

Fact or fiction? Chief catches big bunch of domino gallopers in car

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Loud and strange noises coming from within a box car near the Burlington depot here Sunday caused the downfall of seven young men when Brooks Mason, chief of police, swooped down on the car and caught the young offenders in the act of shooting craps for real money which was found lying on the floor of the car.

The game was first called to the attention of the chief when L.R. Barbour noticed a score of the followers of the popular "winter sport" enter the car and not seeing them come out again, shouldered his shot gun and went to investigate.

He went to the car door and peered in. He saw that the lads were shooting craps and reported their offense to the guardian of the law who was compelled to arise from his warm bed and go to the scene of the crime. He, with five or six citizens, swooped down on the car and arrested eight of the gamblers—the other 28 making their escape down the track.

Two of the young men have pleaded guilty to the offense charged them, but with the absence of Police Judge S.E. Brewer, who is visiting in Denver, they have not had final judgment passed on them and seem worried because the judge has been soaking the gamblers the limit in the past.

One of the prisoners said he wished he had been arrested an hour sooner, for he would have then been \$175 ahead of the game, he having lost that amount to one of the crowd.

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