

HELD UP BY MASKED MEN

Conductor and Motorman on Sherman Avenue Car Are Robbed.

ROBBERS COVER THEM WITH REVOLVERS

Compel Them to Hand Over Sixteen Dollars in Money and a Silver Watch.

Two masked men held up Conductor Sam Armstrong and Motorman Mike Clark about 11 o'clock Wednesday night and relieved them of \$16 in cash and a silver watch.

The train was just about to pull out from the west end of the Sherman avenue and South Omaha line at Thirty-sixth and Ames avenue when two men suddenly emerged from the darkness and jumped onto the car.

One of them had a white handkerchief tied over the lower part of his face and the other had a red one tied in the same manner.

They did not stop to bandy words, but presented revolvers at the faces of the astonished street car men and commanded them in language more forcible than elegant to shew out what they had.

The street car men did not wait to be asked twice, for each one felt the cold steel pressed against his forehead. There was a sudden transfer of property, and with the robbers vanished into the darkness.

The victims made haste to report the matter and the police were soon looking for the robbers. They are still looking for them. Both highwaymen were large and stoutly built, and during the time of the holdup talked in a rich Irish brogue, which was evidently assumed for the occasion.

A few moments before the holdup transpired Detective Dunn left the car. The officers are of the opinion that the robbers were waiting to kill two birds with one stone, as two cars usually meet there—the one going out and the other coming in. Contrary to custom the westbound car remained at the foot of the hill and the men were cheated out of an opportunity to hold up the other train.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

This afternoon the Commercial club committee on railroads and transportation will visit the managers of the various railroads with a view to securing better freight and depot facilities here. It appears to be the intention of the club to use persuasion as much as possible in this matter, but several able attorneys who are members of the club have suggested legal means, provided the roads are not moved by persuasion. It is stated that a good, strong Commercial club, backed by competent attorneys, can do a great deal toward getting what is deserved by this city.

While the railroads have admitted the roads to be repaired and maintained, the repairs made to the L and Q street bridges by the roads last summer did not come up to expectations. On the L street bridge many of the floor planks were merely turned over and nailed down and these being thin on the edges have already worn through, leaving a space between the planks in which a horse's hoof can easily be caught. It is the same on the Q street bridge. The replanking is anything but a good job and while just completed a few days ago wearing is already apparent. With the sidewalks on these bridges it is the same. Planks have been nailed over holes which in last few weeks in order to cover up rotten places which should have been repaired with new planks.

The same law which compels railroads to maintain viaducts is applicable to new bridges and it is more than likely that the Commercial club will demand that the Union Pacific erect and maintain a bridge over the tracks on South Twenty-fourth in order that a direct road may be made to the Rock Island depot. The city authorities are right under the law to order the construction of this bridge and this will undoubtedly be done before long.

It is common talk on the streets that the council will not take any such steps, but those who claim to be in a position to know assert that nearly all the members will favor such a movement at this time. The Commercial club is particularly strong at this time and a committee has been appointed to watch the movement of the city lawmakers with a view to determining the members in favor of the interests of the taxpayers and those opposed. If the city desires the railroads can be compelled to properly maintain the viaducts and to also build new ones as needed.

Another dynamite story. There is another dynamite story on now which may equal the Towl yarn in interest, although the surroundings are not so interesting. Wednesday night the watchman at the Watkins lumber yard discovered a number of sticks of dynamite, a fuse and some caps hidden beneath a pile of lumber in the yard. Mr. Watkins was immediately notified by telephone and he called upon Chief Carroll to make an investigation. A watch was placed on the pile of explosives and before long a man came to lift the plant and was arrested. He gave his name as George Stanley and accounted for having a wagon of the mountain hewer type by saying that he always carried a gun, as he was in the habit of traveling about at nights. The dynamite fuse and caps were taken to the office of the Watkins Lumber company on N street, where they are now carefully stowed away, awaiting the possibility of the capture of the remainder of the gang. It is presumed by the police that the explosives had been planted in the yard with the express purpose of blowing a safe and it is regretted in some circles that the officers did not wait and catch the whole gang instead of one member.

As it is there is no proof that Stanley is wrong, but the fact that the watchman in jail yesterday Stanley pretended to be innocent of any wrongdoing and insisted that he was merely hunting for a place to sleep. The fact that he was well-armed and had a small amount of money with him is considered evidence that he was not abroad at that time of the night for his health.

On account of the necessity of Chief Carroll going to St. Louis on business for the police department, Mayor Enser is taking an active interest in this affair and he has issued directions to the police to keep a sharp lookout for the others who are supposed to be members of a gang operating in the vicinity of South Omaha.

Complaints About Postoffice Methods. Business men do not take kindly to the non-delivery of mail on Sunday and declare themselves in favor of a return to the old system of an early delivery on Sunday morning. During the heat of the summer the business men generally declared their intention of closing their places on Sunday and the postmaster, without inquiry, decided that it was the sense of the people that

they should have mail on Sunday. Judge Slabaugh has returned from Burlington, where he has been holding court and will resume his docket in the Douglas county district court this morning.

The Grapes Singing society will give an interesting concert tomorrow evening at Germania hall, under the direction of Professor Charles Peterson. A sister of Lieutenant Kavanaugh, who was with Dewey at Manila, the lieutenant is at Tecumseh on a furlough.

Dr. Daniel McInturf, pastor and founder of the Peoples church at Spink, Mo., will arrive in Omaha Saturday morning to assist Rev. Sawdige, pastor of the Peoples church in this city. He will remain several weeks.

Arthur C. Smith, William Morris, J. H. McIntosh, S. E. Elliott, Omaha, and R. M. Allen of Ames leave this evening for Chicago to attend a meeting and banquet of the Western Alumni association of Harvard, to be held Saturday night.

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ABC Lesson II Merchants' Alphabet Club

IT IS quite evident from the easy, graceful manner in which the letters of the Alphabet are tossed about by the pupils who have recited their "A B C's" before the Merchants' Alphabet Club that some good, hard studying has been done previous to our announcement—probably at night school—in anticipation of the handsome prizes offered for the best pupils, so the teachers have decided to pass you at once into the second year and take up Lesson II, which will be word making. You all know how many letters on a page. Now who can tell us correctly how many words?

NOTICE—The Telegraph System Will be used in Counting the Words. For example, every figure counts as a separate word, the dollar sign is a word, every initial and abbreviation is a word. Handsome prizes will be given to the persons who come the nearest to estimating the number of words on pages of The Sunday Bee. All estimates must be handed in on coupons cut from this paper, together with the advertisement of the club member. Out-of-town people are allowed to mail their coupons. City people must hand them in. All participants should bear in mind that no person will be allowed to hand in more than ten coupons a day on any one prize.

Coupons must be mailed to the advertiser, not to The Bee. (Signed) MERCHANTS' ALPHABET CLUB.

Allegretti Chocolate Creams

At Chicago prices. Always fresh. December 4th we will give to the three persons estimating the nearest number of words on page 21 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d, a five-pound box of Allegretti Chocolates to each.

Myers-Dillon Drug Co. 16th and Farnam.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 21 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is

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there should be no Sunday delivery of mail and he directed that the carriers need not report for duty for early delivery, as customary. While the business men kept the front doors of their places closed on Sunday they generally transacted some or less business and missed the usual delivery of mail. The system in vogue at the postoffice on Sundays is one which calls for the denunciation of business men. One window is open to the public and the crowds which gather waiting for Sunday mail are far in excess of the help at hand, so that many go away disappointed on account of the clerks being unable to wait upon them. School girls and young men crowd to the window and take up the time of the clerks, while business men are kept waiting. If one or more windows were provided the pressure at the general delivery window might be relieved. A demand will most likely be made for the restoration of the one delivery on Sunday system in order to accommodate the business interests of the city.

Thanksgiving Observance. The sudden change in the weather yesterday caused many changes in plans, but generally the day was observed by a majority of the citizens. At the yards very little was done and at the working houses little if anything was accomplished. Rev. George Van Winkle preached at the First Presbyterian church at 10:30 and the attendance was all that was expected. At the Episcopal church Rev. Irving Johnson held brief services. The King's Daughters distributed sixteen baskets of food to indigent families and the Volunteer Army served dinner to a large number during the afternoon. Business places were closed and the restaurants transacted but a small amount of their usual business.

Magie City Gossip. John C. Carroll, chief of police, has gone south on a business trip.

Business men are preparing for a brisk trade now on account of the change in the weather. A meeting for the reorganization of the Library board will be held at the council chamber on December 5.

The water mains at Twenty-third and Q streets will have to be lowered on account of the change in grade.

Henry C. Richmond, local representative of the World-Herald, left last night for Chicago, where he will visit relatives for a few days.

Hess & Swoboda, florists, 1411 Farnam, choice cut flowers and floral designs.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

E. H. Clark was a Lincolnite in the city over Thursday.

A. Barnett, a lumberman from McCook, is at the Her Grand.

W. J. Miller, a lumberman from Hastings, is at the Her Grand.

Mme. Modjeska has taken a suite of rooms at the Her Grand.

Judge Estelle has returned from Kansas City after a week's absence.

Henry G. Smith of Lincoln spent Thursday in the city with friends.

Mr. John C. Fisher, manager for Mme. Modjeska, is at the Her Grand.

R. H. Manley, city editor of the Fremont Herald, was in the city Thursday.

Madame Modjeska and her husband, Count Rosetti, are expected at the Her Grand.

Peter McGee, grading contractor for the Illinois Canal, is in the city on business.

Mrs. G. M. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Koller of the Mme. Modjeska company are registered at the Her Grand.

Councilman Hechel has come to Denver on a business trip and will be absent several days.

Lee Davenport of Chicago, the well known singer of racing songs, is in the city to remain for some time.

MEET ME AT THE PEOPLE'S CAFE.



House Furnishing Sale

Extra Special Prices now in Effect.



100 PIECE DINNER SETS—fine English ware, underglazed decorations, different patterns—actually worth \$12.00—sale price only 6.85

53 PIECE SETS—worth \$5.00—go for only \$3.39.

Handsomely Decorated Parlor Lamp, with 10-inch shade, center draft burner, brass front, worth fully \$1, only 1.98

Fancy Crystal Olive Dishes—spoon trays, nappies, etc., cut glass patterns, worth fully \$5 and 20c, only 9c

Gallon Glass Oil Can, with tin jacket, full size, worth fully 25c, sale price only 13c

Granite Iron Preserving Kettle, large size, worth \$1.25, sale price only 29c

Granite Iron Coffee or Tea Pots, large size, regular 65c, sale price only 35c

Iron Stone China bowls and pitchers, large size, worth \$1.25, sale price only 59c

Six Piece Decorated Toilet Set, regular \$3.00, sale price, only 1.59

Tin blown Tumblers, 3c each value 14c

Heavy pressed Tumblers, 3c value 14c

A lot of odds and ends of table sets, sugar bowls, butter dishes, creamers, spoons, fancy sauce dishes, etc., 10c and 15c value at 5c

Decorated China and oyster bowls 6c

Hardwood Frame Washboard with heavy zinc surface, worth fully 25c, sale price 15c

Handsome Re-lector Lamp—complete with burner, chimney, bracket, & full reflector, regular 65c value at 39c

December 4th we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 18 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, a sixty-five dollar Sewing Machine.

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We Personally Examine Every Garment

That's made up at this establishment—as well as fit it—and look after the details. This is only ONE reason why our prices are moderate. We shall be pleased to see you.

December 23rd we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of letter E's on page 16 of The Sunday Bee of December 17th a handsome suit of made to measure clothes, the price of which is \$20.

The Bee Tailors, 1607 FARNAM STREET.

You Know

We sell and rent Bicycles and Sewing Machines, but you may not know that we sell the Rem-Sho Typewriter and are the largest house west of Chicago making a specialty of Second-hand Typewriters. All the machines we sell are put in thorough repair.

Odell \$5.00

Hammond No. 2, good as new, \$15.00

Smith-Premier, good as new, \$10.00

Remington No. 6, \$65.00

NEBRASKA CYCLE CO., 15th and Harney Sts.

December 11th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of letter E's on page 22 of The Sunday Bee of December 10th a fine new Ball Bearing Davis Sewing Machine.

My estimate of the number of letter E's on page 22 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of Dec. 10, 1899, is

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Results Tell. The Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

AN \$85 Brass Bedstead

Free this week

It is a beautiful all Brass Bedstead with canopy top, 1 1/2-inch posts and 2 1/2-inch knobs, extra heavy brass fillings and could not be purchased under the price quoted. We will give it free of charge this week as our prize for the Bee Alphabetical contest.

Dining Room Furniture

To reduce our stock we have taken all sample Sideboards, Tables and China Closets when we have but one of a kind and marked them at one-third less than the regular price.

Sample Chairs

at big bargains—all Dining Chairs in lots of six or less at about one-half price, 50 patterns to select from, \$1.00 to \$8.00 each.

December 4th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 17 of the Sunday Bee of December 3rd an \$85 brass bedstead.

Dewey & Stone Furniture Co.

1115-1117 Farnam Street. MERCHANTS' ALPHABET CLUB COUPON.

My estimate of the number of words on page 17 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3rd, '99, is

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A Sell Out

Of all our magnificent stock of Mackintoshes—the largest in the city—including all colors and styles of women's and men's. Must be disposed of at a give-away price of

40 cents

on the dollar. It will pay you to investigate this, as no such reliable goods have ever been shown at such prices.

Going Out of the Rubber Business. Omaha Tent and Rubber Co., 1311 Farnam St.

December 4th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 22 of The Sunday Bee of December 2d, a \$5.00 ladies' or gents' fine mackintosh.

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Electric Insoles

For cold feet, rheumatism, cramps, gout in feet and those troubled with fetor or offensive smell. Place them in the bottom of shoe or boot with discs upward.

Price Per Pair, 50c.

December 4th we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 14 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d, a fine camera valued at \$2.00.

The Aloe & Penfold Co., 1408 Farnam Street.

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..PIANOS..

Given Away Free! A \$350 Hamilton Piano. WHAT FOR? We want every person in Omaha to know and see the kind of piano we sell—we have the largest stock of FINE PIANOS in Omaha.

We make lower prices than any house in AMERICA. Remember it is not always what you pay, but what you get for your money.

A good second-hand upright Knabe left on sale, at a very special bargain. We sell the Baldwin, Hamilton and various other makes.

On December 18th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of letter A's on page 15 of the Sunday Bee of December 17th—a Fine \$350 Full Size Handsome Case New Upright Hamilton Piano.

DICKINSON & HUSTON.

Manufacturers' Agents for THE BALDWIN PIANO. 1514 Douglas Street.

My estimate of the number of letter A's on page 15 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 17, 1899, is

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This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

Some one Regina Music Boxes.

will be sorry some day that they did not get one of the \$75 '98 model.

Sterling Bicycles

we are offering NOW for about one-half the actual value.

\$33.00 Is the price this week. Omaha Bicycle Co., Cor. 16th and Chicago Sts.

December 4th we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of letter H's on page 20 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of Dec. 3, 1899, is

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This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out of town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

A. HOSPE, 1513 Douglas.

December 4th we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of letter H's on page 20 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d a fine Burton Mandolin and case, retail for \$25.00.

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