

THE YEAR'S CRIMES.

A Catalogue of the Most Noteworthy Deeds of Blood of the Year 1886.

Murders with Malice Aforethought, Killing in the Heat of Passion, and Excusable Homicides.

The Legal Executions of the Year—The Hangman's Noose Claims a Long List of Victims.

The Lynchings of a Twelvemonth—Mob Violence Claims a Large Number of Victims.

THE MURDER RECORD.

A Ghastly Array of Crimes Against Law and Society.

JANUARY.

"Pug" O'Leary, of Chicago, pleaded guilty to the murder of his sister and mistress, and was sentenced to solitary prison for forty years. John G. Stevens, President of the Pennsylvania Railway system in New Jersey, shot himself, owing to financial difficulties. At Battle Creek, Mich., the dead bodies of Dr. Martin White, his wife, and two children were discovered by neighbors, who forced the doors; it was believed that White killed the others and committed suicide. Jacob Reel, a wealthy farmer of Belknap, Ohio, hanged himself in his parlor because of the arrest of his eldest son for homicide. Six convicts, who escaped from the Coal Hill (Ark.) mine, were brought to the State prison, an old farmer, who captured the desperado while asleep in a haystack; Johnson was armed with a double-barreled shotgun, one of the barrels being useless. John Mace was sentenced by a London court to seven years' penal servitude for an attempt to blackmail the Prince of Wales. James Butt, a seven-year-old boy, Ohio, purchased for 5 cents the handsome wife of Newell Stratton, and lived happily with her until she was discovered by her husband. For the murder of his mother, sister, and brother, William Sheehan was hanged at Cork, Ireland, the criminal having been found in possession of some property, and Sheehan was arrested in New Zealand. A party of cowboys from the Red River section, bent on having "a good time," invaded Burlington, Iowa, and enjoyed themselves hugely, firing promiscuously, until a posse of citizens under Sheriff Cook drove them out. At Mancho, Ky., resulted in the death of all the participants—young farmers who quarreled about a woman of ill-repute; liquor inspired the tragedy. Harvey Haddock, a Portland (Me.) lad, killed himself by shooting himself in the presence, rather than be sent away to school. Four members of a Polish revolutionary organization were executed at Warsaw. Jack Hanzen and Jack Crowley fought at El Paso, Texas, in a fit of jealousy, and both were killed.

FEBRUARY.

Fines of \$1 each were imposed upon thirty-three Cincinnati brewers for forty-four days. In a West "Tex" hotel J. E. Graham, a St. Louis drummer, "got the drop" on a rival from Chicago, and the latter was killed; the deceased (Wm. Lamb) had declared that "a man who traveled for a St. Louis house was no good." Chestey Chambers, a noted criminal who, armed with a bag of money, robbed a safe and an express messenger and robbed the safe on a passenger train near Bloomington, Ind., was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at Newcastles, Del., with the mercury in the neighborhood of zero, five thieves were lashed on their bare backs, and a forger was placed in the pillory for a year. Mrs. Mary Branchou succeeded in a sensational manner by jumping from High Bridge, New York, to the water below. Edward Johnson, her body was broken. "Unemployed" men in London besieged the authorities for relief, and this not being granted, they resorted to pillage; shops, broke windows, and hustled well-to-do citizens about, destroying property to the value of \$100,000. Edward Johnson, his wife succeeded at Monte Carlo, after heavy losses at gambling; the lady drowned herself and her husband then blew out his brains. Theodore H. Rich, of Columbia, S. C., killed his wife to St. Paul, whether she had eloped, and on coming up with her he killed her and then suicided.

MARCH.

Elli Boarden, of Harrison, Ark., who was twice sentenced to be hanged for the murder of a neighbor, was acquitted on the third trial; his case cost the State \$300. Edward Johnson, alias Allen Wright, had a quarrel with his employer, Henry C. Steadman, on a farm near Lyons, Neb.; Steadman was killed, and Johnson was pursued by a mob of 100 men, who defended against 300 men who joined in the chase; the desperado killed Chas. P. Johnson and fatally wounded Evered Johnson. John O'Neil was set free, and when it snubbed Johnson was found partly cremated and his body riddled with bullets. Johnson was charged with alleged cattle-stealing in the vicinity of Fort Elliott, Tex.; four men belonging to the Lone Star ranch were killed and two wounded. At the funeral of Frank Mulkey, an Ohio murderer, a mob of 100 men, armed with shot-guns, surrounded the hearse, and the driver, a man from a Polish church, a married sister rode on the hearse to the cemetery beside the driver. The hearse was surrounded by a mob of 100 men, who threw their hats and stones, and a hole six inches out in a window.

APRIL.

Louis P. Schmidt, of Freeport, Ill., who had been expelled from the Knights of Labor for disclosing secrets of the order, hanged himself at Davenport, Iowa. The Earl of Shaftesbury committed suicide by shooting himself; he was the eighth Earl of Shaftesbury, succeeding on Oct. 1, 1885, to the title on the death of his father, the noted philanthropist. Five murderers in Indian Territory escaped the gallows by a commutation of their sentence to life imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction; three of the party killed a peddler for a plug of tobacco. Burmese rebels defeated the British at Mandalay, bound the garrison with cord, and massacred twenty-three persons. In Seward County, Kansas, Fritz Kupin, a half-wild farm hand, assaulted the wife of Wm. Wagoner, Nev., a woman, and killed both her and her unborn babe; the husband was absent at the time, and when he beheld the mangled bodies he committed a ravaging massacre, and suicided with a shotgun; a posse of neighbors pursued and captured Kupin, who was shot on the spot. A man, whose horse and dragged for miles over the prairie; the body of the wretch was left uncovered where the exhausted horse fell.

MAY.

Except the Haymarket riots at Chicago (mention of which is made elsewhere, nothing specially noteworthy occurred during the month that deserves to be classified under the head of crime.

JUNE.

In a quarrel over politics between two physicians at Steubenville, Ind., one killed the other by cutting his throat; the dead man, Dr. Agee, was a brother of an ex-Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska. Wm. Sloan, of Stamford, Vt., in a fit of jealousy, drowned his 6-year-old son, to spite his father; he shot dead Mrs. Sloan's nurse. Forty lives were lost when a steamer, the "Chili," besides many wounded. In an affray between prison guards and soldiers at Bogota, United States; the militia, the several officers, and thirty soldiers were killed. The New England Institute Fair Buildings, at Boston, worth \$20,000, were set on fire by a discharged employe, and destroyed; nine persons perished in the flames. Fifty-one persons were killed in election riots in Chili.

JULY.

Will Scheibel, of Peru, Ind., aged 9, was sentenced to the reformatory for one year for molesting a girl. A roving band of Turks became so enraged at the failure of one of their number at begging supplies near Youngtown, Ohio, that they threw her into a bonfire, and held her to be the animal devourer. Howard Hines, aged 14, said while picking blackberries near Louisville, Ky., that he intended to kill some one, then turning suddenly on Samuel Dean, an 11-year-old companion, he shot him dead; the young murderer went to the city and gave himself up, saying that the shooting was accidental. A terrible story was reported from County Cork, Ireland, a woman named Mary Hollenbeck provided for a picnic party by serving up a stew of human flesh, she having killed and cooked a child that was left in her charge; she confessed her crime and her infuriated auditors burned her at the stake. Willie Seils, aged 14, of Erie, Kan., was found guilty of the murder of his father, his brother and his sister, and sentenced to be hanged, which under the laws of that State means imprisonment for life. In a quarrel at Washington, D. C., about an umbrella, Thomas G. G. negro, aged 70, stabbed and killed James Holmes (colored), who insisted on borrowing the article against the wishes of the owner.

Freud Dale killed his sweetheart and her father John Burt, of Harvardsville, Neb., because he was refused Miss Ruthie (colored) in marriage; he then committed suicide. Alfred Packer, a miner of Colorado, having been convicted of murdering and eating the bodies of five companions during the winter of 1873, was sentenced to forty years in the penitentiary. James McNaughton, a man who had a child, died of Weaver, A. T., started from that place for Erie, Pa., for a visit; not being heard from, he was presumed to have died in the finding of the charred remains of the entire family between Vulture Mine and the Adair. Martin was known to have had \$1,000 with him, realized from the sale of his ranch; he was waylaid by robbers, the entire family murdered, and the remains burned to cover the crime. Sarah Jane Robinson, a widow, and Thomas R. Smith, a Sunday-school superintendent, were arrested at Boston, charged with poisoning eleven persons to gain insurance money. After a trial which lasted fifty-two days, and eight days of speech-making by the jury in the market place, the Chicago on the 30th pronounced the death sentence against seven of the conspirators connected with the slaughter of the police officers at the Haymarket; one, Oscar W. McGehee, was given fifteen years' imprisonment. Up to date seventy-six suicides were reported at Monte Carlo, owing to ruin at the gaming tables.

Edward Myers, of St. Louis, who stole \$2,000 from his employer, with his wife as a co-conspirator, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for bringing stolen money into Canada. The husband of Tommie Tomlin, a woman who had been murdered and forty villages burned in the province of Manitoba, was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. At Kingston, N. J., James Keenan, aged 65, was murdered while passing through a family of desperadoes, at Shoals, Ind., for the murder of Samuel A. Bunch; Sam Archer's death ended the career of the fifth of a gang of desperadoes who had been active in the 16th-Sansons Road and George Solomon at Donaldsonville, La. George Harrison at the assassination of Richard Townsend at Valdosta, Ga., and Calvin James at the murder of John Sprule and Calvin James were hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., for murders committed in the Indian Territory; since 1871, there has been no hanging in the Territory. A murderer named Joseph Jump was executed at Gallatin, Mo., in the presence of 30,000 people. Andrew Green, a man who had been hanged for the murder of his wife, was hanged at the gallows; he protested his innocence to the last.

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James Simpson and Patterson Bell were hanged at Marion, Ark., on the 13th, for murder. Irvin Murray, a wife-murderer, at Georgetown, S. C., was hanged for the murder of his wife and child. Frank S. Humphreys, at Milledgeville, Ga., for the murder of his niece and sister-in-law.

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George Parker, colored, for assault upon a white woman, had summary justice meted out to him at Ferrington, Miss. Sidney Davis was on trial at Morgan, Texas, for outrage, when the proceedings were interrupted by the arrival of 300 men, who hanged the culprit. Steve Kenner, a notorious outlaw and desperado, was hanged by a mob near Livingston, Ark. Jake Ira weel, colored, horribly maltreated Dolly Woods, a six-year-old girl on her way to school; Brawell was captured, and a confession of one hundred whips and blacks gave him the choice of being burned or hanging himself; he chose hanging, climbed a tree, and fastened a rope around his own neck and to a limb of a tree, when he was pushed off and his body riddled with bullets. At Frisco, Kan., a posse in pursuit of a murderer surrounded a stable where the fugitive was concealed, and upon the latter refusing to surrender he was killed by a volley of bullets. Bul Haley, a murderer, was taken from the jail at Paulding, Ohio, by a mob and hanged to a tree. Porter Sorrell, colored, was hanged by a mob in Luling, Texas; he had assaulted Mrs. Duke with a hatchet. In Comanche County, Texas, a mob hanged a white man named Lockwood, who murdered Mrs. Stephens; the lyncher bent on burning him, but the mother of the murdered woman pleaded for a less barbarous punishment. John H. Drayton, a man who had been hanged for the murder of a white woman, was hanged at Coffeyville, Miss., for the murder of a white woman. Archer, one of a family of desperadoes, at Shoals, Ind., for the murder of Samuel A. Bunch; Sam Archer's death ended the career of the fifth of a gang of desperadoes who had been active in the 16th-Sansons Road and George Solomon at Donaldsonville, La. George Harrison at the assassination of Richard Townsend at Valdosta, Ga., and Calvin James at the murder of John Sprule and Calvin James were hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., for murders committed in the Indian Territory; since 1871, there has been no hanging in the Territory. A murderer named Joseph Jump was executed at Gallatin, Mo., in the presence of 30,000 people. Andrew Green, a man who had been hanged for the murder of his wife, was hanged at the gallows; he protested his innocence to the last.

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