

POOR DOCUMENT

How the Job was Done.

A COUNTERFEITER'S STORY OF WORK IN THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

"If you want to see a man who can tell you about some of the crooked business that has been done in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing I can show you one," said a detective to a Sun reporter yesterday. Then he led the way to a dingy basement of a lodging house on the east side, amid a cluster of tenements and saloons. A feeble lamp lighted the interior. Sitting by an old table was a man who once had been handsome. He was tall, well built, and had a long, bushy beard. His eyes were blue, his nose was rather large, but well formed. His complexion was fair. His voice was smooth, and he had the air of a man who has seen better days. Assured by the detective that he would not be betrayed the man said:

"I have seen the time when I did not mind going out to spend \$500 a night. That was when we did the greatest job of putting out counterfeit money that was ever done in this country, and when we worked the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There was lots of money put up, and it was a long job, but we worked it successfully. It took us over a year, and we spent \$10,000 on it.

"Hank Hall, Josh Miner and Peter Smith were the men who put the job up. Their plan was to get some of the genuine work out of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. This was about 1866. They got Minnie Langdon, her husband Ned Langdon, and her father-in-law, to go to work in the bureau. The Langdons were plate printers, and the plan was to get them to steal lead impressions of the genuine plates of the 7-30 Treasury notes and other Government plates. These lead impressions were used as a matrix from which to make electrolyte plates.

"I recollect well the day when Minnie Langdon brought the lead impression of the 7-30's and compound interest notes to New York. She gave it to me, and I gave her \$2,500 cash. We had been supplying her and her relatives with money all the time they were at work in the bureau. After we got the lead impression it took three or four months to get the plates ready, but when they were done the notes printed from them were as good as the genuine. They were, in fact, printed from copies of the genuine plates.

"The very first day the counterfeit was issued we put out \$500,000 of them in the city of New York alone. We found no difficulty in passing them anywhere. Banks, brokers, jewelers, storekeepers, everybody to whom they were offered, took them without suspicion. The same operation was repeated elsewhere. The whole thing was done very quickly, and the country was flooded with \$500,000 of the counterfeit money before it was discovered. Some of the biggest bankers in New York, among others Jay Cooke and Fisk & Hatch, took them unsuspectingly. It was three days before the counterfeit was detected. Then there was trouble.

"The way the thing came out by the capture of Chiek Trent in the oil regions, in the act of passing some of the money. Hank Hall and some of the others were with him. Then Colonel Wm. P. Wood, Chief of the Secret Service Department, discovered the plot, traced out the gang, and arrested four of us, including the Langdons and myself.

"The bankers had passed some of the money on the Treasury Department, and the counterfeit was so good that the Government officers did not detect it until long after the bankers had got their money. There was a big law suit, and a long trial grew out of this counterfeit. The bankers refused to refund, and insisted that the notes were genuine. They brought experts to swear that they had worked in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and knew the work to be genuine. The bankers made a hard fight of it, but they were beaten, and had to refund, I think, about \$80,000. This was saved to the Government by the efforts of Col. Wood.

"How is it that I am not afraid to tell the story? Well, you may say this, that I know too much about how the work was got out of the Bureau for the Government to be very hard on me. They were glad to let up on me very easy. The job was a success from beginning to end, and paid us well for all the trouble we had in getting it through. Most of the gang got off with very little punishment. Minnie Langdon turned State's evidence. Her husband died not long after he got his share of the money. The old man Langdon was, I believe, at work in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing when he was arrested."

RAILWAY RETRENCHMENT.—A Western railway which was head over heels in debt had a change of officials and a new policy, and the general manager was instructed to investigate all departments, and report where retrenchment was possible. He took three weeks to look around, and then reported as follows:

"After a long and patient investigation, I am perfectly satisfied that we can save \$1,000 per month by cutting down the wages of the brakeman."

It is needless to add that the plan was, of course, adopted. Railway retrenchment never begins on the \$5,000 salaries.

Hospitals of Etc.

The barque "Alice M. Claridge," of Windsor, N. S., from Antwerp, with a cargo of iron and barrels, fell in vast fields of ice to the eastward of Newfoundland, on June 9, and was for 32 hours becalmed, most of that time being surrounded by icebergs. To a Herald reporter Captain William M. Lockhardt said:—"Knowing that there was more ice this season than had been seen for many years I kept a careful lookout as I neared the banks of Newfoundland. When we were on the east of the Grand Banks, in longitude 47.12 west and latitude 45.10 north, on the evening of the 9th, we were to the weather being calm and remarkably clear. The next morning seven huge icebergs were sighted, and at two o'clock in the afternoon a strong breeze sprang up and a densely thick fog set in. We were drifting all this time and had moved about a knot and a half, when I saw that we were between two icebergs, which were about a mile and a half apart. The one to the northward was very large, standing at least one hundred and fifty feet out of water. In shape it was almost square, but it seemed topheavy. It loomed up grandly through the fog, as it went rolling passed us, occasionally settling down over fifty feet in the sea and then rising up again. All this time large quantities of broken ice went drifting by; but after being hove too for thirty-two hours we proceeded slowly across the Banks, leaving the ice astern. The weather continued thick until we sighted Montauk Point."

The "Scythia," on her voyage from Liverpool, just completed, passed a number of icebergs, among them some of great size. On the 18th one was sighted which stood some 300 feet above the water, which would give it an estimated height from crown to base of about 900 feet. On the 17th, in latitude 42 deg. 45 min., longitude 49 deg., another great berg of very strange shape was seen. At seven o'clock on Monday morning a vessel's mast standing out of the water was seen from the "Scythia's" decks.

The steamer "Wisconsin" also reported on reaching the harbor, on the 22nd, that she passed several large bergs about one hundred miles south of the Banks.—New York Herald.

SPOLIING MAID S.—It is supposed Vanderbilt has a right to do as he pleases with his stock, said a gentleman who had lately spent a week or two in New York, and who takes an interest in fast horses, to a Herald representative yesterday.

It is very to learn of the manner in which he is managing that great favorite, Maud S. I saw him driving her a few days ago and it was clearly evident that he was spoiling her. He drives her like a Jehu, no matter what condition the road may be, and pulls and hauls the mare about much as a hack driver might be expected to do with a less royal team. I was sorry to see it. I was told that he was not only spoiling her gait but spoiling her temper as well, and you know what an excellent reputation Maud used to have on account of her kind disposition. I would rather see Vanderbilt stick to his railroad stocks."

The most remarkable natural bridge is probably the Jabel Elger, which spans a gorge not far from the ruins of the Temple of Adonis in the province of the Lebanon, in Syria. It is a flat piece of limestone rock from ten to fifteen feet thick, perfectly arched on the under side. The gorge is about 150 feet across, and the bridge is about 100 feet from the bed of the torrent below. The bridge is so broad and level that a good carriage road might be made over it. The bridge is surpassed in height by the natural bridge in Rockbridge County, Virginia, about 125 miles west of Richmond, and about two miles from the James River. It extends over Cedar Creek. The height of the arch is 200 feet, and the upper surface of the bridge is 240 feet above the stream.

The largest church in the world is the Basilica of St. Peter's, at Rome. Its dimensions are as follows: Length of interior, 613 feet; breadth of nave and aisles, 197 feet; height of nave, 152 feet; length of the transepts, 446 feet; diameter of the dome, including the walls, 195 feet, or nearly two feet more than the Pantheon; diameter of the interior, 139 feet; height from the pavement to the base of the lantern, 405 feet. The whole of St. Peter's Cathedral in London might stand in the shell of St. Peter's with room to spare. The towers of the Cologne Cathedral, when completed, will be the highest church towers in the world, 511 feet, which is the length of the Cathedral. The breadth of this edifice is 231 feet.

An East Boston father discovered that his daughter, who had a soul for romance, proposed to elope, and he didn't sit up with a bull-dog, and shotgun to waylay the fugitives. Oh no, he went to his daughter and told her he desired her to marry a young man, naming her lover, and he would set him up in a good-paying grocery business; and the young lady at once declared she'd die rather than marry any man just to please her father.

The Bedouins are crossing from the Syrian side into Egypt, and are a very serious source of anxiety.

FISH.

JUST RECEIVED A SUPERIOR LOT OF Fresh Salmon, SEA SHAD, Halibut and Lobsters.

A good variety of FRESH SMOKE, PICKLED AND DRY FISH ALWAYS ON HAND. Orders filled promptly and delivered free of charge. THEODORE P. NOBLE, Basement City Hall, Ft. St. John, N. B.

GROUND BONES.

Just Received and for sale Low, 3 Tons Fine Ground Bones. GEORGE T. WHELPLEY, may 22, 1882.

Before buying your Milk Pans Come to Lemont's. He is retailing them at wholesale Prices. June 28

Lobsters.

LION BRAND. I will receive to-day, via C. Railway, from John Windsor, Victoria, British Columbia, 20 CASES LOBSTERS For sale in lots at Market Prices. GEORGE E. SNIDER, 83 Prince William Street, Ft. St. John, N. B., June 22, 1882—2w

New Brunswick RAILWAY COMPANY.

SUMMER TIME TABLE. BEGINNING MONDAY, June 19th, Trains will run as follows:

9.15 A. M. Passenger Train leaves Woodstock for Ft. St. John.

1.55 P. M. Passenger Train leaves Ft. St. John for Woodstock, Port Fairfield, Carleton Place, and Grand Falls and Edmundston.

3.55 P. M. Passenger Train leaves Woodstock for Port Fairfield, Carleton Place, and Grand Falls and Edmundston.

5.30 A. M. Passenger Train leaves Ft. St. John for Woodstock and Edmundston.

1.00 P. M. Passenger Train leaves Edmundston, 4.00 P. M. Grand Falls, for Woodstock and Ft. St. John.

6.00 A. M. Mixed Train leaves Ft. St. John for Woodstock and Ft. St. John.

2.00 P. M. Mixed Train leaves Woodstock for Ft. St. John.

Train arrives at Grand Falls at 8.30 a. m., where passengers for points north remain until 8.30 a. m. Passengers for Ft. St. John, and all points East, West and South, and at Fredericton with trains to and from St. John, and with Union Line Steamboats.

Freight to be forwarded from Ft. St. John at 6.00 a. m. Trains must be delivered at the Freight House before 5.00 a. m. in the previous day.

Notes for sale in St. John at St. John & Maine Railway Office, by H. Chubb & Co., and at the Union Line Steamboats at their Office and on board boats.

ALFRED SERLY, Asst. Superintendent, Ft. St. John, June 17, 1882.

A. L. BELYEA, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, CONVEYANCER, &c., &c.

Agent for the Agricultural Insurance Company, of Waterbury, Vt.

Accounts collected. Loans negotiated. OFFICE—COR. QUEEN & CARLETON STREETS, Opposite new Post Office, FREDERICTON, N. B. May 11—3 mo

GREGORY & BLAIR, BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS AT-LAW.

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ALABASTINE.

A Natural Material for finishing Walls, Ceilings, ROUGH PLASTER, NEW SMOOTH SAND FINISH, A SOLID HARD FINISH, PAINTS, OILS, WOOD PRESERVING, PAPER, BRICKS, ROUGH BOARDS, &c., &c.

Superior to Kalsomine. READY FOR USE BY ADDING HOT WATER. CAN BE MIXED BY ANY ONE. Any Housekeeper can Apply it without the aid of Skilled Labor.

Alabastine is a Valuable Discovery. It constitutes a permanent finish for Walls, simulating with the plaster, and will dry very dry. It does not deteriorate by age; in this respect it is unlike all other preparations of a similar character. ALABASTINE is a discovery, and renders superior to all other preparations of a similar character. Five pounds of ALABASTINE will cover 50 square yards of 40 square feet, two coats.

Have just received direct from New York sixteen cases of the above, comprising Thirteen Different Shades. For sale Wholesale and Retail by JAMES S. NEILL, Ft. St. John, April 5

Carpenters Attention.

I HAVE just received a nice lot of Socket Framing, Clauses, from 1 inch to 12 inches. Henry Dutton's Hand Saws; Key Hole Saws; Cabinet Braces; Chisel Handles; Try Squares, etc., etc. Z. R. EVERETT, 12MAY

Just Received.

1 case Horn & Rubber Dressing Combs; 5 gross Tooth Brushes (English manufacture); 5 gross Davidson's Rubber Nipples; 5 gross Alcock's and Seabury & Johnson's Porous Plasters; 18 dozen Wade & Butcher's Razors; 4 gross Packer's Tar Soap; 1 barrel Peppermint Lozenges;

For sale low, Wholesale and Retail at Geo. H. Davis' Drug Store, Cor. Queen and Regent Streets, FREDERICTON.

ELM TREE Silver Mining Company.

A Splendid Chance for Investment. WE have been appointed Agents for the sale of Stock in the above Company. Shares are \$5 each, and for the purpose of developing this Mine immediately, we are authorized to dispose of \$5 Shares for \$3. Edward Jack, Esq., speaks very highly as to the extent of this Mine, and Assurance of New York and Boston pronounce the Ore exceedingly rich. The Mine is situated in Massachusetts County, N. B. We have Stock Certificates ready for issue. Prospectus and other information at our office.

JOHN RICHARDS & SON, Fredericton, April 5, 1882 FREDERICTON

Marble Works.

MONUMENTS, TABLETS, HEADSTONES—Granite and Freestone, In all its branches, as cheap as anywhere in the Province. Material and Workmanship guaranteed.

JUST BELOW NORMAL SCHOOL, QUEEN STREET, FREDERICTON. JOHN MOORE, 2-12-81

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The largest and best Stock in the City to choose from, ALL SELECT PATTERNS VERY HANDSOME.

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New Stock. MESSRS. J. & J. O'BRIEN, Tinsmiths, Gasfitters and Plumbers, COR. QUEEN & CARLETON STREETS, would respectfully draw the attention of their patrons and the public generally to the new stock they have just put in.

PRESSED, SEAMED and JAPANED TINWARE, ENAMELLED IRONWARE, And other Articles for Household Furnishing.

In Gasfitting, Plumbing and Steamfitting we show a complete stock of GLOBE, ANGLE & CHECK VALVES of all sizes.

BENDS, T'S, Y'S AND TRAPS, To suit Iron and Brass Pipe, GAS CHANDELIERS, PENDANTS, BRACKETS and GLOBES, In the latest Styles and Designs and Best Makes.

IRON PIPE. A full stock of Gas, Steam & Water Pipe. Also, Galvanized and Plain Sheet Iron, Sheet Zinc, Lead & Copper.

Special attention is given to orders for Tin Roofing, and all work in the above branches is undertaken with special care. A feature is made of putting Steam, Gas and Water fitting in dwellings, and Furnaces as well, in a thorough and workmanlike manner.

Well Drilling is promptly attended to, and Pumps fitted up and repaired. J. & J. O'BRIEN, Fredericton, May 17—1f

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