

AN IMPORTANT HAUL

Officers Capture Five Alleged Burglars and Recover Some Stolen Goods.

Late last Friday night Doug Armstrong reported to night policeman Malaby that two suspicious looking characters had approached him near the R. R. bridge and had tried to sell him a pair of trousers. The actions of the men led Mr. Armstrong to believe them crooked and Mr. Malaby formed the same opinion and at once communicated with Sheriff Adams and Under Sheriff Mohn and the three set out after the suspects whom they found crossing the railroad bridge. The two men were arrested after some resistance and brought back to town and landed in jail. One of the prisoners appeared especially restless and was seen to make a pass as though throwing something away just at the end of the bridge. When opposite the Rio Grande depot he again thrust his hand into his pocket and very deftly hurled something into the street.

The next morning Sheriff Adams after some search at these two points found a large assortment of skeleton keys and burglars' files, also a .41 calibre Colt's revolver and twenty-nine silk handkerchiefs.

Saturday Marshal Weidenhammer noticed suspicious looking characters entering the Cantrell or Baer rooming house and recognized among them a fellow whom he had found begging on the streets. This place was raided by the officers and three men arrested who gave their names as Frank Edwards, Frank D. Ryan and Edward J. Kelly. Kelly claims, and his story is corroborated by Edwards and Ryan, that he just came to town the evening prior and only joined the others for the purpose of securing a night's lodging.

After the arrest of these men the rooms were searched and the officers were rewarded by finding several suits of clothes, extra pairs of pants and a quantity of overshoes. Much of the clothing still contained the name tags and cost marks of B. T. Napier & Co. and Mr. Napier identified goods as stock from his store. It is believed that the two men first arrested, who gave their names as James R. Levere and Frank Mitchell and Ryan and Edwards are members of an organized gang of burglars who have been operating in Glenwood, New Castle and neighboring localities.

Recently the stores of Ritter & McRae and H. R. Kamm & Co. have been broken into and large quantities of goods taken and unless the recent arrests in Glenwood furnish a clew to the guilty parties, none has yet been found. In the district court last Monday the five men were arraigned and upon a plea of not guilty were placed under bonds of \$1,000 each to appear for trial on March 10. In default of bonds they will spend the interim in the county's strong box presided over by Sheriff Adams.

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