

TEARS OF LUETGERT

Brim Drops Fall from the Eyes of the Big Sausage Maker.

ALLEGED W.F.F. MURDERER CRIES IN COURT

Buries His Face in His Hands and Sob Like a Child.

CREATES A SCENE WHILE ON THE STAND

Police Captain Smiles and Spectators Gaze in Amusement.

LUETGERT NOT AN EXPERT ORTHOGRAFER

Swears that He Never Could Spell the Name of His First Partner in the Matrimonial Business.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Joseph L. Luetgert went on the witness stand today and told the jury the story of the doings in his sausage factory the night of May 1. He endeavored to explain the mystery surrounding the disappearance of his wife, for whose murder he is being tried. An immense crowd gathered around the criminal court building long before the case was called, but warned by experience the police allowed only those to enter who had tickets of admission. Judge Gary's court room was packed some time before the opening hour. There was an unusual number of women present. The audience paid the closest attention to Luetgert's examination.

Prior to going on the witness stand Luetgert, while taking exercise in the hall, was accompanied by James Smith, who has been on trial with Luetgert for the murder of Merry's wife. Smith was extremely nervous over the outcome of the jury's deliberations in his case, but Luetgert spoke encouragingly to him.

"I received an invitation to a masquerade ball, which takes place on February 5," said Luetgert to his companion. "Will let you have it. You'll be able to use it before I will."

After relating the story of the various financial deals in which he was interested, Luetgert was asked if during the time he was first engaged in business he was married. To this Luetgert replied in the affirmative. "I was married to Miss Pauline Ruelke in 1872," said the defendant. "How do you spell that name?"

NOT AN EXPERT IN SPELLING.
"Oh, I don't know. I never could spell it," was Luetgert's reply.

Attorney Harmon broke down for the defense, then went into Luetgert's financial affairs at the time of Mrs. Louise Luetgert's disappearance and drew out the statement that Luetgert was worth about \$80,000 exclusive of real estate. Attorney Harmon then asked Luetgert when his first wife died.
"In November, 1877."

"And how long were you a widower?"
"Until next year in January."
At this point Luetgert broke down and commenced crying like a child. Seeing the condition his client was in, Attorney Harmon asked for a recess, but Judge Gary refused to allow it. After a few moments Luetgert regained control of himself. The display of grief drew smiles to the face of Police Captain Schuetler, who occupied a seat immediately behind the defendant, and the jurors looked on in silent amazement as Luetgert buried his face in his hands and sobbed.

"Before you were married, where did you and your little boy Arnold live?" was the next question.
"I slept in the store myself and my boy at my mother-in-law's."
"When were you married the second time?" Luetgert was asked by his counsel.
"In 1878, to Louise Ruelke." There was not a trace of emotion in the voice of Luetgert, as he mentioned the name of the woman he is charged with having murdered. The defendant then told of the various places he and his wife had lived, and of his going into business at his latest location in 1879. The court at this point took a recess.

DEALS WITH DAVEY.

Nothing important transpired during the afternoon session, and the examination of the witness by his attorney, Mr. Harmon, was so slow that ten court adjournments nothing pertaining to the alleged murder, of Mrs. Luetgert had been brought out.

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HELPS OUT OMAHA GROCERS

Gulf Road Places Gate City on Parity with Kansas City.

SAME RATE WITH NEW ORLEANS PRODUCTS

Sugar, Coffee, Rice and Molasses to be Carried from Crescent City to Northern Points at Thirty Cent Rate.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway has determined to put Omaha on a parity with this city in the matter of freight rates. The Pittsburg & Gulf will make the same rate from New Orleans to Omaha on sugar, coffee, rice and molasses as is conceded to Kansas City from New Orleans. The rate on these commodities from New Orleans to Kansas City is now 27 cents per 100 pounds and to Omaha 30 cents. The Pittsburg & Gulf will advance the Kansas City rate to 30 cents and Omaha grocers will thereby be enabled to successfully compete with Kansas City merchants. The new rate is to be made by the Pittsburg & Gulf, working in conjunction with the Southern Pacific railway.

The wholesale grocers of Kansas City are indignant. "It is an outrage," said a wholesale grocer today. "The advance in the Kansas City rate will place Omaha wholesale dealers on an equality with us and will injure our trade to a considerable extent. I expect that the next move of the Pittsburg & Gulf will be to make the same rates on packing house products to Texas points as are made from Kansas City. Omaha has long desired and fought for equal rates with Kansas City and the shippers of Omaha are boasting that they are going to get them through the Pittsburg & Gulf and its northern branches."

EXTENSION TO SIOUX CITY.

SIOUX CITY, Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—A. E. Stillwell, president of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway company, has indicated to a Sioux City railway lawyer that there is a prospect of the Port Arthur road being extended to Sioux City. Mr. Stillwell spoke of his road reaching Omaha by way of his Kansas City & Northern connecting line and the Omaha & Quincy, and that perhaps he would build on to Sioux City. Kansas City's rate is 8 cents lower than that of Omaha and Sioux City and local railway men figure this extension of the Gulf road would be a good thing for this section of the country.

TERMINALS OF UNION PACIFIC.

Omaha Plant of the Overland to be Considerably Extended.

The report to the effect that the new management of the Union Pacific had under contemplation the removal of the company's switch yards from Council Bluffs to Omaha has continued to excite considerable interest in local railroad circles yesterday morning. While the prospective change is ridiculed by the officers of the company, it is noticeable that the chief reason for their doubt seems to be that Mr. Burt has not yet taken charge of the great railroad property.

The law department of the Union Pacific road yesterday received a message from New York, from the counsel of the new Union Pacific company, saying: "You are authorized to deny the rumor that the switching yards are to be removed from Council Bluffs to Omaha, as it entirely without foundation."

Among the attaches of other railroads it is the consensus of opinion that some change is very likely to occur soon after the new regime is installed at Union Pacific headquarters. It is argued that the Union Pacific will be no longer in the hands of the government after the receivership shall have been terminated and that the owners of the road will be at perfect liberty to remove whatever parts of the mechanical or other departments from Council Bluffs to Omaha that they may choose. The fact that such a removal would be the means of saving much time and money to the new owners of the road is not doubted even by the most doubting Thomases. Mr. Burt's strong inclination to effect as great savings to the railroad property of which he has charge are well known, and are taken as indicative of such a change.

On the other hand it is argued that the merchants of Council Bluffs are borrowing trouble by seeking to oppose a change that is nearest at hand. Many of the railroad officials who regard the removal of the Council Bluffs round house to Omaha as probable and the change in location of the switch yard as quite possible do not believe that such changes will be made for some time yet.

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FOUR MEN HELD UP

Footpads Ply Their Mafarious Work and Make a Good Haull.

GATHER IN ABOUT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS

Hack Driver and Three Passengers Caused to Stand and Deliver.

TWO MASKED MEN DO THE BUSINESS

Secure a Valuable Watch and Ring and Some Money.

DEED IS DONE SOUTH OF VINTON STREET

Hack is Halted in Darkness, and While One Man Holds the Horses, the Other Takes Up a Collection.

Another fruitful holdup was accomplished at 6 o'clock last night at Twenty-fourth and Valley streets and about \$200 worth of property was secured from "Rhodie" Redmon, Charles Bratnord and a stockman named Barr. The party was on its way to South Omaha in a hack driven by Fred Meyers and was proceeding along Twenty-fourth street, two blocks south of Vinton, when the encounter occurred.

Meyers says that the team was going at a good pace and that he was guiding it with whip and reins along an unlighted portion of the road, when he noticed the figures of two men about twenty feet ahead. He called his horse to one side to pass clear of them and was almost opposite the men when they suddenly separated and seized the horses by the bits. One of them yelled at the driver to throw up his hands and emphasized the command with an oath and the gleam of a H-caliber revolver. Meyers obeyed, holding his whip aloft and dropping the reins. The men guided the horses west on Valley street about forty feet, where there is a heavily shaded spot and went to work. One of the highwaymen held the horses and stood guard over the driver, who had a revolver in ready reach in his overcoat pocket. This fact appeared to be known to the men, as the more aggressive robber ordered his companion to stay strict attention to his look, as the driver had a gun. Meyers made no attempt to reach his weapon and began by asking permission to replace the whip in the socket. This brought forth the imprecations of the man on guard and Meyers desisted.

TAKES UP A COLLECTION.

The aggressive robber in the meantime was engaged with the inmates of the carriage. The men inside had been half asleep and were not thoroughly awake till the occurrence was over. Bratnord was dragged out first and forced to deliver his gold watch and chain, besides a ring and \$7 in cash. The watch was a fine instrument and with the chain was worth \$100. The ring was valued at about \$10. Bratnord also had on his person a diamond ring and stud worth about \$50. This he was able to secrete after he was ordered out of the carriage. The robber discovered him in the act of doing this and severely struck him on the head with his long revolver. Bratnord's stiff hat was broken and he was slightly stunned by the blow. The diamonds were safely hidden, however, although the robber lighted matches in the hope of picking them out of the mud under the carriage, for Bratnord had slipped them under the waistband of his trousers. Bratnord resides in South Omaha with his mother, who is proprietress of a Exchange hotel. The person of Redmon was next scrutinized and a diamond stud was taken from his shirt front. The stone was valued at \$80. His purse was also emptied of about \$4.50. Redmon lives in Omaha and is bartender of a saloon on Douglas street. Barr, the stockman, was not heavily provided with valuables and his loss was \$4. The possessions of the hack driver were not disturbed and he carried away from the scene a heavy gold watch and quite a quantity of money.

TOLD TO DRIVE ON.

When the thing was done the passengers were ordered back into the hack and the driver instructed to climb down and gather up the reins from about the horses' heads. One of the horses has a local reputation for striking with his fore feet and even the driver is somewhat timid about venturing near. This trait, however, did not manifest itself toward the man at the horse's head. When Meyer had gathered up the reins he was ordered to drive on and not look back. He asked if there would be any objection to turning back upon Twenty-fourth street, as the way ahead looked dark and strange. The answer was emphatic that he plunked ahead and reached South Omaha a half hour later by a circuitous route.

The matter was at once reported and the detectives of both cities were put to work. A very fair general description was obtained of the men and several likely parties are under suspicion. Meyer says that one man was so close that he could see the carriage protruding from the cylinders of his revolver. The features of the men were obscured by silk handkerchiefs which were tied under the hat slantways across the face, obscuring one eye and most of the features. Their overcoats were buttoned high about the throats and so little of the faces were seen that Meyer says he could not identify either of the men in spite of their closeness to him.

ST. LOUIS OFFICIALS VISITING.

Investigating Street Improvements in Eastern Cities.
NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A delegation from St. Louis, consisting of Robert E. Math of the Board of Public Improvements; A. N. Milner, commissioner of streets and member of the Board of Public Improvements; Julius Wurzberger, in charge of refuse removal; Ferdinand Uthoff and Charles Kelleitz, representing the council, and Julius Lehman and George Schafer, representing the house of delegates of St. Louis, called on Mayor Van Wyck today and were conducted through the various departments of the great city. The visitors from St. Louis have been commissioned by the municipal assembly of St. Louis to investigate the condition of streets and public works in Detroit, Boston, Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. After spending several days in New York they will go to Philadelphia and Washington.

Endows a Chair of Physics.

MADISON, Ind., Jan. 21.—The widow of Dr. Thomas Cogley has presented to Hanover college \$30,000 to endow a chair of physics in that institution.