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ARCHIE LYONS CHOSE RAMBLING IN WOODS THAN WORK

Sheriff Carlisle has a prisoner in jail by the name of Archie Lyons who was caught some three miles of Lexington where he had been living in the woods, eating such as nature presented him, with occasionally going to some house, asking for something to eat. His capture resulted in his going to some few houses and when finding no one at home he went in and helped himself to whatever he could find to eat, but seemed to bother nothing else. The man had to be run down and when he finally reached where there was no escape he surrendered without any trouble whatever. When questioned why he chose leading a life of that kind, he told the Sheriff that he had been told he did not have to work and if he wanted to he could live that kind of a life. Being a white man, his past history is somewhat of a mystery. He says his home is in Arkansas and that he arrived in Texas from California being brought here by a couple of officers who left him at San Antonio, after giving him a ticket to his home town. In his wandering around in San Antonio he lost his ticket and left there on foot. He landed near Lexington where he had been seen for some few weeks, but not much attention was paid until his wanderings became more suspicious by his being poorly clad and not wanting anyone to get near him, and finally houses were found to have been entered. His memory is somewhat vague and at times he talks with very good control of himself, and then you ask him questions he has various ways of getting around answering such. His case is one to be pitied and the officers are endeavoring to learn more of him and his condition which led up to his peculiar manner of living. He is thinly clad and what few clothes he did have on showed signs of him having rolled to near the fire at times when his clothing were more or less consumed in the flames. It is a case to be pitied more than punished to say the least.