

The John Rohn Mystery.

Case of a Man Who Disappeared Two Years Ago.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of John Rohn, of West Keating township, Clinton county, about ten miles below Karthaus, has never been solved and is to-day a smudge a mystery as ever.

John Rohn was a prosperous lumberman and farmer who lived among the half-breeds of West Keating township all of his life. He amassed considerable property and was a large employer of labor. April 6th, 1899, the neighborhood was informed by Rohn's family that he had disappeared from home and no good reason for the same was advanced. The last seen of him by anyone who talks to-day was on April 5th, when Dave Gaines, who was building a fence on the farm, says Rohn came to where he was working and said his son John would pay him for his labor at noon, at which time Gaines went to finish his job. Rohn was then, according to Gaines, going to the woods to burn pasture.

The family corroborate the Gaines story, but add nothing to it concerning any of the happenings about home that morning. Terry Jones, a respected white citizen of the neighborhood, whose word is good among the people, saw Rohn sitting on his porch at 10 o'clock April 5th, about an hour before Dave Gaines says he came to him on his way to the woods.

Aside from these two statements the public has never had any evidence regarding John Rohn's actions on April 5th or subsequently. During the following weeks that entire country was covered by a small army of searchers without the least possible clue being obtained. Everybody acquainted with the family had a theory, except the members of the family themselves, that is the family of his third wife. They would never talk.

At the time of his disappearance John Rohn had a large amount of money on his person. He had five or six thousand dollars in a Look Haven bank and considerable negotiable paper. Of the latter there was a voucher given him by the Pennsylvania railroad for ties, something over one hundred dollars. This voucher was in Rohn's possession some days before he disappeared. Afterward it was presented at a Clearfield bank by a friend of the family, but was payment refused. The family say it was found in the Bible after Rohn disappeared, and was given to the party who presented it for a debt owed him.

Detectives from all parts of the country have worked on the case, but it seems the first to go upon the ground were amateurs and so bungled things that all those who might have thrown light on the case "tumbled" and "tumbled lips" were met with among the natives when good men came upon the ground later. John Rohn was probably worth \$50,000 when he suddenly dropped out of the world. The oldest son of his third wife is now managing the estate.—Clearfield Republican.

Burned At the Stake.

Alabama Whites and Blacks Put Assailant to Death—The Negro Confessed Crime.

John Wesley Pennington, a negro, was hanged at the stake at Enterprise, Ala., by a crowd of five hundred residents of Coffee county on Wednesday morning. The mob was composed of both whites and blacks, and although the suffering man pleaded for mercy and frantically endeavored to break the chains that bound him, not once was a move made to lessen his tortures. Pennington had assaulted Mrs. J. C. Davis, wife of a farmer of Coffee county. He confessed his guilt when arrested, and the citizens took the law in their own hands.

Pennington attacked Mrs. Davis Wednesday afternoon while she was gathering vegetables in her garden. He choked the woman into insensibility, and afterward fled through the woods nearby. As soon as she regained her senses, Mrs. Davis crawled to the house and told her husband what had happened. A posse was organized, and they chased the negro with bloodhounds until Wednesday morning, when he was captured in a swamp. He was bound hand and foot and taken to the Davis home for identification. News of the assault of Mrs. Davis spread for miles around Enterprise, and almost every farmer in the neighborhood joined in the pursuit. When the posse arrived with Pennington at least five hundred persons were gathered near the Davis residence. A great shout went up when the prisoner appeared, but as a signal the men withdrew to the woods and quietly awaited the results of the meeting of Pennington and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Davis recognized him as her assailant, and the negro broke down and wept. He admitted being the culprit, and pleaded for mercy, but he was dragged from the house to the woods where the crowd had gathered. Evidently expecting the confession, several citizens had already driven an iron pipe into the ground, and as the captors approached with Pennington both whites and blacks were piling brushwood around the stake. The negro saw what his fate was to be, and with a scream of terror fell to a faint. He was revived and dragged to the stake, while the crowd stood silently by. The negro was limp and had to be held up while the chains were fastened around his neck and body. A match was applied to the pile, and with oil to feed upon, the tiny flame soon burst into a roaring fire.

Loser Will Win.

Nobel Plan to Wipe Out the Sting of Defeat.

The candidate who isn't elected to the office of poor director in Westmoreland county this fall will, it is said, get \$1,000 to wipe out the sting of defeat. For the last several years, political campaigning there has been so expensive that the salaries of officials have been usually eaten up before their offices were obtained.

The six candidates for directors of the poor of the county, Republicans and Democrats, are reported to have entered into a novel scheme to cut down the expense of a fall canvass. There are five to elect. The plan is for the six aspirants for the office to contribute \$200 each to a pool, in lieu of the customary contributions to the party campaign funds.

An agreement will be entered into that no campaign work shall be done, and the choice of the people shall be determined at the November election without any effort on the part of the candidates or of their friends. The low man will then be given the entire pool, while the other five will go to the office.

South Africa Always in Turmoil.

It is not probable that Colombian troops, regular or rebel, will do anything with malice aforethought to provoke the United States, and it is certain that this country can keep transit across Panama open whatever the local troubles may be. But the distressful condition of affairs in South Africa is emphasized anew by the Colombian controversy, and the political situation throughout the whole continent is had enough to make one feel that it is destined to eternal anarchy.

It is calculated that during the year 1900 as many as 25,000 Colombians were killed in battle, not because they fought to repel a foreign invasion or to vindicate a principle, but because they were used to promote the fortunes of some would-be dictator or other. No sooner is a general election decided than revolution begins, and so there is a never-ending series of guerrilla expeditions and government reprisals which keeps the people in constant fear of their lives.

Colombia's nearest neighbor on the east, Venezuela, presents a parallel case. It has been in a state of great unrest during the last year, and the present dictator, who is said to be menacing Colombia, has a reputation of his own on hand at the present time.

The group of States comprising Chile, Peru, Bolivia and the Argentine Republic experience the double turmoil of civil war and foreign wrangles. Chile has enjoyed a brief epoch of domestic calm, but this only makes her the most aggressive in pressing her demands upon the others. Peru, beaten in war and distracted until quite recently by revolution, is in no condition to cope with such a rival. Bolivia, which is even more feeble, was served with an ultimatum last fall, and it is certain that Chile intends to keep permanently the lands wrested from both countries. That, of course will provide them both with more seasons of revolutions.

The Argentine has had many civil broils during the last twenty years. It is a debt repudiator and is on the verge of financial collapse and a new rebellion. Like Bolivia and Peru, it has a boundary dispute with Chile. There is also a boundary dispute between Peru and Colombia and Ecuador, and although the last-named country has internal peace just now there is no promise of its permanency. Paraguay has been left so depleted by former struggles that her vitality seems to be gone, and if Uruguay has had no serious insurrection since 1886 her condition is by no means encouraging. The same may be said of Brazil, whose Republican government is an experiment as yet, and whose finances have suffered a bad strain during the last year.

Various Valuable Hints.

Convulsions may be frequently cut short like magic by turning the patient on his left side. The nausea as an after effect of chloroform or other narcotics may be generally controlled in the same manner.

When chilly from exposure breathe deeply and rapidly, and the increase in bodily warmth will be surprising.

Vomiting after the administration of chloroform may frequently be prevented by replacing the inhaler with a linen cloth steeped in vinegar, allowing it to remain over the face for some time.

People who have weak hearts should always have their principal meal in the middle of the day, and with as little water as possible.

Crude petroleum poured upon a burned surface and covered loosely with cotton will subdue the pain almost at once.

Strong spirits of ammonia applied to the wounds of snake bites or rabid animals is better than any caustic. It neutralizes the virus.

Carbolic acid poisoning can be quickly cured by giving cider vinegar diluted with equal parts of water in half a tumblerful every five or ten minutes for a few times.

Cocaine poisoning is antidoted well by strong coffee.

Potassium permanganate is an efficient antidote if taken while morphine is still in the stomach. Grain for grain, it will completely decompose morphine.

A typhoid fever patient will do well upon a diet of rice water.

A baby may be filled up to the neck with milk and still be hungry.

In prescribing infant foods it is worth remembering that rice is an astringent and farina a laxative.

A towel dipped in boiling water, wrung out rapidly, folded to proper size, and applied to the abdomen, with a dry flannel over the hot towel, acts like magic in infantile colic.—M. E. Douglass the Christian Advocate.

Bees Cause Sexton's Death.

Edward Hopkins, of Colfax, Md., was stung to death by bees on Sunday morning.

For several weeks past the bell in the village church had worked poorly, and Sunday morning, when Hopkins attempted to ring it, the bell refused to make the taps. The sexton, who was 60 years old, went to the left to investigate. Before reaching the trapdoor he heard a buzzing sound, but pressed on. On lifting the trap he was met by thousands of honey bees, which evidently had made the loft their home for several years. The insects swarmed upon him by thousands, completely blinding him. He made a mistake, falling fourteen feet, fracturing several ribs, and being injured internally.

After the old man had been made as comfortable as possible, the young men with sulphur smoke drove the bees from their home and took from the loft over three bushels of honey.

Antidote to Mosquito Bites.

Dr. Voges, the director of the Buenos Ayres national board of health, reports that during a recent trip to Paraguay he accidentally discovered that naphthalene is an excellent remedy for mosquito bites. It neutralizes the poison, he says, even when the bite has caused considerable inflammation, and if a fresh bite be rubbed with naphthalene no swelling follows.

Grocery Trust the Next.

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Disease Among Horses.

There is a disease spreading among horses that acts something like distemper. Some animals cough a great deal, others suffer in the eyes, and many are afflicted with swollen throats. The disease has found its way to the race horses. A well known horseman says that when it gets into a stable it attacks the animals in various ways.

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