

'Butch" and his band are the outgrowth of the rustlers of six years ago. Since then they have broadened their field and increased their numbers. It is no idle boast to day that the leader of this notorious band has 500 men at his beck and call. Since then

A COMPLETE ORGANIZATION.

Their depredations are upon a scale never efore reached in the history of frontier All the conditions are favorable to They know every foot of the vast crime. territory in which they operate, taking in, as it does, the wildest and most iraccessible portions of four states. Every man of them is thoroughly familiar with frontier life in

its rougher phases. The forces are subdivided into five bands. each controlled by its own leader, with Cassidy as the supreme power. The outlaws now practically control the sparsely settled region extending from central Wyoming southwesterly through northwestern Colorado and Utah, and almost to the Arizona line. Marauding and murderous bands conduct their raids without cestraint. The thefts of live stock run into the millions. Ranchmen are murdered and driven out of business, and

their system of co-operation is beneficial. However, any operation that promises ad venture and firancial reward is never over-looked. Trains are held up, express companies and banks are robbed, and even in lividuals, when known to have money in their possession, are relieved of their posses

cowardly coyotes.

signs in true road, agent style. There are women among these outlaws, too, who ride with them on their wild forays and take pride in their association with "Calamity Jane," in the old days of her as-sociation with "Dendwood Dick," could not has been contracted for and work on the connecting line will be begun in a month. surpass these picturesque females in their wild career. Important Decision at Cheyenne. About a year ego "Butch" Cassidy and "Bill" Ferguson, one of his trusted lieuten-ants, dashed into the town of Price in broad CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 23.-(Special Telegram.)-In the Laramie county district daylight, held up the paymaster of the coal court today Judge Stotts rendered an important decision in the case of George H. Nagle against his guardiar, W. A. Robins. company and rode off with \$8,000 before the crowd of bystanders realized what had hap-Nagle recently came into his majority, in-heriting in estate valued at \$250,000. He Pho-filed exceptions to the final report of his III. pened. This is but a sample exoloit. Bank robberies are but side issues with them: merely incidental to their grand chief guardian, alleging that loans aggregating \$100,000 made by the guardian were not prooccupation of cattle stealing. If a victim resists or an officer pursues murder is retected by adequate security and had been made without due care and without the au-thority of the court first having been obgarded as a professional duty, to be cheer-fully performed, but they are not given to wanton slaughter. In several instances fool tained. The guardian contended that the loans had been mide with due diligence and hardy officers who have invaded their strongholds have been disarmed, dismounted and were believed when made to be good. The trial of the case occupied three weeks, the arguments of counsel lasting five days. The sent home FUN WITH THE DEPUTIES. court has had the case under advisement several months and now decides that the guardian was blameless in his administra-An instance of this kind occurred just after the raid on the coal company at Price. Two tion of the catate and acted in good faith when he made the loans in question and his final report is accepted. Mr. Nagle ap-plied for a new trial and will take the case to the supreme court. After That Big Reward. The five camps form a chain extending for to capture the deputies and make sport of hundreds of miles. Between these posts communication is maintained by a regular system of courtiers and cipher dispatches, Calification is maintained by a regular between the deputies and make sport of them than to kill them. So he acted ac-cordingly. The deputies were about half way up the SPOKANE, Wash., March 23 .-- (Special.)-The combined offer of a \$25,000 reward for the capture and conviction of the murderers trail when, just at a bend around a sharp point of rocks, they heard the sharp com-mand, "Hands up!" These bands are composed of men of the mean of the face not twenty paces away. The accustomed to deeds of crime. Whenever a murder is committed in the mountain states widen death. Up went their hands. Cas- trom the cast and west are now working on the case, in addition to local talent in this line. From a private source in this city it sidy stepped up to them, roaring with laughter. "You're a couple of fine dubs to come and is learned that evidence is rapidly accumu catch peaceable citizens, ain't you?" he cried. "Gimme your guns. Here, Buck," calling to one of his men, "search these lating against a number of suspects, and arrests will soon follow. It is known that about twenty men were implicated in the cowardly murder. tenderfeet, and if they've got any tobacco you can keep it. The outcome of it was that the deputies To Oppose the Populists. relieved of everything but their clothing, were bound hand and foot to their horses, WALLACE, Idaho, March 23 .- (Special.)-The populists have put up a ticket for the conducted to the foot of the pass and sent about their business. To add to their discity election, on which all candidates are populists save one. It is the only ticket in comfiture a rudely scrawled note was planed on the breast of each, which read: the field so far, but another one will be nomi nated in a few days, which will receive the support of all the factions opposed to the populists.

appointed a receiver for the American Dereloping and Mining company, an action that caused great surprise in mining circles, as the company was supposed to be in good

But if the dead cowboy had any friends they failed to respond. "Butch" Cassidy condition. was well known, and it wasn't safe to pick quarrels with him. So he rode away with The company formerly had an office in Butte, but eventually moved its headquarters to Gibbonsville, Idaho, where the company his escort, cursing the cowboys for a pack of has several mines, mills and minerals. I Cattle stealing is the chief source of inalso has minep at Whitehall, Mont. The indebtedness is placed at \$279,000, of come to Cassidy and his followers. One company alone in central Utah has lost 2,000

which \$49,000 is on an overdraft at Clark's bank in Butte, \$8,000 for wages and salaries, heid during the last two years, worth at the present prices \$80,000. These were driven and \$182,000 notes held by Boston parties. through Colorado and into New Mexico. It is in driving these stolen cattle from one F. W. Bacorn, secretary of the company. was appointed receiver, with bonds at \$10. state to another and out of the country that

A Long Telephone Line.

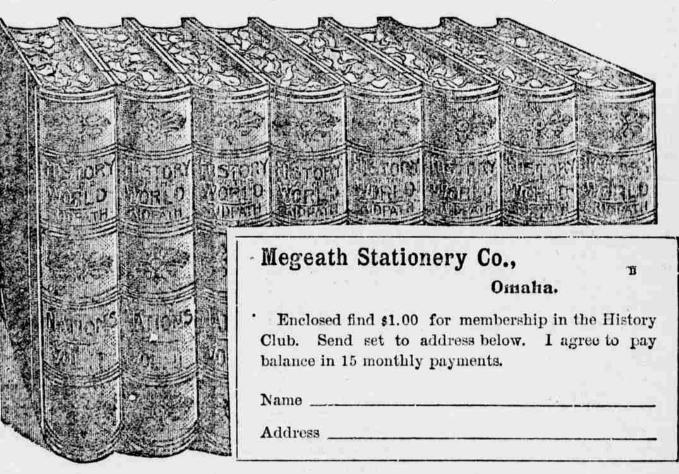
Pittsburg man, and it was recorded agains im as a miss.

The following men had scored twelve kills, which was the highest possible score, when the shoot was adjourned: Dr. J. L. William son, Milwaukee; J. A. R. Elliott, Kansas City; C. A. Young, Spelogfield, O.; H. B. Rlichie, Greensburg, Pa.; E. A. Leach, Trippe, S. D.; F. V. Vandyke, Dayton, N. J. Trippe, S. D.; F. V. Vandyke, Dayton, N. J.; T. A. Marshall, Kbithsburg, III.; "Walters," Long Branch, N. T.; E. D. Fulford, Utico, N. Y.; U. F. Bender, New York City; Fred Gilbert, Spirit Lake, In.; G. W. Loomia Caraba, Neb.; "Spiriting Life," Philadelphia: G. H. Piercy, Jorsey City; J. B. Savage, New Haven, Coxo.; Jim Jones, Hulladelphi1; F. S. Schwartz, Jc., Brideshurg, Pa.; W. Wagner, Weshington, D. C.

A Long Telephone Line. HELENA, Mont., March 23.-(Special.)-The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone com-pany, with headquarters at Salt Lake City. let a contract yesterday for 4,000 telephone poles for the construction of a line between Missoula, Mont., and Multan, Idaho, which, when completed, about July 1, will give telephonic communication from Livingston. Mont., to the Pucific coast, making the long-est telephone line in the world. The wire has been contracted for and work on the

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the officers of the law are powerless. There are five camps where the various bands make their headquarters, each of which is well night inaccessible except to which is well night indecessing charper to the bandits themselves. Two of the most famous are "Robbers' Roost" and "Hole in the Wall." The former is in south central the Wail." The former is in south contact Utah, on the San Rafael river, a few miles west of the Green river. The latter is hid-den away somewhere in that wild, moun-tainous district to the northwest of Casper, Wyo.

The other camps are located in Teton The other camps are located in Teton basin, near the eastern border of Idaho and south of the Snake river; Powder Springs in southwestern Wyoming, near Colorado, and about fifty miles east of the Utah line, and Brown's park, taking in the northwestern corner of Colorado and the northeastern portion of Utah It is not definitely known in just which state the Brown's Park camp lies, it is thought to be across the line in Colorado.

SITUATION DESPERATE.

Never before in the record of border out-lawry have western states been forced to lawry have western states been forced to form an offensive and defensive alliance lair at "Robbers' Roost." They were fully week at Salt Lake City by the governors of these four states. The situation had become despecte and a despecte remedy was re-rendervous. Cassidy was in a toolin model was desperate and a desperate remedy was re-quired. and he conceived that it would be more fun

facilitating the co-operation of two or more bands when an enterprise of more than usual magnitude is undertaken.

or a convict escapes from a penitentiary the or a convict escapes from a periferitary the criminal flees to the nearest of these retreats, where he is safe from pursuit. In this man-ner the ranks of the bandits have been re-cruited up to a strength conservatively esti-mated at 560 While each band have its mated at 500. While each band has its chosen leader, "Butch" Cassidy exercises some sort of authority over the federation. Each of the strongholds is both a reidez-yous and a fortress absolutely impregnable.

They can only be reached by traversing deep and narrow gorges, scaling lofty and rugged peaks and penetrating the wildest recesses of the Rocky Mountains. In many places the the Rocky Mountains. In many places the only trail lies over a narrow shelf of rock. only that has been a hard shert of rock, precipice. Holes have been drilled, into which in case of close pursuit dynamite can be placed and the trail blown from the face of the cliff into the chasm below, thus baffling all pursuers.

There are also many places where one rob ber can hold fifty officers at bay, and as the bandits are armed to the teeth and will fight to the last man, any effort to exterminat them by the ordinary processes of law is re-garded as a useless sacrifice of life. In their retreats are numerous caves, luxuriously fitted up and containing subsistence sufficient for months. Thus are the bandits enabled to set at defiance all the forces of law and order.

The outlaws roam the adjacent country and smaller settlements without molestation. Many settlers purchase immunity by extend-ing assistance in various ways, and the rob-



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TRAVER, Cal., March 23 .- Northbound passenger train No. 18 was held up at Cross creek bridge, four miles south of Traver, last night about 10:55 by two train robbers. The men boarded the train at Goshen and soon after pulling out climbed into the engine and compelled the fireman to cease firing. When the train reached Cross creek the steam gave out and the train stopped. The express car was then blown up with lynamite. It was completely demolished The mail car was then entered and the mail pouch, containing the through San Franclaco registered matter, was cut open and all contents taken. No one was injured. The robbers had a buggy in readiness near the scene and they left in this, going north. They were heard going by Harry Burk's saloon in Traver at a lively pace. It is not known how much was taken by the robbers from the express car. The train was a local from Los Angeles and as a rule does not ourry a great deal of treasure.

New Cripple Creek Road. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 23 .--(Special)- The first installment of the machinery for the power plant to be used in senerating electricity at Lake Moraine for the new Cripple Creek Electric short line has arrived here. Arrangements are now being made to haul the massive pleces up the Bear Creek canyon road to the new power house, which has been completed. It is stated that operations on the new road will be bear

Wyoming News Notes. Editor Shaffer of the Uinta Herald recently sold at a big price a patent for a one-rai railroad The Kemmerer Camera is the latest ad-dition to the papers of the state, C. P. Diehl

as editor. The sheep owners of Sweetwater and Carbon countles report that their losses the last winter have been very heavy. Geoge B. Abbott, recently appointed United States timber inspector for Wyoming and

Colorado, has decided upon making his home in Cheyenne. One Wyoming newspaper recognizes that a name should represent something. The Rock Springs Independent has become the Demo-crat without a change in a principle.

Charles Bellamy has been given a contract survey fifty mining claims in the Snowy Range mining district in Albany county, Considerable development is expected in this

district in mining matters during the coming season The Board of Land Control has selected 30.000 acres of lieu lands in Uinta county, which will be leased to applicants at 5 cents per annum per acre. The land is taken in lieu of lands embraced in the military reservations. No person can secure more than

640 астев The \$10,000 appropriation made by congress over a year ago for the construction of a military road from Fort Washakie up Wind river and across the mountains to the Na-tional park via Jackson's Hole is now avail-able and work will be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

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New York; W. Terry, Plainfield, N. J.; C. M. Grimm, Spirit Lake, Ia.; "Donly," E. A. Geeffrey, Newark; Thomas Marin, Bluffton, S. C.; Captain Euck, New Bruns-wick, N. J.; F. D. Alkire, Woodlyn, O. "Leröy," Campello, Mass.; E. C. Burck-hardt, Buffalo; F. S. Sinner, Newark; J. R. Malone, Baltimore: E. S. Rice, Chicago: T. P. Laflin, Rock Island, Ill.; W. P. Shattuck, Minneapolis; "Ben Hur," Chicago; S. Mc-Pherson, Pittsburg; Lee Huckins, Kewance,

EVENTS ON LURE RUNNING TRACKS

Crescent City Jockey Club Meeting Comes to an End. NEW ORLEANS, March 13 .- The Crescen

City Jockey club meeting ended today with the \$4,000 derby at a mile and an eighth. Despite the suspension of the complimentary list, the stand and adjacent grounds were hronged and the infield filled with carriages The derby was the fourth race on the card and promptly at 4.25 o'clock the contestants for the prize emerged fr in the paddock for the parade past the stand. Joe Sheiby led off and was followed by Isabey, Bennington and Gardiner's pair, Nabob and Diasmore, Presbyterian, the favorite, brought up the rear. The Schorr candidate was always fa-

rear. The schorr candidate was always in frite in the betting, opening at 4 to 5 and receding to 9 to 10. Joe Shelby opened at 6 to 1 and closed at 8 to 1 and the entry was backed from 10 to 1 to 6 to 1. While most of the money went in on the favorite, Isabey



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