

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Terrible Punishment of a Negro Murderer in Texas.

WITNESSED BY SEVEN THOUSAND.

A Most Brutal Crime Speedily Avenged in a Most Brutal Manner—The Husband of the Victim Mailed the Fire Which Consumed His Body.

TYLER, Tex., Oct. 30.—At a point about four miles from Tyler a Mrs. Bell, who had been visiting her mother a short distance from home, was on her return met by a negro named Jim Hilliard. What occurred could only be told by the negro himself, and the evidence given by the dead body of the lady. The ground shows that she had struggled for her honor, and the condition of the body told of a cruelty that has only been equalled by "Jack the Ripper." After outraging the body the negro deliberately cut her throat and, then taking his knife, ripped up her body.

A posse was quickly organized, led by Deputy Smith, of Tyler, who, with lanterns in hand, and aided by a hound, tracked the negro to within four miles of Kilgore, where they found him fast asleep in a cotton pen. The negro was covered with blood, which he had attempted to wash off. The posse started back to Tyler with the negro, who offered no resistance.

Soon after the officers had him handcuffed a mob of some 300 men, heavily armed, arrived on the scene and demanded the immediate surrender of the prisoner, which was readily given. The mob then left for the scene of the murder, where they arrived in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The crowd continued to gather at the scene of the horrible crime until nearly 3,000 citizens of Tyler and vicinity were there. A few moments before the fiend was brought to the place a meeting was held and a committee was appointed to investigate his identity. Witnesses were summoned and closely interrogated. The result was a thorough identification. When Hilliard arrived he was also brought before the committee. He made a full confession, in substance as follows:

"I was coming down the road and saw Mrs. Bell in the road. She was scared of me, and I knew that if I passed her she would say I tried to rape her, and I concluded that I would rape her and then kill her. I cut her throat and cut her in another place and left."

After his confession and thorough identity a vote was taken as to the mode of punishment. It was unanimously agreed to burn him, and it was agreed that he should suffer the penalty on the public square. The line of march was taken up toward Tyler, and at 4 o'clock the head of the line entered the main plaza, where no less than 7,000 people were assembled. Large crowds of ladies and children were congregated on the awnings surrounding the public plaza. Wagons, carriages, trees and buildings were converted into grand stands, and were thronged.

A scaffold was erected in the center of the square. Wagons laden with kindling wood, coal oil and straw were driven to the scene and placed in position. The negro was then given an opportunity to speak, but his words were inaudible, but when he offered up his last prayer his words could be heard by several people. He was then taken to the iron rail that extended through the platform.

Mr. Bell, the husband of the murdered lady, applied the match, and the flames shot upward, enveloping Hilliard in sheets of fire, while he frantically begged for mercy. It was decided to burn him at once, and as fast as the wood was thrown around him was consumed it was quickly replenished. From the time the match was applied until he was incinerated was exactly fifty minutes.

The L. and G. N. south bound train was crowded with people from the towns north. Hundreds of negroes witnessed the execution, and representative negroes expressed their indorsement of the punishment. The officers were powerless, and the sheriff wired the governor, but his message was too late. All business houses and factories closed, and the big cotton belt shops were deserted.

Brave Defense of a Prisoner.

TIFFIN, O., Oct. 28.—A mob of 300 men broke into the jail at this place yesterday, intending to lynch Lee Martin, who on Wednesday last murdered Marshal Shultz while resisting arrest. They were met inside the jail by sheriff Vanest and the guards, and the sheriff made an earnest appeal to them to disperse. The mob became threatening, however, and the guards fired, killing Henry Mutchler and Christ Matz. Then the mob fled, threatening vengeance. Soon afterward the prisoner was spirited away to Sandusky. Subsequently the mob reassembled, but a committee of citizens who examined the jail assured them that Martin had been taken away, and they finally dispersed. Soldiers now guard the jail.

More Armenian Outrages.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 29.—Another massacre of Armenians, accompanied by the outraging of women, is reported to have occurred recently at Balbut, between Ezzerum and Trebizond. According to the report received here a mob of about 500 Mussulmans and Lazos, the great majority of whom were armed with rifles, made an attack upon the Armenians inhabiting several villages of that vicinity and set fire to their houses and schools. The men and women who were captured by the rioters were fastened to stakes and burned alive. During the disturbance 150 Armenians are said to have been killed.

Seven Killed in a Building Collapse.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—An explosion caused by escaping gas wrecked a three story tenement house, reducing it to atoms, on New Church Court, Strand, last evening. A loud report was heard, and then the house collapsed as if made of cards. In the wreck six occupants of the house are buried. Two firemen were buried beneath the upper story of an adjoining house, which suddenly collapsed. One was resuscitated, but the other still remains buried in the ruins. Six other persons were taken to the hospital, all of them having been terribly wounded.

The Sultan "Relieved His Mind."

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The Constantinople correspondent of The Times telegraphs: "A threatening letter was found in the palace addressed to the sultan recently. An inquiry incriminated fourteen members of the imperial household. All of them were executed on the same date within the precincts of Yildiz. Thus the sultan's mind was relieved of a very great weight."

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 28.—John Leeds, the 8-year old son of I. N. Leeds, agent at Steelton for the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, accidentally shot and killed himself yesterday while playing with his father's Florentine rifle.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 30.—The jury in the case of E. K. Smith, the insolvent Columbia banker, who failed in July, 1893, rendered a verdict of guilty of embezzlement. Smith's trial on other indictments for embezzlement is now in progress.

READING, Pa., Oct. 28.—John Rader, aged 15 years, who was recently released from the house of refuge, shot William Swartz, aged 15, with a revolver, Saturday night. Swartz is in a critical condition. The shooting was without provocation. Rader was arrested.

YORK, Pa., Oct. 28.—Samuel Meyers, a Dunkard farmer who had been selected to preach a sermon at the Dunkard Valley meeting house yesterday, announced his text and then fell dead in the pulpit. He had never been selected before and it is believed his nervousness over the attempt killed him.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 28.—Before Judge Livingston, this morning, the case of Judge Banker E. K. Smith, of Columbia, was brought to trial. There have been an unusually large number of complications and postponements in connection with this case, the first prosecutions in which were instituted over two years ago.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 28.—Five dwelling houses at Sugar Notch were destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Some of the inmates had to make their escape in their night clothing. The fire is believed to be the work of an incendiary who on several different occasions attempted to set fire to buildings in the town.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 26.—William Van Heusen and Samuel Breese, farmers living near each other at Alford, Susquehanna county, went fox hunting together on Thursday. While going through some underbrush Breese's gun caught in the limbs and was discharged, the contents entering Van Heusen's body, causing death yesterday.

READING, Pa., Oct. 28.—The jury in the case of Miss Theresa Karcher against Joseph Neff awarded the plaintiff \$1,542 damages for breach of promise of marriage. The couple came to America over twenty-one years ago and the plaintiff alleged that the promise of marriage was made in Germany and renewed from time to time ever since.

HONOLULU, Pa., Oct. 28.—George Stott and three others attempted to capture three burglars who had entered James Millham's store in Hawley. Suddenly six shots were fired, and the burglars jumped and ran, leaving Stott lying dead on the ground. A tramp is under arrest on suspicion at this place, and two others were arrested on the line of the Erie and Wyoming railroad.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 30.—Clara Klappach, aged 8 years, was fatally burned yesterday by her clothes catching fire. Her mother had gone on an errand, leaving Clara in charge of the three smaller children. They began to play with the fire when the accident occurred. With her clothing ablaze Clara ran into the street, but before the flames were extinguished she was past human aid.

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 26.—Fred Heard, aged 21 years, shot and probably fatally injured his father, David Heard, aged 47 years, at their home. The father and mother had quarreled and the son defended his mother. His father then turned on him, and the son, drawing a revolver, shot the elder Heard four times. Young Heard was arrested, and is now held in jail to await the result of his father's injuries.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29.—Members of trades unions affiliated with the Federated Metal Trades are discussing the question of making a demand on May 1, 1896, for an eight hour work day. All over the United States during the next thirty days a vote will be taken in every union of machinists, molders, boiler makers and iron ship builders, tin and sheet iron workers, brass workers and blacksmiths as to whether the recommendation of the Federated Metal Trades shall be carried into effect.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 28.—The father-in-law of Lovine H. Lamb, an old man named Triebler, has been ill for some time, and Lamb, who is a firm believer in witchcraft, called in a "witch doctor" from Reading to attend him. At a picnic recently Lamb publicly announced that George Winch, a neighbor, had bewitched the old man, and now Winch has brought suit against Lamb for defamation of character, claiming \$5,000 damages. All are residents of Shoemakersville.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 30.—William Thorpe, a wealthy railroad contractor, with offices at 45 Broadway, New York, recently purchased 1,400 acres of land in the lower end of Luzerne county. He erected a number of buildings, planted trees and built fences. The buildings have been destroyed by incendiaries, the trees torn up and the fences destroyed. It is alleged that some people living in the vicinity said after Mr. Thorpe had made his purchases that 1,400 acres of land were too much for one man to own.

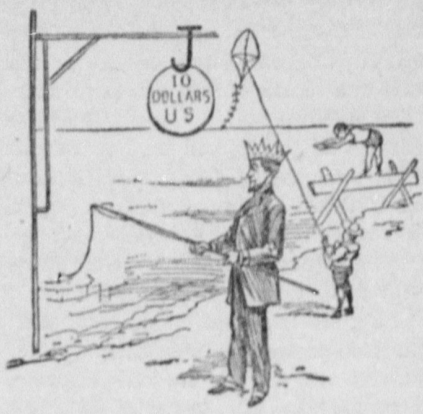
EASTON, Pa., Oct. 29.—A head on collision between two fast freight trains caused a serious wreck on the Lehigh Valley railroad at South Easton last night. One engine crashed into a wall on one side of the track, and brakeman Henry Gogler, of South Bethlehem, who was riding between the engine and tank, was crushed so badly that he died at the City hospital an hour afterwards. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch. William Fegley, the switchman, has disappeared.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 30.—The re-umpment ordered by William B. Wilson had the effect of starting up nearly all the mines that are idle, except in cases where the order did not reach the men in time. In the Cambria county district all the mines thus far heard from resumed operations. In the Beech Creek region considerable agitation was caused among the miners because thirty-seven B. R. and P. cars were sent into the region. The B. R. and P. miners have been on strike for seven weeks past, and the miners feared that the operators were filling the above company's orders. Railroad officials and operators claim that cars are scarce, and they are glad to get any kind. Several operators, fearing a strike at their mines should more cars of the same kind be run in, have ordered the railroad company not to send them.

THE PUZZLER

No. 653.—Aagonal Puzzle. Crosswords: 1. Base. 2. To accomplish. 3. The hero of a play by Shakespeare. 4. Preserved in sugar. 5. A period of a thousand years. 6. A near relative. 7. To flag. The diagonals beginning at the upper left hand letter will spell a royal motto.

No. 654.—Half a Dozen Birds.



No. 655.—Puzzles From Longfellow.

- 1. What was Evangeline's surname? 2. What was Gabriel's surname? 3. Where did Evangeline find Gabriel after her long search? 4. How wide was the chasm leaped by the horse (Kyrat) of Roushan Beg? 5. What poem tells of a bell that was rung by a starving horse? 6. What was the name of Hiawatha's mittens? 7. What poem tells of "a maiden fair, lashed to a drifting mast"? 8. What poem tells of the manner in which a poet found the closing words for his book? 9. Of whom is it said, "He is a little chimney and heated hot in a moment"? 10. What was the name of the snow white bull upon which Priscilla rode to her home after the wedding? 11. In which of his poems does the poet refer to his home at Cambridge as having been the home of Washington? 12. What poem tells of the wreck of a sleeping-war in Hampton Roads? 13. What poem records a tragic death at a wedding? 14. What is the title of the sonnet addressed to Tenyson? 15. What poet is Longfellow addressing in "The Herons of Kluwud"? 16. In Illinois. 2. Provoked. 3. Associates. 4. Necromantic. 5. Trees of a genus having large fragrant flowers. 6. Napoleon. 7. Those who proclaim. 8. Vesuvius. 9. Couches, or resting places. 10. Certain parts of a town (abbr.). 11. In Kentucky.

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No. 657.—Transpositions.

When the following letters have been transposed, the initials read downward, will form the name of a well known statesman: ASG—A light. MEOLN—A fruit. REMALAG—A continent. EDRE—An animal. ELSAN—A girl's name. 8. Vesuvius. 9. Couches, or resting places. 10. Certain parts of a town (abbr.). 11. In Kentucky.

No. 658.—Word Squares.

- 1. Droll. 2. A musical composition. 3. Measured. 4. A girl's name. 5. A young man in a military school. 1. Delis. 2. A musical drama. 3. The central column, or upright post, of a circular stairway. 4. Upright. 5. A medicine.

No. 659.—A Puzzler's Warning.

Honest Tom Trufant thought Minnie Mapleton the most charming 4-6-13-7-3-17 he ever met. Her smile was to him as a ray of sunlight; her 4-17-13-7-19 cast him into the deepest gloom. To him her ways were ever 17-8-10-12-1. But one day he called on her and noticed that her 15-2-6-14 was untied. Another time a pin did serve for a button on her dress. These little 12-18-9-16-11 as to Minnie's untidiness were not lost upon Tom, who is particularly trim and tidy, and he soon ceased to call, much to Minnie's surprise and 17-3-30-17-14-16.

No. 660.—Anagram.

"Kill me, Ab." These words a fierce meaning would seem to imply. But do not get scared and begin to cry. Put them then round, and then you will see They are just as "gentle" as they really can be.

No. 661.—Hidden Straits.

- 1. I do verily believe that Edith has gone. 2. The men will mess in a large hall tonight. 3. I shall need some nails.

Briefly Defined.

An elevating remark—"Going up!" Working for bread—Yeast. "After dinner"—The hungry tramp. Getting tired—Leaves. Good books at auction—Pocketbooks. A pair of bloomers—"Two florists."

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 647.—Biographical Enigma: If winter below from the north, Soon the sweet spring comes dancing forth, And nature laughs again. 1. Milton. 2. Wellington. 3. Dante. 4. Sheridan. 5. Giotto. 6. Adams. 7. Hans Sachs. 8. Hofer. 9. Wilberforce. 10. Hogg. 11. Napoleon. 12. Brutus. 13. Swift. 14. Nero. No. 648.—Charade: Camera. No. 649.—A Zigzag: "The Hero of the Nile." Crosswords: 1. Tier. 2. Whirl. 3. Abet. 4. Hugh. 5. Even. 6. Iris. 7. Obse. 8. Fuel. 9. Heft. 10. Halt. 11. Echo. 12. Leak. 13. Node. 14. Gibb. 15. Balk. 16. Dome. No. 650.—Illustrated Puzzle: Steam. 1. Mast. 2. Am. 3. Mat. 4. At. 5. Mate. 6. Sea. 7. Kat. 8. Me. 9. Tea. 10. Meat. 11. Seat. 12. Team. 13. Tame. No. 651.—A Grammatical Puzzle: Positive. Comparative. Superlative. Hoe. Hoer. Host. Dough. Dozer. Doast. How. Hoar. Hoast. Beau. Bore. Boast. Fee. Fear. Feast. Gee. Jeer. Jeast. Lol. Love. Lost. See. Seer. Seast.

No. 652.—Qualities of Authors: Locke, Hale, Pope, Cook, Holland, Hare.

MAX O'RELL'S WIFE.

Mrs. Paul Blouet is a Good Cook and an Accomplished Linguist.

Something may be judged of the interest taken in Mme. Paul Blouet (wife of the clever Frenchman known to fame as Max O'Rell) in her husband's work when it is known that, with the exception of his last book, every word written by him has been translated into English by her. She was a Miss Mary Bartlett, the daughter of a shipowner. Her father sent her from the Devonshire coast to a school in London, and it was while there she met her future husband, who had come to London in search of fame, having had to retire from the French army in consequence of a severe wound received during the Commune, which incapacitated him from further military service.

In all his work she takes a keen interest, and not a line he writes goes to either editor or publisher until it has been revised by her. When a book by her husband appears she is impatient for the press notices, and reads each with eager interest. She writes herself, but does not publish many articles.

She learned French when a girl, and after her marriage perfected herself to such an extent in the language as to be of immense assistance to her husband. She has been the sharer in her husband's travels, having accompanied him to America upon his last lecturing tour and also through Australia. They reside in a charming house in a northwestern suburb of London, and have one daughter, Leonie Marie, who is now some 18 years of age.

Mme. Blouet is an excellent cook, a model hostess, and is to be seen at her very best when entertaining her husband's friends, whose name is legion. She is a brunette, with dark brown eyes, and there is about her a combination of that vivacity and quiet retirement which is so seldom found. She often finds recreation in drawing, although her artistic efforts are only seen by her husband and daughter and a few intimate friends, and is extremely well read in English and French literature. In matters of dress she is a believer in the simple and is generally to be seen in black.

WORSE THAN THE DEATH CHAIR.

A Stone that Slays as by Lightning All Who Unwittingly Approach It.

One of the most recently discovered inexplicable phenomena is an immense electrical stone which crops out above ground in an almost inaccessible mountain pass some fifty or sixty miles north of the Needles, in Arizona.

In pursuing a conscientious investigation into a subject of this kind one finds it necessary to call into requisition such an immense number of grains of salt that the real truth of the matter becomes frequently lost in a briny deep, as it were, but in spite of this the existence of the electrical stone has been proved beyond a doubt.

In a multitude of witnesses there is safety, and it appears that the natives were for years acquainted with the stone and its peculiar properties long before its discovery by a party of hunters a short time ago.

Among the Indians the stone goes by the name of the "Death Trap," and the peak whereon it is located is called "Death Trap Mountain." They say their fathers and grandfathers before them knew of the stone, and it is only an old and experienced guide who will venture to take a party in the neighborhood of it, lest by some unlucky chance a too daring hunter will lose his life by suddenly coming upon it in an unguarded moment.

Now, as to the peculiar death dealing power of the stone. It is said that nothing great or small can set foot upon it and live. So powerful are the volts which it gives out at even the slightest contact that it is impossible for the largest animal to withstand their strength.

A Rooster Kills a Dog.

A very peculiar fight took place at William Fox's barnyard, at Lawrenceburg, on Friday. Mr. Fox is the owner of a plucky game cock, that had won a number of battles in the pit. The owner placed the steel gaffs upon its legs to illustrate to some of his friends how the cock used them when fighting, and procured another rooster to combat with it; but the selected bird refused to fight and flew over the fence. A dog was in the yard at the time, and the fowl, as if determined to have a fight of some kind, attacked the dog with the greatest fury.

The brute fought back, and a battle not contemplated by the parties began. The dog broke one wing of the cock, but the bird continued the fight in its crippled state and drove one of the steel gaffs through the eye of the dog into its brain, killing it instantly. The bird was so badly injured that it will never again enter the pit.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Mr. Choate's Fee of \$100,000.

A group of members of the legal profession were talking about the income tax decision, when some allusion was made to the size of the fees that were paid to counsel employed to fight the tax.

"I have it on the best authority," said an eminent lawyer from New York, "that Joseph Choate's retainer in the case was \$100,000, with the understanding that if the decision of the court was favorable to the opponents of the tax he was to get \$100,000 additional."—Washington Post.

Cupid's Overture.

Jennette (sighing)—I think the Count means to propose, ma! Her Ma—Why, has he said anything to you? Jennette—No, but last night he asked what pa's income was.—Chicago Record.

Shakespeare Up to Date.

All the world's a wheel and men and women are the riders.—Roche's Democrat and Chronicle.

REGISTRAR'S NOTICE.

The following accounts have been examined, passed and filed of record in the Registrar's Office for the inspection of heirs and legatees, creditors and all others in anywise interested, and will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Centre county for confirmation on Wednesday, the 27th day of November 1895. 1. The account of Dr. M. Stewart, trustee under the will of John Mulholland for Daniel B. Mulholland, a son of said decedent. 2. The first and final account of William Bilger and Michael Spicher, executors of the will of Abraham Wine, late of Spring township, dec'd. 3. The first and final account of George W. Mcerryman, sole acting executor of the will of Wm. Mcerryman, late of Taylor township, dec'd. 4. First and final account of J. P. Gephart, guardian of Bessie E. Sturgis, minor grandchild of D. A. Musser, late of Millheim borough, dec'd. 5. Second and final account of J. B. Wagner and Michael Strohm, executors of the will of Bernad Wagner, late of Foster township, dec'd, as filed by Michael Strohm, surviving executor. 6. First and final account of Thomas E. Walker, administrator of the estate of Sarah Huffer, late of Haines township, dec'd. 7. The final account of Nathan Beery, administrator of the estate of James Walker, late of Snow Shoe township, dec'd. 8. The first and final account of Benj. Kaufman, administrator of the estate of Mary White, late of November 4, 1895, at 12 a. m., dec'd. 9. The first and final account of Henry J. Fletcher, administrator of the estate of Ann E. Fletcher, late of November 4, 1895, at 12 a. m., dec'd. 10. First and final account of Isaac Stover, executor of the will of Mary (Polly) Stover, late of Walker township, dec'd. 11. The first and final account of James M. Lucas, adm'r. of the will of William Smoyer and the late and deceased of Susanna Smoyer, late of Boggs township, dec'd. 12. The account of D. Z. Kline, adm'r. and trustee to sell the real estate of Martha Samuels, late of Bellefonte borough, dec'd. 13. The first and final account of Albert Schneck, executor of the will of James K. Hall, late of Liberty township, dec'd. G. W. RUMBERGER, Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 27th, 1895. Registrar.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, No. November term, 1895. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said court on Monday, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1895, at 12 a. m., under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called "Citizens Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1," of Millsburg, Pa., the character and object whereof is the protection of public and private property from fire and for the purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. H. C. QUIGLEY, Solicitor.

ESTRAY HORSE.

Came to the residence of F. Bosch, Spring Creek, Benner township, an iron gray horse, 5 feet 6 inches high, weight about 1000. The owner is notified to prove property and pay costs, otherwise it will be disposed of according to law. 19-31 31 F. BOSCH.

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