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CKHOLD MOURNS THE LOSS OF ALL HER GEMS.

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MOUNTED RABBIT'S FOOT WENT WITH THE REST.

Also $85 in Cash—This Is What It Cost a Kansas City Woman Who Went Out to Beg of the Dogcatchers Her Pug's Return.

It cost Mrs. G. W. Rockhold, of 1326 Broadway, $85.50 in money, twenty-one diamonds, valued at more than $1,000, several other articles of jewelry and a mounted rabbit's foot to save a pug dog from the pound.

Mrs. Rockhold carried the jewelry and $85 in money in a small chamois bag, clasped at the open end like a purse. The diamonds were in a "Daisy" diamond-holder within the bag. This she placed in the bosom of her dress about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. She had not left the house where she has apartments, with her husband and son, until about 10:30, when the dogcatchers, in passing, caught her pug. Then she ran into the street, stopping just outside the curbing, and negotiated for the release of the dog by the dogcatchers. They agreed, upon payment of 50 cents. She returned to her rooms and sent her son with the 50 cents. The dogcatchers were paid and the pug was released.

The dogcatchers had been gone but a few minutes when Mrs. Rockhold discovered the loss of her jewelry and money bag. Terribly distressed and excited, she went into the street and searched for it without success, and returning to her apartments made a futile search there. Mrs. Hale, her landlady, made a search of the other parts of the house, even turning the pillow cases in her bedrooms inside out, but the bag was not found.

Mr. Rockhold notified the police and Tuesday evening Chief Hayes and Inspector Halpin brought the two dogcatchers to Mrs. Rockhold for identification. She identified them and they admitted having caught the dog and released it upon payment of 50 cents, but denied any knowledge of the lost diamonds and jewelry. Both said they had not seen the chamois bag, and said they thought it could hardly have been dropped in the street without attracting their attention. It was somewhat worn and soiled, much the color of the Broadway street snow of Tuesday morning, and might have been overlooked by a casual observer, had it fallen in the street.

Several persons gathered about the dogcatchers while they held the pug for ransom, but none of them was known by Mrs. Rockhold or the dogcatchers. Mrs. Hale says she knew but one person in the crowd that collected. He was a colored man who works for a neighbor, and stood some distance from the crowd and away from any place where Mrs. Rockhold could possibly have dropped the bag.

The diamonds and other jewelry were presents received by Mrs. Rockhold on different anniversary occasions during the past several years. Many of them were treasured far above their intrinsic value on this account. Nine of the twenty-one diamonds were set in one ring, two in another and one in a third; seven were in a spray pin shaped like a letter S. Two, in earrings, were valued at $400. There were two turquoise-set rings, with four gems in one and five in the other. Among the other jewelry was a square gold locket, which contained the picture of a young man, Mrs. Rockhold's son. The money in the bag consisted of four $20 bills and one $5 bill. There might also have been a $10 bill with them, but of this she is not sure.

There had been no one in the house, so far as is known, except Mr. and Mrs. Rockhold, their son, and Mrs. Hale, the landlady, between the hour Mrs. Rockhold placed the chamois bag in her bosom and the time she missed it. She remembers distinctly the incident and time of taking the bag from a dresser drawer and placing it in her bosom, she says. She had left her bed chamber and gone into the kitchen, which is used in common by those occupying apartments in the house, when she remembered the jewelry bag had been left in the bed chamber. She returned for it and took it from the dresser drawer at just 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Rockhold has been in Kansas City for several weeks. She visited friends on Harrison street until two weeks ago, when her husband arrived. Then they engaged apartments at the home of Mrs. Hale. Mr. Rockhold has been a railroad conductor for many years, having run on the Burlington, the Rock Island, the Great Northern and the Alton.

He recently resigned his position with the Alton, after having run between Bloomington, Ill., and Chicago for several years, and came to Kansas City, intending to make this city his future home, invest in real estate and grow wealthy off of what he regards as the inevitable increase of values of Kansas City property.

They lived in Kansas City in the latter '80s, when Mr. Rockhold made investments of considerable magnitude, and when he decided to retire from the railroad service he selected this city as his home. Mrs. Rockhold, like her husband, was in love with Kansas City, despite the fact that it was here her only previous loss from robbery occurred, thieves having entered her home here several years ago and stolen a sealskin cape. She is just now a little undecided as to its being a good place to live in. She would like it better if it had a little more efficient police service.

The police have a theory in this case. They have theories in regard to all crimes. Probably they will follow it up, but as yet they have not sent the dragnet through the North end.

The announcement may be made in due time that the police are in hot pursuit.

Johnny, "De Peach," in Demand.

To The Journal.

Where is Johnny Hayes, 'de peach?' Think the police commissioners had better send for him at once. He was the man who had a guarantee from de gang that he would stop holdups; that by a look of the eye he would run all crooks out of town who did not belong to de gang, and he would make de gang crooks work outside towns and only use Kansas City to spend their money in; would stop gambling and make it lovely. Had he been appointed chief of police footpads "from all over," as well as de gang thieves, would not be holding up citizens for their teeth. He would have spotted every crook at the freight yards and he would have caught another train just as he caught his breath. Things would have been so Kansas City would not have been a good place to rob in.

As it is the commissioners have evidently appointed someone who is embarrassed. The thieves are having high carnival and de gang is trying to get a few more agents on the force.

What a pity Johnny Hayes, "de peach," was not appointed. He would have made Kansas City a good place to do business and skip around the streets at night in.

READER.

More Letter Carriers To-day.

Six new mail carriers will be assigned routes to-day by the postmaster. Saturday a number of extra men will be placed in the mailing department and the registering division of the postoffice to handle the holiday mail.

A HOWLING BLIZZARD.

Heavy Snow, a Terrific Gale and Below Zero Temperature in the North.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 15.—A howling blizzard struck here at 11 o'clock to-night. The wind is blowing a gale from the northwest and the air is filled with snow. The thermometer has fallen 30 deg. since 5 o'clock.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—A blizzard has prevailed in South Dakota and parts of Minnesota to-day. Trains were delayed badly at Watertown, S. D., owing to the drifting snow. Reports from St. Cloud, Minn., state that a blizzard, accompanied by a severe drop in temperature, set in there this evening. The thermometer has dropped in St. Paul 15 deg. in two hours, being 11 above at 9 o'clock. Huron, S. D., reports 4 below; Bismarck and Winnipeg, 10 below; Helena, 6 below; Swift Current, 22 below, and Qu'Appelle, 28 below.

Huron, S. D., Dec. 15.—A heavy snow has been falling all day, driven before a strong northwest wind. Telegraph communications are seriously interrupted in all directions, but trains are being operated with little delay. The storm has overspread the state and will cause considerable damage to stock on the open range.

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 15.—For the last twenty-four hours a severe blizzard has been raging in Northwest Nebraska. Trains are blocked and all traffic is suspended.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—Within a few hours this afternoon the thermometer fell from 36 above to 5 below zero, and throughout the state it was even colder. The severe cold wave was accompanied by a terrific wind and a slight fall of snow. The blast was so severe that man or beast could scarcely face it. Out in the state wheatfields are covered with a heavy blanket of snow, which fell several days ago. This will prevent any damage to grain. The stock interests are liable to suffer a great deal more.

CHILLY WEATHER IN KANSAS.

A North Wind Sent the Mercury Down in a Hurry Yesterday and Last Night.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) Kansas to-night is experiencing a genuine spell of Winter, with a capital W. Things went along serenely during the morning hours, but about noon a northwester came rolling down from the Dakotas. The thermometer has been pounded down all along the line, and to-night it is hovering around the zero point in many places. A high wind is doing its part to make things uncomfortable.

Superintendent Jennings, of the government weather bureau, says that the change is general in Kansas, Nebraska, Eastern Colorado and a portion of Oklahoma. At 5 o'clock the thermometer here registered 15 above but at 10 o'clock it had dropped to 10, at midnight to 8, and was still going down. The telegraph department of the Rock Island says that at Fairbury the thermometer registers 8 above, Belleville 9, and Phillipsburg 10. Along the southern branch it is not quite so cold, but the mercury is dropping. The wind is heavy in Western Kansas. The Union Pacific and Santa Fe roads make about the same reports as the Rock Island.

WHAT A FALL!

Mercury Slides From 46 to Nearly Zero Within a Few Hours.

The mercury dropped like a plummet last evening. At 6 o'clock it was 4 deg. above freezing. At midnight street thermometers registered from 5 to 9 above zero. The change was startlingly sudden, for the day had been almost as balmy as April. The signal office reading for the twelve hours were:

8 a. m.	31	2 p. m.	43
9 a. m.	32	3 p. m.	44
10 a. m.	35	4 p. m.	46
11 a. m.	37	5 p. m.	42
12 m.	41	7 p. m.	36
1 p. m.	41	9 p. m.	26

And the slump kept right on. A good many people shivered last night. More will shiver to-day. This is a cold wave, with capital letters.

LEVEL HEADED CANUCK.

Attorney Hall, of Montreal, Sizes Up Kansas City and the Silver Question.

J. S. Hall, an attorney of Montreal, Canada, is stopping at the Coates House, while on a trip through the West for his health. For ten years Mr. Hall was a member of the provincial legislature at Quebec.

"We often hear of Kansas City up in Montreal," said Mr. Hall, yesterday afternoon. "It has world wide reputation as a railroad center and a stock market, and it is recognized to be the great city of the future in the West."

Mr. Hall said the tariff had effected the Canadian export business in lumber and manufactured goods and compelled them to seek other markets for their goods.

"The Canadian people are more interested in the money question, however, than in the tariff," he said. "We could not understand why you people in the States were having such a squabble over the money question. Silver and gold can never work together excepting when one metal is the standard."

WANTS ONE FOR KANSAS.

Her Superintendent of Instruction Wholly Pleased With the Manual Training School.

State Superintendent of Instruction Stryker, of Kansas, spent yesterday morning at the new Manual Training high school.

"I have heard a great deal of the new school," he said, "and had expected to see a splendid institution, but it far surpasses anything I had imagined it to be. I was especially impressed with the originality of thought displayed by the pupils. I have been working some time to have a manual training school established in Kansas and now I intend to redouble my efforts in that direction."

OMAHA FEED CHARGES CUT.

The Stock Yards Company Readjusts Prices to Conform to the Kansas City Standard.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—This morning the managers of the Union Stock Yards Company announced a reduction in feed charges. Corn will hereafter be sold for 60 cents per bushel, and hay for 80 cents per cwt. This is a reduction of 40 cents per bushel on corn and 20 cents per cwt. on hay.

Ohio Grange Resolutions.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—This afternoon the state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, adopted resolutions favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; favoring the initiative and referendum, international arbitration and equal suffrage; opposing the retirement of the greenbacks; against the railroad pooling bill; favoring postal savings banks and free rural delivery of mails.

New York Printers Compromise.

New York, Dec. 15.—The conference between committees of the New York Typothetae and Typographical Union No. 6 has ended in a compromise. Instead of the nine-hour day, demanded by the printers, a nine and a half hour was agreed upon.

Dutch Government Defeated.

The Hague, Dec. 15.—The government was defeated to-day when the chamber of deputies by a vote of 42 to 41 refused to authorize the building of new warships.

Hotel Victoria—First-Class,

But not exorbitant. O. B. Stanton, Prop.

CLEVELAND IS LOST.

OVERDUE PACIFIC STEAMER IS A WRECK ON VANCOUVER.

TWENTY-TWO ARE MISSING.

DESERTED THE WRECK AND HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM.

Government Steamer Ordered to the Scene to Search for the Missing—Six Members of an Atlantic Schooner Crew Drowned.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—The steamer Cleveland, Captain Hall, was stranded in Barclay sound and three boats, containing twenty members of the crew and two passengers, are missing. The captain, purser, chief engineer, one passenger, James Lathbury, and boat's crew, reached Uclulet, after spending the night in an open boat with a big storm raging. This is the story told by Purser Whittbeck, who arrived at Nanaimo at 3 o'clock this morning from Alberni, and came to Victoria on the noon train.

The Cleveland, an iron steamer of 730 tons, owned by Charles Nelson, of San Francisco, running between that city and Puget sound, left the Golden Gate on the 4th inst. for Seattle. She had been on the way two days and was well out to sea when, during a most severe gale, her shaft broke. Sails were then hoisted and efforts made to get to Cape Flattery. Heavy winds, however, drove her northward, and after being buffeted about by the storm for four days, being carried northward all the time, and in towards Vancouver island, she drifted into Barclay sound on the night of December 10 by the west entrance and dangerously close to Starlight reef. There was a big sea running and the wind was blowing great gusts.

Fearing that she would strike on the reef, and knowing that if she did there would be no hope for her, her officers decided to take to the boats. Four boats were lowered and they started to seek for a place of safety. An attempt was made to land on one of the small islands, but was unsuccessful, the wind making it impossible, and she started for another island and the captain's boat made Alpha passage, in which a big surf was breaking. The captain signaled to the other boats to follow, but they failed to do so, and it is supposed that, being unable to see the captain's boat after the signals were given, they concluded she had been swamped.

After that time nothing was seen of the three boats. Captain Hall landed his boat safely on the beach, after going through the Alpha passage, and spent the night there. Next morning his party made their way to Uclulet village, where they were cared for by John Markowitz, a storekeeper. In the meantime, the steamer had drifted further into the sound and miraculously missed striking many islands and reefs that lay in her passage.

She finally went ashore at Anderson camp, Lyall point, on the northwest shore of Barclay sound. As soon as she had been located, Captain Hall again took charge, but he found that the Indians had been there and looted the vessel. After waiting for some time for the other three boats, Captain Hall decided to send the purser to Alberni to telegraph to Victoria for assistance. The purser started from Uclulet in a boat manned by two Indians, but did not get far before his canoe capsized. By threats the purser induced the Indians to take him back to Ululet, where he secured a crew of white men to take him to Alberni. Arriving there, he found the wires down, so he came on to Victoria.

There is little doubt that the three boats containing the twenty men of the crew and two passengers have met with disaster.

Two boxes of biscuits and a pillow, believed to have been in the boats, were picked up the next morning on the beach, one of the boxes at the entrance to Uclulet arm and the other further north.

The vicinity where the Cleevland went ashore has a bad reputation among marine men, there being many dangerous reefs over which a terrible surf breaks. Captain Gaudin, agent of the marine and fisheries department, says it is almost impossible for a boat to live in such a place. Captain Hall's good fortune in making the Alpha passage was all that saved himself and companions.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—The government steamer Quadra received instructions today to coal in haste and proceed for the scene of the Cleveland disaster, with a rescuing corps, to make diligent search for any traces of the missing passengers and crew.

SERIES OF FIRE ACCIDENTS.

Six Persons Hurt During Two Conflagrations in Philadelphia Yesterday.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—While fighting a fire in the five story brick building at 1025 Market square to-night, Fireman George Gaw was struck by a live wire and fell from the third floor landing of the fire escape to the ground, sustaining injuries from which he probably will die. Fireman Robert Wilsey was also struck by a live wire, but was not seriously injured. Fireman Connors was hurt by a falling brick.

The fire loss will reach $100,000; covered by insurance.

Earlier in the evening the leather goods factory of Joseph A. Franks, at 213 Willow street, was damaged to the extent of about $10,000. Harry Hines, aged 35, was knocked down by a fire engine and so badly injured that he is not expected to live. Another engine struck and badly injured Valentine Hoffner, aged 39, and Hoseman John McGuen, aged 28, was thrown from a hose cart and severely bruised.

ONLY ONE MAN SAVED.

The Captain and Five of the Crew of an Atlantic Schooner Lost.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 15.—The schooner Susan P. Thurlow, bound for Hillsboro, N. B., from New York, with a cargo of plaster rock, went to pieces on Cape Elizabeth at 8 o'clock last night, and the captain and five members of the crew were lost. One sailor managed to reach land and early this morning he informed the inhabitants of the wreck. The bodies of the captain and one sailor were recovered this afternoon. The Thurlow was built in Harrington, Me., and hails from New York.

Concordia, Kas., Elevator Burned.

Concordia, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) The grain elevator belonging to G. M. Smith burned about 8 o'clock this evening. The loss is about $6,000. There was little insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started from the engine room.

To Buy Reindeer.

Trondhjem, Norway, Dec. 15.—An agent of the United States government named Kjeltberg has arrived here to buy reindeer for the Klondike relief expeditions.

A KANSAS CITY INVITATION.

American Federation of Labor Asked to Meet Here Next Year.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—When the American Federation of Labor met this morning, telegraphic invitations to hold the next meeting of the Federation in Kansas City, Mo., were read from officials of that city.

Several resolutions were adopted, among the most important being one to send fraternal delegates to Canada to confer with labor trades of Canada.

The afternoon session was marked by many vigorous speeches. Especially was this the case in regard to the protest offered against the appointment of J. H. Paxton, to be interstate commerce commissioner.

A strong anti-Paxton resolution was introduced and was followed up by P. J. McGuire in a caustic speech. Amid much applause he moved that the president of the Federation be instructed to telegraph the presidents of the organizations the protest against the rumored appointment of Paxton. This motion was enthusiastically supported by many speakers, and was carried unanimously. The Paxton resolution will be reported to-morrow. Detroit, during the session, put in a strong bid for the next meeting.

A public meeting, well attended, was held to-night, at which President Gompers and many others made addresses.

WOMEN GOING TO KLONDIKE.

Party of Thirty-five Will Sail From New York To-day for the Yukon.

New York, Dec. 15.—For the purpose of succoring the starving miners on the Klondike, and incidentally to add to their stock of worldly possessions, thirty-five women who are not afraid to brave dangers of the Yukon valley will sail for Alaska at 3:30 p. m. to-morrow on the steamship City of Columbia. On the same vessel will be twenty men, who go to the Northwest territory in search of gold.

The party is to be joined at Seattle by other men and women. The thirty-five women represent one-half of a group who are going to Dawson City under the guidance of Mrs. Hannah Gould, daughter of a Long Island Quaker. Mrs. Gould is well-to-do and the women who accompany here are all in independent circumstances.

It is one of the intentions of the women to "grub stake" the miners, and, with that end in view, large quantities of food will be taken with them from Seattle.

COTTON STRIKE PROBABLE.

New England Factory Hands Object Strongly to Any Reduction in Wages.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 15.—The spirit of unrest is strong in the breasts of the operatives of this city over the approaching reduction of wages. Secretary Thomas O'Donnell, of the Mule Spinners' Association, says it is the unanimous opinion of the spinners that the reduction should be resisted.

The weavers say they will expect and have assurances of financial support from Lewell, Lawrence, Lewiston, Manchester, and other cotton manufacturing centers, where the operatives understand that the battle which is likely to be waged here is for all New England.

The conference committee of the different textile unions will meet to-morrow, and if the opinions of the labor leaders, as expressed on the street, may be taken as an indication of what will be done, a strike will be ordered.

CHICAGO LEXOW COMMITTEE.

Sensation Created by a Resolution to Investigate the Windy City Police Department.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—A sensation was created among the Democratic members of the legislature to-day by the introduction by Senator Lundin, Republican, of a resolution calling for the appointment of a Lexow committee to investigate the Chicago police force. The resolution states in effect that, on account of numerous scandals that have arisen regarding the management of the police force in Chicago, the morals, safety and security of the people of Chicago require such an investigation. The resolution went over under the rules for consideration to-morrow. Senator Lundin claims to have enough votes pledged to pass it.

JOSEPH LADUE MARRIED.

Weds the Girl to Whom He Engaged Himself When He Was Poor.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Joseph Ladue, the pioneer of the Klondike, was married this evening. The bride was Miss Kittie Mason, of Schuyler Falls. The wedding was conducted very quietly, and no one outside of the immediate families was cognizant of the approaching marriage. It is said that the couple became engaged years ago, when Ladue was poor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladue will visit New York for several days, where a suite of rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria has been engaged. After visiting the principal cities they will return to Plattsburg to spend the winter.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

A new postoffice has been established at Spencer, Garfield county, O. T., and Benjamin F. Lillie appointed postmaster.

William Montgomery Brown, archdeacon of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Ohio, has decided to accept the position of bishop coadjutor of Arkansas.

William Nicholas, a Colorado Springs freighter, was shot and killed by a highwayman near the Halfway house, on the Cheyenne road, Tuesday.

W. H. Sears, of Lawrence, Kas., private secretary to Senator Harris, is reported to have taken an interest in the Chicago company lately organized for making gold from the baser metals.

George Gill and William Smith, the two negro murderers to be hung at Lagrange, Ga., January 7, are living in the presence of the gallows on which they are to meet their death, that instrument being erected in the corner of their cell.

John Kelsey, of South Bend, Ind., made a sure thing of suicide the other day by hanging himself and blowing himself to pieces with a dynamite cartridge, which he had prepared with a slow fuse beforehand. He had recently been released from the Longansport insane asylum.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luscher, of Quincy, Ill., are the parents of what is claimed to be the smallest baby ever born. At birth she weighed a trifle less than a pound. Her face is about as large around as a half dollar, feet 1¼ inches long, and her whole body could be put in a quart cup.

A Sumner county, Kas., girl named Blanche Hull was in Wellington the other day to claim the 2-cent bounty offered by the county commissioners on twenty-seven rabbit scalps. Miss Hull has quite a local reputation as a markswoman, and had killed all the rabbits herself with a target rifle.

Ethel Beebe, the pretty 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Beebe, proprietress of the Hotel Saline at Slater, Mo., eloped Tuesday with a Milwaukee drummer by the name of Byrd Ingels. The couple meant to be married at the Midland hotel in this city, but were arrested at Higginsville. The mother afterward ordered the release of Ingels, and then the daughter escaped, and neither has since been heard from.

Two Joplin, Mo., boys, Ed Ray and Leo Walford, aged, respectively, 15 and 16 years, went to the reform school Tuesday, where they are to serve two years each for stealing lead from the mines. Ray had been acquitted, but made some variation in his testimony in order to shield a junk man named Barker, who was accused of buying the lead from the boys, and, as a result, Barker was acquitted and Ray got a sentence after all.

CARR NEAR HIS END.

MURDERER MOVED BY PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

ONLY TEMPORARY, HOWEVER.

FOR THE MOST PART HE SITS SULLEN AND SILENT.

Affecting Scene in the Liberty Jail Last Night, but the Man to Die To-morrow Was the Least Affected by It All.

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special.) William Carr, the murderer of his own girl baby, to-night sat almost motionless for two hours while five Christian workers prayed and sang and exhorted with him. It was in a corner room on the second floor of the court house, from the barred windows of which, in daylight, may be had a full view of the gallows enclosure. It was lighted to-night with five tallow candles, stuck in their own grease on the window sills. Along one side was a long deal bench. At one end of the bench, in the darkest corner of the room, sat Carr, who has only one day more to live. He sat sideways, his stalwart body screwed into the corner of the wall, his legs crossed, his left elbow resting on a corner of a window sill, his left hand supporting his bowed head, which was pushed hard against the wall.

In that position he sat throughout the services, looking downward and moving only three times, once to pull a red bandana handkerchief from his pocket and wipe the tears from his eyes, once to kneel while others prayed and once to stand up and sullenly, almost resentfully, shake hands with those in the room. Next to Carr sat Rev. Mr. L. D. Ewing, a Presbyterian minister, and beyond him along the bench sat his four assistants. Slowly and solemnly, with a gloomy pause between each verse, the preacher read from a Bible the old, old story of the prodigal son. When he came to the passage, "I will arise and go to my father," the preacher laid his hand on Carr's knee, looked at him over his spectacles and asked:

"Don't you think that was a good resolution to make?"

Only a sullen nod from the murderer, sitting in the shadows in the corner, was the answer.

The preacher read on. A deputy sheriff standing leaning against the wall near the cot upon which Carr sleeps took from his pocket his watch and began to wind it. The noise in the narrow room sounded loud above the subdued monotony of the preacher's voice. Outside, the bitter northwest wind signed dismally and swished the bare branches of the trees against the window panes like the rattling of skeleton fingers.

"Sing something," said the preacher, as he closed his Bible. An old man with a long gray beard started, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, Let Me Hide Myself in Thee."

When it was ended the same man stood up, walked over very close to Carr that the bottom of his long frock coat brushed the murderer's shoe tip, and talked, as he would in church, about the goodness of God, the death of the thief upon the cross and the significance it bore to the case of this man, so soon to die. There were tears in the old man's eyes and once in a while a sound of a sob in his voice as he talked. But the man sat so soon to die stirred never a muscle. The candle flames wavered solemnly in the draughts that came in through the window chinks, and threw grotesque shadows of the murderer as he sat bowed and motionless—shadows that moved and dodged waggishly upon the wall behind and above him.

"Let us all pray," said the preacher. "Let every knee bow and be in prayer."

Carr was the first man upon his knees. He threw his long bony arms and hands on the bench in front of him and sank his head upon them and remained there while a long prayer for his salvation went up.

"Oh, Lord, thou forgavest the dying thief upon the cross, look also in mercy upon this poor soul," prayed the preacher.

An iron gateway at the outside entrance to the court house swung in the wind and creaked noisily on its rusty hinges. From the street a rod away floated up a peal of merry laughter from girlish lips. When the prayer was ended the company sang: "In the Sweet By and By."

It was during the singing of this hymn that Carr, who had still bowed and crowded hard against the wall, reached slowly with his right hand into his hip pocket and drew out a red bandana handkerchief and carried it to his eyes and wiped first one deliberately, slowly and precisely, and then wiped the other and, as sluggishly as before, replaced it in his pocket, tucking it in and in with his long sinewy forefinger.

The preacher arose, and, stepping to a position in front of the cannonball stove, in which the embers had almost died out, and upon whose top stood a stained tin coffee pot, he folded his hands across the black covered Bible in front of him and said: "Every one in this room who believes that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned his sins and is now trusting in Christ for salvation, come up here and take me by the hand."

Besides the five religious workers and Carr himself, there were only three deputy sheriffs and two newspaper men in the room. These latter sat still. But Carr, after the four Christian workers had shook the preacher's hand, got up slowly and reached out his big brown hand.

"God bless you, brother," said the preacher, as he shook it. And then he said:

"Everybody in the room come up and shake the hand of this poor man."

And everybody there did. The hand was hot and damp with perspiration. Carr stood, stolidly looking at the floor, his forehead drawn into deep wrinkles between and above his eyes, the skin over his straight nose drawn tense and thin and white till it glistened.

Then he dropped heavily into his seat in the corner and the man with the long gray beard and the deep-sounding voice—he was Professor James Love, of the Presbyterian church—arose and said: "Let us close by singing that old favorite hymn, it is not in the hymnbooks we have here:

"'Show pity, Lord, oh Lord, forgive,
Let a repenting rebel live.
Are not Thy mercies large and free,
May not a sinner trust in Thee?'"

After the singing of that the company filed solemnly out and Carr got up and began a steady, slow, up and down march of the room, while two deputy sheriffs sat and watched his every movement all through the night.

It is expected that Carr will be hanged at very near 11 o'clock Friday morning. The stockade in which the gallows will be placed was erected to-day, but soon after dark to-night, during the high wind, it was blown down with a crash which alarmed all the inmates of the jail, particularly Carr. Nobody was allowed to see the condemned man to-day until evening.

MERRY CAPTURED AT LAST.

Chicago Wife Murderer and His Accomplice Under Arrest in Kentucky.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 15.—Ed Smith and William Merry, alias Ed and Bill Roach, the latter wanted in Chicago for wife murder, and the former for complicity, were arrested near Eddyville, Lyon county, this morning by officers who had been advised that they were in hiding along the Cumberland river. Smith made a confession, but Merry will not talk.

Smith's confession was to the effect that he was wanted in Chicago for complicity in the killing of Merry's wife, and that his companion was William Merry, who was also wanted for wife murder. He would not admit that he or Merry had killed the woman.

Both are ragged and footsore, and Merry's feet are so badly frostbitten that he can scarcely walk. They said they had been camping along the banks of the Cumberland river for some time.

SHEESLEY OFF LIGHT.

Jury, After Forty-eight Hours, Finds Him Guilty of Manslaughter in the Second Degree.

Independence, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) "We find the defendant, Henry Sheesley, guilty of manslaughter in the second degree." Such was the verdict returned by the jury at 6:15 o'clock this evening, after being out just forty-eight hours. At 3 o'clock this afternoon, Judge Skidmore called in the jury and asked them if they had arrived at a verdict. They replied that they differed on one thing only, and he promptly ordered them back to their room until they could agree. When they arrived at a verdict, court had adjourned, but the judge and officers were quickly summoned and the jury reported. The people had about given up hope of the jury agreeing. The verdict was also a great surprise on account of its being so light. Sheesley was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at 9 o'clock to-night by Judge Skidmore. When asked if he had anything to say, he only said: "I was not responsible for the act."

DURRANT SENTENCED AGAIN.

Execution Set for the Fourth Time Yesterday, This Time for January 7.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Theodore Durrant was this morning re-sentenced to be hanged on January 7 next for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

Durrant's attorneys made a desperate effort to secure further delay and pave the way for another appeal to the supreme court, but Judge Bahrs was inexorable and overruled each and all objections made to the proceedings.

Durrant was in court and carried himself with his customary coolness. An immense crowd flocked to the courtroom and filled the corridors of the city hall.

This is the fourth time Durrant has been sentenced.

FATALLY INJURED BY ROBBERS.

Aged Restaurantkeeper at Phillipsburg, Kas., Found Dying in His Establishment.

Phillipsburg, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) A. Vega, about 50 years of age, one of the oldest and best known business men of this city, was fatally injured in his room last night by parties who are supposed to have robbed the store. It is not thought the parties entered the store for the purpose of murder, but, being identified, killed the old gentleman to protect themselves. Mr. Vega was engaged in the restaurant business, and, as he lived alone in his store and never deposited his money in the bank, he was supposed to have considerable money with him. Life was not entirely extinct when he was found this morning, but physicians say he cannot live.

CARD GAME ENDS IN MURDER.

Young Kansan Shot by a Companion Near Edgerton Tuesday Evening.

Olathe, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) Charley Sloan, a young man, living just south of Edgerton, this county, who recently inherited considerable property from his parents, last night had four young companions at his home in a game of cards, when an altercation arose, whereupon George Upp seized a double-barreled shotgun and fired both loads into Sloan, inflicting mortal wounds. Dr. Ewing says that Sloan can live but a few hours.

After the shooting the other parties deserted Sloan at 9 o'clock and he remained there in a dying condition until 11, when he was found by other parties. Arrests will follow at once.

FISHED THEIR WAY TO LIBERTY

Two Columbia, Mo., Prisoners Effect Their Escape From Jail in a Novel Manner.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special.) James Turner and Charles Holt, in jail for stealing hogs, escaped last night in a novel manner. A fishing pole against the iron door of their cell was taken, bedding torn into strips for a line, and a barrel hoop made into a hook. With this contrivance a desk drawer in which the cell keys had been temporarily placed was reached, the keys secured, the jail door opened and escape effected.

Robbed Twice the Same Night.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—There has been of late a regular epidemic of holdups in this city. Last night one man was held up twice on the same street. Hiram Martin, a well known citizen, was robbed by footpads on Eighth street near Broadway, of his money and a satchel. A few blocks further along he was stopped and searched again by three more highwaymen.

Kansas May Have a Hanging.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) United States Commissioner G. W. Clark to-day bound over J. S. Leach for trial on the charge of murder. Leach killed Corporal Thomas Fennell on the Fort Riley reservation some time ago. The case therefore must be tried in the federal court. If convicted, Leach will be executed by the federal authorities, something unusual in Kansas.

Five Years for Assault.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special.) Jim Johnson, a negro, who attempted assaults on several white women in this city last summer, was sent to the penitentiary to-night for five years, on the evidence of two young girls who had a desperate struggle with him in the southern part of the city. Johnson protests his innocence.

Out of Money and Despondent.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—This afternoon, in view of hundreds of men, in Green's big billiard hall, near the Board of Trade, A. J. Moore, formerly passenger agent at Denver of the Chicago & Alton, shot and instantly killed himself. Moore, it is said, was despondent over the loss of his position and money.

Missouri Requisition Honored.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) Governor Leedy to-day honored a requisition issued by Governor Stephens, of Missouri, for James Curagan, who is wanted in Bates county for burglary and larceny. He is under arrest at Paola, and will be taken to Bates county to-morrow for trial.

Minnesota Banker Acquitted.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—William F. Bickel, vice president and cashier of the Minnesota Savings bank, which went down in the financial flurry of one year ago, was to-day found not guilty of the charge of making away with funds belonging to the bank.

Woodson to Help Defend Foley.

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special.) William A. Foley has obtained the services of Major Blake L. Woodson, of Kansas City, to assist Senator H. F. Simrall and Hon. John Dougherty defend him at his second trial, commencing December 27.

Topeka Prisoners Escape.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) On account of the inefficiency of the local Populist police force, four prisoners deliberately walked out of the city jail here to-day and escaped.

IF WE LOSE HAWAII.

EX-SECRETARY OF STATE FOSTER ON ANNEXATION.

ENGLAND MAY BE THE GAINER.

HAWAII LIKELY TO TURN TO HER FOR SALVATION.

Cannot Long Maintain Her Autonomy Under the Encroachments of Japan—Rejecting the Treaty Will Not End the Question.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, who, while a member of the Harrison cabinet, negotiated the first treaty annexing Hawaii to the United States, and who has since visited the islands and taken much interest in their acquisition, when asked to-day as to the status of the annexation question, said: "The opponents in congress of Hawaiian annexation will not have disposed of the question by voting against and defeating this measure. They must decide what shall be the policy and conduct of the United States towards the islands for the future. The political clauses in our reciprocity treaty with that country are still to be disposed of.

"They are two in number: First, a stipulation on the part of Hawaii not to lease, dispose of or create any lien upon any port, harbor or other territory to any other government, and, second, to grant to the United States the exclusive right to Pearl river harbor as a coaling and naval station. The first of these political clauses might terminate with the treaty, and after the rejection of annexation it would be inconsistent on our part to insist upon its maintenance. The second clause, however, is held by the senators who ratified the treaty to be a permanent grant. The denunciation of the reciprocity treaty would still leave us with the grant of Pearl harbor. It is the only place suitable for a naval station in those islands or anywhere within a radius of 2,000 miles. And yet, with the rejection of annexation we must look forward to the certainty of its eventual surrender, as our occupation would be impossible with the islands under the dominion of a powerful government.

"Even if rejected by the United States, it will not be difficult for the present Hawaiian government to successfully maintain itself against local opposition. For many years before it was established, the administration of the islands had to be in the control of the foreign residents, the native rulers being mere puppets in their hands. The property interests, which are almost exclusively held by the white residents and foreigners, will control the government so long as it maintains its independence. But it is plain the islands cannot long maintain their autonomy. The most threatening present danger is from Japan. That country may be perfectly sincere in its declaration that it does not seek the annexation of the islands, but the current of events, if not checked, will lead inevitably to that result. The operation of the existing immigration treaty, as interpreted by Japan, will soon bring about the supremacy of the Japanese in the islands. The authorities of the republic and the empire are now at issue as to this treaty. It requires no prophet to foresee which construction of it will prevail, if the islands are not annexed to the United States or some other power does not intervene.

"But I do not think the islands will pass under the dominion of Japan. If the people of American origin now in control of the government are rejected by congress, they will, in my opinion, turn to their kinsmen, the English and Canadians. They have learned from the colonial history of Great Britain that wherever the British flag goes there follows equal taxation, just and impartial administration of the laws and honest and orderly government. While I have no information as to the purposes of the present Hawaiian rulers, I feel sure that when it is finally determined that they are not to be annexed to the United States they will lose no time in opening negotiations with Great Britain, and the result of those negotiations will be neither slow nor uncertain.

"Mr. Seward, one of the most farsighted of our statesmen, declared in the senate half a century ago: 'The Pacific ocean, its shores, its islands and the vast region beyond will become the chief theater of events in the world's great hereafter.' Possessed with this idea, he brought into our Union the vast outlying territory of Alaska and sought the annexation of Hawaii, but the time was not