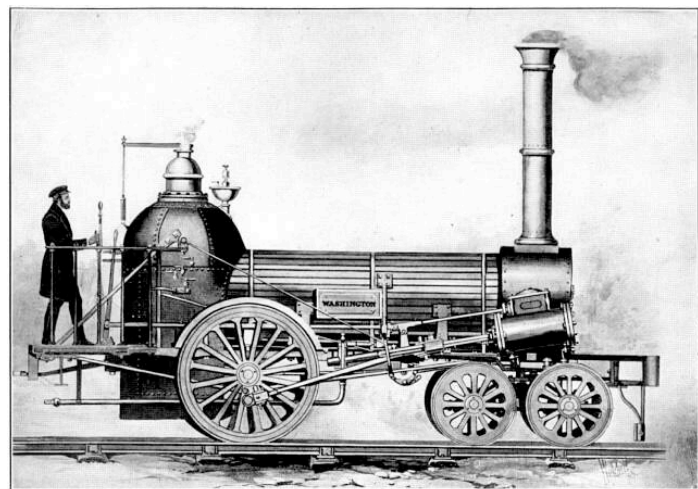


sand was strewn on the spot and the engine proceeded. She regularly and steadily gained speed as she advanced to the very top, passing over the plane in 2 minutes [and] 24 seconds. ... So complete a triumph had never been obtained. All present expressed their gratification in loud and repeated cheers.

"The length of the plane is 2,800 feet; the grade 369 feet to the mile, or 1 foot rise in 14.3 feet. The weight of the engine with water was 14,930 pounds; the load drawn up the plane, including the tender with coal and water, two passenger cars with 53 passengers, was 31,270 pounds.

"The party [then] proceeded to Paoli for breakfast and thence to Lancaster, the engine conveying at the same time a number of freight cars. ... We arrived at Lancaster and partook of an excellent dinner. ... We returned in an eight-wheeled car, ... the whole weight attached to the engine, tender and so forth included, must have been over fourteen tons. The time of the run, exclusive of stoppage, from Lancaster to the head of the Schuylkill inclined plane, was 8 hours, 11 minutes, being a distance of 76 miles. On level and straight portions of the road a velocity of forty-seven miles an hour was attained."

1 Charles Frederick Carter, *When Railroads Were New*. (New York: Henry Holt & Company, 1909), pp. 128–32.



THE "WASHINGTON,"

Norris' famous engine which, in 1836, created a tremendous sensation by showing that locomotives could run up grade.

This account was accompanied by a certificate signed by fifty-three passengers attesting the fact that they had actually been drawn up the inclined plane as described.¹

— Roger D. Thorne

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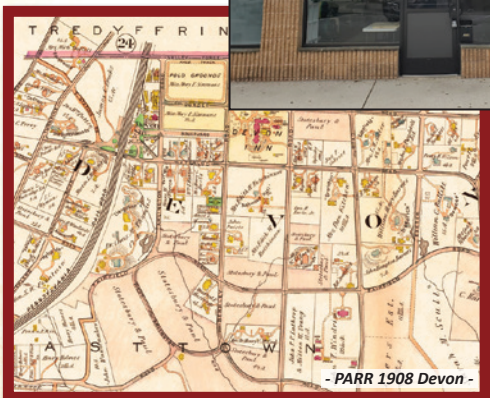
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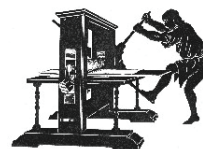


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At this writing, no witness has come forward, according to police, but it is supposed that the pair, identified as Ernest Eadeh and Keith Martin, both of Reeseville, bribed the horse with treats for which the gullible creature was known to have a weakness.

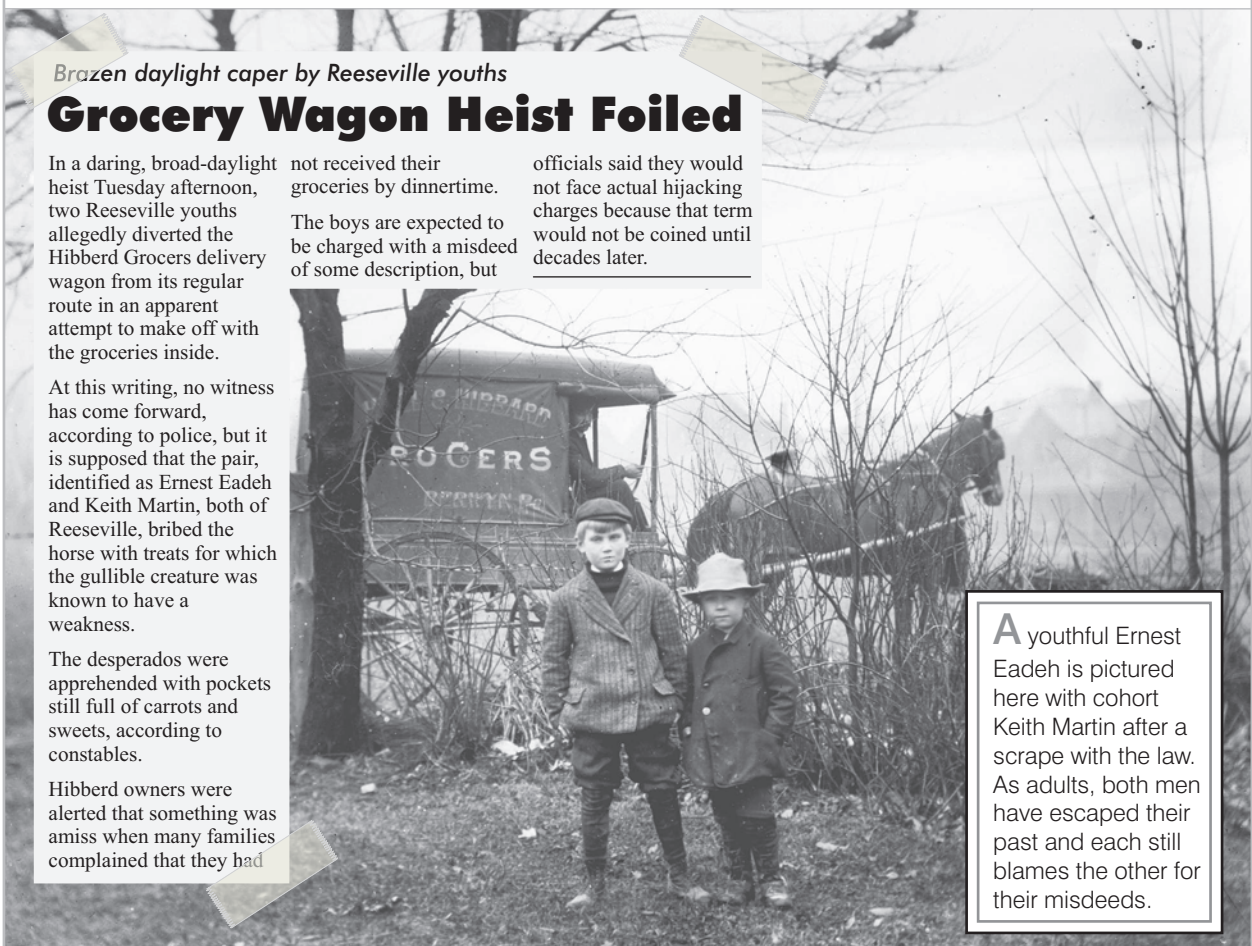
The desperados were apprehended with pockets still full of carrots and sweets, according to constables.

Hibberd owners were alerted that something was amiss when many families complained that they had

not received their groceries by dinnertime.

The boys are expected to be charged with a misdeed of some description, but

officials said they would not face actual hijacking charges because that term would not be coined until decades later.



A youthful Ernest Eadeh is pictured here with cohort Keith Martin after a scrape with the law. As adults, both men have escaped their past and each still blames the other for their misdeeds.

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