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LYNCHERS GO FREE

Not Prosecuted for Hanging Four White Men.

CRIME WITHOUT A PARALLEL.

Mob of 100 Masked Men Storms Jail, Attacks Sheriff and Drags Prisoners to Execution.

Ada, Okla., April 20.—A lynching without a parallel in the history of this state took place when four white men who were charged with the murder of A. A. Bobbitt, a well to do stockman and former United States marshal, were taken from the county jail by a mob of about a hundred masked men and were put to death practically at the threshold of the jail. The men who were lynched were J. B. Miller, who was awaiting trial on the charge of murdering the stockman, and B. Burwell, Jesse West and Joe Allen, his alleged accomplices.

A body of masked men approached the jail and demanded entrance from Deputy Sheriff Bob Netcher. The officer refused to open the gates, and without further ado the mob seized the high board fence surrounding the jail and tore a large section away bodily.

Sheriff Netcher and the other guards of the jail attempted a resistance, but one masked man struck the deputy sheriff over the head with a revolver, stunning him, and the other guards were quickly overpowered.

The mob then made its way to the jail and, taking the four men from their cells, hustled them away from the jail to a barn less than a hundred feet from the county building.

On their way they met County Attorney Robert Wimbish and stopped at his request. Attorney Wimbish said: "Men of Ada, you are disgracing this community in the eyes of the world. Let the law take its course. I appeal to you as an officer of the law to return to your homes."

The mob, without a word, proceeded on its way. The attorney attempted again to talk to them. "This is no time for speeches," said the leader, and the march continued.

"If you're going to hang me do it quick," said Miller.

"Tell us what you devils know about Bobbitt's murder?" shouted the mob leader.

West answered for the four, saying: "We don't know who you men are, and we don't care. For myself, I know if I had a sixshooter a few of you would bite the dust, but that's talk as long as my 'shooting iron' is in Texas. You boys appear to have a job to do. Why don't you do it? We won't tell anything."

"The ropes!" the leader broke in, and the four prisoners were carried to a beam and strung up in a row.

Just before the rope was placed about his neck Miller calmly removed a diamond from his shirt front and requested that it be sent to his wife in Fort Worth. From his necktie he drew out a diamond scarfpin with the request that it be given to Guard McCarthy for his kindness to him. As soon as the men were dead the mob disappeared.

County Attorney Wimbish declared that he would investigate the lynching, but asserted that there was no evidence of identity and that there would be no prosecutions. The coroner's jury did not blame any one for the hanging.

POPE KISSES FRENCH FLAG.

Thanks Pilgrims From France For Devotion to Church.

Rome, April 20.—The pope, responding to an address by the bishop of Orleans at the reception of a deputation of French pilgrims, thanked the pilgrims for their devotion and exhorted them to remain united.

At the right of the papal throne during the reception stood a standard showing the lilies of France, like that carried by Joan of Arc against the English.

As the pope's chair was carried past the French national colors, which were borne by the Catholic Society of Orleans, his holiness rose and took the flag in his hand, kissing it twice.

The pilgrims, carried away by their emotion and forgetting that they had been forbidden to applaud, cheered enthusiastically.

Albion Tourgee's Daughter Dies. Pittsburg, April 20.—Miss Almee Tourgee, lecturer and authoress, a daughter of the late Albion W. Tourgee, the well known author, died suddenly in a hospital here, aged thirty-nine.

TAFT AT THE GAME

President Watches Boston Tounce Washington.

WONDERS IF HE'S A "HOODOO"

Mr. Taft and Vice President Sherman Munch Peanuts From the Same Bag—Both Root For Home Team.

Washington, April 20.—President Taft went out to the baseball game here, saw Washington walloped by a score of 8 to 4 by the Boston American leaguers, was initiated into the mysteries of the "spit ball," shared a five cent bag of peanuts with Vice President Sherman, who sat in the box next to him, wished hard for Washington to win and said sadly that he hoped he wasn't a "hoodoo."

No one in Washington could recall just when it was that a president of the United States last attended a ball game in this city. With all of his love for outdoor life and sports, Mr. Roosevelt did not go within the ball grounds during his seven years at the White House.

President Taft arrived at the game at the beginning of the second inning. Boston was at bat, two men were out and no runs had been scored. The game was interrupted by the cheering, which spread in a great wave from the grand stand to the farthest corners of the wide reaching bleachers, as the crowd quickly recognized the president and saw him greet the vice president. The latter, a dyed in the wool "fan," had gone directly to the grounds from the senate chamber.

Mr. Sherman kept a detailed score of the game, supplying the president with such statistical information as he asked for every now and then and caused some one in the party to remark that if he ever lost the job of vice president he might get a place on Ban Johnson's scoring staff.

The president's arrival and the brief interruption of play had the effect of giving Dolly Gray, a Washington pitching recruit from the minor leagues, a bad case of stage fright. Before the last Bostonian was out in the inning two runs had been scored.

While the president still looked on hopefully in the fourth, the Washington players got so rattled they couldn't pick up the ball after stopping it, and Boston got away with four more tallies. It was then that the president said he hoped he wasn't a "hoodoo."

President Tom C. Noyes of the Washington baseball team, who sat with the president during the last four innings, when the locals played much better ball, assured Mr. Taft that "hoodoo" or not he would always be welcome. The president was disappointed that Washington failed to win, but said he enjoyed the game and hoped to get out to the park frequently.

As the president is to reside near Boston during the summer, he was glad that Boston was the team to win so long as Washington had to lose.

The president was the center of all interest up to the sixth inning, when Washington got the bases full with nobody out. Then the ruling passion put the chief magistrate temporarily in eclipse, and the faithful rooters yelled their heads off for Delehanty to "hit 'er out" and for Charley Street to "Biff it in the eye!" Two runs resulted from the combination of bats and cheers.

Mr. Taft was as interested as all the rest. He knows baseball thoroughly and is up on all the finer points of the game. The president was accompanied to the park by Captain Archibald W. Butt, his military aid, and two secret service men.

Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Taft had ridden horseback with Captain Butt for more than an hour on the speedway. The day was warm and ideal for the national game. It further had the effect of putting temptation to the park by Captain Archibald W. Butt, his military aid, and two secret service men.

"With weather such as this, Mr. President, we ought to play golf twice a week instead of once."

"There is something in what you say, Jim," replied the president.

In the box with Vice President Sherman were Representatives Vreeland and Bennett of New York and former Senator Hemenway of Indiana. Representative Payne of New York, author of the Payne tariff bill; Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan and a host of other congressmen and officials were in the grand stand.

The president occupied box 6, in the front row along the first base line. There is no screen protection there, but the president paid no heed to the foul balls, one of which crashed into the box next to him.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Games Played in the National and American Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At New York—Philadelphia, 3; New York, 2. Batteries—Moren and Dooin; Crandall, Durham, Raymond and Schiel.
At Boston—Morning game—Boston, 3; Brooklyn, 2. Batteries—Chappell and Smith; Bell and Marshall.
Second game—Brooklyn, 5; Boston, 0. Batteries—McIntyre and Bergen; McCarty and Bowerman.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 3; St. Louis, 2. Batteries—Beebe and Bresnahan; Fromme and Roth.
Pittsburg-Chicago game postponed. Wet grounds.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
W. L. P. C.
Cincinnati 5 1 .83 Chicago... 2 3 .400
Boston... 4 1 .80 Pittsburg 2 3 .400
New York 2 2 .50 St. Louis 2 4 .333
Brooklyn 2 3 .40 Philadelphia 1 3 .250

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Philadelphia—New York, 4; Washington, 2. Batteries—Doyle, Warhop, Kleinow and Blair; Vickers, Dygert and Thomas.
At Washington—Boston, 5; Washington, 4. Batteries—Clotte and Garrigan; Gray and Street.
Chicago-St. Louis game postponed. Wet grounds.
Cleveland-Detroit game postponed. Wet grounds.

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Philadelphia 2 3 .400 Chicago... 1 4 .250

RENAUD'S BOSTON MARATHON.

Young Weaver From Nashua, N. H., Beats Big Field.

Boston, April 20.—Henry Renaud, the French-Canadian weaver of Nashua, N. H., pushed his way through a great field of runners and won the Patriots' day Marathon run of the Boston Athletic association over the course of about twenty-five miles from Ashland to this city.

The Frenchman proved his stamina against American, English, Irish, German, Russian, Greek and Indian competitors. From twenty-fifth place at the halfway mark he gained steadily until two miles from the finish he took first place and kept it until the end of the race.

The time was 2 hours 53 minutes 45 seconds, slow because of the great heat. Second and third places went to H. Jensen of New York and P. J. Grant of Brooklyn respectively. There were 175 starters.

WAR SECRETARY HONORED.

Mr. Dickinson Has Brilliant Reception at Fort Monroe.

Newport News, Va., April 20.—Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson paid an official visit to Fort Monroe on his way to Panama. Secretary Dickinson and his party were shown around the reservation, and the officers and ladies of the post gave a brilliant reception in the Officers' club in honor of the secretary and Mrs. Dickinson.

A full dress parade was witnessed by Secretary Dickinson. Following the review of the troops Secretary Dickinson and his party were driven to the residence of Colonel Townsley, where they were the guests of the commanding officer at luncheon.

Secretary Dickinson and his party left for Charleston, S. C., to board a man-of-war for Panama.

WILL BE OUR FASTEST SHIP.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Smith, Named For Civil War Hero, Is Launched.

Philadelphia, April 20.—A little vessel, which will be, when she is completed, the fastest ship in the United States navy, was launched here today. She is the torpedo boat destroyer Smith, the first of a new type. She is expected to have greater speed and a wider steaming radius than any other destroyer on the naval list.

The Smith is named after Lieutenant Joseph B. Smith, who was in command of the warship Congress when that vessel was sunk in Hampton Roads by the Confederate ironclad Virginia, March 8, 1862. Lieutenant Smith was killed in the action. Mrs. Edward B. Richardson of Brookline, Mass., a relative of Lieutenant Smith, acted as sponsor at the naming of the vessel.

BREAD DEARER IN CHICAGO.

Bakers Put Up Price One Cent Because Wheat Is Dearer.

Chicago, April 20.—Bakers have advanced the price of bread 1 cent per loaf, which means an increase of 2 cents per day to the average family. Preachers are making capital out of the high price of wheat, and it is creating nervousness among the traders, as adverse legislation is feared.

Patten says there is nothing new in the situation, that all the conditions are working out as he expected.

Young Canoeists Drowned.

Lawrence, Mass., April 20.—A canoe containing four young men was capsized in the Merrimack river, and Henry Cronble and William Farrissey, both of this city, were drowned.

Weather Probabilities.

Fair; cooler; moderate northwest winds.

OUR TROLLEY ROAD

George L. McKay Makes an Assignment.

INVESTMENT HERE CALLED GOOD.

Our Street Railway Represented to Be in First Class Shape—May Not be Finished this Summer, However.

[From Saturday's Scranton Republican.]

By the assignment yesterday of George L. McKay, a New York stock broker, the Honesdale Electric Street Railway system has been involved in financial difficulties, and the citizens of that town are afraid that the promoter will be unable to extend and equip the line as he had expected to do this summer.

However, his attorney is hopeful that they can yet stem the tide of reverses and that McKay can soon regain his financial prestige.

McKay and his partner, Charles B. Colby, conducted large brokerage offices in New York, Chicago, and Cleveland and up to a few weeks ago, when McKay was arrested on the allegations of using the mails to defraud, appeared to be very prosperous.

About a year ago Mr. McKay went to Honesdale with surveyors and laid out a street car line which he proposed to extend to a considerable distance in the direction of this city. Up to the time of the financial difficulties about two miles of track was laid and they were preparing to equip it.

Following the arrest of McKay and Colby they were given a hearing and released on bail for their appearance in court. They were represented by Attorney Fowler.

He said the liabilities might run up to \$10,000, but others thought they would reach a larger sum than that. Before the police got after McKay the postoffice department had received many complaints from people all over the country, who said they had been singled. Scores of investors asserted that they had bought mining stock from the firm which they did not receive at all or which they had been induced to purchase on fraudulent pretensions.

Some of the complainants were L. P. Dull, of Atlantic, Ia., who wrote that he had lost \$600; J. E. Lane, of Macombe, Ills., who placed his loss at more than \$1,000; William Hughes, of Indian Orchard, Mass., who said he was out \$350, and a mining promoter of Denver, who said that McKay sold for him \$1,525 worth of mining stock and did not make good with the cash. Dr. Francis E. Williams, of Goldfield, put in a claim for \$1,600.

Postoffice Inspector Kinkaid said the complaints against the McKay concern had been piling up for over a year, and that the postoffice department had been investigating McKay's activities for six months before they made the raid.

Lawyer Fowler, who represented Mays in the assignment yesterday, said that the action of the postoffice authorities had so crippled McKay's business that the firm was forced to the wall. The raid and arrest and the consequent publicity had frightened investors and the concern had been at a standstill for two weeks, no money coming in but expenses going on just the same. He thought that McKay, personally, would lose about \$20,000, but he asserted that all of the creditors would be paid in full.

"McKay," said the lawyer, "has an investment in a profitable business at Honesdale, Pa., a street railway, which is in first-class shape. That asset alone will be sufficient to square the creditors and there are other assets that can be realized on."

McKay & Co. had branch offices in Chicago and Indianapolis and George L. McKay made his headquarters in Indianapolis before he came to New York. The concern made a specialty of booming mining stocks, copper for choice.

There are 240,000 different species of insects on the earth. Some are so small that 4,000 of them are only equal in size to a grain of sand.

Submarine Villa.

Stubb—How is that suburban cottage you bought? I understand it is a debt.

Penn.—Yes, a floating debt.—Boston Globe.

The Trouble With Him.

"What's the matter with him now, when he's so prosperous?"

"Why, he has nothing in the world to growl about."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Honesdale Hospital.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.

The Best Way to Arrange the New School House Grounds.

Following is the full text of the act appropriating \$5,000 to the Wayne County Hospital Association, and the preamble requiring the same sum appropriated by the previous Legislature to be drawn from the state treasury by the 1st of June next, at which date, if not so drawn it will revert to the General Fund. The bill is entitled "A act making an appropriation to the Wayne County Hospital Association for the construction of a Hospital at Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania."

Whereas, The Legislature of one thousand nine hundred and seven by act approved the thirteenth day of June, Anno Domini, one thousand nine hundred and seven (pamphlet laws, page six hundred and eighty-eight) appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars to the Wayne County Hospital Association for the construction and equipment of a hospital at Honesdale, Wayne county, and

Whereas, The said sum of five thousand dollars was not drawn from the State Treasury or any part of it and said sum will on June one, one thousand nine hundred and nine lapse into the State Treasury and become a part of the General Fund, therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars be and the same is hereby specifically appropriated to the Wayne County Hospital Association for the construction of a hospital at Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania.

Section 2. Before any part of this appropriation is drawn from the treasury the Wayne County Hospital Association shall raise a sum equal to that which is made available under the terms of this act to be used in conjunction with the appropriation by the State for the construction of said hospital.

Section 3. Before any of the moneys heretofore appropriated for the erection, enlargement, extension or alteration of any building or buildings or for any other permanent improvement in connection with the said institution shall be available the trustees or directors thereof through the proper corporate officers of the same shall under the corporate seal of the institution so asking for State aid file with the Auditor General's Department of the Commonwealth upon proper blanks to be furnished by the said department upon application therefor an obligation in writing duly acknowledged agreeing that whenever such building so erected, enlarged, extended or altered or such permanent improvements provided through State aid shall be converted to private uses or purposes or be conducted for private gain or profit or shall for any cause or for any reason whatsoever be abandoned or sold or transferred to any person or persons, firm or corporation for any use other than that authorized by the certificate of incorporation under which the same is now held and operated all sums of money herein appropriated for the erection, enlargement, extension or alteration of any building or buildings or for any other permanent improvement to the institution heretofore referred to shall be collectible as obligations of like character are now collected. And provided further, That the amount so appropriated as aforesaid for permanent improvement be and the same is hereby made a non-interest bearing lien on the said premises for the use of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 4. Before any of the moneys heretofore appropriated for the erection, enlargement, extension or alteration of any building or buildings or for any other permanent improvement to the institution heretofore referred to shall be collectible as obligations of like character are now collected. And provided further, That the amount so appropriated as aforesaid for permanent improvement be and the same is hereby made a non-interest bearing lien on the said premises for the use of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 5. Before any of the moneys heretofore appropriated for the erection, enlargement, extension or alteration of any building or buildings or for any other permanent improvement to the institution heretofore referred to shall be collectible as obligations of like character are now collected. And provided further, That the amount so appropriated as aforesaid for permanent improvement be and the same is hereby made a non-interest bearing lien on the said premises for the use of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 6. Before any of the moneys heretofore appropriated for the erection, enlargement, extension or alteration of any building or buildings or for any other permanent improvement to the institution heretofore referred to shall be collectible as obligations of like character are now collected. And provided further, That the amount so appropriated as aforesaid for permanent improvement be and the same is hereby made a non-interest bearing lien on the said premises for the use of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHURCH KINDERGARTEN.

Babes Entertained While Parents Listen to Sermon.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 19.—A novel practice introduced in the Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal church to-day proved a drawing card to parents, and the assembly-room of the church was filled with mothers and fathers. They listened contentedly to the sermon of the Rev. W. E. Greenfield, while a few of the women of the congregation wrestled with their children in another room far enough removed from the auditorium that the services could not be interfered with by the screaming of the children.

On Saturday the Rev. Greenfield announced: "Parents, bring your children with you and leave them in the kindergarten while you enjoy the sermon." Many parents did so, and the kindergarten-room was well filled. The women, who entertained the children with blocks, charts, and the older ones with Sunday school lessons, were so much pleased that they decided to make the practice a part of the services every Sunday morning, and to take turns listening to the sermons and taking care of the children.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Suggestions by the Children as to the Best Way to Make Them Attractive.

Seventeen essays have been submitted by the Honesdale Public School children in response to a request of The Citizen, for suggestions from them as to the best way to make the grounds about the new school building attractive. The time allowed for the competition having expired, the articles have been submitted to a competent critic, and below are printed the two which, in his opinion are, on the whole, the most meritorious. Among so many efforts of such nearly equal merit, it was of course difficult to decide which two were the best; but as the committee was entirely ignorant of the authorship of the articles, there can be no question as to his impartiality. As there are valuable suggestions in each of the papers, however, The Citizen has decided to print them all, as space may permit, and when all have been published, the reading public will have an opportunity to judge for themselves as to their respective merits:

The Best Way to Arrange the New School House Grounds.

E. WILLIAM MILLER.
I think that the grounds around a school house should look nice because a good part of a person's life is spent in the public schools, and around them.

There is not much need of having things of amusement outside as I understand there is going to be a gymnasium under the large part of the new building. The outside should be a place more for playing tag and other running games. The walks would look well if they were of cement and could easily be kept clean.

The playgrounds and yard could be of cracked stone of small size; about the size of a twenty-five cent piece. It is called trap rock.

Some one suggested that grass be planted on the grounds, but I am afraid it wouldn't grow good. Some vines would look nice, if there were enough; one little one would be worse than not any. A vine like that on T. B. Clark & Co's glass cutting shop, at Seelyville, is the best kind I have seen around here.

A long, narrow flower bed along the side of the building, with something planted in it that wouldn't stop growing when it got stepped on, would look very pretty in the summer.

A fountain was thought of by some, and one would be pretty with a flower bed around the basin. A small one would be prettier than a large one,—almost any kind would look pretty when there was not a short supply of water.

The Best Way to Arrange the New School House Grounds.

WALTER ROBINSON.
In the way of decorating the new school house grounds, we all have our own thoughts about it. As for me, I would like to see concrete walks from the street back to the school building. Then, about in the middle, have a round flower bed with walks on each side of it. On its one side have a walk leading to the front of the brick building. Then have a flower bed on each side of the side walk leading to the new school building.

Most of us would like to see it all a mossy green lawn; and some would want it so they could romp on it. On each of the windows have wooden boxes, with bark on, for trailing flowers, like nasturtiums and morning glory. I think most all of us would like to see a large maple tree planted in front of it, to keep out the sun from all the rooms. But I guess we could get along without it, until it is big enough to answer that purpose.

Then to make it look prettier yet, we would like to have it all covered with ivy vines, for the brick work alone would not look as pretty as it would to have that on it. Then we will, or ought to be, proud of our new school building.

"Barbara Frietchie" at the Lyric.

Successful rehearsals are being held daily for the coming production of the beautiful four act drama "Barbara Frietchie," which is to be held at the Lyric Theatre, on Thursday evening, April 29th, under the auspices of the Amity Social Club. As this organization has always, in the past, given our people nothing but the very best of plays and amusements, this event will no doubt be looked forward to by many of our townspeople who appreciate the work of our local talent, as another rare treat. Tickets are being sold in advance for this attraction, which are to be exchanged for reserved seats at the box office on or after the day the seat sale starts.