

EXECUTION OF A MURDERER. Hanging of Mrs. Grider—Her Confession.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 19th, 2 P. M.—The guilty soul of Mrs. Grider has been sent to the judgment bar of God. At exactly fifteen minutes past one o'clock this afternoon the judge pronounced the sentence of death on the entire press of this city. She was the scene of a sad, solemn and deeply impressive one. The only person present seemed to be the least excited, took place in the southern yard of the court house, and was witnessed by about one hundred persons. The windows of the court house which overlooked the jail-yard on the west were also filled with spectators eagerly watching for the eventful moment when the prisoner's body should dangle between heaven and earth.

The Career of a Female Robber in Mexico.

THE woman named Feliciano Vargas, was sentenced to death at Talpa. The Mexican Times, edited by ex-Governor Allen, of Louisiana, says: "The career of crime which at last leads this woman to the scaffold is so extraordinary as to excite the attention of the entire press of this city. She was the mistress of Gonzalez, a confectioner, and soon after the arrival of a detachment of French troops at Jalapa, in conjunction with him, mixed poison in the food of the soldiers and killed ten of them. Gonzalez was soon arrested, tried and executed for the crime. Feliciano, suspecting that had denounced Gonzalez to the authorities, dressed herself in men's clothes, entered him beyond the limits of the city, and killed him, but before doing so she forced him to kneel at her feet, and opened her bosom, exposed her sex, and claimed to be the better man of the two. This crime she confessed at the time of her trial, it being unknown previously. It would take up too much space to tell the many crimes which have been committed by this woman, and we pass to the last, and the one for which she has been condemned—which was the robbery of four thousand dollars in gold and the twenty of Sr. Acosta on the night of the 15th of August last. This family had recently moved in the house and Feliciano was employed as a domestic. Public curiosity was much excited to see Feliciano, and the court room and the streets were crowded with people. She was cool and collected, and declined to sit down when brought before the court, but remained standing without perceptible emotion except the occasional quiver of the lips in answer to a question. Her voice was low and perfectly intelligible. Upon being asked if she knew with what offense she was charged she replied: "I suppose for that on the table." On being asked how she came by it, she replied that Flores had given it to her. "With what object did he give it to you?" she was asked. She answered that she might keep silent as to various crimes which she knew had been committed by him. The Court sentenced her to die, and she listened to the sentence without the slightest emotion. She then asked to be informed who were in prison on charge of the robbery, as she wished to tell if they were guilty or innocent, and on being informed, she said that her mother and wife of Flores were guilty, and named others that were not. She then expressed her acquiescence in the sentence, on the ground that in that way alone could she die the death of a Christian.

A Singular and Beautiful Cave.

A letter from Dry Creek Canon, Montana territory, to the St. Louis Republic, gives a description of a singular cave. The writer says: "After leaving the great Oregon road, at Gibson's ferry, ten miles from old Fort Hall, on Snake river, from there to the foot of the mountains, a distance one hundred and twenty-five miles, the country is an unbroken level, perfectly level, through which the Snake river roars and foams. Upon this plain there are small patches of sand, with little or no vegetation, until we leave the river, when the road passes over the 'Sands Desert,' where, for a distance of six miles, neither grass nor water is had. Across this desert, some three miles from the base of the mountains, and upon the 'first bench' of the mountains, which, in the plain below, is likewise solid lava, is to be found the above mentioned cave. I am informed, by my host at the 'ranch,' that this cave was discovered in July, 1864, by two young men from Springfield, in our own State, and is still called 'Vaughn's Cave.' The mouth of the cave is not more than half a mile from the stage road, and unmarked by any tree or shrub, going down abruptly in the plain. The mouth is funnel-shaped, and is not over one hundred feet in diameter, over which a huge lava rock extends, forming a complete natural bridge. After a gradual descent for seventy or eighty feet, the descent becomes perpendicular until the bottom is reached, when, directly under a large piece of lava in the wall, is an opening barely large enough to admit the body of a man. Through this we entered some distance, when we suddenly found ourselves in a spacious and magnificent apartment of two hundred feet in length by one hundred and fifty in width. The floor is dry and dusty as if it were a brick yard, while the roof is white with driven snow, and thousands of crystallized stalactites hung like gorgeous diamonds, as they reflected back ten thousand rays from the torches on our hands. The walls of this apartment are sixty feet high, and are very fresh with the marks of the internal fires that once heated this whole country to its centre, for beyond all dispute is an extinct crater. Passing through this apartment we reach the great cavern known as the 'Ice House.' It is in every respect smaller than the first apartment, and the floor, instead of being dusty, is composed of solid ice, how thick no one knows, although the emigrants have cut a hole many feet deep in it. This ice remains without the slightest change winter and summer, while within a few yards distance is a pond of beautiful clear, fresh water. Several other adjoining apartments are also floored with ice, but we went no further. Often did the question revolve itself in my mind before I reached the 'ranch'—How did that ice, which had been there how did it doubtless long before the germ of the trees that built the ships that brought Columbus to the Western world had sprouted, in a solid rock, one hundred and seventy feet below the surface, ever get there? What keeps it there? Let scientific men answer; I have put the question. This cave is a great place of resort for emigrants in all seasons, and in the summer the ice affords them.

AN ARMY correspondent relates the following story—Seeing a dirty-brown urchin at the fence in front of a house, the preacher stopped and said, 'Is your father at home?' 'No, he's gone to church.' 'You're neither in 'em nor the other?' 'Then you're all by yourself?' 'No, brother Sam's in that huggin' the nigger gal.' 'That's bad.' 'Yes, it's bad, but the best he can do.'

Richmond papers report the arrest of the rebel Colonel Mosby, a few days ago, for having hanged two Federal soldiers in the Valley during the war. The Richmond Examiner thinks his arrest at this time most extraordinary, 'as he was a regularly commissioned officer of the C. S. A., and as such received the parole awarded to other officers of Lee's army.'

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