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THE SCENE OF EXECUTION.

EASTON, Talbot County, Md., August 7, 1874.

The crime for which Ernest Smith, a colored lad, about eighteen years of age, was executed here to-day, is, in the eye of Maryland law, more heinous than murder. The law of this State provides that the outrage of a white woman by a negro shall be regarded as the highest crime known to the law, and out of eight cases that have been tried in Maryland during the past three years not one of the accused has escaped the death penalty. The story of the condemned man's offence is the same told of the other wretched negroes who have suffered death for this crime. In this instance the fiend would have added murder to the other diabolical deed had he not been discovered in time.

THE HORRIBLE CRIME.

It was Sunday, the 19th of April last, that the community in and about Trappe, a small town in Trappe district, Talbot county, Maryland, was thrown into great excitement by the most daring and villainous outrage ever perpetrated in that vicinity. Miss Kate Bartlett, about sixteen years of age, very attractive and prepossessing in appearance, is a daughter of Mr. James Bartlett, of Trappe district. She resided with her father, about two miles from the town of Trappe. On the occasion in question she was going to a Sunday school held in a church about a mile and a half from her home. When about half way on her journey, and near a place know as Manasses, Smith, who had been watching for her, emerged from his hiding place, and seizing Miss Bartlett, forcibly dragged her to the road side and attempted his brutal assault. Though but eighteen years of age, his great strength and athletic build made him master of the girl, who, with all the strength of her womanhood, resisted desperately the purpose of her assailant. She, too, was stronger than most girls at her time of life, and the struggle to free herself from the grasp of the black devil completely exhausted her. Smith finally throttled her, threw her to the ground in the middle of the highway and succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. In the struggle all the poor girl's underclothing was torn from her person and injuries inflicted which rendered her perfectly helpless and unable to move. In the moment of triumph two citizens were seen by Smith a short distance down the road, and he made his escape without doing further violence to his victim. When they reached Miss Bartlett and discovered her terrible condition they secured help and removed her to her father's house, where she received proper medical attention.

THE ARREST OF SMITH.

Before sundown the country for miles around had been apprised of the crime of Smith. A neighborhood so free from the more grievous crimes was doubly outraged at the assault on the daughter of an estimable citizen, and all the feeling of honor among the descendants of the Calverts was at once aroused to fever heat. The men turned out *en masse*, on horse, in vehicle and on foot, determined to visit summary punishment if Smith could be found. Constable Simpson, hearing of the crime, and knowing the indignation which the report had aroused, was fearful that lynch law would be enforced. He, with his posse, was on the alert, and toward evening traced Smith to a colored meeting house, where he was arrested. It was with the greatest difficulty the enraged citizens were prevented from executing him upon the spot, but ultimately the counsels of some of the more conservative in the community prevailed, and Smith was safely lodged in jail in Easton, the county town of Talbot.

THE TRIAL.

At the May term of the County Court the trial of Smith took place, and was very brief. The sullen nature of the depraved criminal was apparent throughout. He heard with unconcern the direct and overwhelming evidence which was certain to result in his strangling on the gallows. The story of his victim was corroborated by the two citizens who saw Smith running away. During the trial the deepest interest was taken by the citizens of the county, and at the recital of the girl's story of the prisoner's crime only respect for the Court prevented them from hanging Smith before a verdict had been rendered. His counsel saw how hopeless was the case and not one word could be said in defence of their client. The jury were hardly in their room before a verdict of guilty was reached, and on the afternoon of May 26 that word fell upon the indifferent ear of Ernest Smith which to everybody else meant death. A few days after he was brought into court and

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED,

and from the Court House he was conducted to the dungeon in jail, his friends knowing how utterly hopeless was his case. In Maryland the Court sentences, but the Governor fixes the day of execution, and on the 27th of June Governor Groome signed the death warrant of Smith, fixing the 7th of August as the day of execution.

On the 1st of July the death warrant was received by the Sheriff of Talbot county and the prisoner brought from his cell to the Sheriff's apartments, where, in the presence of a number of citizens, the warrant was read.

Following the reading the Sheriff impressed upon the condemned the brevity of his earthly career and the importance of an early and an earnest preparation to meet his doom. The Rev. Mr. Newnam, of the Methodist Church, offered a prayer in behalf of the young man's soul. The plain announcement that on the 7th day of August, before the hour of two o'clock, he would die a felon's death brought out all there was human in him and he wept violently for several minutes, this unusual exhibition of feeling, however, being followed by his accustomed demeanor and look of indifference. Rev. Mr. Newnam continued to visit him, and of Smith it can be said, as of others of his race sentenced to death, that the gallows has been to him

THE ROAD TO PARADISE.

He has of late listened attentively to the exhortations of his spiritual adviser and professed that he had found peace with his Maker and said he was ready to die. During his imprisonment he was treated with the utmost kindness by the Sheriff and his family and appeared to be grateful for their consideration of his wants.

If there is anything the Maryland law abhors it is a private execution, and with the exception of Baltimore the gallows is always erected in the most conspicuous place, on a site where everybody can have a full view of the whole scene. In this case it was erected on a lot belonging to Mr. Frank Wright, on the Point road, and every facility given to the populace to witness the execution. To-day was really a holiday throughout the county, for an execution is so seldom witnessed in these parts that white and black, women and children, considered it a duty to come to the county seat and bear witness to the death of the unfortunate negro.

PRESENCE OF THE MILITIA.

The male element of the colored population of Talbot county is not the most orderly. Several years ago, when it was attempted to arrest a negro for breaking the peace, the whites were overpowered and the prisoner released. Sheriff Fitzgerald, a clear headed officer, was not disposed to borrow trouble, but several weeks ago deemed it best to request Governor Groome to send two companies of infantry to this place to preserve order and protect him in the discharge of the unpleasant duty of to-day. This fact was not generally known until Wednesday, when the most respected citizens of Easton waited on the Sheriff and asked him to countermand the order for outside help. Governor Groome was telegraphed to accordingly, but two companies of the Sixth Maryland National Guard had already been ordered here, and arrived this morning from Baltimore, under command of Colonel Peters, with the full drum corps of the regiment. The presence of the uniformed militia was not more tolerable to-day than was that of the federal troops during the war. They took the town by surprise, and terrified the citizen guards, who were about the old jail. Everybody was indignant; but here they were, and must be provided for at the county expense.

THE CONDEMNED BOY

for those who have known him longest, say he is only sixteen years old, maintained a sullen silence up to the last minute, answering questions in monosyllables and evincing an aversion to talk. He had no message for his father or his mother. Last night the Methodist clergyman spent some time with him, leading the devotional exercises and the prisoner slept soundly till awakened this morning. He ate a hearty breakfast of bacon, biscuit and coffee furnished by the Sheriff's wife. His spiritual consoler arrived at half-past nine and gave him the sacraments of the Methodist Church. Long and fervent prayers for the happy death of this boy were indulged in by several colored men, who had known of the ungovernable conduct of the lad when he roamed about Talbot county.

The religious exercises over, the Sheriff, in a faltering voice, told young Smith that the hour was near at hand when he must die. The lad heard the awful announcement as he heard the verdict of the jury, composedly and unconcerned. There he stood, readily yielding his arms to be pinioned. In this attitude his face was a study. There was nothing brutish in the expression of his features. His complexion was that of an Indian, with large, lustrous black eyes, and an absence of the animal cast. Not a word was spoken by him, nor did he seem to realize the fearful death he was about to suffer.

In the meantime the town of Easton had become a mass of humanity, carriages and wagons pouring in by the hundred, preceding an army of civilians, of all ages and color. The shell roads yielded a dusty coat of white to man and beast, who centred about the Court House, forming a caravan wonderful to behold. The jail door was the centre of attraction.

FROM THE JAIL TO THE SCAFFOLD.

At eleven o'clock the National Guards, composed of the Easton Zouaves, formed in line in front of the jail. The prisoner stepped nervously on to a platform wagon, where he was seated on a stool, supported by a colored man on either side. Slowly the procession moved to the scaffold, to the music of muffled drums. The boy looked at the brilliant uniforms of the militia, his eyes beaming with wonder as the glistening bayonets passed before him. What did it all mean? Flanking the armed guard was the multitude of citizens. The regimental colors were furled as the doomed boy neared the gallows, erected about three-quarters of a mile from the Court House, in a large open field. About this the military, with fixed bayonets, formed a hollow square, the citizen guards controlling the line of the spectators. The scaffold was well up in the world, built *a la* Maryland, so that the assemblage of 5,000 had a complete view of the scene.

THE TRAGEDY.

The boy was assisted up the steps by the Rev. Mr. Newnam, and immediately took his place on the drop, the rope dangling over his head. After the hymn, "Rock of Ages," had been sung, prayer was offered, and the condemned was left to the Sheriff, who speedily adjusted the noose. When asked if he had anything to say he answered, "No," but that he was prepared to die. The black shroud was then drawn over the body, the legs pinioned and the cap placed on his head. The Sheriff descended a few steps, cut the rope and at twelve o'clock Ernest Smith was his own involuntary executioner. The fall was four feet, and was sufficient to break the neck.

For some time nervous convulsions followed. After hanging twenty minutes the body was taken down, placed in a pine coffin and removed to Potter's Field. The crowd returned to town and lingered about the square; but as the Local Option law was strictly in force there was no rioting nor fighting.

THE FIRE FIEND IN NEW HAVEN.

Eight Incendiary Fires in Two Weeks—Uneasiness Among the People—The Detectives at Work—A Reward Offered by the Mayor.

NEW HAVEN, August 6, 1874.

The Fire Department of this city has repeatedly been called out recently by incendiary fires, which have become alarmingly frequent. On the 24th of July, at ten P. M., the barn of Case & Alling, coal dealers, was fired and burned, and on the following morning, at half-past two o'clock, a policeman, returning home from duty discovered a fire, evidently but just started, in the barn of P. B. Foster, on Orange street, which he extinguished without assistance. At three A. M. on the 25th of July

AN INCENDIARY FIRE

occurred in a shed on Hamilton street, owned by Lawrence O'Brien, which was extinguished with slight loss. On the morning of August 2, at half-past one o'clock, a similar fire was discovered in the barn of S. R. Smith & Co., coal dealers, on Railroad avenue. The barn was partially burned before the fire was subdued. The loss was about $1,500. At ten minutes to two the same morning a like fire occurred at the spar shop of Howard H. Hanscomb, on River street. The shop and contents were consumed. The loss was about $3,000. On the 3d of August, at a quarter-past one A. M., the sixth incendiary fire was discovered in the rear addition of the house of Patrick Smith, on Putnam street.

AN EARLY DISCOVERY

prevented serious loss. This fire was set by thrusting a ball of waste saturated with oil through a hole in the clapboards and then fired. On the 4th of August, at twenty minutes past one A. M., a hay stack was set on fire in the rear of James Maloney's house on East Chapel street. A fire occurred yesterday morning among some refuse in Spencer & Matthew's premises on State street, which is believed to have been an incendiary one. This would make eight incendiary fires in two weeks.

The police authorities are making efforts to discover the incendiaries, but as yet without success. There is a good deal of uneasiness occasioned by these frequent fires and the failure to detect the parties who set them.

BABY FARMING.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction as "Farmers"—Seventy Children in Westchester Homes—The Course To Be Pursued.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction have at present under consideration the serious subject of baby farming, but as yet have reached no final conclusion as to the course they will pursue in regard to it. There are at present about seventy children "farmed out" in Westchester county under the direction of the Bureau of Charities, but not a single child belonging to the Randall's Island institutions is in this city. In a conversation yesterday with Commissioner Laimbeer the HERALD reporter was informed that it is the unanimous wish of the Commissioners that the children now being cared for in Westchester homes should not be disturbed; but, yielding to the present temper of the public mind created by the abuses exposed in the HERALD, the Commissioners see no other course open to them but to cause the return of the children to Randall's Island. The children, the Commissioner says, are very well cared for by the people to whom they are confided in Westchester. One doctor, belonging to the Bureau of Charities, has entire charge of them, and no child is sent to any home for care except this doctor has previously examined the facilities for the performance of the duty and recommends the family who may have made application. The expense per month is on an average $8 for each child, but when the child needs extra attention, on account of its being delicate or crippled, an extra compensation is given. Commissioner Laimbeer says that if these seventy children are returned to Randall's Island it will be very difficult to make room for them, but he supposed it would become necessary to crush people closely together in order to give the children a department for themselves. The number of children arriving on the island for a considerable time past has been steadily increasing, so much so that it became necessary some time ago to begin sending them out West when good opportunities offered, and this is an additional reason why the Commissioners would prefer leaving the children in Westchester county for the present. In this connection Commissioner Laimbeer stated that seven months ago some of the authorities of the Catholic institutions requested the Commissioners to afford the Catholics a chance of preparing for the reception of Catholic boys into Catholic institutions rather than that they should be sent out West. Six months were allowed by the Commissioners for this purpose, but, though seven months have elapsed, the Bureau of Charities has received no intimation of the completion of the preparations or of any further intention to relieve the crowded institution on Randall's Island of those boys whose parents belong to the Catholic Church.

ST. JAMES' LITERARY UNION.

At the regular meeting of this organization, held at their rooms, No. 91 Madison street, on Thursday evening, 6th inst., the following boards of officers and directors for the ensuing term were elected:—President, Rev. William L. Penny (assistant pastor of St. James' church); Vice President, John McCarthy; Recording Secretary, Thomas F. Carey; Financial Secretary, John F. Coughlin; Treasurer, Ed. G. Byrns; Directors—John T. Grady, T. W. Stapleton, M. F. McCabe, Stephen Collins, John M. O'Brien, C. P. Denehy, P. H. Wall and James J. Armstrong.

This union was organized by the Rev. F. H. Farrelly, pastor of St. James' church. There are now some 170 active members. They have handsomely furnished parlors and a large library and reading room on the first floor, while on the basement floor they have a billiard room and also rooms for other amusements. The association is very flourishing. In their parlors they give select readings every Wednesday evening, and these are interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. They supply the tables of their reading room with the best daily and weekly papers, also the choicest of monthly and quarterly reviews. The association offers every inducement to good young men who desire a nice place to spend a sociable evening with profit themselves.

THE SARATOGA SPRINGS.

The Great Railroad Conference and Its Results.

THE INTERESTS ASSIMILATED.

Facts About the Various Mineral Fountains.

SARATOGA, August 6, 1874.

The great railroad assemblage which met here at the Grand Union Hotel contained about all the really remarkable, first class managers in the United States. Strange indeed was it to see Vanderbilt, Scott, Hugh Jewett and John King representing the four trunk lines of the country and long rivals to the last extent. In fact opposition could only go on while the several railroad systems were levying on each other's territory. The main fight, of course, was between the Pennsylvania and the Garrett company, the latter to pass through Maryland to Washington and the South, the former to build in to Pittsburg and get hold of the mighty freight business at that point. Both were disappointed. Although the Baltimore company crossed the Alleghanies a second time and proceeded down the Youghiogheny to Pittsburg the freights did not leave the old established route. The Connellsville road has been a disappointment to Baltimore.

In the same way the Pennsylvania's intent to be a great Southern line has failed at three several points. Building South from Cincinnati, the panic struck them and stopped work. They began to extend their Cumberland Valley road down the Shenandoah Valley, but the Baltimore concern got the start of them, and is already at Sta