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U. S. PRISONERS BROKE JAIL

TWO POSTOFFICE ROBBERS GO THROUGH THE ROOF TO LIBERTY.

CRIPPLE CLIMBED POLE

Robert Sullivan, the Cripple, Was Held for Robbery of the Willow River, Minn., Postoffice, and Clem Hanney Was Charged With a Similar Crime at Hoopville, Ia.

Robert Sullivan, 47 years old, and Clem Hanney, 28 years old, escaped from the county jail last night by knocking a hole in the ceiling with a pole used in opening and closing the windows and climbing onto the roof.

The prisoners were locked in the "bull pen," a room on top of the cells, and by some means procured the window pole. They spread their bedding on the floor under the hole to deaden the sound of the falling plaster.

The mystery that baffles the jail keeper is how Sullivan, who was a helpless cripple, could have climbed the pole. It was thought that Hanney climbed from the roof to the ground with Sullivan on his shoulders.

The two were being held for trial in the federal court for robbing postoffices.

Sullivan is charged with robbing a postoffice at Willow River, Minn., and Hanney, it is charged, broke into the postoffice at Hopeville, Iowa. They were received at the jail November 23d and 29th respectively.