

TRAMPS

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Officer Huffman again fired some tramps out of the city limits with a warning not to venture in again on pain of arrest. There were nine of them and some of the gang were the same ones who had been put out a day or two before. The police force is very diligent in their effort# to keep these annoying vagrants away, and yet it is almost impossible to do it. And the main difficulty is the absence of a stone pile. We hail such an institution here once, and although not very strictly worked it was tine thing. But the county commissioners, bad luck to them, have let it run down until an arrest and a heavy line in Montgomery county no longer has any terror for the man who tramps. Why? Simply because it means nothing more than a warm comfortable lodging place for a week or two with three square meals a day all at the expense of the tax payors of Crawfordsville and Montgomery county. But put a stole pile in the jail yard and all is different. What the average tramp most despises is work, and to avoid days of labor on the stone pile he would gladly give Crawfordsville a wide. Again we say "Resurrect the stone pile!! Source: Crawfordsville Daily Journal 5 Feb 1892 Nine tramps were caught in a freight car on the Big Four this morning and given 5 minutes to leave town. The jail is empty at present, although several tramps are lodged there nightly.