

ALVORD AGAIN.

He Visits Old Haunts and Steals Horses.

Was Near Tombstone. The Outlaw Returns Presumably to Recover Buried Treasure.

A sensation was created in Tombstone Wednesday when it became known that that section had been visited by no less distinguished personage than Burt Alvord, the much-wanted ex-constable, train-robber and jail-breaker.

According to reliable information received by the prospector, Alvord and a Yaqui Indian were at the Warren ranch in Sulphur Spring Valley, near Pearce, on Sunday. This ranch is the one formerly owned by Alvord. The only occupant of the ranch at the time of the visitation of the outlaw was Frank Swink. Alvord demanded supper, saying he was hungry and he and the Yaqui Indian enjoyed a hearty meal. A little later the two left, warning Swink not to leave the place or divulge their whereabouts. The two returned the next evening and after eating another supper, prepared to remain all night, Alvord meanwhile chatting about the experiences and how he evaded the officers.

Alvord and his companion were to leave that night, hence retired early and at a late hour the two left the house. Swink was told to remain in the house and presuming the two visitors might still be in the neighborhood, he obeyed orders. On the morning Swink discovered that the two men who had been the recipients of his hospitality showed their ingratitude by taking five horses from the ranch—two of the horses being fine animals belonging to Swink. The latter mourns the loss of his two pet horses to such a degree he vowed vengeance against the outlaw and hastened to Pearce, gave the news and joined a posse to follow the trail. Sheriff Del Lewis immediately arranged for a scouring of the country and with posse headed by himself started from Tombstone without delay.

The sheriff and posse arrived in Tombstone Wednesday night, took a brief rest and were again on the trail early next morning. The trail was plainly followed, the tracks leading direct across the country from the Dragoons and passing just below Tombstone near the hospital where the tracks are plainly discernable. The sheriff was obliged to remain here on important official business, but joins the party later, if necessary, while the rest of the posse including Swink, pressed forward. Deputy Porter McDonald is also out heading another posse and it is hoped Alvord will be headed off before he crosses the border.

The object of Alvord's visit is believed to secure the varied spoils of the hold-up near his former ranch, which was the rendezvous of the band at that time. It has always been suspected that considerable hold-up money was buried here by Alvord and his visit there at this time lends color to the theory.

The Andrews opera company presented "Carmen" at the opera house on Saturday evening last, and on Sunday evening "Mikado." The company did not arrive until 8 o'clock on a special, but the curtain was raised at 9 o'clock. The company was well received, and is the best opera ever head in Bisbee. From here the company went to Tucson and Phenix and played to crowded houses in both places.

Several cases from Anita Romero's den occupied the attention of Justice Williams' court yesterday and today. The county collects a few dollars license from this place and pays out hundreds in justice and constable fees in an effort to preserve the peace and quietude of the neighborhood. A poor investment on the part of the county.

Ground was broken this week for the new gymnasium building. With the completion of the gymnasium, the new hotel, and later the new Presbyterian church, school hall will present a different appearance. Good substantial buildings are the rule in Bisbee these days.

A big custom smelter either at Douglas or Naco would be a paying proposition from the start. We understand that such an enterprise is under consideration by capitalists abundantly able to carry out the project.

Attendance at school is very light, owing to the prevalence of small pox. There are only two cases at present and they have been isolated. The doctors do not think the closing of school necessary.

R. C. Jones of the Fair, has been under the weather for several days.

SKIPPED THE COUNTRY

C. C. Harwell, a Sub-Contractor for Robinson & Toohey

Loads His Wagon With Supplies and Takes French Leave—Supplies Recovered at Camp No. 3.

Mr. Robinson, of the firm of Robinson & Toohey, was in Bisbee on Wednesday consulting with Allen R. English, of Tombstone, in reference to the proper legal proceedings to be taken in order to retain possession of supplies, etc., which he had intercepted near the line of New Mexico, and which had been furnished to one C. C. Harwell for his use in carrying out a sub-contract on the line of the South Western railroad.

It is customary for Robinson & Toohey to furnish their sub-contractors with all their supplies, including all kinds of merchandise, plows, scrapers, etc. Mr. Harwell had been awarded a large contract and required supplies and material amounting to nearly fifteen hundred dollars. Harwell loaded his supplies at the store of the commissary on Thursday last and started for the section of ground awarded him in his contract.

Instead of stopping at the designated place he set his face towards the rising sun and started for New Mexico with merchandise and supplies that would last him for some months. Word was soon brought to Mr. Robinson that Harwell had thrown up his job and was making tracks for New Mexico as fast as six horses could pull a Studebaker wagon. Mr. Robinson secured the services of deputy sheriff Al. Strickland and overtook the wagon near Camp No. 3, about nine miles from the New Mexico line.

Harwell cut loose one of his work teams and escaped across the line. Deputy Sheriff Strickland unhitched a buggy animal and gave pursuit, but without success. The buggy horse could not travel in the rocks and Harwell made good his escape.

Flagstaff had a jail break on Sunday. Four prisoners escaped. They were Dan Foley, John Dehan, Fred Gotte, Ed. Smith.

The best base ball game of the season is promised for St. Patrick's day. Read the challenge in another column.

A telephone message from Naco just as we go to press says the Naco base ball club would like a game with the Copper Queen store nine at Naco on St. Patrick's day. All communications should be addressed to Geo. Reay as manager.

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