

LYNCH LAW IN IOWA.

Psychological Analysis of the Mob. James Cullen, who murdered his wife and step-son, was hung by a mob at Charles City, on Tuesday night of last week.

It is difficult to understand the make-up of a lynching mob. All individuality seems to be merged into a single mind, with its moral level far below the minds of the persons who constitute the composite aggregation.

The motives and conduct of the mob are those of utter savagery, and as all men in a savage state are much the same, there is little difference between any of the members of a mob.

It would seem as though by force of suggestion or some sort of contagion, respectable individuals are drawn into mobs, and while in a sort of hypnotic condition, with their objective mind in abeyance and their subjective minds active, they do things which would be abhorrent and repulsive to them when outside of the sphere of crowd influence.

But no matter what may be the antecedents of the members of a mob, for the time being they are savages and it is a well known fact that most all savages are cowardly as well as cruel.

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the Elks' club room last night and it was plainly apparent that the followers of Jackson and Jefferson have been encouraged by the course of political events to plan for another fight on radical lines in the campaign of 1908.

The Benton county democracy banqueting Hon. Cato Sells, and his brother, D. G. Sells, at the Downs Hotel in Vinton last Saturday night, and expressed their regrets over the departure of these two gentlemen for Texas, where they have already engaged in the banking business.

The bomb throwers of Russia continue to increase the list of their distinguished victims. Last week they added the name of Lieutenant General Pavloff.

Governor Cummins, in his campaign for renomination and reelection, gave the people of Iowa to distinctly understand that he favored the reelection of Senator Dolliver.

Have these "weird sisters" been whispering to our Governor as they did to Macbeth?

A patent was granted last week to J. B. Engstrom for a fence post mold.

The housewife will welcome the news of a drop of four cents a pound in butter. The market lowered to 28 cents a pound for the best creamery butter on Monday.

Charles Hetherington, the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hetherington, died last Monday morning, after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. W. F. Durey. Mrs. W. F. Durey died last Friday at Iowa City, where she had gone for surgical treatment.

The case of Young vs. The Town of Earlville is now occupying the attention of the district court.

report approved. Estate of John W. Botcher. Final report approved. Estate of Almira Taber. Final report approved.

Real Estate Transfers. E. J. Carpenter to J. C. Nieman et al. Lena Metz to DeWitt County, Iowa. Frank Turner to Elizabeth Turner et al.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Manchester Co-operative Creamery Company was held in the Fireman's hall Monday afternoon of this week.

The first business was the election of nine directors. The vote showed the election of the following: Seth Severance, W. F. Croskey, H. O. Harris, Luther Sly, A. B. Kenney, Ben Sheldon, A. E. McGee, M. S. Van Aukun and James Bishop.

The president appointed a finance committee composed of Messrs. Kenney, Harris and McGee. Upon consideration it was decided to employ R. F. Griffith as butter maker at the same wages as last year, i. e. \$100 per month.

Secretary Bishop submitted his annual report which showed the company in a very prosperous condition. It is shown that the highest average test during the year was 4% in December 1905.

Resolutions of Respect. Whereas, in the providence of "God" our dearly beloved sister, Mrs. Ira Clark, has been removed by death from our midst, and we feel sorely for the truth of the old maxim, "We are taking the true value of our blessings until we are deprived of them."

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What is a woman's club? No idle place where to chatter on the last new play, or, whisper of a sister, gone astray.

Where victors in the race for fame and power, look backward, even in their triumph hour, to those who were with them in the hour of need.

Where the foregoer poetry was read by our retiring president, Mrs. A. C. Carter, and was given to the corresponding secretary for publication by a vote of the Club, which met Friday afternoon, January 4th, at Mrs. Kate Purvis' and was largely attended.

The ceremony of installing the officers elect for the coming year, consisted of pinning on the badges by our retiring President, Mrs. A. C. Carter, who has served us faithfully and well for two consecutive years, and I think every member of the Club was well pleased with her as a presiding officer.

The ladies of the E. W. C. were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Loise Kenny last week Thursday.

Geo. Hunt wife and daughter Ruby returned from Rochester, Minn., Saturday.

A. S. Loper and family will move to Osage last Friday by the sickness and death of Mr. Lynch's father Howard's many friends here sympathize with him in his sorrow.

George Granis visited in Strawberry Point Saturday.

Don't forget the Wathena concert company Friday evening at the Congregational church. This is the second number on our lecture course and comes highly recommended.

The marriage of Miss Maude Williams and Mr. Amzie Davey will occur on Wednesday, January 16 at the home of the bride. A number of social gatherings in honor of the bride elect have been given at various places during the past week.

Dakota where he spent the past few months. It was with much regret that the members of the Congregational church accepted the resignation of their pastor, Rev. A. B. Keeler, last Sunday morning.

General Pavloff Dies by the Hand of a Terrorist, Who Will Follow His Victim. St. Petersburg, Jan. 10. — Another high official has met death at the hands of an assassin, who got in reach of his victim so easily that after his capture he joked the police about their helplessness in such matters.

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