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ROB PURSUERS

Convicts Hold Up Two Men of Posse.

TOWN OF CERRAIS SCENE

Take Horse and Buggy—The Animal Soon Returns.

SECURE MEAL AT POINT OF GUN

Tracy and Merrill Come Into Salem,
Strip Man of His Clothes, Steal
a Team and Make Their
Escape.

Tracy and Merrill, the escaping convict murderers, are still at large. They were last seen at Gervais about 10 o'clock last night, and are heading north. They have already committed two hold-ups and have stolen two teams and buggies. Officers, with a large posse and bloodhounds, are in pursuit. The desperadoes have added to their supply of arms and ammunition since gaining their liberty, and are not likely to be taken alive.

GERVAIS, June 10.—Harry Tracy and David Merrill, who yesterday escaped from the Oregon State Penitentiary, came into Gervais at 9:30 this evening and secured a meal at the home of Alonzo Briggs, who was made to do their pleasure at the point of a gun. They next appeared in an alley back of the drug store and postoffice on the main street. They climbed a fence and passed through the back yard of E. Buepase and then by two hotels. Near this place they met and held up a buggy containing two members of the posse searching for them. Both men were made to give their guns and one his coat. They were then ordered from the buggy, which the fugitives took and started out of town. Ten minutes later the horse returned with the empty buggy. Several citizens saw the convicts in town, but none attempted to capture them. Sheriff Durbin soon came up and with two bloodhounds from the Walla Walla penitentiary, in charge of Guard Carson, again set out in pursuit.

Dr. P. S. White and Ed Buepase, a farmer, were the men in the buggy. They were returning to Gervais with Sheriff Durbin's posse. Both men were armed. White's conveyance was but a few yards from that of the Sheriff. The posse at Gervais, which was organized at Salem, started after the men with bloodhounds at 6 o'clock, picking up the scent where the men had been seen in the morning by August King, a woodchopper. King was surprised by the fugitives at 4 o'clock this morning, while cooking breakfast. He was ordered to serve them, which he did, not aware that they were wanted for murder. At noon Mr. Miller, King's employer, arrived, and on learning of the visitors, notified the authorities at Salem. The posse did not arrive until almost dusk. The bloodhounds were baffled for a time, but finally scented Merrill's trail, and ran it for almost a mile, where it

was lost. A skirmish line was drawn around the timber, and it was believed both convicts were there, with Tracy sore and stiff from his supposed wound and hand riding of last night. It was dark before the Sheriff was convinced he had trapped his men, and to enter the woods was equal to suicide. Sheriff Durbin posted a few guards on the roads, and told the posse to return to Gervais to resume the chase at daylight. It was while the return was being made to town that Dr. White was held up. The rest of the posse was within gun shot, but did not know what had occurred until the fugitives had a fair start.

The object of the men in riding a short distance in Dr. White's buggy was doubtless to throw the bloodhounds off their track. The dogs trace them easily enough when on damp ground, but in the dry dust soon lose the scent. This trouble was experienced in and about Salem to a marked degree. This afternoon the dogs were taken to the penitentiary and allowed to sniff of the bedding of the escaped convicts in the hope of giving them a better scent.

CONVICTS RETURN TO SALEM.

Under Cover of Night They Hold Up a Man and Steal a Team.

SALEM, Or., June 10.—Tracy and Merrill, the fugitive convict murderers, came into Salem last night, held up a man, dressed him of his clothing, stole a team of horses and made their escape. All this happened about 10 o'clock, but the officers were not informed until 4 o'clock this morning, the victim of the highwaymen having fears for his life if he talked sooner. J. W. Roberts, a suburban resident, was the man held up. The convicts then passed through the residence district of the city into Cartwright's addition, where they stole a team of horses from a barn within a block of the East Salem School and then left the city, going north. They were seen to pass through Brooks at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

A. M. Southwick, who lives one block north of the barn where the horses were stolen, saw two strangers pass his house on horseback at 11:30 o'clock last night. He noticed that both carried guns, and at once telephoned the night watchman at the Courthouse, but for some reason the alarm was not given further circulation and no pursuit was made.

Story of Man Held Up.

J. W. Roberts, the man who was forced to give up the clothing he was wearing, lives on South Liberty street, not over three-quarters of a mile from the Courthouse. When seen he said:

"I had just returned home about 10 o'clock last evening from down town, and as I entered the gate at my home I observed two men approaching me. I presumed they were members of the searching parties returning home, and I paused to question them. In an instant I found myself covered with two rifles, and I obeyed the command of 'Hands up and be quiet!' The men were both dressed in the garb of convicts, and asked if I was an officer of the law. They then stated that their names were Tracy and Merrill, the escaped prisoners from the penitentiary. They made me remove my hat, coat, vest and trousers, which they divided between themselves, having discarded one convict's shirt and a pair of black trousers. After warning me not to reveal any secret or alarm the police, the men left. They had latest modern improved rifles with plenty of ammunition, and said they were prepared to fight to a finish, for they would never surrender alive."

Bloodhounds on the Trail.

Felix LaBranch is the man from whom a team of horses was stolen last night. He last saw the team at 9 P. M., when he fed them for the night, and this morning at 4 o'clock they had disappeared, an open door and barnyard gate explaining their absence. The stolen horses were of Clydesdale stock, and weighed about 1200 pounds each. The theft was placed to the credit of the escaped convicts, although it was believed by many to be the work of confederates of the men, who sought in that way to throw the officers off the track. This theory was entirely disproved upon

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ATLANTA'S BIG FAIR

It Cost \$600,000 Before the Gates Were Opened.

A CLOSE FINANCIAL SHAVE

Some of the Embarrassments Under Which a Notably Successful Fair Laborer—Buildings—Organ- ization—Mistakes.

(By a staff writer—Second Letter.)

The financial corner-stone of the Cotton States and International Exposition, held at Atlanta in 1895, was a popular subscription of \$125,000, made by the people of Atlanta. This sum, considering the times and conditions, was a most generous one. The population all told was barely 70,000, of which 40 per cent were blacks, and the state of business was worse than it ever had been since the city came to a position of commercial importance, and worse than it is ever likely to be again. General trade was stagnant, the price of all Southern staples was down to bedrock, and Northern investors in Atlanta securities were clamoring for their money. The laboring classes were out of work, and confidence in the city was very generally shaken. Many believed it to be impossible at such a time to raise any considerable sum through voluntary offerings; and even the most hopeful were surprised when the exposition fund climbed up to and past the hundred-thousand mark. To this voluntary fund of \$125,000 the municipality added \$75,000, and the county something more than \$100,000, in the form of labor to be performed by the chain gang, which in all Southern communities is large, for the most part made up of colored offenders. At first the railroads did nothing, for the good and sufficient reason that, sharing the general stress of the times, they were in the hands of receivers; but later, when the Exposition Association put out an issue of \$500,000 in bonds, they took \$20,000 worth, the rest being taken by the Atlanta banks and capitalists, who had already contributed to the subscription of which mention has been made. With the exception of this \$50,000 from the railroads, which was eventually returned, the whole financial burden of the fair was borne by the people of Atlanta, with only such aid as came through the friendliness of neighboring states and the interested courtesy of the commercial cities of the North.

The problem of a site which commonly intrudes itself very early in the career of every exposition was happily avoided at Atlanta. By universal consent Piedmont Park, which had long been used for fair purposes, and which is admirably adapted for such use, was chosen. It is a two and one-half miles from the business center of Atlanta, and is easily accessible, both by electric railway and by standard roads—the latter being a very important point in view of the heavy freighting necessary in getting exhibits both to and from the exposition grounds. The amount of land set apart for the exposition was 185 acres, but only 135 acres was used and it was ample. There was a good deal of work to be done to get the water features which were desired, and it was very fortunate for the exposition association that it had in the county chain gang an almost unlimited supply of free labor, for it would not have been possible under the condition of limited money supply to do the prodigious work required to carry out the very elaborate parking plan which was adopted. As it was, the cost

Public comfort buildings.....	\$ 5,392 15
Band stands.....	1,675 00
Stables.....	2,435 71
Trains shed and annex.....	2,000 00
Government warehouse.....	820 00
Manufactures and liberal arts.....	12,157 25
Fire arts.....	17,456 06
Electricity.....	12,307 49
Machinery.....	38,688 06
Minerals and forestry.....	13,382 20
Negro building.....	19,469 67
Agricultural building.....	17,063 12
Woman's building.....	20,279 41
Woman's building annex.....	4,948 00
Transportation building.....	22,773 00
Auditorium.....	16,981 31
Fire apparatus building.....	7,067 32
Administration building.....	8,626 35
Georgia State building.....	8,827 33
Total.....	\$253,257 82

This list does not include gates and much else in the line of construction which it is not easy to classify, and whose precise cost it was found impossible to define in detail. These buildings were the basis of the main architectural features of the exposition, but they were supplemented by other buildings put up by the United States Government and through the friendly spirit of neighboring states. New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois and several Southern states were represented in this way; and private enterprise with business ends in view contributed some dozen or more structures of a minor kind. On the whole the exposition was generously provided in the matter of buildings, which were thought to be all the more attractive because of their departure from the conventional forms and materials common in temporary structures.

From the general stress of the times the association drew some advantage, for the prices of labor and materials were never so low. Under ordinary conditions—with prices as they now are, for example—it would not be possible to duplicate the Atlanta buildings for less than a 50 per cent advance. Even in Portland, where timber is relatively cheap, I doubt

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HEAD OF THE TICKET

Pennypacker's Chances Are Good at Harrisburg.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET TODAY

Bitterness Between the Leaders of the Rival Factions Shown on the Eve of the State Con- vention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 10.—Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, will likely be the nominee for Governor of the Republican State Convention tomorrow. Ex-Senator W. M. Brown, of Newcastle, will be nominated for Lieutenant-Governor, and Major Isaac B. Brown, of Erie, will be candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs. Senator Quay expects to succeed General Frank Reeder, of Easton, as chairman of the Republican State Committee, and to conduct the campaign this fall.

Attorney-General Elkin is still battling for the nomination for Governor, but his most sanguine friends concede Pennypacker's nomination. Elkin said tonight that he would stay in the fight, and that his name would be presented to the convention. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Watres, of Scranton, practically took himself out of the contest when his delegates participated in tonight's caucus called by the Pennypacker managers. Watres' name also will go before the convention, and the indications are that he will poll about 25 of the 253 votes in the delegates.

A poll of the delegates this afternoon showed that there exists an unexpected bitterness, shook their fingers in each other's faces and threatened political reprisals if each was not given fair treatment in the disposition of the contested seats in the convention. State Chairman Reeder accused Senator Quay of making deliberate misstatements, and the Senator instantly replied that this was an insult which he resented. The Pennypacker forces had a decisive majority in the committee.

Both the Pennypacker and Elkin delegates held caucuses tonight to agree upon a plan of action. The Watres delegates attended the Pennypacker conference. United States Senator Penrose will be temporary chairman of the convention, and Congressman Sibley, of Franklin, is slated for permanent chairman. The Pennypacker-Watres caucus was attended by 24 delegates, 150 being necessary to control the convention.

Ohio Democratic Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., June 10.—The Democratic State Central Committee decided today to hold the state convention at Sandusky, September 3 and 4. Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, was elected temporary chairman of the convention in a spirited contest, receiving 19½ votes to 13½ cast for Samuel E. Johnson, of Cincinnati, and 1½ for J. L. Zimmerman, of Springfield. S. E. Johnson was the candidate put forward by the friends of John F. McLean. The holding of a late convention is in accordance with the wishes of Mayor Johnson, who favors a short and snappy campaign.

No Persecution Activity.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Senator Hanna had a long conference with the President today. At the conclusion of the interview he stated that the Civil Service Commission had examined into Mr. Burton's charges against Secretary of the Interior in Ohio had failed to find anything in them that constituted a violation of the civil service law. As a result, the President has concluded not to send letters to Cleveland officials censuring them for persecution activity in politics.

Invited to Mining Congress.

HELENA, Mont., June 10.—Governor Toole today addressed a letter to the chief executive of each state in the Union asking him to appoint delegates to the International Mining Congress, which will be held at Butte next September.

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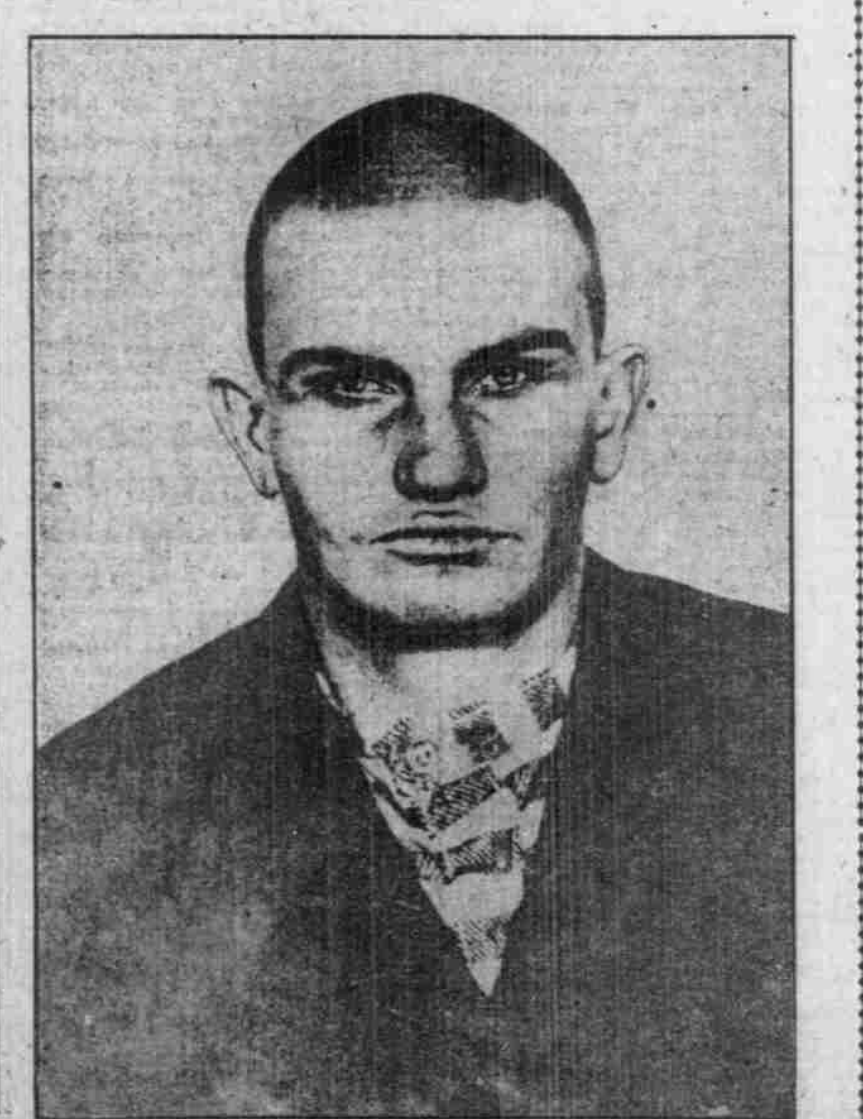
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CONVICTS WHO ESCAPED FROM OREGON STATE PENITENTIARY.



DAVID MERRILL.



HARRY TRACY.