

HANGING IS THE WAY.

Says 'Squire Bopp, Who Makes the Ropes for That Purpose.

HE HAS SEEN MORE EXECUTIONS

Than Any Other American, and Is Opposed to the Electrical Plan.

THE NOOSE THAT SETTLED GUILTY

New York's experiment of executing murderers with electricity could not be watched more closely by anyone than it is by 'Squire Bopp, of Allegheny, the maker of 100 hangman's ropes, and himself the maker of 75,000 nooses for the gallows...

"Hanging is Good Enough for Any Man

That kills another." Electricity is too brutal, too cruel, "he continued. "Just think of it! Why, all those fellows that have been shocked to death in New York have been burned almost to a crisp. I'm in favor of letting them wait until they get to the next world to get scorched."

"How would you like to have your skin burnt black," he asked with a ghoulish grin.

"Wouldn't you sooner have your neck broken without pain, because I truly believe, no man," he said, "would like to have his skin burnt black. I have never seen a man who has been electrocuted who did not wish to have his neck broken without pain."

"One Honor That He Claims.

"I made that rope," said the old man, jumping to his feet, "and the reason I know it is because, according to the published in Harper's Weekly, there were nine turns in the noose. No other rope maker gives more than seven turns, and many only five."

"There were 14 ropes sent to hang Guiteau, and no one has absolute knowledge that his rope was used."

"I had the contract to make the ropes for hanging the anarchists, but I was afraid to do so and threw up the job. It was stated that some old seaman did it. His name was never given. I suppose he used the same rope that I used. It will be healthier for the man if it is not."

"That recalls me," continued Mr. Bopp.

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"When there I became well acquainted with Brigham Young, and he was very kind to me."

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"The Proper Length of Drop.

"After his return from Illinois Mr. Bopp gained his reputation as a maker of hangman's ropes. He always advocates giving a man one foot and one-half men's hangman's ropes are three-eighths of an inch thick; a smaller size, he claims, will cut the skin and a larger one will not cut through the neck."

"It's Just Like This," said Mr. Bopp, as he unfurled a small rope around his body as a belt and fastened it around the reporter's neck with a hangman's loop.

"If the rope doesn't slip easy it is liable to catch and make a loop of the whole business. A three-eighths inch rope will hang a man, but one rope loop, and that was because it was strained by being tested too frequently. In some countries they never test my ropes. One of them, several days ago, hung two men in one day, and one day, at a hanging in New York, three ropes were broken in hanging a colored man. That one hanging with a hangman's loop was the only one with which I was connected, where everything did not go off without accident. Of course, all calculations should be made carefully, and where they are I think hanging with a hangman's loop is electric, or any other manner of execution."

NOT ONE FORGOTTEN.

All the Charitable Institutions Visited by Guskys Santa Claus.

BRINGING JOY TO THOUSANDS.

Complete and Graphic Details of a Most Delightful Tour.

The Little Ones Especially Greet the Appearance of Their Welcome Visitors

With Every Manifestation of Delight—The Annual Christmas Treat of a Great Firm.

Santa Claus visited all of the charitable institutions in Pittsburgh and Allegheny yesterday, leaving toys and presents for everyone. Santa Claus was very real to the little folk, but all who understand know that kind-hearted Mrs. Guskys was the Santa Claus who sent them their beautiful gifts. None were slighted, nor were there anything but joy in the hearts of the little folk.

MAKING THE CROSSING SAFE.

Superintendent Starr Makes a Change Because of Sewickley's Last Fatality. The Fort Wayne Railroad, by way of a Christmas gift to its Sewickley patrons, has made a change in the station crossing, which is likely to make it less dangerous. There is a low fence between the tracks at the Sewickley station, pierced at two points, one opening being a little above the station-house door and the other below. It is alleged that the crossing is dangerous because it is not directly opposite the door of the waiting room, and the latest fatality may have been contributed to by this defect.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

Notice to Cabinet Makers and Furniture Dealers.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED

for the construction of a building, corner of 10th and 11th streets, in Allegheny City, until Saturday, December 26, 1921, at 12 o'clock noon for six dozen jury chairs.

ELECTIONS.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, PA. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1922. The annual election of directors for the Third National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be held on Monday, January 2, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the bank's headquarters, 323 and 325 Market street, between 11th and 12th streets.

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THE HUMAN HAIR.

Why it falls out, turns grey and the remedy. By PROF. HARRY PARKER, F. R. S. W. N. LONG & CO., 1013 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE SHORTHIDGE MEDIA SCHOOL.

For Young Men and Women. This institution, devoted exclusively to instruction in shorthand and typewriting, is now in its 25th year. It has a long and successful record of 25 years as a school of shorthand for courts and legal business.

NEW RAPID PHOTOGRAPHY AND ENGRAVING.

For the Home and Office. This new rapid photography and engraving establishment is now open at 1013 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. It offers the latest in photographic and engraving services.

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CURRY UNIVERSITY.

College Department. The Best. CURRY Normal School. The Best. CURRY English Training School. The Best. CURRY Business College. The Best. CURRY School of Shorthand. The Best. CURRY School of Typewriting. The Best. CURRY School of Education. The Best. CURRY Faculty and Dismissing. The Best. CURRY Catalogue. H. M. Curry, President.

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THE PITTSBURGH DISPATCH.

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