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JESSE JAMES.

The Daring Desperado Dies by the Hand of an Assassin.

Taken unawares and shot through the Brain by Members of His Band.

Hope of Large Rewards the Incentive of the Murder—Great Excitemet in St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., April 3.—A great Sensation was created in this city this morning by the announcement that Jesse James, the notorious bandit and train robber, had been shot and killed here in St. Joseph. The news spread with great rapidity, but most people received it with doubts until investigation established the fact beyond question. Then the excitement became more and more intnese and the crowds of people rushed to that quarter of the city where the shooting took place, anxious to view the body of the dead outlaw and to learn the particulars. In a small frame shanty in the southeast part of the city, on a hill, not far from the World's Hotel, Jesse James has lived with his wife since some time in November last. Robert and Charles Ford, two of his gang, have made their headquarters at his house, and Charles, it is said, has lived with him in that shanty ever since November. Robert arrived about ten days ago, and the three have been making preparations for a raiding expedition on which they were to start to-night. James and the two Fords being in the front room together about 9 o'clock this morning, the former took off his belt and laid his pistols on the bed, preparing to wash himself, when Robert Ford sprang up behind him and sent a bullet through his brain. The ball entered the back of his head at the base of the right brain, coming out over the eye. The Ford brothers at once made known what they had done, and gave themselves up. They are now under guard at the court-house. The body of Jesse James was conveyed to an undertaker's where it was prepared for burial, and where a photograph was taken. James' wife has telegraphed to his mother of his death. A number of men have identified the body, and there is no question of its being Jesse James.

A *Herald* reporter reviewed the body at the undertaker's when it was photographed. He was a fine looking man, apparently 40 years old, with a broad forehead, and his physiognomy was that of an intelligent as well as a resolute and daring man. The house where James lived and in which he was killed has the appearrance of an armory. A number of guns and pistols including a repeating rifle, a needle gun and navy revolvers with a good store of ammunition were found there. Jesse James was in the habit of wearing two belts with a brace of very fine revolvers and 25 extra cartridges. In a small stable near by were discovered several fine horses, the property of James. The Ford brothers claim than they are detectives and that they have been on James' track for a long time. It is believed that they were with James in the Blue Cut robbery and that they were influenced in killing him by the hope of gooing the big reward which has been offered for James dead or alive by the Governor and by the express and railroad companies.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock, this morning, Jesse James, the Missouri outlaw, before whom the deeds of Fra Diavole, Dick Turpin and Shinderhannes dwindle into insignificance was killed by a boy, twenty years old, named Robert Ford, at his temporary residence on 13th and LaFayette streets, in this city. In the light of all moral reasoning, the shooting was unjustifiable, but law is vindicated and $50,000 reward offered by the State for the body of the brigand, dead or alive, will doubtless go to the man, who had courage to draw a revolver on the notorious outlaw, when his back was turned, as in this case. There is little doubt that the killing was the result of a premeditated plan, formed by Robert and Charles Ford, several months ago. Charles had been an accomplice of Jesse James since the 3d of last November, and entirely possessed his confidence. Robert Ford, his brother joined Jesse near the house of Mrs. Samuels, the mother of the James boys, last Friday a week ago, and accompanied Jesse and Charles to this city on Sunday, March 23. Jesse, his wife and two children removed from Kansas City (where they lived for several months, until they feared their whereabouts would be suspected) in a wagon to this city, arriving here Nov. 18, 1881, accompanied by Charles Ford, and rented a house on the corner of LaFayette and Twenty-first streets, where they stayed two months, when they secured house 1,318 on LaFayette street, formerly the property of Councilman Aylesbury, paying $14 a month for it, and giving the name of Thomas Hard. The house is a one-story cottage, painted white, with green shutters, and romantically situated on the brow of a lofty eminence east of the city, commanding a fine view of the principal portion of the city, the river and railroads, and adapted, as if by nature, for the perilous and desperate calling of James. Just east of the house is a deep gluch, like a ravine, and beyond a broad expanse of open country, backed by a belt of timber. The house, except from the west side, can be seen for several miles. There is a large yard attached to the cottage, and a stable where Jesse had been keeping two horses, which were found there this morning. Charles and Robert Ford have been occupying one of the rooms in the rear of the dwelling and have secretly had an undrestanding to kill Jesse ever since last fall. A short time ago, before Robert had joined James, the latter proposed to rob the bank at Platte City. He said the Burgess murder trial would commence there to-day, and his plan was, if they could get another companion, to take a view of the situation of the Platte City Bank, and while the arguments were being heard in the murder case, which would naturally engage the attention of the citizens, boldly execute one of his favorite raids. Charles Ford approved of the plan, and suggested his brother Robert as a companion, worthy of sharing the enterprise with them. Jesse had met the boy at the latter's house, near Richmond, three years ago, and consented to see him. The two men accordingly went to where Robert was, and arranged to have him accompany them to Platte City. As stated all three of them came to St. Joseph a week ago Sunday. They remained at the house all the week. Jesse thought it best that Robert should not exhibit himself on the premises, lest the presence of three able-bodied men, who were doing nothing, should excite suspicion. They had fixed upon to-night to go to Platte City. Ever since the boys had been with Jesse they had watch for an opportunity to shoot him, but he was always so heavily armed that it was impossible to draw a weapon without his seeing it. They declare they had no idea of taking him alive, considering the undertaking suicidal. The opportunity they had long wished for came, this morning. James was standing on a chair dusting some pictures.

His back was now turned to the brothers, who silently stepped between Jesse and his revolvers, and at a motion from Charley both drew their guns. Robert was the quickest of the two. In one motion he had the long weapon to a level with his eye, with the muzzle no more than four feet from the back of the outlaw's head. Even in that motion, quick as thought, there was something which did not escape the acute ears of the hunted man. He made a motion as if to turn his head to ascertain the cause of that suspicious sound, but too late. A nervous pressure on the trigger, a quick flash, a sharp report, and the well directed ball crashed through the outlaw's skull. There was not an outcry; just the swaying of the body and it fell heavily back upon the carpeted floor. The ball had entered the base of the skull and made its way out through the forehead over the right eye. It had been fired out of a Colt's 45 calibre, improved pattern, silver-mounted and pearl-handled pistol, presented by the dead man to his slayer only a few days ago.

An inspection of the body at the morgue revealed two large bullet holes on the right side of the breast within three inches of the nipple, a bullet wound in the log and the absence of the middle finger of the left hand. After viewing the remains, the coroner repaired to the court, whither soon after Mrs. James, in custody of Marshal Graig and the two Ford boys, both heavily armed, followed. They were kept in separate apartments until the jury anounced itself ready to hear the testimony. The jury was empaneled, as follows: Wm. H. Chouning, J. W. Moore, Warren Samuels, Thos. Morris, Wm. Turner, W. H. George. The witnesses examined were Mrs. James, the Ford boys and James Little.

FASHION NOTES.

Ornaments are used in great quantities.

The new hats are all trimmed with plumes.

Sunflowers are embroidered on new parasols.

Red lace mitts are to be worn with red straw hats.

In styles this spring the bonnets are all small and the hats large.

Huge sunflowers and lilies are fastened to the new Easter cards.

A great many bonnets are made with lace fronts and flower crowns.

The bonnet-strings in use are made of very elegant hand-embroidered laces.

In new colors two shades of bronze and an old-fashioned shade of grass-green are distinctly fashionable.

Flowers will be worn this season at the waist and on fans and parasols to correspond with those used in trimming bonnets.

A massive gold triangle is now a fashionable gift from a bridegroom to bridesmaids. Another is a silver chain and pendant consisting of a wheel and compass.

Very handsome bonnets are entirely made of Spanish laces and trimmed in flowers and feathers, and are bound to become popular; they are made in all colors to match costumes.

Novel designs in Easter gifts consist of clusters of pond lilies and lilies of the valley on a velvet or plush-covered palette, or square panel, in a box. The effect is pleasing.

Although society is apparently still sleeping, praying or recruiting, there are enough ripples on the surface to show that the undercurrent is still there, and in proper time will domonstrate itself.

The newest fashionable shade is of golden brown, between the tints of old copper and old gold. For a dress it is trimmed with beaver, and the bonnet has pale blue flowers. The wearer should be a blonde.

To begin to enumerate all the bewitching things that come under reportorial inspection would, indeed, prove a task. One of the very handsomest hats in store is an ecru manila walking hat, faced with two pink plumes, tipped with brown.

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Old age takes much from us; but I can still dream as beautifully as I did in my youth.

If one is patient and watches all will come of which one is capable; but no one can be patient who is not independent.

Let every one sing according to the voice God has given him, for He will know how it will harmonize, and it will harmonize beautifully.

An infant in the cradle that does not cry and a chained dog that does not bark have neither life nor energy, and will surely die.

We are constantly blunting our moral sense and saying to ourselves—"Look about you; others are no better than you are."

Why all these struggles and all these barriers, until we come to the last barrier of all, unto death itself? No destiny is completely and purely fulfilled.

The art of conversation—to be prompt without being stubborn, to refute without argument, and to clothe grave matters in a motley garb.

Does not adversity develop the kindly qualities of our nature? The sense of common degradation has a tendency to make the degraded amiable—at least among themselves.

Joy and pleasure are not the conditions upon which our lives are based. We have it in our power to attune our minds to cheerfulness; that is, to calmness and clearness.

Man may not do all that he, or to which he feels himself impelled. Since he is human, he must recognize the limits of his rights, before he reaches the limits of his powers.

What fragrant odors has the shower wakened in flowers, grass and trees! And this fragrance floats off into infinite space, while we short lived children of man imagine that it all exists for us.

Those who have disfigured life, should as a work of expiation, help to make life more beautiful for others. Convicts in the penitentiary are employed in carving furniture for the wealthy.

Among the masses, vice is characterized by coarseness; among the upper classes, by meanness. The latter shake off the consequences of their evil, while the former are obliged to bear them.

It is best to be good-natured, provided it brings no inconvenience. A gentleman should never be deprived of tranquility in a world where nothing is of the slightest consequence.

The world is the same everywhere; in the country as in the town there are saints and sinners, master and man, servants and parasites. There must be plough horses as well as carriage horses.

Morning is not romantic. Romance is the twilight spell; but morn is bright and joyous, prompt with action, and full of sanguine hope; life has no difficulties in the morning—at least few which we cannot conquer.

No man can tell what position he may be called on to fill. But he has a right to assume that he will always be ascending. An alderman of a little town became the ruler of a nation of fifty millions. It would be disagreeable to have to change one's manner at an advanced period of life, and become liable to the imputation that you had grown arrogant and overbearing.

All our life—our thoughts — are simply the necessary results of events and experiences; of waking perception and nocturnal dreams. Like the beasts, we may change the scene; but, the greater one, the prison on which confines us all, we cannot change: we cannot quit the earth. The laws of gravitation and attraction hold our souls fast as well as our bodies. Far above me move the stars, and I am nothing more than a flower or a blade of grass clinging to the earth. The stars look down at me, and I look up to them, and yet we cannot join each other.

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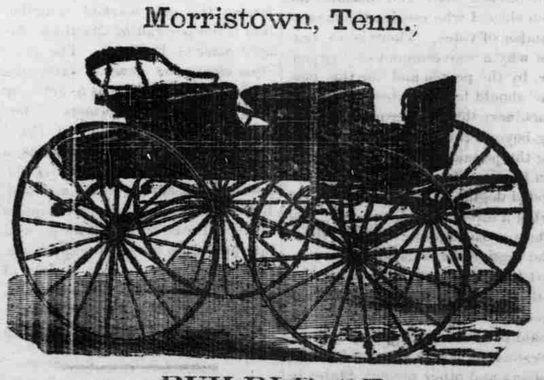

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