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A PROBABLE CASE OF MURDER.

Body of a White Man Found on the Railroad.

His Head Crushed and the Trunk Badly Mutilated—No Signs of Blood Discovered—Clothes Lying Near the Body. Brains Found in One of the Pockets. The Coroner's Inquest—A Verdict Rendered That the Man Was Murdered.

About six o'clock yesterday morning Wm. McBride, the engineer of the large steam street roller, while on his way to his work, was horrified by the sight of a dead man lying on the track of the Washington and Maryland division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, about 200 yards north of the overhead bridge that crosses to the round house.

An examination of the corpse showed that the upper part of his head had been crushed to such an extent that it would be impossible for his friends or relatives to recognize him. His skull was the thickest, Mr. Sleser stated, that had ever come under his notice. His eye balls were still hanging to the skin on his face but not a particle of brains remained in his head.

When found on the railroad he was naked, with the exception of a striped shirt which covered about one-half of his breast. His overalls, which had answered the purpose of trousers, were found about twenty-five feet north of where the body was discovered, which was so black from having been dragged in the coal cinders that are used as ballast on the road as to lead one to think he was a negro.

A crowd collected about the body soon after it was discovered, but no one was able to find the slightest trace of blood along the tracks for 200 yards on either side of where the body was discovered. Nothing was found in the clothing with the exception of ten cents in silver and an empty envelope addressed to "Elijah Cobb, Salem, Va."

The body was viewed by the coroner and jury and the lower part of the jaw was cut by the former to determine if a hole that was there was caused by a bullet. It was found that the jaw bone had been broken, and that the wound was evidently caused by a bolt or other sharp instrument piercing it. This exploded the theory of a bullet wound having been the cause of the man's death.

Wm. McBride, the principal and in fact the only witness who was summoned, pointed out the exact place where the body laid. A very close examination was made by the jury and police officers, but no blood could be found. A few hairs from his head and a small piece of skin were the only evidence discovered that would go to prove that a man's mutilated body had been found there only a few hours previous.

The jury then returned to the undertaking rooms of Mr. Sleser, where, after all the points in the case had been considered, a verdict was rendered that death was caused by parties or party unknown and that the body was placed on the railroad tracks to mislead the authorities and hide their criminal action. Another suspicious circumstance that points plainly toward foul play is in the fact that some of his brains were found in one of the tail pockets of his cut-away coat.

The coroner and others are of the opinion that the man could have been dead several days and well preserved by the cold weather of the past few days. They are all strongly inclined to this belief from the fact that no blood was discovered. Chief of Police Terry, when questioned by the coroner, stated that he was an old railroader and had never seen a man killed on the railroad but that blood was left plentiful and that it would remain in view for weeks. Telegrams were sent to Petersburg inquiring if the dead man belonged there. Chief of Police Terry received a telegram late last night from the chief of police of Petersburg stating that the dead man's name was Elijah Cobb. He further stated that Cobb had a brother living there, but that he was too poor to have the body sent to Petersburg.

INDEPENDENTS.

A Sure Victory if They Will Work and Vote.

The citizens of the Second ward will have the opportunity which they asked for to vote for independent members of Council. The expression of opinion which was solicited by THE TIMES yesterday morning was entirely satisfactory.

The two nominees which are offered to the voters of the Second ward for members of council are: To serve two years: D. H. MATSON.

To serve one year: B. L. GREIDER.

These gentlemen need no introduction to a single voter in the Second ward. They will receive the entire independent vote of the ward. The nominations have been thrust upon them, in fact; but if elected, they will serve the best interests of the city.

Their candidacy represents first of all a protest against the narrow and proscriptive methods of a political machine, set up seemingly for the benefit of a handful of men who year after year are elected to every fat office in the gift of the city, who are Democrats "for revenue only." Every vote cast for these independent nominees will be a rebuke to the machine, and their election will forecast its downfall. Every vote cast for them will emphasize the fact that Roanoke is a cosmopolitan city and that birthplace is not the shibboleth of officeholding.

No Democrat need consider his party menaced by their election, for party politics has no more place in municipal affairs than in a church vestry. The paving of the streets is of vastly more importance to Roanoke than the opinion of candidates for council on the tariff question. Whether a candidate for councilman is in favor of free green groceries or not means vastly more than what he thinks about the force bill. His opinion on the sewerage question is a hundred times more to the point than his attitude on the silver question.

Citizens, it is time for you to get down to business. There are enough anti-machine voters in the Second ward to pulverize the machine out of recognition. Are you going to do it? If you are, vote to-morrow for the independent nominees for Council in the Second ward.

If you are tired of investigations which do not investigate, policemen who do not police, paving which does not pave, and officeholders who never do anything, else cut loose for once.

There are 619 registered voters in the Second ward. The highest nominee for Council in that ward received 312 votes and the lowest 195. One hundred and thirty-four voters scratched all the councilmen from their ballots in the primaries. One hundred and seventy staid away from the polls. Three hundred votes will elect both independent nominees. If you mean business turn out to-morrow and vote and work. You are certain to win if you will work.

Citizens Called Upon to Preserve Order. NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—[Special]—The car drivers' strike continues with but few cars running, and few are protected by a strong guard of policemen. Mayor Fitzpatrick this forenoon commissioned a number of volunteers as policemen and they will assist the regular force in protecting the non-union drivers. A dispatch from Baton Rouge says that the house has reconsidered the vote on the car drivers' resolution and adopted a substitute, deprecating violence. Mayor Fitzpatrick has issued a proclamation calling all law-abiding citizens to assemble at the car station this morning and assist in preserving order.

A Murderer Hanged. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 24.—[Special]—Patrick Fitzpatrick, the murderer of Samuel Early, expired his crime on the scaffold in the county jail this morning. The trap was sprung at 10:15 a. m., and in fifteen minutes life was pronounced extinct. Death resulted from strangulation. The murder was the result of a barroom quarrel.

Balloting For a Senator. BATON ROUGE, La., May 24.—[Special]—The vote for United States Senator to-day in the two houses resulted as follows: Jones, 44; Adams, 27; Gibson, 26; Caffrey, 17; Blanchard, 11; Burgeois, 4; Mahoney, 1. The two houses will meet in joint session to-morrow to canvass the vote. A joint ballot will be taken by the legislature every day until the result is reached.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

The Norfolk and Western Extending Its Lines.

Great Increase in Track Laying During the Past Year—New Roads Have Been Leased—The Ohio Extension—Extensive Additions Being Made at Lambert's Point—New Coal Regions to Be Opened Up.

The Norfolk and Western railroad, whose general offices are in this city, and whose interests are so closely identified with those of Roanoke, has, during the past year, made many improvements and extensions to its already fine system of road.

At the beginning of last year the company had in operation 1,099 miles of railroad and thirty-one miles of second track. At the close of last year the company owned and operated 1,120 miles of railroad and forty-two miles of sidings. The company leased and began operating on the first of last March, the Lynchburg and Durham railroad, which extends from Lynchburg to Durham, N. C., a distance of 115 miles, and the Roanoke and Southern from Roanoke to Winston-Salem, 121 miles.

The Lynchburg and Durham railroad, as constructed, is 115 miles in length, and extends from Durham, N. C., to a point on the Richmond and Danville railroad, about three miles south of Lynchburg. It has been found impracticable to interchange traffic with that line except through the construction of a direct connection. The company owns a branch or belt line extending partly around the city of Lynchburg, its present terminus being about one and a quarter miles from the present terminus of the Lynchburg and Durham railroad. Under the arrangements, as effected, the company agrees to complete this belt line to a connection with the Lynchburg and Durham railroad, and to operate that property under a lease from March 1, 1892, for a period of one year, during which time the company has the option to continue the lease permanently, conditioned upon the payment by the company of an annual minimum rental of \$100,000, or to purchase 11,630 shares of the capital stock (out of a total issue of 18,768 shares) and its entire issue of \$2,012,000 5 per cent. bonds, for \$1,433,838.

Under the terms of the temporary lease, the company agrees to operate the road for 65 per cent. of the gross earnings, exclusive of taxes, which are to be paid out of the 35 per cent. to be paid to the Lynchburg and Durham Railroad Company. The Roanoke and Southern railway extends from Roanoke, Va., to Winston-Salem, N. C., a distance of 121.3 miles. A portion of this line has been in operation for about a year, the remaining or northern portion having been but recently completed to a connection with the line. Under the arrangement, as effected, the company acquires the ownership of 18,378 shares of capital stock out of a total issue of 23,964 shares, and undertakes to operate the road under lease, the company paying over any balance that remains from gross earnings after paying operating expenses and taxes, interest on bond debt, and such improvements and additions as may be necessary, the company guaranteeing the principal and interest of an issue of \$2,041,000 5 per cent. mortgage bonds; the former owners of the property depositing with the company an amount estimated as being sufficient to put the road in proper working condition, and depositing with the trustee of the mortgage an amount of money sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds for a period of one year.

Through the control and operation of these two properties the company now has direct connections with all the important railway lines in North and South Carolina and the South Atlantic seaboard, and it is confidently believed that this will result in very considerable interchange of traffic between those States and northern and northwestern points reached by this system, and that the advantages derived will more than compensate for the liability assumed. The company is now building the Ohio extension from Elkhorn to Iron-ton, which, when completed, will open a country that is naturally tributary to Roanoke, that has untold resources in timber, iron and coal, the extent of which owing to the inaccessibility of the region has heretofore attracted but little attention from capitalists, but now, when opened, will prove an inexhaustible and almost invaluable feeder to the commerce of this city.

The length of this Ohio Extension will be one hundred and ninety-five miles. All the work was put under contract in March of last year, and such progress has been made that it is safe to say that the rails will be connected throughout the entire length so as to give a continuous completed road-bed by September 1, next. The track has been completed and trains are running regularly on the Ohio end of the line as far as Dudlow, a distance of forty-six miles, and on the Elkhorn end to Welch, which is fifteen miles from Elkhorn. The entire road from Elkhorn to Keno is being constructed in the most permanent and substantial manner, with a view to the expeditious handling of the immense freight, which it is certain will be forthcoming when the road is thrown open for traffic in the fall.

Except for a short distance in the coal region, near Elkhorn, where the grade descends toward the Ohio river at the rate of sixty-eight feet per mile, the maximum grade is fifty-two and five-tenths feet, and that only at Twelve Pole summit, for a distance of five and three-quarter miles east and two and a half miles west. These grades are compensated for curvature so as to offer the same resistance upon curved and straight lines.

The completion of the Cripple creek

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A WORTHY MOVEMENT.

Efforts to Stir up Interest in a Public Library.

The members of the American Library Association will reach Roanoke this afternoon and will be quartered at Hotel Roanoke, where a reception will be tendered them to-night. The members of the association started from Washington on a pleasure tour, but come here to stir up the community toward the establishment of a free public library which, if established, will not only be the first in Virginia, but one of the first in the South. The wish to aid such a worthy cause will probably bring many of the members on the post-conference trip who would not otherwise come.

From Roanoke the course of the party will be east over the mountains into the farming regions of Central Virginia, through the hilly city of Lynchburg, along by Appomattox and Petersburg to Richmond; thence to Norfolk. One day is spent beside the surf at the Princess Anne Hotel, Virginia Beach, and two days at the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point Comfort, where the tourists can either lazily enjoy the ocean breeze and the lovely views from the verandas, or can make excursions to the many points of interest in the neighborhood—Fortress Monroe, Newport News, Hampton Normal School, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

Here the excursion will end. Some of the party will remain a few days longer to enjoy the repose of Old Point Comfort; some will perhaps linger at Washington, and the others will disperse to their homes. At the reception to night the ladies who are identified with the reception committee will wear evening dress, while those who come as invited guests will appear in street costumes. The gentlemen will wear either the conventional suit, Prince Alberts, or out-gaiters. The following are the names of those of the association who will visit the Magic City.

H. C. Davidson and wife, B. P. Mann and wife, Nellville Dewey and wife, P. Hill, Dr. Geo. A. Win, T. E. Crawford and wife, G. E. Stechart and wife, H. J. Carr and wife, Mrs. Moses Wadley, Miss Wadley, Miss H. P. Jones, Miss E. P. Thurston, Mrs. Jas. Graer, S. S. Graer, H. M. Udey, Miss Frances Udey, Miss Emily Selby, Mrs. C. W. Whitney, Miss Caesecy, Miss S. G. Marston, Miss M. C. Marston, Miss M. F. Southwood, Miss O. Eddy, Miss A. R. Vanhorn, Miss E. S. Talcott, Geo. T. Little, Miss C. B. Laine, Miss M. S. Cutler, Miss Louise Cutler, Mr. C. A. Cutler, Gardner M. Jones, Miss H. A. Adams, Mrs. D. Hall Rice, Miss C. H. Garland, Miss J. L. Bennit, R. G. Bennit, J. D. Tucker, D. V. R. Johnson and wife, E. M. Barton, Misses M. J. Cradell, L. A. Deter, H. G. Sheldon, H. M. Lapam, Rev. J. Harrison, Misses N. A. Hawley, H. M. Tower, B. R. McKay, W. E. Browne, M. E. Smith, A. E. Adams, C. M. Alexander, K. L. Sharp, Beatrice Winsday, M. E. Medlicott, Mrs. W. T. Rhyman.

MESSINGER SAUNDERS' MURDERERS

A Captive Confesses—Pursuit of the Suspects.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 24.—[Special]—Only one of the Monroe Junction murderers is in custody. He is in the Orlando jail and has confessed. Other suspects are not identified but are still held. The authorities refuse to give the name of the man who has confessed and will allow no one to see him. He has furnished an accurate description of his four accomplices and claims to have had nothing to do with the killing of Saunders, and was one of the men who boarded the locomotive. A Gainesville special says:

"Alfred Davis, engineer of switch engine at the Savannah, Florida and Western yard, was held up by two white men last night at 2 a. m. They first made inquiries about the departure of trains and then asked whether or not the train robbers had been caught and what was known of them. Then placing their pistols close to Davis' head they demanded all that he had, which they took from him. One wanted to kill him, saying: 'Dead men tell no tales.' The other objected, but ordered Davis to walk off.

"Davis' pistol was in the cab and no one was down there at the time except the night telegraph operator, but the policeman refused to leave his beat to notify the sheriff, so nothing was known of it until this morning. Both men were white and answered very closely to published descriptions of the Monroe Junction train robbers. The authorities are out searching for them now.

New Bank at Norfolk.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—[Special]—The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the City National Bank of Norfolk, Va., to begin business with a capital of \$200,000.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

At Chicago—Pittsburg-Chicago game postponed, rain. At Baltimore—Baltimore..... 0 0 2 3 2 0 0—7 Philadelphia..... 1 0 0 1 2 0 1—5 Baltimore, hits, 12; errors, 3. Philadelphia, hits, 6; errors, 1. Batteries: Cobb and Ganss; Weyhing, Clements and Cross. At Cleveland—Cleveland..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2 St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 Cleveland, hits, 12; errors, 2. St. Louis, hits, 8; errors, 4. Batteries: Young and Zimmer; Dwyer and Buckley. At Boston (first game)—Boston..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 2—3 New York..... 0 3 0 1 0 0 1—5 Boston, hits, 12; errors, 2. New York, hits, 11; errors, 3. Batteries: Nichols and Bennett; Husle and Boyle. Second game—Boston..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—10 New York..... 0 3 0 1 0 0 1—5 Boston, hits, 12; errors, 2. New York, hits, 11; errors, 2. Batteries: Staley and Gausz; Kling and Doyle. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn..... 0 2 2 0 5 5 0 1—24 Washington..... 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0—4 Brooklyn, hits, 16; errors, 3. Washington, hits, 10; errors, 5. Bats for Luke, Kennedy and Dalry; Kellen, Foreman, McGuire and Milligan.

THE HOLY BONDS OF WEDLOCK.

Pretty Wedding in Greene-Memorial Church Last Night.

C. C. Tillman United to Miss Mary Belle Maupin—Church Beautifully Decorated With Rare Flowers and Plants. Handsome Dresses of the Ladies—An Elegant Supper—Cutting the Bride's Cake—An Extended Wedding Tour.

There is seldom seen a prettier church wedding than was witnessed in Greene Memorial Church at 9 o'clock last evening, when C. C. Tillman, a well-known young business man, led to the altar Miss Mary Belle Maupin, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Maupin.

The church was beautifully decorated with rare hot-house flowers and plants. Three large evergreen arches, embellished with roses, were placed over the aisles in front of the altar. While the delightful strains of the wedding march filled the church with its soft cadence, the bridal party marched down the main aisle, where the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. H. Hamner. The ushers were S. B. Pace, W. C. Maupin, John Woods and C. R. Wertz. Miss Lois Maupin, the beautiful younger sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and A. J. Alheart acted in the capacity of best man.

The bride and Miss Lois Maupin each wore becomingly attired in tan colored silk, trimmed with Nile green velvet with hats to match, and the bride carried in her hand a large bunch of Marchale Neil roses. Miss Willie Tillman, the groom's sister, Miss Dora Brown, of Albemarle county, and Mrs. Comstock came to the church with the wedding party. Miss Tillman wore the beautiful black silk costume; Mrs. Comstock was also becomingly attired in elegant black silk. Miss Brown was dressed in a charming costume of tan colored Henrietta cloth, trimmed with silk. All the gentlemen wore conventional black.

Immediately after the marriage the bridal party, together with about twenty intimate friends of the family, went to the home of the bride's father, on Roanoke street, and spent the remainder of the evening in social gaiety. An elegant supper was served at 11 o'clock and the amusements of the evening were many and diversified. The bride's cake, according to the time-honored tradition, contained a piece of silver, a ring and a needle. Miss Willie Tillman drew the ring, which signifies an early marriage. Mr. C. R. Wertz won the needle which means sharp luck, and Mr. W. C. Maupin captured the cash, which is an omen that he will always remain his mother's keepsake. The presents were handsome and numerous. The young couple, who have just started out to fight the battles of life together, will start in a few days on an extended tour east and will visit Mr. Tillman's relatives on their return home.

TWO PEOPLE MISSING.

A Probable Fatal Fire in Spokane, Washington.

SPokane, Wash., May 24.—[Special]—Fire broke out yesterday evening in the factory of the Spokane Mill Company on the river front. The flames spread with wonderful rapidity and the employes had to run for their lives. Late last night two of the employes were missing and it is feared they perished in the flames.

In spite of the efforts of the fire department the fire quickly spread to the roller mills of Bravender & Keats, which were entirely consumed. The fire then jumped the river and destroyed the oatmeal mills owned by Olney & Wadham, and the building of Washington Shingle Company. They also burned cottages, damaged the Harvard street bridge and the National Iron Works and the steam laundry. The loss, as near as can be figured, is about \$230,000, insurance light.

Appeals for Assistance.

JACKSON, Miss., May 24.—[Special]—Governor Stone is daily receiving hundreds of letters from Issaquena, Sharkey, Adams, and other counties on the Mississippi river calling for assistance. The people, judging from the appeals, are very destitute. While there have been no breaks on this side large portions of land have been overflowed from back and seepage water. The governor is powerless to render any assistance, as there are no funds available for such purposes.

Memorial Day Observed.

NORFOLK, Va., May 24.—[Special]—Memorial day was observed in Portsmouth by addresses and a military parade. After the address the march was taken up, and the military repaired to the cemetery and decorated the graves of the Confederate dead with flowers.

An Interesting Fight.

PARIS, Mo., May 24.—[Special]—Returns from the Congressional primaries from Monroe county, second district, are about all in and U. S. Hall gets the county over C. H. Mansur, the present member. Much interest has been manifested in the race as the friends of both men worked hard to secure their nomination. The vote was the largest ever polled in the county in a straight Democratic fight, about 4,200 votes being polled. Hall's majority will be about 600 or 700.

The Weather.

Forecast for Virginia: Fair till Thursday night, slightly warmer, except stationary temperature on the coast, south-west winds.