NEW STORY OF THE BREAKING UP OF THE JAMES GANG.

A Secret Committee of Safety-"Dick" Liddle's Surrender-The "Velled Woman."

The death of Richard Liddle, which occurred at Cincinnati a few days ago, fol-lowing so close after the liberation of Cole and James Younger from the Minnesota state prison, recalls most vividly those distressful days when the James and Younger gang gathered tribute from express trains and bank vaults, sometimes varying the labors by looting the cash box of a country store or that of the Kansas City Fair Association, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Liddle did not become a member of the band until after the Northfield raid. Once admitted he became a very useful man. He was with Jesse James at Winston, and participated in the Blue Cut affair, near Independence. Afterward, for the love a woman, he gave up trainrobbing and became an honest man. The story of the breaking up of this band may not prove uninteresting at this time.

When news reached Western Missouri of the fatal raid on Northfield, Minn., and that all of the band except Frank and Jesse James were either killed or captured. high hopes were entertained that a stop had been put to train and bank-robbing in Missouri. For several years it seemed this hope was in full process of realization, but on the night of September 7, 1879, a hold-up occurred at Glendale, six miles southeast of Independence, and 15 from Kansas City. Every exertion was made by the officers to apprehend the bandits, but proved futile. The year following, however, a man mamed Bassbarn, who had lived in a section of the county called "Cracker Neck," and of which Glendale was the center, was arrested on suspicion of having been one of those engaged in the robbery. It was remembered that Bassham, who was a worthless wight, had left the country within a week after the attack on the train, had returned after an absence of several months, and seemed to be in flush circumstances. Suspicion ripened into arrest, and Bassham was put in the sweat-box. Believing that he id been betrayed, he made a full confession, implicating Jesse James, as the leader, Dick Liddle, Bill Ryan, Ed Miller and three others. Eastham was sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years, his written confession remained in the hands of the county and state of-He was subsequently pardoned, that his testimony could be used against other members of the band. In 1889 Thomas T. Crittenden was elected Governor of Missouri and William H.

Wallace prosecuting attorney of Jackson County. Crittenden had announced it to be his intention to break up the James gang. Wallace had piedged himself to do all that could be done in his office to sus-tain law and order and punish crime. As If in defiance of the new administration, a train robbery was planned and executed on the 15th of July, 1881, near a small station called Winston, on the Chi-cago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. This was the most desperate and brutal of the hold-ups up to that time. Without provocation Jesse James shot the con-ductor in cold blood and one of his pais murdered a passenger. The bandits stopped not here. On the night of Sep-tember 7, 1881, they again appeared in Jackson County, stopped and robbed a train on the Chicago & Alton Road, 2½ miles from Independence, disappearing from the scene as if the earth had swallowed them up. Indeed, the gang seemed to be stronger and more daring than ever, Then were the people of Jackson Coun-y aroused as they never had been before. was plainly evident to many that the facility with which these banditti cor commit crimes and escape capture was behom they were harbored; that they had spies and confederates in Independence and Kansas City, who gave information of movements of officers in their attempts to bring the outlaws to justice.

he organization of a secret committee safety was effected. This committee adopted signs, signals and passwords, and soon had a membership of nearly 500 de-termined men, nearly all of whom had served in the Confederate armies. For a wholesome effect upon the friends of the cutiaws they used for calling emergency meetings a broad red seal, upon which were written hieroglyphics understood by the members. These were posted only by the members. These were posted only at night, and not infrequently placed on a front door or gatepost of a known friend of the gang. This gave grave slarm to these gentry, but as they could not understand the seals, they presumed were meant to convey a warning, the same time covert threats were thrown out that in case of any more robberies within the limits of the county the suspected harborers of the outlaws would themselves be summarily dealt with.

In the meantime Governor Crittenden

had called a meeting of the superin-tendents of these railroads operating in the state, and the result was the offering of a reward of \$20,000 for the death or arrest of Frank and Jesse James. Shortly after Wallace became prose

cuting attorney Bill Ryan, one of the most trusted of the James gang, robbed United States paymaster of several busand dollars near Mussel Shoals, nn. A few days inter he appeared Nashville, and was arrested, charged the drunkappear. with drunkenness. Wallace saw the not-ice of Ryan's arrest and wired the offi-cials to hold him pending a requisition from Goveror Crittenden, and Deputy Marshal Whig Keshlear was sent to ring him to Missouri. Keshlear reached Jackson County while the grand jury was in session; an indictment was found arging Ryan with complicity in the Glendale robbery. He made a bitter fight, but the meshes Wallace had drawn around him were too strong to be broken, and he received a 25-year sentence. This was the first real important cap-ture and proved the only prosecution to a successful issue. But other influences were at work; the organization of the ommittee of safety had alarmed the friends of the bandits, and it became hard to find safe harborage. Besides, the loss of Ryan proved a serious one. Upon his conviction Jerse James began training Charley and Bob Ford for crim-

The Ford family consisted of the mothdaughter and the two above-named ys. Their home was in Ray County, near Richmond, and one of the hiding places of the band, er a part of it. Dick Liddle and Wood Hite often stayed there for weeks at a time. Hite, it seems, was in love with Miss Ford, and, becoming jealous of Liddle, picked a quarrel with him. In the fight that resulted Hite was killed, and his body was dragged out, thrown into a ditch and covered with earth, stones and brush. Some hogs descried the body and rooted it out to the road, where it was found by some passers-by. The Fords had long been suspected of harboring members of the gang, and this confirmed the belief. But as Liddle was absent when Hite's was discovered no arrests were

Soon after this episode Charley and Bob Ford joined Jesse James at St. Joseph, where he was living under the name of Howard.

Dick Liddle was in love with one Mattie Collins, who lived in Jackson County, 14 miles from Independence, but while the woman was devoted to him she would not consent to marry him while his life

THE MISSOURI BANDITS

District, and William H. Wallace. It was wallace's extraordinary defense, however, which secured a verdict of acquittal for the tawny-haired woman, and she was reflected in others; the world gives us ever afterward exceedingly grateful to him. In her present emergency she paid Wallace a visit. She told him she and Liddle were sweethearts, also that Liddle desired to surrender and settle down. Wallace counselled her to go see Governor Crittenden and lay the matter before him,

this veiled woman was indulged in. One

rumor had it that she was the wife of Frank or Jesse James; another thought it

his identity was completely jost.

Crittenden and lay the matter before him, promising to abide by whatever the Governor advised.

One day a "veiled woman" called at the One day a "veiled woman" called at the State Capitol and said that she desired a private interview with the Governor, and was shown into Crittenden's private office. In an hour she was bowed out by the galiant Kentuckin, who had snatched a kiss from the lips of the great Patti.

Much speculation as to the identity of this veiled woman was indulged in One of the veiled woman woman was indulged in One of the veiled woman was indulged in One of

FUN ON THE ISTHMUS.

might be Mrs. Samuels, their mother. But Delicate Bit of Railery Directed at neither Crittenden nor Wallace would tell, and it was a long time before those less Certain Recent Events.

The next startling thing that occurred was the mysterious placing of a note in the hands of Sheriff Timberlake, of Clay true. Of course, there is little of that Brooklyn Eagle. County. The note was delivered so deftly, claborate courtesy remaining the history the bearer made his escape so easily, that Upon a marvel in martial annals; but the men

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be from Dick Liddle, asking him to come alone to a certain place in the woods near Liberty that night at midnight. Timber, lake was a man of considerable nerve, he could be force and timely recognition of gain his own consent to attend the tryst. However, it was fame if he succes and a fight if deceived, and he went. Liddle met him alone and unarmed, and of-fered to surrender and be taken to Liberty prisoner if assured of a pardon and proa prisoner if assured of a pardon and pro-tection in case he would divulge the secrets of the James gang. Timberiake promised protection and said he had no doubt that the Governor would pardon him if he would faithfully aid in breaking up the band. Whereupon Liddle stepped to where his pistols were lying, handed them to the Sheriff, and the two were soon at the Clay County jall, where for the first time perhaps in his wayward life Liddle had the key of jail-

April 3, 1882, Bob Ford shot and killed april 3, 1882, Bob Ford shot and killed and shot and Jesse James in St. Joseph, and in the unts. 14 Second Lieutenants, and 2 pri-following October Frank James waiked vates; these figures are not necessarily into Governor Crittenden's office and sur-rendered. The Ford boys received their reward of \$10,000 for killing Jesse James and each went his way. Charles to reward of \$10,000 for killing Jesse James mitted by one of the privates, who was and each went his way, Charley to marry acting as Assistant Adjutant-General. On the way to Colon the arrest three way to Colon three way and each went his way, Charley to many and settle down, Bob to go West and get killed by Ed Kelley, the keeper of a Creede, Colo., dancehouse. Dick Liddic along and demanded fares. The revolution, he said, couldn't revolve on that line James, who was indicted for the murders unless it had mileage books or nickels. committed at the Winston train robbery. And did the army resist? Did the Lieu-but his testimony availed the state noth-ing and James was acquitted. Liddle mar-rifles into the cab and compel the engi-

A Swimmer's New Idea in Diving.

Chicago American. After twenty-five years' experience as an amateur swimmer and diver, Philip Gabriel, bookkeeper for Schautz & Eckert, Perth Amboy, N. J., has learned by chance a new wrinkle in diving that he believes will prove invaluable life. He has demonstrated that by means of a pole a swimmer can go deeper un-der water than he can dive, except from a great beight, and faster, too. Here is

Gabriel's own story of his discovery:
"In my twenty-five years' experience as an expert diver and swimmer, I never knew that a person could reach a greater depth under water much quicker by the aid of a pole, going down head first, hand over hand, than by diving and swimming. "Where a swimmer has not a sufficient height from which to dive, it is almost

impossible to reach bottom at a depth of 20 feet or more by swimming.

"That was my experience in trying to recover two very valuable pieces of brass. that the workingmen dropped overboard from our wharf and could not recover by grappling. Their efforts imbedded the brass deeper in the mud.

"I understook to dive to recover these pieces, but found it impossible to hold my breath long enough to reach bottom. "The men located the brasses by means of a long stick, and the idea came to me that I could descend the pole and bring each piece of brass to the surface."

Servants and Employer.

There are families that seem to be able to make good servants out of the most unpromising material. Their employes are always kind, considerate, patient, cheer-ful and willing. They do not steal or take advantage of a trust; they are alwas in continued jeopardy on account of take advantage of a trust; they are al-his lawless and murderous deeds. Several ways kind to the children, polite to guests,

not so much in employe as in the em-ployer. When everybody condemns a man degree, and her attorneys had a hard time to save her from a long, if not life, the polyer of time to save her from a long, if not life, the polyer of time to save her from a long, if not life, the polyer of time to save her from a long, if not life, the polyer of time to save her from a long, if not life, the polyer of the polyer of the subject of the polyer of the subject of the save of t

the cultivation and exercise of the latter. To get a fair idea of the development of same, and then contrast with this the behavior of the Colombian revolutionists as outlined in a story which comes to us from Panama. It appears that Don Jose de Olivares

E Sanchez Matilda Y Maria, or some one with a similar name, set out to attack Colon with a force of 148 officers and men lom turned upon him.

Affairs now culminated rapidly. On 22 Major-Generals, 36 Brigadiers, 27 Coloing and James was acquitted. Liddle mar-ing and James was acquitted. Liddle mar-rifles into the cab and compel the engi-neer to take the liberators to Colon on peril of his life? Not much. Such prodark days of 1861 and thereabouts. It was doubtless excusable on the part of the benighted Pruesians who were in a years ago, but it would have been clearly So, to the demand of "fares, please," two of the privates cheerfully responded with cush while the freight was paid for the rest of the crowd by the Lieutenant-Generals, who signed a promissory note; the erais, who significant officers were, strange-Generals and other officers were, strange-ly enough, without ready money. And thus it was that the revolution got to Colon only 10 minutes behind time and captured the police station after a hot fight. The train episode is a credit to the humanizing influences of modern civilization, and a lasting rebuke to the splitting of arbitration tribunals for the

Crispl's Virtues and Faults.

Canterbury Review.

************************************** mer will often count for more than oliteness among belligerents, pause for a moment and consider the numberless in-stances of rudeness on the part of certain Generals in our Civil War, who ruthlessly seized railroads and impounded roiling stock whenever they had any use for the

> cedure might have been all right in the hurry to get into Paris some 30 or more courteous and coarse if pursued by ese 20th century emulators of Bolivar. uld substitute the chicanery and haircourtesy-producing methods of the armed campaign. Let the story of the meeting between Don Jose and the conductor go down in history side by side with the tale of the two commanders of Fontenoy.

Crispi had great virtues and great faults. At times he allowed himself to be car-ried away by anger, but he was never revengeful. Against adversity he was as granite, but he was equally refractory to ideas and systems not his own. His faith in himself was sincere, but unbounded. Averse from discussion and counsel, he was reputed foolhardy; but often his audacity was a sign of his strength. He called himself a megalomane, but none had a nobler conception than he of the destiny of his country. Italy, he held, should resume the glorious traditions of yore. A French blographer, M. Narjoux, says that when Crispi uttered the phrase "Civis Romanus sum" he touched the his lawless and murderous deeds. Several years before this a former lover had insuited Miss Collins, and in a fit of rage she shot him dead. She was prosecuted she shot him dead. She was prosecuted to the first sample of much in employe as in the employer has taught the writer that the difference is sample of much in employe as in the employe as in the employer has smaller man—for Crispi knew how to insuch the first sample.

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ogy, Orpheus mingled the fuice of popples

inherited from their ancestors, the priest is called in to accomplish the Christian

rite. But unconscious paganism has ever

held the foremost place among the peo-ple. At a funeral, after the words of eter-nal peace and Christian hope have been spoken over the closed grave, a libation of oil and wine is poured on the mound

by the priest himself, and in this way the primitive religion is united to that faith from which we all derive comfort and

strength.

secretary observed to him that his predecessors had been wont to accompany for-eign diplomats to the door of the antestamp their feet on the ground as they dance; but they are unable to explain the meaning of the words they say. Nevertheless, some of our learned men have succeeded in interpreting them, and they have discovered that unconsciously, and by mere force of tradition, these peasants dance the Pyrrhic dance, so sacred in ancient mythology, in which the Curite warriors are said to have shouted bolaterously in order to prevent Saturn from chamber, whereas he took leave of them at the threshold of his cabinet. "I am not Crispi, but Italy," returned Crispi, a phrase which in the mouth of another would have excited derision, but which upon his lips was sincere and spontaneous.

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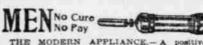
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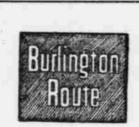


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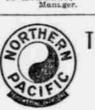
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