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The Work Done by a Class of Private Detectives Employed by Railroads.

San Francisco Chronicle: A little over three months ago there alighted from an Oakland ferryboat a demure little woman, who passed along with the crowd with scarcely a glance to the right or left. Her petiteness attracted some attention, and her modesty more, but no one who observed the air of confidence with which she made her way to the public carriage stand would have imagined that she was a stranger, and that for the first time in her life she was visiting San Francisco.

Giving a few quiet directions and entering a cab, she was whirled away from the hustling throng and driven to a hotel. Later the register contained an unassuming "Miss Waller, Chicago." Her room was No. 11. Calling a private messenger, she despatched a message to a firm of lawyers, and that evening, promptly at 8 o'clock, a prosperous-looking, well-dressed gentleman entered the hotel, glanced at the register, and, ignoring the clerk's question, "Do you wish anything?" passed by the waiting elevator and walked up the stairs.

That was Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning Miss Waller might have been seen boarding a Market-street car bound for the ferry, where she purchased a train ticket and crossed to the mole. She returned late on Friday evening, and Saturday morning the same messenger took a sealed letter to the same lawyers, but this time there was no evening caller. Saturday evening she left town again for a few days, and these trips were continued, until one day last week, when, by the merest chance, the object of her repeated outings was discovered. On this occasion she was the possessor of a ticket to a city near the Missouri River, and she smilingly confessed that she was bidding good-bye to San Francisco for some time to come.

As an illustration of the care which she must exercise in order to enhance her value to the big railway corporations in this country, it is only necessary to state that in the 10 years which she has devoted to the business of spotter, or, as she would probably prefer to have it called, private detective, she has doubtless made fewer friends than anyone else in the country. And, while she will not allow anyone to get thoroughly acquainted with her, she does not make enemies. That would be ruinous.

It is an unwritten law of the railroads that every employe is open to suspicion until he has been proved guilty, and the people who take upon themselves the task of separating the two classes—those who are found guilty and those who are as yet merely under suspicion—are objects of the greatest contempt with the army of toilers who seek a living on the trains. To offset this unpopularity, however, they have the inducement of large financial returns. There is no iron-bound rule governing the amount of money which they receive, but the more proficient of the class probably make from $2500 to $3000 a year.

At times a railroad will have an important case on its hands, and the services of a first-class spotter will be invaluable to the company, and on such occasions, if successful, the financial returns increase wonderfully.

There is a much greater demand for this class of detectives in the East than there is here, and several reasons are given for this condition of affairs. In the first place, traffic being heavier, there are more trains run there and more men are employed by the companies. Besides, that section is more thickly populated, and way trains are in many instances run hourly, if not oftener, but probably the truest cause for the increased dishonesty among railway conductors in the East is the low rate of salary which they receive.

There is a well-defined belief among Eastern men who travel extensively that any man who has reached that degree of prosperity where he can afford to wear creased trousers is hopelessly extravagant if he pays more han one-third fare after crossing the Mississippi River. I once heard a popular actor giving his reasons for this assertion in a resort on the Atlantic coast, and, after enlightening his audience with a dissertation on the almost utter worthlessness of money in the West, so far as railroad traveling was concerned, he continued:

"Take any train on any road west of Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago or St. Paul, and the rest is easy. Assume an air of indifference and smoke a cigar. If your conductor be seedy-looking, have a beard, an old uniform with threadbare elbows, and a hopeless expression on his face, pay your fare. He is an honest man. A thousand dollars wouldn't tempt him, and you are out a whole stack of dollars for getting on his train. Had you waited for the next one things would have been different. There you have a prosperous-looking fellow, who spent his last hour before leaving time in a barber's chair, and who, but for his uniform, would pass for a drummer, or even a banker. He looks as well-fed and as well-groomed as a king, and you need have no fear that he will decline your invitation to divide the cost of your ride to your destination, or at least to the end of his division."

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AN ELIXIR OF LIFE FOUND?

Prof. Metchnikoff's Wonderful Discovery at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

LYMPHS TO CHECK TISSUE DECAY.

Extraordinary Results Have Been Obtained, But the Discoverer is Careful to Say Little.

London, Dec. 25.—The Paris correspondent of The Morning Post describes one of the greatest discoveries of modern science, which has just been made at the Pasteur Institute. He says that Prof. Metchnikoff is engaged in seeking accurate doses of a series of lymphs, each of which will rejuvenate a particular organ of the human body. The professor objects to premature publicity and insisted that the correspondent only say that he had hope, but the explanation of the discovery may be taken to show that the main problem has been solved. The correspondent says:

"Prof. Metchnikoff's experiments show that the explanation of senile atrophy has hitherto been erroneous. The theory was that certain blood cells devoured others and the vital functions began to weaken. The organic poisons thrown off energetically in youth were believed to remain in the system in old age, or at least to be less energetically ejected. These poisoned the finer cells, while without action on those of the conjunctive tissues. The noble cells died, became the prey of the other or plebeian cells, thus bringing atrophy to the organ where the metamorphosis occurred. Prof. Metchnikoff has proved conclusively that the noble cells are not dead in the organs atrophied by senility.

"Moreover, they may be multiplied. It assisted in their struggle with the plebeian cells, they continue to live actively, as in youth, and, theoretically, the organism will cease to grow old and life will be prolonged. Prof. Metchnikoff has found means of affording this resistance, and the results already obtained are extraordinary.

"The discovery was made in the following manner: M. Bordet, one of the professor's pupils in 1898, published the results of a curious experiment, which consisted of injecting the blood of a rabbit into a guinea pig. Later he injected the blood of this guinea pig into a rabbit and the latter died. Prof. Metchnikoff sought the causes of the phenomenon and was soon convinced that the blood of the guinea pig, injected into a rabbit or other vertibrate animal, elaborates the poison that weakens the red globules of the blood and makes them the prey of the phagocytes.

"Starting from the fact that the poison elaborated in the guinea pig is fatal in large doses, Prof. Metchnikoff argued that the action in small doses must be stimulating. On this is based the action of all medicines, such as strychnine and arsenic.

He therefore began to inject into rabbits feeble solutions of previously injected guinea pig's blood. A cubic millimetre of the blood of the rabbits thus treated contained before the injections 3,000,000 red globules. In three or four days the number increased to 8,000,000.

"A sovereign remedy against anaemia has been discovered, and the theory concerning the red globules has been confirmed. An entire section of the Pasteur Institute is now working to find the specific serums for each particular organ. If the blood serum acts on the red globules of the liver the serum must have a similar effect on the cells of the liver, that of the brain on the brain, and so on. The experiments have demonstrated this.

"A specific kidney serum was found some days ago. The professor is now determining the exact dose for medical purposes. The discovery has now passed the period of mere laboratory experiments. The celebrated Dr. Vidal is now at work on human serums."

The correspondent draws attention to the obvious result, the great prolongation of human life, if everything is successful.

RAILWAYS IN AN ENCOUNTER.

Rutland Road Employes Tear Up Central Vermont Tracks and Grab a $11,000 Locomotive.

Rouse's Point, N.Y., Dec. 25.—As the result of a clash between about 50 employees of the Rutland Railroad, headed by Superintendent Pierce, and about 75 employes of the Central Vermont Railroad, headed by Superintendent of Bridges Pooley, roadmaster of the road, and Chief Engineer Robert Ford, yesterday at this place, several rods of the Central Vermont track were torn up, the telegraph wires of the Rutland road were cut, rendering communication with the head office at Rutland impossible, and a big new engine belonging to the Central Vermont road, valued at $11,000, was seized by the Rutland road employes, and is now stored in the round house of the Rutland road at this place.

The trouble arose over the building of a new spile bridge across Lake Champlain, to connect the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain division of the Rutland road with the new railroad which the latter road is building through Grand Isle from Alburgh, on the Vermont shore, to Burlington, Vt. To prevent this the Central Vermont officials started to build a spur from the present bridge, which is owned jointly by the two roads, to a point on the New York shore which would intercept the new bridge which the Rutland road was building.

C.P.R. ENGINE CAPSIZED.

Big Mogul Hauling the Fast Train From Montreal to Ottawa Wrecked—Driver May Die.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—This afternoon as the fast five o'clock C.P.R. train for Ottawa had passed Lachine the engine, a big Mogul, left the track and turned completely over. The tender followed, but fortunately the other cars held on and a serious catastrophe was avoided. Driver Matt Corrigan was, however, badly scalded and may die. The locomotive is a wreck and the cause of the run off will not be ascertained till morning.

NOT TILL FEBRUARY.

Parliament Will Not Be Called Together Now to Discuss the Contingent.

From Hamilton Spectator.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Those who looked for yesterday's Canada Gazette in the expectation of a notice summoning Parliament are disappointed. It is stated, however, that when the Ministers separated yesterday for the Christmas holidays the understanding was that every effort should be made for the meeting of Parliament the first week of February. The preparation of departmental returns is sufficiently advanced now to allow it to be done.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. Those persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief and is a sure cure for the worst cases. ed

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WHO will inaugurate a plan for supplying cheap electricity so as to lessen the price of heat, light and power to the citizens and not force manufacturers to leave Toronto for Hamilton to obtain cheap power.

WHO will favor a means of cheap and speedy transportation for freight between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario, via Toronto, and prevent the danger of Toronto being side-tracked from the highway between the great West and the Seaboard.

WHO will compel the Toronto Railway (1) to carry out its agreement with the citizens; (2) to carry the citizens to all parts of the City, including the Island and the Humber, for one fare; (3) to supply a more frequent service to the suburbs, and to heat and prevent overcrowding of cars; (4) who will insist upon the cars being supplied with proper fenders and rear vestibules, and that each car with trailer be supplied with four men, instead of three, to prevent accidents to human life.

WHO would not allow a work like the City Hall to increase from its estimated cost of $800,000.00 to over $2,000,000.00, and who would compel its speedy completion.

WHO would give citizens cheap gas and compel the Gas Company to pay to the gas consumers the profits they have illegally misappropriated.

WHO will adopt a plan for the disposal of the city sewage by the building of a trunk sewer or other proper sewerage system to preserve the Bay from pollution.

WHO will prevent the delays in settling the Lansdowne railway crossing difficulty.

WHO will be free from and independent of all rings, combines and parties.

Macdonald's Public Meetings at 8 o'clock Each Evening

TO-NIGHT, DEC. 26th—Brockton Hall, cor. Dundas and Brock Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27th—St. Andrew's Hall, (St. Andrew's Market).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27th—Dingman's Hall, cor. Queen and Broadview Avenue.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28th—Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29th—St. Paul's Hall, 858 Yonge Street.

FRIDAY, Douglas' Hall, cor. Bloor and Bathurst Street.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30th—Massey Hall.

Committee Rooms.

No. 1 WARD—Southeast cor. Broadview and Queen.
No. 2 WARD—357 Queen East.
No. 3 WARD—North—701 Yonge Street.
No. 3 WARD—South—18 Victoria St., Room 46
No. 4 WARD—353 Queen West.
No. 5 WARD—980 Queen Street West.
No. 6 WARD—1243 Queen Street West.

Heavy Passenger Traffic.

A large number traveled on the trains yesterday. The incoming trains were crowded and many left on the outgoing ones. The New Year holiday excursions will commence on Friday.

HUSTLED UP HIS WEDDING.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Lee, Military Attache of the British Legation at Washington, Married.

New York, Dec. 25.—Lieut.-Col. Arthur H. Lee, military attache of the British Legation at Washington, was married in this city Saturday evening last to Miss Ruth Moore of this city. The ceremony was witnessed by but half a dozen relatives of the bride. The marriage was not to have taken place until February, but Col. Lee realized that he was liable to be ordered to the front in South Africa at any moment, and the earlier date was chosen. Col. Lee first met Miss Moore five years ago in Montreal, when he was stationed in that city.

East Buffalo Market.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 25.—Cattle—The offerings were quite light, there being but 26 loads. Good butcher cattle of the fat kind were in active demand, and sold full 10c higher, but the half-fat steers and common cows were dull and lower; stockers dull and lower. About four loads of Canada stockers, part of which were over from Saturday. There was a good volume of orders here for choice export steers, but none on sale. The feeling on that kind is exceedingly strong and prospects higher. Fresh cows and springers in light supply, and, with a good demand, sold higher for the top grades. Calves were in moderate supply, good demand and full strong at the quoted prices.

Good to best smooth fat export cattle, $5.75 to $6; good to best, $5.50 to $5.75; export bulls, $4 to $4.50; good to choice butchers' steers, $4.80 to $5.25; good to best fat bulls, $4 to $4.50; good to best fat heifers, $4.25 to $4.80; fat cows, good to best, $3.50 to $4; medium, $3 to $3.50; stockers, choice to extra, $3.50 to $4.20; common to good, $2.75 to $3.50; stock bulls, $2.75 to $3.50; fancy yearlings, $5.25 to $5.50; calves, good color stock, $5.75 to $4.25; good to choice, $3.75 to $4; Jersey stockers, $2 to $2.50; stock heifers, $2.50 to $3; feeders, good to extra, $3.75 to $4.25; stable fed cows, $2.50 to $3.25; fresh cows, choice to extra, good bag, $60 to $65; good to choice, $40 to $45; springers, good to extra, $48 to $53; common and poor cows, $15 to $25; heavy fat calves, $3.50 to $4; calves, choice to extra, $8 to $8.25; fair to good, $5 to $5.50.

Hogs—There were 70 loads on sale, the best hours of the day, but later time total reached about 85 loads. The demand was for good weight hogs, which sold stronger. The basis was $4.40, with a couple of extra good bunches at $4.45; heavy, $4.40; mixed, $4.35 to $4.40; yorkers, $4.25 to $4.30; pigs, $4.25 to $4.30; roughs, $3.80 to $3.90; stags, $3 to $3.25. The offerings were pretty well cleaned up, with heavy hogs steady, but light yorkers and pigs at $4.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade was in good position, about 30 loads on sale, and active demand and higher prices. Choice to extra lambs were quotable $5.75 to $6; good to choice, $5.50 to $5.75; common to fair, $4.50 to $5.50; sheep, choice to extra, $4.25 to $4.50; good to choice, $4 to $4.25; common to fair, $2.50 to $3. All the good kinds of lambs cleaned up quite readily, but sheep of the heavy ewe kind were no better. The general close was steady.

New York Live Stock.

New York, Dec. 25.—Beeves, receipts, 5897 head; 35 cars on sale; market active and firm; closed strong; all sold. Steers, $4.95 to $5.85; oxen and stags, $3.10 to $4.50; bulls, $2.75 to $3.75; cows, $1.80 to $4.00; Western heifers, $4.90. No cables received to-day or to-morrow. Calves, receipts, 707 head; good veals, firm; others, steady; barnyard calves, steady; about all sold; veals, $4.50 to $8.50; little calves, $3.50 to $4.00; barnyard, $3.50 to $3.80; Southern do., $3.00 to $3.50. No Westerns.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 8062 head; 28½ cars on sale. Fair to good sheep, 15c higher; common, unchanged; lambs, 25c higher. Market closed steady for good stock; 12 cars held over. Sheep, $2.50 to $4.25; selected export wethers, $5.00; culls, $2.00 to $2.25; lambs, $5.50 to $6.25; Canada lambs, $6.00; culls, $4.00 to $4.50.

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