

# JURY PROBES KICKING

## Burglars Hunted in Looting of 2 Stores

Burglars who looted three downtown stores of groceries valued at \$1.27, are sought today by police.

Entering through unlocked rear doors last night the marauders took a tin of beans valued at 39 cents from the

Pure White Market on west Maple avenue; a piece of pork valued at 40 cents from the Eatwell store on Woodward avenue and cans of fruit from the Sweet Sweet shop valued at 44 cents.

No clues were obtained by police because there are no police.

John Doe, 141 South street, reported at the Four Corners today he heard laughing at 10 p. m. last night in the rear of one of the stores. Doe was on his way to a physician's home in search of something for insomnia at the time.

"I had tossed about in bed all

night and when it came 10 o'clock it got too much for me," he told the mob at the Corners. "I started to investigate when I heard the laughter in the rear of the Eatwell store but suddenly I became sleepy so I hurried back home and to bed. I remained asleep the rest of the night and believe the laughter drugged me."

The Corner Mob discredits his story that he was drugged and some of the members of the Mob told their wives Doe could tell more about the robberies if he were so minded.

## Farmer Keeps Silent On Tilt With Hoss

A one man grand jury investigation was ordered today into the alleged kicking of John Pink, Troy farmer, by his horse, "Nick."

Pink exhibited a scar two inches above his ankle but disclaims it was inflicted by his "hoss."

"That little hoss never would kick anybody," he said. He refused to account for the scar which is of recent origin.

Sheriff Joe Hoe discredits Pink's story, declaring he has evidence he will produce before the grand jury showing that the horse did the kicking.

"There are too many of these here now racketeers in the county and they must go. This hoss is one of the kind. We call them parasites. If you don't feed them enough they kick you and we want to know what the trouble was all about. You can tell the people I always want to know what all the trouble is about."

### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

If the method of news presentation and advertisement writing in 1881 were the same as they are today this is the kind of front page The Eccentric would have had at that time. The stories on this page have facts as their basis. They are merely "jazzed-up" to date from their original presentation in the early days. Names, for obvious reasons, are fictitious.

## POLICE HUNT THIEF OF 50-FT. LADDER; DISTRICT COMBED

Police aid was sought today by I. Hamlet, Shakesperian actor, in the recovery of a ladder loaned to a neighbor late last week. The name of the neighbor is not known.

(When we say "police" we mean the sheriff, because there are no police.)

## Creek, River, Lake, Ocean Dragged for Lost Girl

Pretty Lena Glue was sought today by relatives who feared she was kidnaped from her home at 111 First street.

Lena, who is 18 years old and a graduate of the Academy, left home last evening with an alleged gentleman to buy popcorn and failed to return, her mother said.

Then the mother fainted. Lena told relatives earlier in the day she was tired of living at home and wanted to go to Detroit to work in a feed store.

No clue to the identity of the alleged gentleman could be furnished by John Glue, father of the girl. He also fainted.

Well known in Birmingham as the leader of the fall prom in the National House, the popular girl is sought by the entire village. John Ox, mayor, declared he hoped the girl was safe.

"I hope she is safe," he said. Joseph Zull, manufacturer of blanket pins, told The Eccentric today he hoped she had not gone into the movies.

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Sheriff Joe Hoe said he and his men would not leave a stone unturned until they found the girl's body. He scoffed at the theory she had gone in to the movies, pointing out there are no movies.

"Me and my men will not leave a stone unturned until we find her body," he said. "I scoff at the theory she has gone into the movies and I point out there are no movies," he said.

When last seen she was dressed in a dress, shoes and stockings and wore a hat. "Some say her hair was black."

Mrs. Sadie Mud, sister of Lena, said she is at the home of an aunt

## ARRESTS THREATENED IN POST CARD PRACTICE

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### JIAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Eccentric today is three years old. Quite a fellow at that. It is well and wishes you well. How are you.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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## HUGE INDUSTRY PLANNED FOR SOUTHFIELD

John Blah, Southfield Township farmer, today announced plans for the construction of a large barn to house two horses and 10 tons of hay on his property on the Berg road. Work is to start on the mammoth building within the week, he said, and the total construction will cost approximately \$100.

With an exterior of red beach wood, the structure is expected to offer a magnificent prospective. It will be one large-story high with a loft, he said.

"I believe in the future of Southfield and although I realize I am building for the future more than for today, it is because I have faith in that future," he said.

Part of the barn will be rented and Blah will use the remainder for storing his own wares, he declared.

page that our birthday would be a much happier one if they would bring around a few potatoes in payment of their bills," he said. "You might also add that I could use a slab of bacon from a certain family at the north whose larder is filled but who have neglected to pay for the paper for two years."

Postal authorities today issued a warning against the practice of writing more than the address on the blank side of a post card and threatened to throw cards which do not comply with this rule from the mails.

"A law is a law and we are here to see that laws are enforced," said Postal Inspector John Blank, who visited Birmingham after receiving many complaints from postal authorities here.

Many well known Birmingham persons have been in the habit of writing on both sides of the card, Blank charged. "If they think they can get away with this sort of violation, they have another guess coming," he said.

Blank declared there is no sense to the law but that he will enforce it anyway.

"The reason for it, so far as I can see is to make persons buy more cards," he said. "If they think they can say their full say on one card they will make that do in the place of more. I don't mean to charge Birmingham residents with being too frugal because the trick is practiced in every community. But it has to stop."

Blank intimated he would remain in the village for an indefinite stay to see that the cards are consigned to the waste basket.

Everybody is floating. Plenty of rain this spring causes a big kick for better drainages from cellar owners who are wet.

Nicholas II has decreed religious freedom in Russia. Next thing you know the Czar will be running on a reform ticket.

### GOT ANY RAGS TO SELL?

"Stilly question, isn't it? But not so silly if you have things to sell whether it is a broken bottle or last year's dust cloth.

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