

HARGIS KILLED BY HIS OWN SON

Noted Mountain Character Shot to Death

IN HIS STORE AT JACKSON

Dead Man Had Only a Few Days Before Ordered His Own Coffin.

Former County Judge James Hargis, for many years a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, accused of complicity in many murders, and a prominent figure in the feuds which disrupted Breathitt county for several years, was shot and killed in his general store at Jackson, Ky., last Thursday afternoon by his son, Beach Hargis.

The son fired five shots in rapid succession at his father, who fell dead while the clerks were waiting on customers.

Judge Hargis was killed with his own pistol, a Colt's forty-five, which Beach took the day before from a drawer in the store, where it was usually kept. A few minutes before the murder, Judge Hargis was walking around in the store chatting pleasantly with his customers, while at the time his son, Beach, was in a pool room a block away down the street playing pool.

Miss Mary Coffy, a clerk in charge of the women's dress goods department, says she noticed Beach Hargis come into the front door of the store where she was waiting on a customer, and take a seat directly in front, facing the door. She noticed that he had been drinking and that in a very few minutes he arose and walked over next to the counter. At that time she and the woman she was waiting on walked on through the archway into the other store, leaving Judge Hargis, James Erophy and another clerk, a customer whom Erophy was waiting on and Beach Hargis in the dry goods department. She had scarcely reached the other room until the firing began.

The others who witnessed the shooting say that Judge Hargis walked toward his son and said something to him, and the boy at once drew the pistol and began firing, emptying the contents into his father's body. After he drew the gun and began shooting, Judge Hargis caught hold of him and in an effort to disarm him the young desperado threw his coat over his father's face and thus blinding him, pumped the contents of the revolver into his father's body, one of the five shots taking effect below the left nipple, three in the abdomen and one in the leg.

June Jeff was at the desk making an entry. When he heard the report he rushed in, reaching the wounded man in time to catch him just as he slid down by the counter to the floor. Judge Hargis said to him in a deathly whisper, "Mercy, I am killed," and called for aid. These were the only words he spoke. Dr. Kash arrived and directed removal of the wounded man to his home. He expired as they were carrying him in, less than ten minutes after the shooting.

Deputy Marshal Goven Smith and Grover Blanton, who arrived on the scene immediately after the shooting, arrested young Hargis and took him to jail. He fought like a maniac on his way and had to be taken by sheer force.

The cause of the murder is supposed to have been the result of differences which have existed between the father and son for some time. The two men are reported to have had a severe quarrel several nights before when the father, it is alleged, was compelled to resort to violence to restrain his son.

Young Hargis it is said had been drinking heavily lately.

Beach Hargis has been very dissipated for some time, and so wild his father had lost all control of him. A few months ago he quarreled with his father, left home and was put in jail at Cincinnati after a mad spree. His father refused to go to his relief, but after a few days his mother appeared in Cincinnati, paid his fine, secured his release and took him home. Beach Hargis is twenty-three years of age.

Judge Hargis was buried in a casket which he himself purchased

about a month ago. Sometime during the early part of last month Judge Hargis went to the National Casket Company of Louisville, and requested to be shown the most elaborate coffins the company had in stock. Nothing suited him and he finally ordered one along his own ideas, costing \$1,500.

The following telegram was sent to the company:

"Express to-day the casket selected by James Hargis, as he is dead."
(Signed) Mrs. James Hargis.

As the reports of the tragedy from Jackson indicate that Judge Hargis only lived a few minutes after being shot, it is supposed that he told Mrs. Hargis of the incident regarding the casket upon his return to Jackson and requested that it be ordered for his body in the event of his death occurring before that of his wife.

James Hargis was one of the wealthy men of the mountains of Kentucky. He was of humble origin, but was industrious and temperate and made money not only in his general store at Jackson, but by acquiring many thousands of acres of mountain lands at a nominal cost in years past, having faith in the outcome of the mountain country, and selling to syndicates in later years. He was estimated to be worth \$200,000 to \$200,000.

He was a member of the Baptist church and professed to be a devout Christian, notwithstanding the bloody feuds with which his name was associated. He was also a prominent Democratic politician and for years was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee.

It has always been claimed by Hargis' friends that the enmities he aroused were the result of envy of his growing wealth; that others less fortunate determined to run him out of the mountain country and that his resistance to their schemes brought on all the trouble.

Hargis and his brother, Alex and his nephew, Elbert, as well as Fulton French and others were accused of being accessories to several assassinations in Breathitt county, notably those of James Marcum, Dr. Cox and Thomas Cockrell. The confessions of the principals in these murders were horrible, but the Hargises and their co-defendants always claimed the testimony against them was perjured and no jury, although there were several trials, would ever convict any of them. However, in a civil action for damages for the death of her husband at the hands of Hargis and his henchmen, Mrs. James Marcum recovered \$8,000 of James Hargis, which, with penalties and costs, was recently paid.

The brothers, James and Alex Hargis, who were formerly business partners, fell out some years ago over business differences and refused to speak to each other, although they were jointly tried in these murder conspiracy cases.

Governor Beckham was much criticized for always standing by James Hargis, but he was one of many who firmly believed in him.

The body of Judge James Hargis was buried Saturday in the family burying ground on the old Hargis homestead. An enormous crowd was in attendance. Beach Hargis, who killed his father, was brought to the family residence to take a last look at the dead. His mother took him in her arms. It is said that relatives of Judge Hargis will prosecute the murderer.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 10.—Beach Hargis, the murderer of his father, former Judge James Hargis, was held to the grand jury to-day without bail. His attorney, former Judge D. B. Redwine, an intimate friend of the father, waived examination for his client who was returned to jail.

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SILVER QUESTION WILL NOT BE ISSUE

In the Coming Campaign, Says Bryan.

REASONS FOR CUTTING IT OUT

Roosevelt Right in "Some" Things—He Can't Push Bryan Off Platform.

In an interview and speech in New York last week, Mr. W. J. Bryan said:

"No, free silver is not an issue. What I said last night had no connection with the silver question. I simply referred to it to show the change that had taken place in the arguments that are being made at the present time.

"The silver question was an issue in 1896 because prices were falling and there was no other relief in sight. Since gold production has materially increased, prices are rising—or were until the recent panic—and will again as soon as normal conditions are restored. The silver question, therefore, will not be an issue.

"I am glad to find that we have a united Democratic party. I have suffered as much as any one from the results of a divided party, and I am gratified now that we are presenting a united front.

"I hope for a Democratic victory this fall. The Democratic party has taken an advanced ground and has vindicated our position. Some of our ideas have been indorsed by President Roosevelt. I emphasize the word some. In some things the President is right. Nevertheless, I do not intend to let him push me off the Democratic platform.

"Some have said that our attitude on predatory wealth is wrong. The lines are being drawn between the robber and the prey. A man who puts the dollar above the man is the worst enemy the people's rights can have.

"We are now in a position to fight the divided enemy, for the Republican party is divided, and it will take that party some time to settle the questions which have divided it. While they are doing so we can carry on the Government in their stead. I have no doubt of the ultimate triumph of the Democratic ideas. The time is coming when the cup of the Democratic party will be overflowing with joy."

"Health Coffee" is really the closest coffee imitation ever yet produced. This, the finest coffee substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Health coffee is made from pure toasted cereals, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for coffee. No twenty or thirty minutes boiling. "Made in a minute" says the doctor. Gross Williams.

Remember March 1st, is the last day on which we can accept \$3.00 as payment for The Herald and the Owensboro Inquirer for a year—the price of the Inquirer alone.

CUT THE WIRES AND THEN BURN

Night Riders Destroy Factory and Warehouse.

CHARACTERISTIC MANEUVERS

Towns of Fredonia and View Invaded—35,000 lbs Destroyed.

Fredonia, Ky., Feb. 9.—Night riders destroyed the tobacco factory and warehouse of A. H. Cardin, at View, in Crittenden, six miles from this city, after invading this place and putting the telephone lines out of commission. Thirty-five thousand pounds of tobacco were destroyed.

Twenty-five thousand pounds in the factory were the property of Buckner & Dunkerson, of Louisville, for which firm Mr. Cardin was the agent. The remaining 10,000 pounds was the property of Mr. Cardin and his tenants.

Mr. Cardin was the Populist nominee for Governor several years ago.

About 1:15 o'clock this morning 150 men masked and heavily armed rode into town and took charge of the East Tennessee Telephone Company's office.

The men cut the cables leading to the exchange and after warning Oscar Scarberry, the assistant manager, not to make any repairs, compelled him to show the way to the residence of C. B. Lloyd, a prominent merchant, in whose store are located the telephones of the Home Company.

The men called on Mr. Lloyd to dress and accompany a squad to his store. Mr. Lloyd complied and unlocked his store. The night riders cut the wires outside of the building and then tore the telephones from the walls.

Leaving a small guard to see that no attempt was made to communicate with the outside world the night riders rode to View. On reaching the residence of A. H. Cardin a hundred revolvers were discharged. Demand was made that Mr. Cardin come out. There was no answer and it was ascertained that Mr. Cardin and his family were not at home, they having gone to Evansville to attend a funeral.

Proceeding to the tobacco factory and warehouse nearby the riders applied the torch to the two big frame structures and they were soon reduced to ashes, 35,000 pounds of tobacco being destroyed with the buildings. The loss is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$35,000. The insurance is not known.

Many people peered from windows when the shots were fired and were immediately informed that it would be death for them to come out.

The riders left in a northerly direction at 4 o'clock this morning. Seventy-two of them watered their horses at Saratoga, seven miles from Eddyville. It is supposed to be the same band which burned the Bennett warehouse and distillery and whipped Henry Bennett and William Graves at Dycusburg. The riders are supposed to be from Crittenden, Trigg and Lyon counties.

The night riders claimed that Mr.

Cardin had been buying independent tobacco while he is a member of the association.

Mr. Cardin learned of his loss when he returned here to-night. He went immediately to his residence.

Pleasant Uchre Party.

One of the most pleasant and enjoyable of the several social functions that have been given in Hartford the present winter was the progressive uchre party given by Mr. and Mrs. Hooker Williams at their residence on Union street last Friday night. The hours were from 7:30 till 11, and every minute of the time was hugely enjoyed by all present. There were eleven tables in the sitting and 26 games were played. The rooms were beautifully decorated and well arranged. At the conclusion of the games a delightful lunch was served, consisting of hot coffee with whipped cream, salads, olives, &c. The last course was cream candy and toasted nuts. Miss Stella Woerner and Mr. R. C. Porter won the largest number of games.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Griffin, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Yewell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Simmerman, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wagen, Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Birkhead, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tinsley, Mrs. Woolfolk Barrow, Misses Sophia and Stella Woerner, Mattie Sanderfur, Mary Rowe, Margaret and Henrietta Gunther, Lydia and Laura Morton, Messrs. J. W. Ford, Ike Sanderfur, J. C. Iler, E. G. Barrass, R. C. Porter, E. W. Cooper and John P. Taylor.

NARROWS.

Feb. 10.—Mrs. Anna Turnham started for Morehouse, Mo., last Tuesday.

Bro. Herndon will preach here next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Misses Dollie and Cilina White have been visiting their cousin, Mrs. Iona White, this week.

The school here is getting along nicely.

Miss Alma Gentry was the guest of Miss Bessie Renfrow last Wednesday night.

The Sunday Schools here are progressing nicely.

The school examination last week was good. The pupils are all very anxious to get their grade.

Miss Amy Huff, of Shreve, was the guest of Miss Zona Robinson's mother Friday, Zona being at school.

The prayer meeting at Huff's Creek is progressing nicely.

A weak stomach means weak stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. It's a pity that sick ones continue to drug the stomach or stimulate the heart and kidneys. The weak nerves, not the organs themselves, need this help. This explains why Dr. Shoop's Restorative has, and is promptly helping so many sick ones. It goes direct to the cause of these diseases. Test this vital truth, and see. All dealers.

BEDA.

Feb. 10.—There is a great deal of la grippe in this community, but no really serious cases.

Mr. Otis Howard, of Washington neighborhood, spent Saturday night with Mr. Ray Bennett.

Mr. Cecil Park will close his school at this place next Friday.

The musical entertainment at Mr. Peter Show's Saturday evening was very nice. A large crowd was in attendance and every one present enjoyed the evening.

Miss Altha Likens closed her school at Alexander last Friday night with an entertainment. She left Sunday for her home in Beaver Dam.

Mr. Nathan Bennett, Champaign, Ill., is visiting relatives here.

Men Past Sixty in Danger.

More than half mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate glands. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years although I am now 91 years old." J. H. Williams.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS NINE MEN

And Another Was Fatally Injured by Blast.

SOUTH CARROLLTON TROUBLE

Victims Prepared Shot When Death Came—Three Men Escape.

Nine men were killed and one fatally injured by an explosion in the mine of the Moody Coal Company, at South Carrollton, Muhlenberg county, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

THE DEAD.

Robert Cook, white, aged 35, married.

J. N. Rush, white, aged 30, married. Leslie Gatton, colored, aged 35, married.

Hugh Carbin, colored, aged 35, married.

Dick Blacklock, colored, aged 55, married.

Charley Van, Sr., colored, married. Charles Van, Jr., colored, aged 29, married.

Charles Ross, colored, aged 28, single.

Pete Penick, colored, aged 30, single.

Injured: John Bryant, white, married; will die.

Bryant was removed from the mine in an unconscious condition and his body was terribly mangled.

The exact cause of the explosion will probably never be known. There were thirteen men working in the shaft, which is 180 feet deep, at the time of the accident. Ten of the men were preparing for a "shot" when a terrific explosion occurred. The three other men who were in a different part of the mine rushed to the room, from which they could hear the moans and cries of their mangled companions. They found the bodies of the miners scattered about the room.

The three uninjured miners ran to the cage and found that it had been damaged by the explosion. They gave the alarm to the men at the opening of the shaft, but it was nearly an hour and a half before the cage was in working order and the rescue of the bodies of the miners could begin. It was nearly 9 o'clock before the bodies were brought to the surface. Life was extinct in all save Bryant and he was in an unconscious condition and the physicians are holding out very little hope for his recovery.

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A Household Necessity.

Lake Arthur, N. M., Feb. 3, 1908. Editors Hartford Herald, Dear Sirs:—I received your letter this a. m., and contents noted. I am only too glad to send you the amount due, for I think it would be impossible for us to keep house without The Herald.

Wishing The Herald and its editors a happy and a prosperous new year, I beg to remain, Yours truly, E. C. Jackson.

A Card.

This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. Cures la grippe cough and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. J. H. Williams.

NOTICE TO Subscribers of The Herald.

We have mailed a statement of their account to each of our subscribers who is in arrears, and, while a large number have remitted, there are many who have not. It is very necessary that you do so at once. Under the recent ruling of the Post-Office Department at Washington, we cannot carry subscribers who are in arrears. Their names will have to be taken from the list and the accounts put out for collection. One notice through the mails ought to be sufficient. We cannot send these notices out every few weeks. The work and the cost would be too great. You have received one notice, and that ought to do as much towards bringing in your remittance as a dozen. Please attend to this matter at once and help us obey the law, which is imperative and for which we are not to blame. Best way is to pay all arrears and a year in advance.