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Luther Shaffer, Sentenced to be Hung

LOCK HAVEN, December 12.—Luther Shaffer, who was on Friday convicted of the murder of Isiac Colby and his wife Nora, at Cherry Run, in August last, was to-day sentenced to be hanged.

Just think of it? The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, one of the greatest corporations in the world, controls over seven thousand miles of track and has more than one hundred thousand people employed in its service!

Six hundred dollars were regarded as a big return for an acre of tobacco, even in the palmy days of '76 and along that period of high prices. But what do you think of $1,500 clear for a four acre crop of celery, where the work of cultivation and risk from weather damages are comparatively small. A Kansas man has just grown such a crop of celery.

It is but fifty years since the missionaries began work on the Fiji Islanders. The Islanders were then ignorant savages and exceedingly ferocious. Now there are twelve hundred chapels and preaching places, and nearly one hundred native minister and catechists. The church members number over twenty-six thousand, and the Sunday-school children forty thousand. The Fiji christians are reported by the missionaries as being quite as consistent and orderly as christians in other lands. 'Verily, the world moves.'

Government Revenues.

The revenue of the government from all sources during the month of November amounted to about $30,500,000, being an average of a little more than $1,000,000 a day. The disbursements during the month were unusually heavy and nearly equalled the receipts. Over $18,000,000 paid out on account of pensions. It is estimated at the Treasury Department that there has been an increase of nearly a million dollars in the public debt during November.

Potter county has not had a licensed hotel within its borders for twenty or more years, it is the only county in the State that did not give the Prohibition ticket a single vote. The people of that staunch temperance county do not seem to take much stock in Prohibition third party of this State. This, however, is very much the case with all real temperance men; they are in favor of restraining the sale of liquor and preventing its manufacture although, but can only hope to do this by educating public sentiment. The temperance people of Potter have done this faithfully and well.

CHICAGO THE CHOICE.

WASHINGTON, Dec 10.—The next Republican National Convention will be held in Chicago, June 19. The National Committee so decided Thursday of last week on the 3rd ballot. The result is not considered to have any prophetic significance or to be due to the influence of any presidential candidate. William Penn had probably as much to do with the result as any body who did not vote in the committee. If he had found it convenient to locate Philadelphia at some point further West it might have got the Convention. Once the committee decided not to bring the Convention East, there was very little question as to which Western city it would go. Chicago's central position, railroad facilities and hotel accommodations carried the day. Omaha and Minneapolis were too far out of the way, and their rival offers of large sums of money were too much in the auction block method to be effective. St. Louis was never in the fight, and Cincinnati was probably not helped materially by its location in a state which has a candidate formally in the field. The committee listened to a whole afternoon of speech-making took the Interstate Commerce bill into consideration, and decided in favor of Chicago.—Northumberland Press.

Cleveland's Message.

President Cleveland has issued his annual message to Congress. It is a free trade manifesto, and Blaine, who is now in Parris, has taken up the gauntlet in a severe criticism. He brings to his analysis and criticism of the message all the resources of his powerful mind, and the clearness of his statements as to the industrial history of the country, and the disastrious effects which would follow the imagination of the Cleveland policy of free trade, must convince every fair-minded man of the utter folly of the Cleveland idea. In the President's free trade message on the one hand, and Mr. Blaine's analysis and criticism on the other, the people of the country have presented to them the tariff question in form never more clearly outlined. The issue for the coming Presidential campaign is already made up. On the one hand protection, with its beneficent influence on our industrial and business life; on the other free trade, with its accompanying disasters to business and industry. In the months intervening between now and the contest of 1888 the people will have ample time to study the question in all its phases, and the admirable utterance of Mr. Blaine, and his convincing exposure of the President's error, will do much to aid them to a wise and correct solution of the problem.

LETTER FROM KANSAS.

WICHITA, Kan, Dec. 5, 1887.

ED. POST:—I think I closed my last letter about five months ago on the arrival of the steamer at Memphis, Tenn., so I will now try and give you an idea of where I have been spending this time.

I went to Howell county, Mo., where I spent several weeks, then to Sprinfield, the largest town in south western Mo., having a population of 30,000 and being on the highest point of the Ozark mountains. Here I spent two weeks attending the Springfield and South western Fair, then off to Clinton, near which I had my first view of Prairie country. This is a town of 8000 inhabitants and at the time I was there was very lively, for a short time before they opened the largest Artesian well in the country which was throwing out one half million gallons of sulphur water daily. From there I went to Kansas City, the New York of the west, stopping at the principal towns along the road, and after spending a few weeks there, I returned south to Fort Scott, Kan., a lively town of 15,000 inhabitants, called here "the Pittsburg of the west"—having Natural Gas and many factories, including large Sorgum and Glass works. From there I went to Newton, where between pleasure and business I spent a few weeks very pleasantly, for almost every hour of the day I saw some people I knew in the east, making it seem more like old Snyder county. I then spent a few days with a few Harvey county's reliable farmers near Halstead and a few days ago came to the 'Forrest City.' It derived that name from its having many shade trees in it. It being built on the banks of the Arkansas river, trees grow very rapidly. They claim a population of 35,000, and out of the one hundred and fifty Physicians in town I have seen fourty, so I do not expect to get out of the Sun Flower State before 1888.

Now some of your readers may say 'why don't he give a description of the country as he goes along? To those I will say that I had not intended writing so much before going back, but if you will now go back with me to Memphis I will try and tell you what I think of the country to this place. Memphis named 'The Bluff city' because it is built on a high bluff overlooking the Mississippi river, is no city, for during the Yellow Fever plague its coffers became empty, and its charter was taken and now each ward has its own Government. In the centre of the city is Court Square, in which are hundreds of tame gray squirrels and pigeons. As in New Orleans, about one third of the population is composed of Negroes. Not having a bridge over the river at this point, the cars are taken over in a transfer boat, and then we start through Arkansas or 'Arkansaw' as it is rightly pronounced there. Between the river and the Mo. line there is little to speak off, excepting Swamps, Log shanties, Negroes, Mosquitoes, Malaria, and small clearings in which cotton is raised. For it, the ground is prepaired the same as for corn, when the seed is strewen in the furrow and covered, and when it is about a foot high they pull some out as it is generally too thick to do well. The land in the northern part is very good, but my principal objection to that State is its malaria.

I will now close at the Mo. line and in my next, well try and tell something of Missouri and Kansas.

G. W. SCHWENK.

"Slippery Joe" Behind the Bars.

Joe Harlan, with a large number of aliases, and Jud Wolcott, both known by a number of our citizens, and two of the most notorious and successful counterfeiters in the country, were captured at Wilkesbarre on Tuesday. They have for at least two years been the head of a gang that has had great success. They had established their headquarters near Wilkesbarre, Wolcott's old home, and made the spurious coin there, but they had a number of agents putting out the coin in different parts of the State.

Although the Government officials were aware that large quantities of spurious standard dollars were being put out they could never lay their hands on the counterfeiters. The work was done on an old canal boat, anchored close by the bank in Mill creek, a small station in the northern suburb of the above place; Here Harlan lived and here Wolcott would spend the larger part of his time making the counterfeit coin.

When the officers surrounded Harlan he was engaged in silver washing some spurious coin. In his pockets they found a self-cocking revolver with seven chambers, all loaded; also sixteen counterfeit dollars, very good imitations of the standard coin. He made no resistence whatever, and after giving his name as James Wilson candidly admitted that he was guilty, saying, 'The world will not miss one man. I suppose it is all up with me now.'

In default of $2000 bail he was placed in the Wilkesbarre jail for appearance at court.

On the day following Harlan's arrest Jud Wolcott called at the Nanticoke post office and asked for a letter of James Harlan's, at the same time producing an order from Harlan. The post office authoritirs had previously been posted on the subject, and Wolcott was immediately arrested. Wolcott has already served fourteen years in the penitentiary for this offense. Harlan was also formerly arrested, but broke out of the Montour county jail and was never recaptured.

Joe Harlan is the same chap the detectives were after in this place last week. It will more than likely appear at the trial of Harlan that Ida Smedly, who has been living on a boat at this place for the past few years, had something to do in bringing about the above arrest, and also the arrest of Lige Gemberling, on his boat at Shamokin Dam, one day last week. The parties who were picked up in this section for having been connected in some manner with the doings of Harlan and Wolcott, will have a hearing before U. S. Commissioner McDevitt in a few days, after which we can give facts.

Thrilling Experience of a Couple of Williamsport Hunters

Messrs. Jordan and McNaughton, the two Williamsporters who have been hunting at Sandy Run Camp, in the wilds of Clinton county, have returned to their homes, bringing with them one bear, a wild cat and a deer. Suddenly the noise of breaking twigs, such as an animal might make, was heard in the neighborhood of camp, at night. The first sound had brought them to their feet, rifles in hand, ready for a fight. They had not long to wait, for hardly had the rifles been cocked when into the clearing in which the fire was burning bounded a large black bear. Both rifles were point blank, but the balls failed to kill, and the next moment bruin was rolling over and over on the ground, locked in a death grapple with Jordan. First the bear was on top and then the man, while McNaughton was jumping around, afraid to shoot lest he should kill his companion. It was a critical time and trying, indeed, must have been the situation to McNaughton as he jumped about with a loaded rifle unable to shoot and save his companion, who was, to all appearances, being slowly squeezed to death.

Suddenly Jordan shifted the position of his head, and the bear's head was brought within easy range of McNaughton's rifle. But he must be careful. The bear was liable to twist around at any moment and fix things so that the ball intended for his brain would penetrate that of the friend whom McNaughton wanted to save. It was one chance in a hundred, and McNaughton fired. The strain upon his own nerves had been too much even for a hunter, and as the smoke of his rifle cleared away McNaughton fainted and fell to the ground. When he revived Jordan was standing over him, bathing his head with water. The shot had killed the bear and saved both lives. Had it failed Jordan would have fallen an easy victim to the grip which was slowly smothering him, and Bruin would then have had an easy task with the man who had swooned away. Half an hour afterwards the wildcat which the hunters brought home with them was discovered prowling around the fire and was killed by Jordan. This is the story as it is told by the Williamsport Nimrods. They swear it is true, and as they have the bear, the deer and the wildcat, and as both men look as though they had been through some trying situations, they find many believers.

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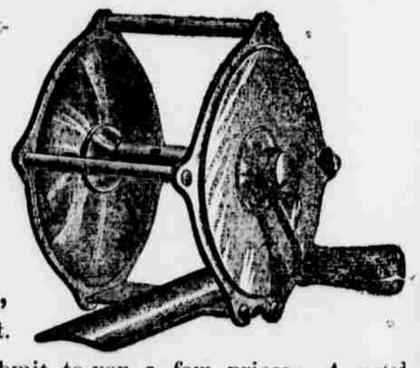

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