

THE ROMANCE OF A ROBBERY

Mrs. Russell's Alleged Adventure With a Coterie of Cattle Thieves.

THEY DIDN'T HESITATE AT MURDER.

The Principal of the \$10,000 Robbery Tells a Weird Tale of Murder and Robbery in Bleeding Kansas.

During less than thirty years of life, petite Floretta Russell, the principal in the \$10,000 robbery which occurred at the corner of Fourteenth and Chicago streets Saturday afternoon, has succeeded in weaving about herself a romance that would cause the average modern novelist to blush for his inferiority.

During the past few days an air of mystery has filled the central station and pervaded the freed domain of Judge Helsley. The nodders of the detectives have been close together and there have been frequent consultations in the chief's star chamber.

Reporters have been taboed. The most industrious questioning failed to bring forth any tangible results, until yesterday when the fact of the robbery was discovered.

When a Bee reporter called at 614 South Fourteenth street yesterday morning, a sour looking woman came to the door. Mrs. Russell was asked for, whereupon the woman became excited.

"You are a reporter?" she fairly shouted. "You are a reporter and my husband told me that morning if you come pestering me here to give you something you wouldn't forget very soon and I am of a good mind to begin right now and send the broom which he held in her hand at a most threatening angle. But the girls were braved and another inquiry was gently made for Mrs. Russell.

"I don't know anything about Mrs. Russell," snapped the woman. "She moved away from here this morning."

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