

Life of crime was once much simpler

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squads in different positions where they could have full view of the window the burglars were to enter the saloon."

That the waiters and watchers meant business is clear in the description of the stake-out. "These men, or the most of them, were armed with double-barreled shot guns."

In westerns, the good guys wear white hats. To distinguish Wiloughby from the other gang members, it was agreed that he would wear white pants, or "pantaloon," as the *Banner* described that particular part of his clothing.

Right on cue, the gang appeared, and three of them entered the saloon through the window. Wil-

oughby, who may have appointed himself as "lookout," merely got out of the way as soon as he could.

At this point in the account, it would be a good idea to pause long enough to mention the fact that folks in Tunnelton didn't "take kindly" to people making off with what didn't belong to them. And the legal nicety of the Miranda decision (of the U.S. Supreme Court) was 84 years in the future.

To explain the Tunnelton authorities' attitude more plainly, they didn't go to the crime scene with equipped with any handcuffs. Their strategy was to fire off a shot to flush the three burglars out of the saloon.

Continued the newspaper account, "... and in a moment all three were out of the house (saloon). No sooner were they out than they were greeted with a deadly

volley from the shotguns, which killed Whitted almost instantly, and mortally wounded Bond. Wilson was not so badly wounded, ran, but a wall-aimed bullet brought him to the ground, and it is said one individual placed a gun to his head and blew a fearful hole in it."

One of the three, Bond, was only 16 years old. All of the gang were armed with revolvers.

Concluded the *Banner Progress*, "It is to be hoped this dreadful and bloody affair will have the effect of putting a stop to the robbing and thieving that has been going on in the county for a long time."

NOTICE

The coupon in the Kroger Pharmacy portion of Kroger's ad in the Friday, Aug. 25, 1989 edition of the Herald-Times was incorrect.