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### ILL WRITE A LETTER.

They say those "ill write a letter" Are at their public reading table. Another says "ill write a letter" Is the motto of the day.

"Our people" says the "ill write a letter" Are not so full of mental powers. That they "ill write a letter" Is shown—

"Our people" must be fairly told The wisdom that is in the "ill write a letter" But I'll follow the "ill write a letter" When I write a letter.

"Our people" should be made to see That silver is an imposture. I'll stand the "ill write a letter" As the "ill write a letter" Is the motto of the day.

My lofty style of which the "ill write a letter" Has been the motto of the day. I'll stand the "ill write a letter" As the "ill write a letter" Is the motto of the day.

Of course the "ill write a letter" is the motto of the day. All references to the "ill write a letter" But I'll follow the "ill write a letter" When I write a letter.

Don't let the "ill write a letter" hide the view. Which "ill write a letter" holds the true. To be too candid to let the "ill write a letter" When I write a letter.

I'll tell you people they must learn— That for teachers they must turn— And if these things are done, you'll see— I'll write a letter.

"Contented" is the motto of the day. Our people must act on the "ill write a letter" To any city, state, or country— I'll write a letter.

My colleagues, friends, and I have many wonderful articles wrought. And many of the "ill write a letter" I'll write a letter.

The motto of the day is "ill write a letter" Have standing power over me. I'll shake my scepter over you— I'll write a letter.

### IN DARKEST SHAME.

Two of Kentucky's Most Prominent People Killed by a Dive.

Louisville, April 30.—At separate undertakings established in this city lie the bodies of perhaps two of the most prominent people in the state of Kentucky. One, that of Archie Brown, son and private secretary to Kentucky's chief executive and the other that of Mrs. Fulton Gordon, prominent because of her remarkable beauty and excellent family connections. The story is a sad one and has caused one of the greatest sensations that this city or state has ever known.

Gordon caught Brown and his wife together in a house at 125 Madison street. The guilty couple were taken by surprise. Brown had prepared however for such a visit, and his pistol was lying near. Before he could reach the enraged man had commenced firing. His aim was true, and every shot must have taken effect. Brown fired a few shots, staggered to a chair in the corner, sank in it a moment, then fell over dead. Gordon then turned to his wife and shot her, and though mortally wounded she was able to get down stairs and run 20 feet to a cellar.

Gordon was not injured. Mrs. Gordon was Miss Nellie Bush, of the city, and comes from one of the most prominent families in the state. She eloped with Gordon about ten years ago and moved to Frankfort. She was 35 years ago and leaves three children. Young Brown was recently divorced and it is understood the reason of the divorce was Brown's intimacy with Mrs. Gordon.

The following telegram found in Mr. Brown's pocket no doubt is the direct cause of the double murder:

Louisville, Ky., April 28. To Archie D. Brown, Frankfort, Ky.—Do not write any more. Come Tuesday. Meet me at S. (Signed) D. M. G.

Upon receipt of the above telegram Brown came to Louisville and proceeded to the appointed place, which is a well known on Madison street where the tragedy occurred. At noon today Brown, with Gordon's wife knocked at Lucie Smith's Madison street house and were admitted by a colored woman and immediately repaired to the upstairs room which had been previously engaged. Thirty minutes later a tall, dark haired man knocked at the door of the house and engaged the front lower room, saying a woman would join him shortly. The man closed all the doors and a few minutes later a commotion was heard above, followed by a succession of pistol shots. Then there was a hurried movement down stairs as Mrs. Gordon died from the scene. A few more shots rang out and she fell dead in the porch in the rear yard. Gordon left the house immediately and in a few moments Brown's body was found upstairs.

Policeman Reilly and La Paille rushed down Walnut street and saw a man running for a long time in a post at the corner of West street. "The man was bloody," said officer Reilly, "and I jumped at the conclusion that he was the murderer. I grabbed him just as he was in the act of jumping into the buggy. Gordon, for he turned out to be Gordon, said to me then, 'I shot them both. I caught them in the act. They are both dead, and I'm shot, too. Come with me and I'll show you where they are.'"

Gordon was pale as a ghost and was evidently very weak. La Paille, myself and Gordon walked to the house. Just as we got inside Gordon staggered and was about to fall, when I caught him. Somebody dashed water in his face. I also summoned the constable and we sent Gordon to jail.

Never was there a more sanguinary battle than the one fought on the second floor of Lucie Smith's house. Gordon had little difficulty in getting into the room as the fact that there are no broken locks indicates that the entry was left unfastened. As soon as Gordon gained ingress a desperate duel evidently began. Brown had a 3-caliber revolver, which was found empty after the tragedy. Gordon must have had two pistols, as six bullets pierced Brown's body and three of them pierced Mrs. Gordon.

Gordon was covered with blood, most of which was doubtless the result of contact with his wounded antagonist. What part, if any, Mrs. Gordon took in the encounter, her husband only is in a position to say. Two bullets are imbedded in the door, several went through a window and two in the ceiling. The dingy carpet is saturated with blood and the furniture is badly broken. Brown's body presented a horrible appearance, being covered with blood. Mrs. Gordon's body was on the cellar door, face downward, clothed only in a chemise and a skirt. Her hair was loose and was hanging about her head in a tangled mass. Gordon is in jail. He is unkempt, but is suffering from nervous prostration. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide.

### WHAT A ROAST

Senator Browner jumps all over the "stuffed propped."

Washington, May 1.—The following letter has been written by Senator Browner to President Cleveland: "When I last wrote you I did not suppose that I would be called upon so soon to renew my congratulations for your conspicuous bravery in promoting the policy of the mother country. The just success of yourself and Lord Kimberly is planting the British flag and extending British rule over Niagara is admired and applauded by every loyal subject of the queen. The people of the United States will view with much satisfaction the presentation which you and Lord Kimberly are making to present the claims of British and American subjects in the interest of the mother country to compel to overthrow the republican government of Hawaii. The facts that the conspirators were unsuccessful in depriving the throne of the republic in maintaining its constitutional government and renounces you and Lord Kimberly ample justification for demanding impossible reparation to make an excuse for planting the British flag and extending British rule over the only remaining outpost in the Pacific where military establishment by an unfriendly power would menace the commerce of the United States. The object lesson of your broad and comprehensive statesmanship is already instructive. When you have fully secured the protection of England for our extended coast on both oceans and the construction of the Nicaragua canal at the expense of the United States for the benefit of Great Britain your economy will be appreciated. Although the policy of relying on British statesmanship is not new, you have enlarged and carried into effect that policy of our own is inconsistent with that brotherly love and equal submission which we owe to the country that gave birth to our ancestors and in whose fostering care we are indebted for life with such liberty as the mother country will graciously bestow. May we indulge in the hope that your fidelity to the British crown has secured you such influence as will enable you to induce the mother country to take charge of and regulate our commercial relations with a warmer as well as more impartial spirit than the mutual disagreements between the two countries with regard to tariff legislation. Why should England be more unwilling to regulate our relations than to manage our foreign relations and to control our foreign policy. Keep an eye single to the glory and renown and the honor of the name you will henceforth respect by bestowing a million of \$25,000,000 of English speaking people under the unselfish rule of the British crown."

San Francisco, May 1.—The inquest upon the body of Blanche Lamont occupied less than three hours today, but the evidence was deemed convincing and the jury returned a verdict charging Theodore Durrant with the murder. Two new witnesses were produced at the inquest and testified briefly, but it was evident the prosecution is holding as much of its evidence as possible in reserve.

Until today no one had been produced who saw Durrant in the vicinity of the Emanuel Baptist church with the murdered girl on the afternoon of April 3. This missing link, seemingly all that was needed to complete the chain of circumstances fastening the terrible crime upon the medical student, was supplied at the inquest. Martha Quinn, an attorney, gave direct and positive testimony that he saw Durrant, a girl talking earnestly while the description of Blanche Lamont walking toward the church and only a few yards distant, at 4:15 o'clock on the evening that she disappeared. Quinn explained that he was waiting to keep an appointment with one Clarke, who corroborates Quinn's statement.

These witnesses furnished the sensational feature of the inquest, but Durrant maintained his usual defiance throughout the testimony. The police and the district attorney are confident of a conviction, stating that they did not put in near all of their case at the inquest.

Mrs. C. G. Noble, aunt of the murdered girl, testified as to the frequency of Durrant's visits at her house and his attentions to her niece. Durrant had proposed marriage to Blanche last December, but had been refused when the girl learned that he was engaged to another young woman.

C. G. Noble, uncle of Blanche testified that Durrant had suggested after her disappearance that she was probably in a house of ill-fame and offered to search for her among the disreputable houses.

A street car conductor and three school girls identified Durrant as the man who had escorted Blanche from the school, taking the car to the point of transfer on route for her home.

George R. King, organist of Emanuel church, with evident efforts to shield Durrant, repeated the story of seeing him in the church, sick and faint, late on the afternoon Blanche Lamont disappeared.

Dr. J. S. Barrett, who performed the autopsy, states that Blanche died of asphyxiation. He said it was impossible for her to have been in the cellar.

Detectives told of Durrant's contradictory statements concerning Blanche about the city Blanche Lamont disappeared and of his seeming fear to acknowledge the extent of his acquaintance with her, and the consent to the jury with unexpected brevity.

### THE DEADLY CYCLONE

Six persons killed and many injured in Kansas.

Wichita, May 1.—A special from Hilstead says at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon a fearful cyclone devastated a strip of country several hundred yards wide and at least 16 miles in length, killing six persons outright and seriously injuring several others while many have received slight injuries. The cyclone first struck the house of Mrs. Fry completely destroying it, but only slightly injuring Mrs. Fry. It next picked up the house of John Sultzbach and scattered it in every direction. The five two-story house of Joseph Weir, which was recently built at a cost of more than \$2,000, was entirely swept away. The house of Mrs. Weir, which was about 50 yards away and clinging to a tree, received injuries which the physicians say may prove fatal. Joseph Weir and his sister were the only ones in the family who took to the cellar and escaped unhurt. The next house in the path of the storm was that of William Armstrong, which was completely wiped from the face of the earth and Mr. Armstrong was killed together with a Mrs. Chapping, who was in the house.

About 100 yards further on the large two-story house of R. E. Frizzi was picked up as also was another large residence across the street.

The next place visited was the residence of Captain White, which was only partially destroyed, one wing of the house being torn away.

Across the road from White's, the house of Cyrus Hinkston was carried away and Mr. Hinkston seriously hurt. Spencer Ross' house was in the line of the tornado and was carried away, as were the houses of A. S. Powell, J. A. Combs and Andrew Thomas and Monno Hoge. Miss Daisy Nell, at Powell's house, was considerably injured, as was Mrs. J. A. Combs.

In the Hoge district school had just been dismissed, and though Mr. Hoge's house got the children were hurried out of the path of the storm. Those who first saw the fearful disaster coming say "I made very slow progress, traveling no faster than a person could run. The cyclone could be plainly seen from town, and the Santa Fe passenger train waited in the half-stead yards until it crossed the track. The loss will be no less than \$200,000, besides the six deaths and 100 injured, two or three of whom will probably die. Miss Daisy Nell, aged 15 has since died.

The Mills are idle. Denver, May 1.—The Rocky Mountain News says editorially today: "The gold receipts in the Denver mint have fallen off heavily in the past month in spite of the increased production. There has been no increase in receipts at other mints and assay offices to account for the decrease. Smelters have been selling their product to the agents of the gold owners and others interested in the recent bond sale instead of placing it in the mints. The same agents have been purchasing larger retorts sent up from the gold mines, thus

keeping a considerable quantity over the smelter product out of the mint. These facts are watched for by men in a position to know what is occurring in the inner circle.

Masked Desperado Sent to the Happy Hunting Grounds. Malta, Mont., April 30.—Henry Marshall of Warm Springs creek shot and instantly killed Jess Davis at 11 o'clock last night, a member of the Curry gang that recently murdered Mike Landusk by the Little Rockies. The Davis gang, together with Buck Gibson, had some trouble over an irrigation ditch and they swore vengeance on Marshall. They made it so hot for him that Marshall disposed of his property and prepared to leave the country. To stop his going they drove off his horses, remarking at the time that they had a little grievance to settle with him before he left.

At 11 o'clock one of them appeared heavily masked at Marshall's door. He, however, had an inkling of the trouble and the lights were blown out and the door opened. He was sitting in the dark with three Winchester rifles loaded lying beside him on a table and a six-repeater shot gun in his hand loaded with buckshot.

Davis made a rush for the door and just as he was about to put his foot over the threshold Marshall fired. The entire charge entered his neck, almost severing his head from his body. The others cried and ran.

A few minutes later they were fired at the retreating figures, but none of them took effect. Marshall stood guard over the body all night and the next day until the authorities from Choteau county arrived on the scene.

The dead man had a heavy white mask over his face. Between the thumb and index finger was a match ready for lighting while in his right hand he carried a double-shooter.

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The Niagara dispatch stating Niagara has agreed to a compromise by which she will pay \$5,000 on condition that Canada evacuate and that the British fleet be withdrawn, is accepted by the officials as settling up the latest status of the subject. Attention is now directed to London, to see whether the condition of immediate evacuation will be granted. If it is, the trouble is practically an end. If not, it is believed in diplomatic circles that Great Britain is not so much anxious to settle as she continues in active occupation of Corinto.

Franklin, Ky., news. The secretary of the Treasury has received from Special Agents Johnson and Bennett, Boise City, Idaho, a report of the results of their investigations in the case of frauds in connection with the mining of Gilbert into this country. The report states that the investigation conclusively shows that there has been for several years past an organized money-making conspiracy with a view to manipulating over states upon which a large amount of money is enabled to visit China and return to the United States as bona fide merchants. In the majority of cases the so-called merchants were found to be cooks and waiters employed in or near the city. Nevertheless a large number of prominent citizens have ventured for the Chinese as merchants. The special agents are convinced that the business has been conducted on a money-making scheme. The grand jury failed, however to bring in indictments against any of the parties.

Butter News. Montana Be Opened. At the November elections in Kansas City gross frauds are said to have been committed. The matter was brought before the grand jury, which called on the recorder to produce the ballot boxes for their inspection. The recorder demurred, and the case was finally taken to the supreme court for adjudication. The court denied the right of a criminal court to compel the recorder to produce the ballot boxes. Giving the grand jury the right to inspect ballot boxes, the court held, would violate the secrecy of the ballot as well as be an infringement of the constitution.

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