

SENT THREATENING LETTERS

Two Young Men Jailed by Federal Authorities on a Serious Charge.

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**When they tried to Blackmail a Young
Man the Postoffice Officials Took
a Hand and Blocked
the Game.**

The federal authorities at the Omaha postoffice made a very important arrest Friday night, and followed it yesterday with two more.

About two weeks ago a well known young man who moves in good society in this city received a letter that brought great drops of perspiration to his brow and made his hair

stand on end like quills upon the fretful porcupine." It read after the following fashion:

Threatened to Expose the Victim.

Dear Sir—I wish to make you the following proposition, and leave it to your judgment as to whether the conditions shall be complied with or not. I know all about your relations with Mrs. ——. Now I wish to say that the en-

tire story will be published in the Kansas City Sun unless you send me \$100 to have the matter suppressed. If you will send me a letter containing five \$20 bills, neatly folded and wrapped in paper so that no one will detect it, the article will be suppressed. Do not send the money in a registered letter, or I will not return a registered letter. Send it in an ordinary letter addressed to Fred Freeman, Omaha, Nebraska.

P. S.—Attend to this matter at once or you

The recipient of the above delightful message had a prolonged attack of insomnia the night after he perused the contents of the

letter. In the morning he awoke fully convinced that virtue was its own reward and that corrupt morals come pretty near furnishing adequate punishment in this world without considering the world to come. He was just about to carry his watch, his best suit and his diamond shirt studs to the pawn

shop for the purpose of raising \$100 with which to satisfy the demands of the black-mailer, when suddenly the dastardly meanness and unlawful nature of the case flashed upon him. To think in that strain was to act and in just four minutes he was in a law office laying the particulars before a friend of the legal profession.

That same day the postmaster and Inspector Brown of the postoffice department, were put in possession of the facts in the case and they began preparing the trap which finally caught the perpetrators of the blackmailing scheme.

A letter was written and mailed to Fred Freeman according to the directions of the blackmailer and then a watch was put on to arrest the party who called for the letter. It was an easy mark, showing that the parties were either very bold and rash or entirely inexperienced. Between 5 and 6

of entirely experienced. Between 5 and 6 o'clock last evening a young man walked up to the general delivery window at the post-office and asked if there were any letters for Fred Freeman. The signal was given, and while the clerk was shuffling through the letters a deputy United States marshal walked out in the hall, and just as the young

The young man arrested gave the name of J. E. Wallenhaupt and said that he had

no connection with the scheme at all. He declared that he simply asked for a letter at the request of a friend and he had no knowledge of the contents. Mr. Wallenhaupt was informed that his story might be perfectly correct, but he would be obliged to divulge the names of the parties interested in the scheme or suffer himself in their stead. He

Warrants were issued for their arrest and at 11 o'clock Friday night Mr. Bruce was

When the deputy marshal and Inspector Brown became convinced that Wallenhaupt had told the truth about his connection with the case he was released, but will be used as a witness.

W. G. Bruce has been for some time employed in the business office of a large packing house at South Omaha. His father is the European agent for the same concern, and it is said that Bruce comes of a family very highly respected.

De Joci is a young man formerly employed by the Bradley Manufacturing company.

The preliminary examination will probably divulge the fact as to whether or not these young men had any connection with the Kansas City Sun or whether they were sim-

Bruce Also Released.

Mr. Bruce stated to the United States attorney and Commissioner Dundy that he had nothing to do with the black-mailing letters.

He stated that he went to the county jail late Friday night at the urgent request of De Joci and then started out to secure a bondsman for his friend. He was surprised when he returned to his hotel and found an officer awaiting him with a warrant for his arrest. He thought that De Joci must have fur-

Fully Exonerated.
District Attorney Baker has written the

OMAHA, March 5.—Your son informs me you are considerably agitated over his supposed connection with violation of the postal law by sending improper mailing matter

through the mails, wherein W. G. Bruce and K. De Joel were held to appear before the next term of court. Permit me today, as per request of your son, that your son, J. E., is not guilty of any violation of law. He only did an unwise thing to please a friend, that is, he called for a letter, the calling of which

told the story of who sent the unmailable matter. Your son calling for the letter led the United States authorities to suspect your son of knowledge of the letter to which the one called for was a reply, but his story of the matter was fully corroborated by all parties and your son is exonerated of any intention of wrong. Trusting the above may be

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla cleanses the blood, increases the appetite and tones up the system. It has benefitted many people who have suffered from blood diseases, and will

Rumors of a change in Union Pacific affairs from Gould to Vanderbilt management continue to accumulate. A railroad man on the

inside says that the New York Central magnates, who have a powerful interest in the Northwestern, have been investigating the cause of an alleged falling off in the transcontinental traffic of the latter road.

Under the compact of 1885 the Union Pacific should turn over its east-bound business

to the Northwestern, but it is alleged that Gould is delivering a large slice of this traffic to the Missouri Pacific. Some time ago Tim Bex explained a scheme in operation to send traffic east from Omaha by way of the Missouri Pacific and the Santa Fe to Chicago. By that deal the Missouri Pacific gets 40 per

That arrangement does not rob the Union Pacific, but it is now asserted that considerable east-bound business is being diverted from the Union Pacific at Cheyenne to the Denver Pacific, which turns it over to the Missouri Pacific at Denver. This is said to

"Late to bed and early to rise will shorten the road to your home in the skies." But early to bed and a "Little Early Riser," the pill that makes life longer and better and

but you know me longer and better and
wiser.