

outside; the display this morning was unusually meagre both in quantity and variety.

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JUVENILE VAGABONDS.—We yesterday mentioned the arrest of five boys who have been committing petty thefts for some days past. To-day, they were brought before the Police Court, and each made a full confession, under oath, of his guilt. The oldest of the party is about 16 years of age, and about three weeks ago, was discharged from the County Jail, after having served a term of imprisonment for petit larceny. He appears to have been the ringleader, and to have led the other boys into the business. Their plan of operations was to engage rooms in a hotel, and in the morning, when the house was quiet, to go on a foraging expedition, stealing anything from the rooms that they could carry off without being observed. The Chicago, American Exchange and International Hotels, Rock House and numerous lodging houses, were made to suffer by these youthful guerrillas, and about a cart-load of stolen goods were recovered by means of the information elicited from them. Most of the lads have parents residing here, but ran away from home to follow the advice and instruction of their leader, who appears to be an unmitigated young rascal. One of the little fellows says that he heard that the big boy was "good on the nip," and he made his acquaintance for that reason. It is doubtful if any thieves ever did a more driving business than these young fellows, for all of their plunder has been stolen since last Saturday night. They call themselves the "Hoodlum Band," and unless their thieving propensities are nipped in the bud, the reputation of Orliniski will fade before that of a "Hoodlum." The worst feature of the case is that the boys were encouraged to steal by an old "Fagan," who purchased whatever they brought him, and promised them that the police should never get any information from his place. This man will be prosecuted immediately. Among other exploits of the "Hoodlums" was the stealing of a lot of keys from the pockets of a clerk in an office on Montgomery street, to enter the office and unlock and rob the safe of \$2 in silver.

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