

MURDERER DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

Decomposed Body of William Bartholin Found in a Flax Field Near Riceville, Iowa.

Confessed in Letters to Strangling His Mother and Shooting His Sweetheart.

Identification Established by Chicago Officials and Relatives of Miss Mitchell.

CONFESSION OF WM. BARTHOLIN.

To Whom It May Concern: I want to state I am the Bartholin the police are looking for. Also wish to certify I had no assistance of any kind from any one.

I cannot say a word in regard to the crime. They were not planned. It was all Minnie and I could do—my mind is wandering. Such a drop in life in a short time. Two months ago traveling in the best of company; to-day living the life of hoboes; a murderer.

I intended to go into details and tell all, but I can't get my mind centered. Even my handwriting is disgraceful.

But above all things, I ask to clear everybody from suspicion. There is no second party; I am the last.

—W. J. BARTHOLIN.

Riceville, Iowa, Sept. 8.—The body of William Bartholin, author of one of the most heinous double murders in the criminal annals of the west, lies buried in a pauper's grave in the little town of Riceville.

All doubt as to the identity of the man was set at rest yesterday afternoon, when the body was examined and positively identified by those who knew him in life.

The identification was made by William J. Mitchell, a brother of one of Bartholin's victims, Lieutenant Andrew Mitchell of the Chicago detective force, and Dr. A. J. Coey, also of Chicago, who has been closely identified with the case ever since the bodies of Mrs. Bartholin and Miss Mitchell were discovered.

Died by His Own Hand. Bartholin's body was found lying in a flax field about six miles from Riceville.

A six-caliber revolver lay beside the body, one bullet from which had been fired through the roof of the head, the other coming out at the back of his head.

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WILLIAM NATHANIEL ROACH Ex-Senator From North Dakota.

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Life of the Former North Dakotan Taken by Cancer—End Came in New York City.

New York, Sept. 8.—William Nathaniel Roach, who was United States senator from North Dakota from 1892 to 1899, died here yesterday.

He had been ill from cancer almost from his coming to this city, where he made his home after retiring from the senate.

Under special treatment he progressed favorably and about a month ago it was announced he was out of danger.

He suffered a relapse, however, and died after having been confined to his bed for ten months.

William N. Roach was born in Washington, Sept. 25, 1840. He was graduated from Georgetown university.

He served as a clerk in the United States quartermaster's department during the civil war. He removed to Dakota territory in 1870, and having secured small contracts, he was the mayor of Larimore from 1883 to 1887.

Mr. Roach was twice married; his first wife dying in 1885. In 1889 he married Mrs. Alexander Pollock of Salt Lake City.

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The board of tax levy met this afternoon and effected organization, after which adjournment was taken until Sept. 29, by which time the state board of equalization will have completed its labors.

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A BATTLEFIELD TRIP AID FOR CONFEDS.

The President, on Horseback, Rides Over the Scene of a Great Struggle.

Late Saturday He Spoke Further Regarding Trust Remedies—The McKinley Anniversary.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 8.—President Roosevelt was the guest of the citizens of Chattanooga yesterday and again today.

During the day the president and General H. V. Boynton, president of the park commission, mounted horses and after the members of the party had entered carriages the drive through the park began.

The cavalcade was hardly under way before the president started his horse at a sharp trot, and for a mile and a half led a merry chase over the battlefield.

The president at first was disinclined to witness a drill on Sunday, but upon his being represented to him that the drill was particularly anxious that he should see the drill, and as this was the only opportunity he would have to do so, he consented.

The services were conducted by Evangelist Foster and were of a very simple nature. At their conclusion the president made a short address to the soldiers.

He complimented them upon their drill, and complimented them upon the splendid drill they had put up. He said he had enjoyed his ride with them very much.

After the president resumed his inspection of the battlefield, a delegation of citizens of Georgia, headed by the president's son, accompanied him to a camp on the battlefield.

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COMING INTO LINE FIGHT LA FOLLETTE

Congressmen Who Quarreled With the President See Their Great Error.

The Campaign Opens Next Week—Where Aid Will Be Sent.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—A Washington special to the Chronicle says: The congressional campaign will open in the east and middle west a week from to-morrow.

Both party committees have made elaborate arrangements for sending speakers of talent and reputation to the field against Governor La Follette.

It is denied by friends of Postmaster General Payne and Senator Spooner here that the stalwarts can possibly be drawn into a general movement to vote for Mr. Rose.

They insist that they will see to it that the strongest fight that can be made is carried on in every senatorial and assembly district, and when they have secured a legislature favorable to the re-election of Spooner, they will make the struggle of their lives at the next opportunity to recover control of the party organization.

It is the expectation of Senator Spooner's eastern friends that when he is once assured that a legislature is chosen pledged to elect him he will come out in a declaration showing where he stands on the issues that the La Follette men put in the state platform and allowing his name to be placed before the legislative caucus.

There will be no other name before the caucus, it is said, if a majority of Spooner men are re-elected to the legislature.

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FROM THE JOURNAL BUREAU, ROOM 45, POST BUILDING, WASHINGTON.

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GOOD GOAL IN MINDANAO

A Rich Field for the Miner—India Rubber Will Also Be Plentiful.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—According to James Wilson, at present second assistant engineer in charge of government engineering work on the upper Mississippi, headquarters at St. Paul, has written a letter to the commissioners of the District of Columbia.

One of the most important features of the coal field is the presence of India rubber and gutta percha.

According to Wilson, who has spent a long time in the island of Mindanao, there are many Americans prospecting and preparing to develop the long latent possibilities of the new possessions.

That the coal found there is much superior to the Japanese coal.

ST. VINCENT'S TRIALS. What Soufriere's Latest Explosion Did There.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Sept. 8.—Soufriere was still in eruption Sunday but in decreased violence.

An official who has just returned here found that Chateau Belair, a fine estate, had been completely destroyed.

The eruption of the mountain was longer in duration and more violent in action than even the first dire outbreak of May 7.

MOROCCO IS IN TROUBLE. New York, Sept. 8.—A dispatch from Tangiers says that the Sultan of Morocco has ordered that a large army be collected in readiness to leave for Morocco.

The revolt against the sultan is spreading in an alarmingly rapid manner, and it is necessary for the powers to interfere if they wish to preserve the state.

The revolt is headed by the sultan's brother, Mohammed.