastern capacity for Nevada beefsteaks and roasts is practically insatiable. The Humboldt country has been full of buyers for a year, and thousands and thousands of head have been driven to Wyoming and Colorado. Last year the late spring rains brought excellent browse on all the mountain ranges, and this winter will secure a like result for 1892. Cattle men say the western half of Nevada had as much feed last year as it had when cattle first came in. There were enormous crops of hay and grain last year, and cattle were needed to eat them up just when there was a big demand for beef cattle for California and stock cattle for the east. Combined with all these circumstances there has been an improvement in the breeds of Nevada cattle. Considering, therefore, the growing markets in California and the east, and the improved facilities for storing feed and raising hay and grain in Nevada, it is plainly to be seen that there is no immediate prospect for a depreciation in the price of beef.

A STORY ABOUT EARS.

An Admirable Substitute for the Snake Romance—The Wonderful Ears of a Tippecanoe County Boy. Lafayette (Ind.) Courier. A strange and wonderful phenomenon has just been brought into our office, in the person of little Willie Lester, whose father is a well-to-do farmer on the Wea plains. Willie is only about 10 years old, unusually bright and intelligent for his age, and has always been remarkable in his neighborhood for his wonderful ears. His right one is perfectly immovable, being, we should judge, as large as a palm-leaf fan, whilst the other is no bigger than the ear of an ordinary sized wax doll. Until quite recently nothing unusual had ever been noticed in his hearing, but lately he has developed wonderful powers in that direction. With his small ear he can hear the faintest buzzing of the smallest bugs and insects, and can even detect sounds uttered by the minutest animalcule—so small that they are not even visible to the naked eye. A fly running along a window pane, a caterpillar crawling across a sheet of paper makes sufficient noise to attract his attention, even when his back is turned. The sense of hearing is so acute in this ear that it is absolutely painful to him, and he is compelled to wear a cork in it at all times. The right and large ear is quite the reverse of its little companion in both its powers and properties. To it those minute and near sounds so painfully discernible to the other are lost, but distant noises are readily heard. Although residing fifteen and a quarter miles from any railroad—Lafayette being the nearest point—yet Willie can distinctly hear the trains and whistles blowing their whistles, and can easily distinguish between the engine bells and the city bells. When the Wabash round-house blow up some weeks since Willie felt the shock as severely as though he had been in the building itself. He had been unwell for some days and was sleeping later than usual that morning, and when the explosion occurred he sprang from the bed with a frightened scream and holding his ear with both hands stood for some time trembling in the middle of the room. On clear days he has often heard Sheriff Taylor summoning witnesses from the court house wail. He distinctly heard the noise of the mob at Kokomo, Monday night, which was a very clear night. Although unable to make out what they were doing, yet he heard the shouts "Rope's down!" "Time's up!" and heard poor Long sing "See that My Grave is Kept Green," the tune of which Willie at once recognized, and in a low, sweet voice sang the accompaniment, it being quite familiar to him. He can hear the coming of a storm long before there are any signs of it in the air, and even long before the weather bureau gives notice of its approach. At a suggestion of a neighbor, Mr. Lester had a wire gauze lid, with a tin rim, made to fit over Willie's ear. It consists of two thicknesses of gauze, the other one being of larger mesh than the inner one; between the two there is an intervening thickness of loose flannel to softer sounds. Willie wears it continually, and this with the cork in the small ear has the effect of reducing his hearing to a normal condition. Willie is a handsome, fair faced, golden haired little man, exceedingly shy and timid, and any notice taken of him seems to be quite painful to the little fellow. His father and uncle, Mr. Henry Torbjorn, brought him to town this morning and to The Courier office this noon. The physicians here, apprised of the fact have just been testing his powers, and are in a state of wild excitement over this wonderful freak of nature. Further comment is unnecessary and useless. The imagination has nothing left to add—we cannot gild refined gold or paint the unsubstantiated truth, it is stranger than fiction. We can only write the facts, our poor pen fails us further than this.

A Story of Congressman Blaine.

Ex-Secretary Spinner in Florida Times. "I used to know Blaine when he first came to Congress. We boarded at the same house, and our families dined together. Some of my friends about that time introduced a bill into Congress to increase my salary as Treasurer. Mr. Blaine took occasion to speak on the bill, and made some very grossly unjust remarks about me. I was a good deal surprised, and after that I did not notice him or recognize him in any way. Of course it was rather embarrassing for our families. One day, standing in the hall with an acquaintance, Blaine passed, and the gentleman I was talking with introduced us. I offered no recognition, and the gentleman said: 'I thought you know Blaine.' 'I do,' said I, 'and that's why I didn't speak to him.' Some time after that Blaine and I met, and he came up to me holding out both his hands. He said: General, this thing has been going on long enough. I am sorry I said what I did about you, and I should not have said it. I did not know you then.' 'Well,' said I, 'that is just why you should not have said it.' But he asked my forgiveness and we made friends, and have been personal friends ever since. That is just the difference between Blaine and Conkling. Blaine can forgive a man he has injured, but Conkling cannot.

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Michael Sir Shepherd lives at Ilford, England. When his mother was bidden, "Name this child," she courted and replied: "Michael, sir," and Michael Sir it was. An old Irish song records a parallel case where a dog, answering to the name "Dennis" was making himself too busy at the christening, and had to be checked by the mother, with the result described: "What's his name?" says the priest; "Dennis, Dennis," says she; So Dennis Dennis Begganery they christened.

Doctor Willard Bliss is the name of Dr. D. W. Bliss, who attended President Garfield. He was so christened after Dr. Willard, who presided at his birth at Auburn nearly fifty years ago.

The Rev. Ebenezer Bhoianath St. Andrews has been appointed curate of St. Andrew's, Bethelgreen, London.

The Rev. William Napoleon Barleycorn has been sent to Fernando Polas, a missionary by the English Primitive Methodists.

Mr. Arthur Wellington Waterloo is an ex-army surgeon in England.

Mr. Eldersley Clinton Dorland de Clements keeps a laundry at Detroit.

Miss Pauline Castle Garden, aged 23, was picked up in the rotunda of Castle Garden on the night of the fourth of July, named by Superintendent Jackson, and sent to the refuge on Ward's Island.

Messrs. Nova Zembla and Adamantine Johnson are residents of St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Mazin Grace Brooks is a resident of Kansas City, Mo., her pupils another having named her (by ear) out of the hymn-book: "Mazin grace, how sweet the sound!"

Dr. Theodore Ledyard of New York City, used to be Dr. Theodore Ledyard Smith, but obtained permission from the court of common pleas to drop the last name. He gave as a reason that "it is his ambition and hope to become master of his profession, and to build up and establish a distinct individuality in his practice, and he fears that because of the great number of doctors named Smith that name will hinder him in his object."

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