



EDWARD O'DWYER, LIEUTENANT.

Lieutenant Edward O'Dwyer has been a member of the police department of Toledo for nearly thirty years. He was born in Ireland, in 1840, and when five years of age he came to the United States with his parents. He lived in Washington County, New York, till in 1852, when he came to Providence, Lucas County, with his father's family. In 1863 he came to the city of Toledo to reside permanently. He was appointed on the police force in 1871. Sergeant Horan was then acting as captain, and there were only nineteen men on the force. In 1874, Mr. O'Dwyer was appointed roundsman, was made sergeant in 1879, in the spring of 1881 he was appointed lieutenant, and had charge of the department for some six weeks till E. E. Morse was appointed chief. He was appointed chief in 1885, upon the resignation of Chief Purdy. Chief O'Dwyer was transferred from the position of chief in the spring of 1892, to that of lieutenant. He has held the position ever since.

Lieutenant O'Dwyer is the last of the old guard who composed the force in 1871, and has been, in continuous police service longer than any member of the department. He was quick to learn

police affairs, knows them thoroughly, grasps a situation as if by intuition, and makes few mistakes. He has always been noted for his bluff honesty, is well understood by the men under him, and always has had the confidence and respect of his superior officers. He has maintained an enviable reputation as a police officer, under both democratic and republican administrations.

Lieutenant O'Dwyer has had a varied career. When on active patrol duty he was fearless, and he carries the scars of more than one desperate encounter. When a sergeant, he led his men when emergencies arose, as they frequently did, and as an executive officer of the department his record shows cool judgment and the faculty of doing the right thing at the right time.

Lieutenant O'Dwyer is a member of Toledo Lodge No. 53, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has always been prominently concerned in all movements for the good and welfare of the city, and no man in Toledo is more esteemed for sterling qualities of character and faithful and steadfast performance of duty than Lieutenant Edward O'Dwyer.

HALLOWE'EN PRANKS

Few Reports of Serious Depredations and Police Made No Arrests.

Notwithstanding the fact that last night was Hallowe'en, there were few reports of any serious depredations made at police headquarters last night and none of the patrolmen had occasion to make any arrests among the ranks of the frisky youngsters whose greatest delight is to turn the world upside down on this of all nights.

True there were many complaints made by telephone to Lieutenant O'Dwyer concerning the presence of "bad gangs" of boys in all sections of the city, but when the police arrived the sprightly little fellows had ducked out of the way, being more difficult to locate by far than the traditional Irishman's flea.

A man living at 837 Broadway reported that his wagon had been taken by some of the boys to City park and hoisted up in a tree. That was the biggest job reported, although many gates will be found missing this morning, some walks torn up and here and there a window broken for occasionally the mischief-makers overstepped the bounds of propriety and the rights of others.

One lady reported the loss of a rocking chair and inquired of Lieutenant O'Dwyer if the boys had a right to take it. She was informed that certainly the intruders had no right to take it but as long as it was gone but little could be done last night in the way of locating it.

The warning given the small boys through the papers by Chief Knapp seems to have had a rather beneficial effect and the fact that a number of the regular patrolmen were in plain clothes also had a tendency to subdue some of the more exuberant spirits, as the average youth has a wholesome dread of going to the police station.

THOUGHT THIEVES WERE AFTER HIM

FRED GILMAN'S REVOLVER WAS
TAKEN AWAY FROM
HIM.

Lieutenant O'Dwyer was "bothered to death" last night by Fred Gilman, of 220 Berg street, who phoned to police headquarters a number of times saying that robbers were trying to get into his house. Detectives Howard and Carl were first sent out, next the wagon went out, and lastly Sergeant Flanagan.

The sergeant found the place near Swan creek and City Park avenue, and reports that Gilman had been drinking and imagined that robbers were trying to get at him. Gilman, he says, had fired several shots through a window at the imaginary burglars and to prevent him doing any damage he took his revolver away and left him to dream his troubles out by himself.

ROBBED IN WINE ROOM

TRAVELING MAN TOUCHED FOR
THIRTY DOLLARS BY TWO
WOMEN.

A travelling man reported to Lieutenant O'Dwyer last night that he had been robbed of \$30 by two women he met on Summit street near Adams. The robbery was committed in a nearby winerom. The name of the traveling man was not learned.

DETECTIVES HAVE A RUNNING FIGHT

Men Who Tried to Liberate Man in Monroe Jail Slip Through Hands of Toledo Officers.

Had intended to Release Harry Smith and Spirit Him Away from Mon- roe Officials.

Detectives Howard, Carl, Welsh and Delehaunty had a running fight with three men at Dead Man's crossing, corner of Detroit avenue and Lagrange street, at 4 o'clock this morning. The men had attempted to break into the jail at Monroe, Mich., at 2 a. m. to free Harry Smith, a prisoner, and were headed towards Toledo.

The attempt to effect a jail delivery was frustrated by Sheriff Dull, who notified the Toledo police that the men were headed this way. The detectives were ordered out to Dead Man's crossing by Lieutenant O'Dwyer to head them off. Another quartet was sent out back of Forest cemetery to guard that way in.

The description given the Toledo authorities had the men driving a gray horse, which was a mistake, frost on the horse's body making the animal appear white in the darkness. Instead it was a bay horse and had been hired from Straight's livery, on St. Clair street.

The rig came along at 4 o'clock and was observed by the detectives, who were hiding alongside the road. At first they thought it was the sheriff, as the horse was a bay, but jumped into the road with drawn revolvers. Delehaunty was quicker than the rest and got into the road ahead of the rig, the others falling behind. Delehaunty saw that it was not Sheriff Dull's rig and commanded the men to stop. They slowed up a little and just as Delehaunty reached out to take the horse by the head the animal reared in the air. He jumped out of the way and as the rig shot by he fired three shots at the occupants.

The detectives followed the rig in to West Toledo, where they found it abandoned on Phillips avenue. In the rig they found a telescope containing a suit of clothes of Detroit make. They were evidently intended for the prisoner. It is supposed that the men boarded an electric car at West Toledo for Adrian, Mich.

Sheriff Dull is of the opinion that the men intended to break into the jail, hold him up and free Harry Smith, who escaped from the jail over three years ago. He is charged with a burglary at Dundee and was rearrested here last August, at which time he made a strong fight against extradition.

Shortly after being returned to Monroe Smith sawed his way out again, but was caught in the arms of County Clerk Betz when he jumped from the window. Since then extra precautions have been taken in his case.

About 2 o'clock this morning Sheriff Dull was awakened by the barking of his dog. Together with Turnkey Corl, he investigated and fired eight shots at the men. The turnkey also used his gun and fired three shots. When discovered they had sawed off the wooden bar to the entrance of the jail by boring holes in the door and using a key saw.

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COP CONFESSES TO 494 KILLINGS

In a signed statement submitted to Acting Chief of Police O'Dwyer on Tuesday morning, Patrolman John Schroeder, one of the oldest members of the force, confessed to having taken 494 lives during the year 1909.

"Guess that's going some. Some days I shot them down right and left and once I killed six big fellows in less than an hour," he said.

Schroeder was talking about dogs, of course, for he is the chief "bow-wow executioner" of the police department. The death rate in Toledo's dogdom increased over 50 per cent in 1909 over the preceding year.

The largest number of canines exterminated in any one month was 80, during June, and the smallest 33, this being the number shot in February, August and November.

