

ST. MARTEN TRADING CO.

Opposite Sea-View

Has just received a beautiful assortment of children bikes, tricycles, scooters etc., as well as an Xmas assortment of candies. Fruitcakes, Plumpuddings, nuts, candied fruits etc., will arrive in a few days.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TURKEY EARLY

Fresh vegetables, fruits and frozen meats as usual.

Prop. J.P. Conner

---

L U X sweet soap, yours truly

---

Incredible as it may seem, Stanton refused.

Lincoln then sought out Eckert himself and tried to persuade him.

Eckert would not go.

His work, it seemed, could not be postponed - not even for the President of the United States.

So Lincoln was accompanied instead by a Major Rathbone who was stabbed by Booth as he tried to prevent the escape.

How came it that the murderer was able to reach the presidential box?

There was a police officer on guard named Charles F. Parker.

He was plainly guilty of a gross dereliction of duty.

The mystery is why he was ever appointed at all to guard the President.

His record in the police force was, to say the least, indifferent.

About a year after joining the force a police board found that he had shown a disposition to be insubordinate and that he had used "exceedingly violent and disrespectful" language.

On three later occasions he was brought before a police board.

The charges were dismissed, but it was clear that on one occasion he had visited a house of ill fame with no other excuse than that he was sent for by the keeper.

Not an inspiring record:

Yet this was the man chosen to guard the

President.

After the assassination Parker was, very naturally, charged with neglect of duty.

There are no records of the hearing before the police board. But, astonishing as it may seem, the charge was dismissed.

Parker was not even reprimanded.

Even more fantastic is Booth's escape from Washington.

After the assassination, orders went out from the War Department to close all roads leading from Washington so that any fugitive would certainly be intercepted.

There was only one road in respect of which no orders were issued.

This was the road leading due south which Booth was almost certain to take, as indeed he did.

He was able to ride away without any difficulty of impediment.

Various people helped Booth and Herold to escape.

One man provided them with a boat to cross the Potomac.

Another afforded them a shelter for several days.

---

D A N C O W : 1 Lbs makes 3 Ltr. of Milk

---

Yet neither they nor anyone else was prosecuted for giving aid and comfort to them.

Booth kept a diary. It was taken from his dead body by the officer in charge, one Colonel Baker.

The existence of the diary did not become generally known until two years later.

Then it was examined by the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives.

It appeared that 18 pages dealing with the period prior to Lincoln's assassination, had been cut out.

The trial of the conspirators was one of the strangest proceedings in recorded history.

It took place before a military court consisting of nine officers. The accused were eight in number, seven men and one woman.

At first they were held in chains and close confinement.

But later Edwin Stanton ordered that each prisoner should have a canvas bag put over his head and tied around the neck with a hole for proper breathing and eating but not seeing.

In this way the suspects were prevented from communicating with each other or with anybody else.