

Longnecker Murder Case.

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the way. On Christmas Eve, she said, Wells left the houseboat in company with Longnecker and returned several hours later without the Cincinnati fur buyer. When asked where Longnecker was the Putman woman says Wells replied, "I've put him away where he'll never bother us any more. There's not a chance for anyone discovering the body because I put it under a lot of brush. If the water comes up high enough it will wash him away. It won't be long before the hogs will eat him up." This she says, Wells remarked as he stepped from a johnny-boat onto the shanty upon his return.

The Putman woman says that the murder occurred on Christmas Eve and that the following day she, Meisberger and the Wells arrived at the Duck's Nest just above Paducah on the Tennessee river.

The Livingston county sheriff and other prosecuting officers are of the opinion that the woman did not tell all she might have told in her confession. She apparently was badly frightened when Sheriff Foster arrived with Wells and his wife, for not many hours afterwards she asked the jailer to allow her to see the sheriff. That Meisberger had a hand in the murder is generally believed. The Smithland officials think that there was some division of Longnecker's property made between the two couples. Both Wells and his wife were examined rigidly Thursday afternoon by County Judge Clark and County Attorney Lal Threlkeld with the result that Wells admitted having some of Longnecker's property. However he swore he had purchased it from the Cincinnati man just before he left him at New Albany, Ind. It was at that city opposite Louisville he last saw Longnecker, according to the story Wells told the authorities Thursday.

When the officers made an effort to secure a confession from the Wells woman, who was the most neatly dressed of the quartette, she was obstinate and refused steadfastly to say anything regarding the murder.

"I'll talk at the proper time and not before. No, I'll tell you nothing about my family either. But when I begin talking you can bet if I'm into this at all, there are some even deeper than I am."

"You might as well put me back into my cell right now because I'm not going to tell you one thing," the pretty little woman said. And the court took her at her word.

Sheriff Foster and the coroner will visit the public burying-ground this morning and unearth the body of Longnecker, which was buried a few days following its discovery. The officers believe that they will find additional evidence of considerable value in the case.

A deputy sheriff will arrive in Paducah this morning and seize the house-boats in which the Wells and Meisbergers lived. The boats have been in the Duck's Nest since officers compelled the owners to abandon them and go to jail.

A search of the boats already has been made and nothing of any important nature was found. Wells, in his statement to Sheriff Foster yesterday, said he had some of Longnecker's property but that it was on a boat which they left at Elizabethtown. However, there is a johnny-boat tied to the shanty-boat which formerly belonged to Longnecker.

Patrolmen Mike Dugan, Kelly Franklin, Andy Stewart and Walter England, as well as Constable A. C. Shelton will profit by the arrest of the four shanty-

boaters if a conviction is scored in the Livingston courts. Several days before Wells and Meisberger were arrested, Governor James M. McCreary offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and conviction of Longnecker's murderers.

The Case. The murder of Frank Longnecker was one of the most brutal in the history of Western Kentucky. When his body was uncovered by a Livingston county man, who was working on the small island the day after Christmas, the eyes had been eaten out by hogs which were feeding upon the small strip of land. His eyelids had even been bitten away by the hungry animals.

The discovery of the body was reported immediately to Sheriff Foster, whose investigation brought out the fact that Longnecker had been shot and afterwards stabbed to death. Most peculiar, however, was the fact that the clothing which had been placed on Longnecker's body bore no ragged cuts over those parts of the body which bore the stabs of a knife. Neither were there evidences of shot having passed through the clothes.

As the coroner was burying Longnecker's body at Smithland, Sheriff Foster noticed a singularly peculiar watch chain fall from one of the dead man's pockets. He picked it up and when he left for Elizabethtown the next morning in search of persons who might have seen the murdered man before his death, he took the chain along with him.

At Elizabethtown Sheriff Foster found many who had seen Longnecker. They identified the chain as one which Longnecker had displayed when someone mentioned his apparent carelessness in carrying about a watch while on the river without using a chain. The chain had not been completed at that time as Longnecker was still weaving it.

Sheriff Foster's trip up the river was fruitful even to a greater extent than discovering the identity of the murdered man. He saw people who had seen Longnecker with another man. An accurate description of the man was obtained and Sheriff Foster returned to Smithland. This man afterward proved to be Melsberger.

Upon his arrival at Smithland, a letter from Mrs. Frank Longnecker of Madison, Ind., awaited him. "Please send back the dog which Longnecker had with him when he was murdered," is the substance of the letter which Sheriff Foster read. Mrs. Longnecker gave a careful description of the dog, which she explained was a Scotch terrier. In closing the letter she said she and Longnecker had been separated for two years and that Longnecker had taken the dog with him, and without her consent, when he left on a shanty-boat.

This gave the Livingston Co., sheriff a new and valuable clue. To find Longnecker's dog would be finding the murderers of the Cincinnati man, or at least someone who had some knowledge of Longnecker's companions. A quiet search for the dog was then begun.

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Letter From John G. Haynes.

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the throttle of the government, but we who are not especially politicians, have begun to doubt the power of the tariff, high or low, to eradicate from this government forty years of republican graft and misrule.

We hope however, that at the inauguration of President-elect Wilson, there will be inaugurated in every department of this government the great principals that go to make righteousness, and justice to all.

May this declaration be written and read of all men,—"Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but Sin is a Reproach to any People."

We are fascinated with the hope of a better day, when we see such men, as some of those who stand in the first ranks of our country's responsibilities, standing for the things that are higher, and the things that are nobler.

We rejoice that the hand of the Divine directs the destiny of nations today, by the hand of good men.

With a fond hope for the future, we are,

Yours very truly,
J. G. HAYNES.

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GLADSTONE

James Oakley came through this section a few days ago buying up a carload of poultry.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farley, of Morehouse, Mo., have returned to their home after a few weeks' visit with friends and relatives near here.

Misses Elva Hatley and Corda Arflack were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hatley, of Henshaw, a few days last week.

Dan McKinley contemplates moving to his new home near Sullivan, in a short time.

E. E. Phillips will occupy Mr. McKinley's farm.

Tom Brantley spent Saturday night with his cousin, Ray Brantley.

Dan Brantley, of Dawson Springs, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. John Gilbert. Aunt Necie and Uncle John are two of the oldest people in this neighborhood. She being 85 years old and he 87.

Prayer meeting at Rosebud every Saturday night; Sunday School every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Mary and Kitty Phillips spent New Year's day with Mrs. Joe Brantley.

No marriages have taken place recently, in this locality, to report. But perchance will be later on.

Miss Sadie Crider spent Saturday night with Misses Elsie and Nellie Crider.

Will Fowler has moved his saw mill near the Phillips railroad crossing. He is also erecting a new house near the same place.

If this fails to find the waste basket, will call again.

WESTON

The back water is about to carry us off. The river has rose twenty feet in four days and nights. It is the largest rise we have had in many years.

day visiting old friends.

Messrs. Al Stokes and Finis Hughes returned from Smithland, Ky., Tuesday, where they have been for several months.

Miss Nonie Winn, who has been visiting her brother, W. T. Winn, for the past few days, returned home Wednesday.

Dink Sturgeon took up his lights Monday, on account of high water.

The men are busy keeping the ties out of the river.

George Thorne and family moved to Weston, Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Eskew, who has been very low with pneumonia fever, is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Nan Thorne arrived here Wednesday to be with Mrs. Eskew during her illness.

Our new steamer John Lowery passed Weston Sunday evening at 3 o'clock on her first trip to Paducah. The cost of this boat is \$45,000.00.

C. V. Oakley, of Marion, was in Weston, Wednesday with an insurance man.

There are a great many pens of corn nearly under water waiting for boats to come to their assistance.

Miss Corda Smart spent Sunday the guest of Ruby Hughes.

Miss Ruby Gahagan spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Sturgeon.

What is the matter with Cross Lanes? Let us hear from you.

—Little Pansy.

RODNEY

E. L. Nunn and family and E. M. Gahagan spent New Year's day at the home of W. U. Hughes.

Mr. LaRue, the county surveyor, was here last week surveying some land for W. H. Black and Levi Steel.

Misses Elvah Hatley and Corda Arflack visited Willie Hatley, of Henshaw; last week also Mrs. Lizzie Writtenberry, of DeKoven. They reported a pleasant trip.

Bro. Vick delivered an excellent sermon at Rosebud, Sunday.

Misses Florence and Lola Nelson and Mr. Thomas Walker spent Sunday at the home of G. W. King.

There was a singing at Otho Phillips' Sunday night which was a success.

Miss Ina Newcom spent Saturday night with Miss Beulah Nation.

Boys, you'd better keep your eyes on your "best girl," for there were two Fords Ferry boys in our neighborhood Sunday afternoon prospecting.

H. L. Sullivan and Chester Truitt were in Marion, Saturday.

This is a letter Hon. E. L. Nunn wrote to his father when he was a young man fifty years ago when he was in the army. The letter has just been found by your correspondent at the Hon. John Nunn farm. It reads as follows:—"Sept. 4th, 1862. Dear father, I am in camp near Paris, Tenn., and living very well at present and the rest of the boys are well. Pa I have been in two fights and heard the bullets whistle. Pa I have been in every skirmish since I've been out and I am ready for another one. Pa, them boys that went down to see mama you can tell them that they can come through without any trouble for I find friends where ever I go. Pa, home is the best place in the world but I have got my foot in it now and I will stand like a man as long as I am able. Pa I'll say this to you if they do take your negroes away I will come back if no misfortune happens to me. Pa, as to my clothing, I have two shirts and two pair of pants one suit of each. Tell mother to kiss John and sister for me, give the rest of the children my love and all inquiring friends. I'll close my letter.

Yours truly,
E. L. NUNN."

We are very sorry to lose "Paech Blossom," but we welcome "Little Pansy."—Rambler.

An Honest Confessions

Is Good for the Soul.
Iron Hill Ky., Jan. 10, 1913.
Mr. S. M. Jenkins,

Dear Sir:—Some months ago I had the Press discontinued, thinking perhaps I could get along without it but I tell you right now I am in trouble "sho nuff" and I want you to send it along right away for which I enclose check. Yours,
Preston Lamb.

REPTON.

E. C. Jones, of Sturgis, was the guest of his parents at this place Sunday.

J. H. Smith was in Marion, Friday Miss Laura McChesney, of Marion, is visiting Mrs. Ida King.

J. A. Nation and family, of Marion, are the guests of relatives at this place.

FREDONIA.

Curtis Patterson and wife, of Evansville, are visiting his father, J. M. Patterson.

Rev. W. T. Oakley preached at the C. P. church here Sunday and Sunday night.

Milton Maxwell has sold his stock of furniture and undertaking goods to Willie Koon, of New Bethel, and Shelly Dunn of Kuttawa. Mr. Dunn is a licensed embalmer and has had several years experience in the furniture business.

A few crops of tobacco sold at 7½ and 8 cents round.

Neither of the three rural route men of this place could make their trips Friday on account of water.

J. A. Wilson says he is going to quit the creamery business. See his advertisement in this paper.

D. T. Byrd and wife attended the burial of Mrs. Lula Cassidy, Monday.

GLENDALE

The rain Monday was gladly received by those who hauled water.

F. M. Jacobs is visiting relatives in Missouri and Mrs. Jacobs' mother, Mrs. Belle Stephenson, of Tolu, is her guest during Mr. Jacobs' absence.

Millard Enoch is building an addition of two rooms to Bob Bell's residence.

R. D. Moore attended the funeral of Jonathan Stone at Hurricane Thursday.

Mrs. May Thomas, who has been ill for several weeks, is better at this writing.

Mrs. T. E. Griffith spent part of last week the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Terry, near Forest Grove.

Dave Ramsey has moved from the Commodore mines to Levia.

Miss Eula Jacobs visited relatives in Tolu during the holidays.

Horse Stallion and Misses Lora Johnson and Rose Moore attended Mr. Stone's burial at Hurricane, Thursday.

Jim Howell and wife, of near Hebron, were guests of his sister, Mrs. Mary Ramsey, Saturday night and Sunday, Dec. 28th and 29th.

Don't forget Sunday School at this place at 2:30 o'clock p. m., each Sabbath.

Z. T. and W. T. Terry were in this neighborhood Saturday buying cattle.

James Thomas and wife, of Marion, were guests of his brother, R. H. Thomas, and family Sunday. Anthony Thomas has also been there a good deal of late on account of his mother's illness. She is improving at present.

Our school closes Friday, Jan. 24th.

Ray Thomas no longer hitches his horse at New Stallions' gate. It is not necessary, it stands alright now without being hitched.

Miss Addie Franks is the guest of Mrs. R. C. Moore at Crittenden Springs. Quite a number of people from this neighborhood were in Marion, Monday.

According to the saying that first 12 days of the year rule the year. We will have "weather" most of the time the coming 12 months, and a great portion of that will be rain.

Wishing the Editor and his staff and the many readers of the Record-Press, a happy New Year.

Thoughts On The New Year.

BY IDA M. ROBERTS.

Another New Year! How fast the years go speeding by! Soon they will all have been lived out and we all will be in eternity. What a solemn thought and yet how true. The question arises in my mind, who, oh, who of us will have to answer to the death call in 1913?

Looking back over the year we recall many we knew who passed away with 1912.

The solemn summons came to them, and ready or not ready, willing or not willing they had to go. Their race is run their destinies forever sealed whether for weal or woe. They had their day of grace, their state of probation here and if they frittered away their time, wasted their lives and died in sin, they are lost just as certain as the Bible is true. They may have had a grand funeral, some minister may have spoken sweet words of consolation on that occasion, but the stern fact remains that if not saved from sin here, they can never see God in peace.

Another thought about the year just closed. It is forever gone. We can never call it back to improve its slighted opportu-

ities. If well spent, it will be a source of pleasure to us as long as eternity lasts, if misspent we are guilty before God of squandering the precious moments He gives us in which to get right with him, and live to his glory for our lives are not our own. Our stay here is not that we may lay up treasures on earth, seek selfish ease, and carnal pleasure but that we may get ready for eternity, and help others to get ready.

Well I am glad that whatever may have been our mistakes in the past, those of us who are living have the privilege of seeing another year that we may make use of the opportunities it presents. How thankful ought we to be for this New Year! How unspeakably precious this life is, for in it we fix our destinies for eternity.

Oh there is so much to live for if we are truly awake to what life really means. The trouble is the people are so blinded and so fast asleep in sins that they fail to realize what they are here for. May God wake us up and let us see things as they really are. I will tell you when we get fully awakened by the power of God's spirit, we see there is no time to waste. Death, judgment, and eternity are before us and we are bound to meet them. That thought is enough to solemnize every thinking soul and bring to view what this life means. Christians, let us be fully awake and take advantage of every opportunity to work and witness for God during this year. Oh, may God send power upon his true ones, that they may go forth to battle against the awful powers of wickedness. Surely if we are of God we hate sin in its every form, then let us wage war against it.

Let us see to it that our own garments are spotless, let us give proof by our lives that we are saved from sin, and then let us hasten to the rescue of others. God will help. Look around us. Everywhere are precious, deathless souls sinking into ruin and woe. Look how busy and wily Satan's servants are to get in their deadly work. By every evil means they seek to decoy, ensnare and capture precious souls. Can we not be as earnest and faithful in the service of our beloved Master as the wicked are in the service of the Evil one. May we watch labor and pray this year, as if it were going to be our last, for it may be. It will surely be the last for many. As I stand in the opening light of this hallowed New Year, and realize to some extent its importance and responsibilities, I feel like saying in the words of another:

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Our hope for years to come,
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