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HOW THE TRAIN ROBBERS WERE BAFFLED.

[Written for the NEWS by David Weshler.]

In the summer of 1901 the plot of a gang of train robbers to wreck the Overland express near Truckee, California, was frustrated in a most miraculous manner. There were three of the bandits and their plans had been carefully made. One of the gang was to rush into the signal tower just as the train came in sight, and quickly throw the switch in such a direction as to send the express crashing into some empty freight cars that stood on the siding near the tower house. This done, it would be comparatively easy for the other of two to rifle the baggage car and rob the passengers. Though their chief motive was robbery, the bandits were also actuated by a desire for revenge, for not long before this plot to wreck the train had been formed, all three men had been discharged from the railroad company.

As it happened the switchman on duty at the tower house exhausted by his long vigil, had fallen into a sound sleep, from which he was suddenly awakened by the sound of a footstep on the little platform just outside the door. Not suspecting any danger, however, but supposing the noise to have been made by some trackwalker, he remained calmly seated in his chair. Imagine his astonishment when the next moment the door was thrown open and he found himself looking into the dark blue barrel of a Colt's revolver. A plucky westerner, however, as he was, he did not intend to submit without a struggle. He had seen much of life on the plains and had learned in his varied experience not only the importance of getting "the drop" on one's antagonist, but also the trick of shooting from one's pocket. This skill he now brought into play, aiming as near as possible to the man's heart. The bullet went to one side, however, wounding the robber in the hand and causing him to drop his revolver. Quick as a flash the wounded man, uttering a cry of pain, sprang to recover his weapon; and the next moment the switchman fell dead with a bullet through his brain.

Meanwhile the other desperadoes were standing by the track with their revolvers drawn in readiness to carry out the plot. The train was rapidly approaching. It was behind time and flying along the rate of about sixty miles an hour in a desperate attempt to catch up to its schedule. On its sped straight to where the robbers were waiting; the switch was suddenly thrown over, but to the astonishment of the robbers the express instead of running off on the siding, went thundering past them down the main track.

With shouts of rage the desperadoes rushed to the tower house and dashed up the steps to the switch room. The first sight that met their gaze was the figure of the poor switchman who sat lifeless in his chair. At the switch bars stood their comrade, with mouth agape and staring eyes. He hardly could speak and it was some minutes in fact before he gave a coherent account of what happened. As the express came in sight he had rushed to the switch bars and reversed the lever which the switchman had set, but as it proved the switchman had neglected to set the switch properly and accordingly the robber in reversing the lever had saved the train.

THE "OYSTER."

Prize Essay by Miss Gertie Kramer, of Rock Hall, Md.

The oyster business of this State is one of its most important industries, giving employment to thousands of its citizens and having millions of dollars invested in it. While the opinion is rapidly spreading that our oyster beds are in imminent danger of exhaustion, there are many old oystermen who hold that this is untrue, and the beds are as rich as ever.

The oyster shell consists of two unequal and somewhat irregularly shaped valves, being held together by structure, and the hinge is without tooth or ridge, the valves being held together by a ligament lodged in a small cavity. It has no foot, and, except when very young, ...o power of locomotion or organ of any ...d adapted to that purpose. The gills ...een in four rows, when the valves ... shell are separated a little within ...nged edge of the mantle.

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usually found in abundance, and in these places the residents suppose their beds are inexhaustible, until they suddenly find they are exhausted. While the reason for this is perfectly clear and simple the greatest ignorance upon this point exists in the minds of our people. The oysters are known to be enormously prolific, a single one giving birth to many millions in one season.

Upon the piles of shells which are thrown out from the packing houses great number of young shells are found. They are dead, and are too small to be of any use their destruction is a clear loss to our people. It is impossible to prevent this occassionally, because the young are fastened to the old oysters and cannot be removed without destroying them.

The young oysters are carried great distances by tides and currents. In a favorable year a floating plank will be found to become covered with small oysters. The fact that the young may be collected in this way leads us to think they must settle on a solid surface.

The aim of the culling law is twofold; first to preserve the young. second to compel the returns of the dead shells to the beds. It has taken our people over two hundred years to discover that we can not afford to destroy oyster shells. We can hardly expect them to perceive that clear, empty shells are valuable.

Oyster planting is the placing of small or seed oysters upon bottoms of the bay which are favorable for their growth. Planting also adds greatly to their value, as they are of better quality.

At present no spat collectors seem to be better adapted for use in our waters than oyster shells, and are the cheapest we can use. In order to serve for this purpose the shell must be perfectly clean and as the old dead shells which have lain for a long time upon the oyster beds are torn to pieces by the tides and covered with seaweeds, slime and mud are less effective than those placed in the waters just before the spawning season. Shells should be deposited in early summer, June, July and August.

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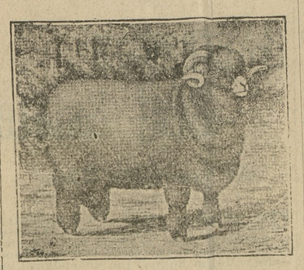

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