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"Cole" and James Younger Engage in Business.

Sons of a Respected Missouri Family They Became Most Daring Outlaws Known to History.

Stillwater, Minn., July 23.—Coleman and James Younger, after their 25 years in the state's prison, will begin work as salesmen for a St. Paul dealer in gravestones and monuments. Warden Woffler today signed the contract for their new work and they will leave for St. Paul to begin their new duties tomorrow.

Thomas Coleman, better known as "Cole" Younger, was born in Jackson county, Missouri, 57 years ago. Jim is six years his junior. Both are sons of the late Colonel Henry W. Younger, one of the pioneers of Missouri and one among its most prominent and wealthy citizens. There were 12 brothers and sisters in the family. Colonel Younger, the father, was a man of high standing, having served eight years as county judge, and having been twice elected to the state legislature. His children enjoyed the advantages of a good home and the best educational advantages which the state afforded. In fact, the Younger family was the last in the state from which it might have been expected that such desperadoes as the Younger boys became would come. Despite home surroundings that should have developed different men, five of the Younger boys took an active part in the guerilla warfare in Missouri and Kansas, during the civil war, winding up their career in a series of bank robberies and murders without parallel in criminal annals, and causing to pale into insignificance the exploits of the highwayman of fiction. The Youngers operated with the James boys, and took part in their most daring and sensational exploits.

Cole, Jim and Bob Younger were captured in 1876, after persistent pursuit, during which a number of officers of the state of Minnesota were killed, and the three Younger boys were almost shot to pieces. The Youngers, in company with Jesse and Frank James—it was persistently claimed, though Frank James has never admitted it—had attempted to rob the Northfield, Minn., bank. They met with such a warm reception at the hands of Northfield citizens that their project failed, and they were compelled to flee for their lives. During the fighting in the streets of Northfield several citizens were shot and the cashier of the bank was killed. The James boys finally made their escape from Minnesota, went to Mexico, and were never apprehended. The Youngers took refuge in a swamp, where they fought against overwhelming numbers until almost shot to pieces. Finally, after Jim Younger's face had been partially shot away, and Bob, the youngest of the trio, had been badly hurt, while Cole was steeled with bullets, the hitherto undaunted bandit, lifting his wounded brother in his arms, shouted to the pursuers:

"Hold, men. Don't shoot again. We surrender."

Even the pursuers of the outlaws were forced to marvel at the pluck of the bandits. Never before had such a sight been witnessed. The Youngers were covered with blood, and carried many ounces of lead in their bodies. They had yielded when there was no longer a chance to fight. That Cole and Jim survived their frightful wounds was a marvel.

The Youngers were placed on trial, and, while it could not be shown who had killed the unfortunate cashier of the Northfield bank, they were convicted and sent to the penitentiary at Stillwater for life. There were three of the boys convicted—Cole, Jim and Bob. Bob died in prison after years of suffering from wounds and consumption. A sister—a sad-faced little woman, with evidences of refinement and a realization of the extremity into which her brothers had forced themselves by their crimes apparent in her every action—came from Missouri to Stillwater and nursed the boy of the trio—Bob—bringing comfort to his lying hours in prison.

In October, 1866, occurred the first of the series of bank robberies which kept the Western country in a state of commotion for ten years. It occurred at Lexington, Mo., and was entirely successful, \$22,000 being secured in safety, one small boy being killed in the attack on the bank. Both the James boys and the Youngers always denied that they were involved in this raid, but it was admitted the work of some of Quantrell's old guerillas, and in the opinion of most people the Youngers planned if they did not take part in the execution of the robbery. Fast following the attack at Lexington came similar daring bank robberies at Savannah, Richmond, Russellville and other towns in Missouri, until the whole state was in terror. Finally matters got so hot that

"Cole" Younger went to Louisiana, where he intended locating. One day, being bantered to take part in a horse race, he did so, but was defeated by the trickery of his opponent, who had a red blanket shaken in the face of Younger's horse, frightening it off the track. Younger appealed in vain to the referee and to the stakeholder and judges. Then he drew his revolver and with as many shots killed all the offending officials. After this exploit "Cole" and "Jim" Younger went to California, where they spent nearly a year with relatives and altogether abandoned their career of robbery. Finally they came back, and in company with the James boys started that series of startling crimes which resulted in their capture. They robbed the Hot Springs stage, robbed the treasurer of the Kansas City fair in broad daylight, and "cleaned up" a number of country banks. They always adopted the boldest tactics, often dashing into a little town, shooting at everything on the streets, and forcing the bank officers to open their vaults at the point of their revolvers. When pursued they took refuge among the hills, every inch of which they knew by heart. They had secret caverns in which they sometimes retired and they could safely seek refuge with hundreds of families in the country where they had always lived. Scores of officers and citizens were killed or wounded in attempts to capture them and enormous rewards were offered for their arrest. In spite of all efforts, however, they were always successful in evading capture until 1876, when they were caught after the Northfield robbery.

**EXPLORED KUSKOKWIM**

Captain McKinley of the Leah Was There Last Winter.

There is one man in Dawson today who has seen and traveled over a 500 miles stretch of the Kuskokwim, about which so much has been written and more guessed during the past year, and that man is Capt. McKinley, master of the steamer Leah. For several years the Kuskokwim has excited the cupidity of fortune seekers who saw no reason why the headwaters of that mighty river should not contain gold as well as the Yukon, and few have penetrated the unknown wilds in search of the elusive paystreak, but authentic news from that source has always been well nigh an impossibility. The river is a large one and at the mouth and at a point 80 miles above known as Bethel the Moravian missionaries have had settlements for the past ten years, but the upper reaches of the stream are known to none save the Indians. No steamers have ever ascended the river and for one to spend a season there on a prospecting trip it would be necessary to either live with the Indians or subsist upon an almost straight diet of wild game.

Capt. McKinley wintered at St. Michael last year and before the close of navigation he determined as soon as traveling was practicable to ascertain for himself as much as possible of the unknown Kuskokwim. Early in November, before the heavy all of snow had arrived, he set out from St. Michael accompanied by two others. From

such meagre information as he could secure he learned the best place to cross the divide from the Yukon was at a point 20 miles below the Russian mission. This portage proved to be but 75 miles in extent and was easily made by means of a longline and chain of lakes. The Kuskokwim was struck about 100 miles from the mouth and in that immediate vicinity about 20 men were found wintering, some trapping and a few prospecting. The journey up the river was continued 500 miles to Stoney creek and the latter stream was traversed 45 miles. Five days' travel from where the new diggings were supposed to be a party was met returning down the river. They had found nothing but a few scattering prospects. Stoney creek gave but little evidence of having been prospected except in the most hurried manner and they saw not a soul on the creek at the time. Capt. McKinley's trip was one of observation rather than in the nature of a hunt for a claim, and his entire time was spent in traveling, his party doing no prospecting whatever. The return was made by way of the Pitme portage to Holy Cross mission, thence to Anvik 45 miles and 180 miles across the Kaltag portage to St. Michael. The trip occupied three months and nine days, during which time 1400 miles were traveled.

"There are several places above Bethel," said the captain, in speaking of his trip, "where a person can procure food in case of necessity. The Russian church has a mission in charge of Father Oloff 350 miles up the river and 40 miles beyond is a Catholic mission under the care of Father Lebean. A few miles above the latter a squaw man by name of Lynn does a little trading and one can generally get flour there, but that is about the only thing carried in stock. Lynn's customers are almost exclusively Indians and as they have had little or no contact with white men flour is the only civilized article of food they have learned to use. He does a thriving trade in fur, and has lived with the Indians so long he has become almost one of them. The Kuskokwim is a much better timbered river than the Yukon and is as fine looking country as I ever saw. Though no boats have ever gone up the river there is no reason why they should not if there were business to warrant it. The river is navigable for 600 or 800 miles and I believe from what I have seen of it that less difficulty would be had than on the Yukon. I don't think any prospects have been found so far which would warrant any excitement at all, but I shall be greatly surprised if some good finds are not made there sooner or later. The indications are excellent and all that is required is patience and perseverance. At present on account of the lack of any trading posts, prospectors will hesitate to venture on such a trip, but eventually things will be different and then look out for a stampede."

Which One? Irish Schoolmaster (sympathetically)—I am tould there's been a death in your family, Dennis. Was it you or your brother that died?—London Seraps.

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**THREE WIVES ON HIS TRAIL**

Vancouver Butcher That is a Warm One.

Vancouver, B. C., July 23.—R. L. Stewart has disappeared from Vancouver and three different-wives have just arrived endeavoring to find him. Stewart was a butcher whose place of business was in a large store centrally located, on Granville street. He got in debt and a week ago fled to the other side of the line. Since then two wives have turned up from the East, one with two children and the other with three, and joined with the third, who was already here, in a search for the missing husband.

The first wife has been looking for him for two years, but as fast as she found where he was he was sure to get away just before she arrived. Her children had to be supported, and in arranging for them she was much delayed. The second wife did much the same thing, but now that they are reinforced, with the third wife, who lived in Vancouver, they expect soon to overhaul him.

Rates Advanced. San Francisco, July 23.—The Chronicle says: Following the announcement a few days ago of an advance in the Southern Pacific Company's rates between here and Portland comes the news that a similar advance in passenger rates on the steamers of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company has been decided upon beginning on July 26. The advance in steamer rates will occasion a corresponding increase in all other rates based on the ocean tariff.

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