

THE SCOFFOLD. Execution of Pike, the Double Murderer, at Concord, N. H.

Particulars of His Crime, Trial and Conviction.

The Last Act in the Drama of His Life.

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 9, 1869. The world is seldom indebted to the scaffold more than it is today for the execution of Josiah L. Pike, the notorious villain who committed the double murder at Hampton Falls about a year since.

It is a sad and laborious task for his moral and intellectual improvement. In about a fortnight after leaving Pike returned and repaid the kindnesses of his benefactors by murdering them in cold blood.

During the interval of quitting work and engaging in the horrible tragedy which cost him his life Pike spent most of his time and all his money in debauchery in the city of Newburyport, Mass. On the evening of the 7th of May he walked from Newburyport to Seabrook, N. H., where he managed to beg some liquor from an old acquaintance.

Having drunk freely and placed himself in a condition which may be properly termed as "drunk clear through," he went to Hampton Falls, arriving at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brown just as they were about retiring.

He knocked at the door, and when Mrs. Brown opened it to admit him he attacked her with an axe, and having, as he supposed, finished her, he turned to the door and entered a room where Mr. Brown was sleeping, and commenced a vigorous and murderous assault upon him.

Believing them both then dead he deliberately proceeded to the work of plunder. Knowing that Mr. Brown kept the most of his money in a desk, the key of which he knew was also kept in a drawer in another piece of furniture, he had no difficulty in soon obtaining all the money which he could lay his hands on.

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LECTURES LAST NIGHT.

THE ADROCKS.

Lecture by Miss Kate Field—Woman in the Wilderness—The Adventures of the Black Fly Club and How Ladies "Fought It."

Miss Kate Field lectured last evening before a large and fashionable audience at Steinway Hall. The "Adrockers," among whose ladies and lonely recesses she camped out with a small party of lady friends and participated in the sports of the hunter during the past season.

The lecturer was attired in blue silk, a la Pompadour, with a delicate nosegay half hidden in the lace, and her hair arranged in massy curls. Seating herself on the platform by the side of a small table, on which a handsome basket of flowers was placed, she commenced her lecture with an easy grace that made one forget the lecture room and almost fancy himself in a private parlor, listening to the unaffected narrative of a lady's experience among the hunters in the wilderness.

After a brief introductory lecture said that she was one of the so-called "Murray's fools," and that despite the horrors portrayed to her of life in the Adrockers she had camped out among the mountains and roamed it with the most adventurous.

Before setting out on her expedition she had been warned against Indians, wild animals, anacondas and the terrors of the North pole; but having gone through the season reared jubilee she believed that she could live in the howling wilderness, and had found that while the course of the true rover "never did run smooth" it was not over colored by the most graphic description.

The old fellow, it seems, was horrified at the appearance of a lecture in that quarter, and among his first ejaculations declared that he must move further into the woods, as people were getting so thick with the lecture that he was unable to tell his own legs from the chalking them.

Their first meal was described as consisting principally of elaborate order. The day itself had undergone great improvement, and he had gone into mourning; and the guide, whom Governor Peaton characterized as the smartest man in the Adrockers, as a sort of Yankee Arab, had been struck in the woods by the measles.

They then struck in the woods by the measles, and he got her foot down a stepladder in the upper floor; how they bunked in the bed of a night sportscock, and how they lived from door to door, and assaulted their door, but was eventually shielded off his treacherous with brushes and things and forced to raise the siege; how they slipped and fell, and how they hunted deer by night among the lakes; how they hunted deer by night among the lakes; how they hunted deer by night among the lakes.

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THE CUBANS AWAKE AGAIN.

The Last of the Goicourra Expedition—The Conduct of the War—Reorganization of the Junta—New Men and a New Policy—United States Ships Taking Army Supplies on Board—Getting Ready for Sea.

It would seem that the eyes of the Cuban leaders, both at the seat of war and here, have at last been opened to the fact that to break the power of the Spanish and to win their independence they must inaugurate a more vigorous policy. The bushwhacking manner of fighting which has characterized the operations on the island since the outbreak of Yara no longer suited to the exigencies of the situation, and the mobilization of the insurgent troops into brigades and divisions, under capable commanders, is rightly considered indispensable to success.

The Cubans are now aroused to these facts, and already has the work of reorganization commenced. The ablest and best of the leaders are actively engaged in clearing away the wrecks of their former hopes and preparing for more active, more sensible and determined efforts to furnish material aid to the army in the field.

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AMERICAN LITERATURE.

Lecture by George William Curtis.

The first of a course of lectures on the history of music was delivered last evening at the hall corner of Fifth Avenue and Sixteenth Street, by George William Curtis. The subject of the lecture last evening was "The Invention of Harmony and Folk-song, from the Christian Era to the Latter Part of the Fourteenth Century."

In introducing his subject the lecturer spoke of the danger musical art was in at the present time, and of the necessity of its revival. The historical development of literature and the arts generally were familiar to a certain degree to every student of the liberal professions, and it was not so. He then traced the gradual development of harmony and folk-song from the Christian era to the fourteenth century.

In the course of his lecture he touched upon several important points, the earlier music of the church and also some specimens of old secular music. The lecturer spoke very ably and was well received by the audience, which was small and composed mainly of ladies.

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