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ED CALLAHAN

is Mortally Wounded by
Brother-in-law Who is
Shot to Death by
His Son..

Tragedy in Former Feud Leader's Store in Breathitt County Five Years to a Day From the Time James Marcum Was Killed.

Ed Callahan the chief lieutenant of Judge James Hargis in the Breathitt feudal wars, is lying mortally wounded at his home, twenty miles from Jackson, while his life blood ebbs away from a ghastly knife wound which ripped through the big arteries and almost severed his arm from his body.

Like the fate which overtook his colleague Judge Hargis, Callahan meets a bloody end at the hands of a member of his own family. John Spicer, a brother of Callahan's erring wife, wielding the bloody knife which will send Callahan to his grave.

Before Spicer could quite complete his deadly work, a shot from Callahan's 17-year old son, Wilson, avenged his father and laid his uncle lifeless in the same pool of blood in which his victim lay weltering.

A strange fact in connection with the tragedy is that five years ago to a day James B. Marcum was shot to death in the courthouse door at Jackson by Curtis Jett, and Jett in his confession said that Ed Callahan gave him the pistol with which he murdered Marcum and told him to go and do the deed.

The fight occurred in Callahan's store, on Long Creek, near Crockettville, twenty miles from Jackson. Callahan and Spicer were partners in a country grocery, about half a mile from Callahan's main store, and had several times had business disagreements. Several months ago they had a quarrel and Callahan proceeded to give his partner and brother-in-law a sound drubbing. When he was released, Spicer started away, declaring he was going after his pistol, when Callahan drew his revolver and swearing he would kill him, held his antagonist prisoner until he promised not to renew hostilities.

Recently conditions at Spicer's store had not been satisfactory to Callahan and about noon Monday he sent his son Wilson to tell Spicer to come at once to Callahan's store to settle up. Spicer responded in person and on his arrival went into a review of their partnership business, which became a hot discussion, in which Callahan violently abused Spicer for his shortcomings.

The men were standing facing each other as Callahan poured out his wrath, when suddenly Spicer, so quickly, that Callahan did not have time to get a weapon, or retreat, whipped out a large keen bladed clasp knife, and sprang at his enemy, Callahan was taken by surprise, but threw up his arm in an instinctive movement of defense, but the heavy blade slicing through cloth, flesh and sinews like a razor, sank to the bone of the arm, severing the large arteries which feed the limb and almost hacking the arm from the body.

Callahan reeled backward and Spicer, closing with him, tried to repeat the blow, but before his upraised arm could descend the second time Wilson Callahan seized his father's pistol from a

drawer in the counter of the store and fired one shot, which crashed through the brain of Spicer, and the latter and Callahan, whom he still clutched, fell together in the flood of blood which gushed from Callahan's arm.

Spicer was killed instantly and it was at first thought that Callahan would expire before the torrent of blood could be stayed. A country doctor who lived near was summoned, and succeeded by rude but effective bandages in lessening the flow of blood but the wound in the arm was so deep and jagged and so much blood had been lost that it was evident the wounded man could not long survive.

Callahan was taken to his home nearby and the last messenger who left there reports that Callahan was sinking fast and it was not believed that he could survive till Tuesday morning. There is no telephone in that section and intelligence can only be sent by messenger over twenty miles of rough country roads.

Spicer's body was removed to his residence by his relatives, while Wilson Callahan, who so promptly avenged though he could not save his father's life, has not been arrested, the neighborhood heartily sympathizing with the action taken by the boy.

Mrs. Marcum, widow of the lawyer assassinated by Curt Jett at the instigation of Hargis and Callahan, heard of the latter's assassination with unfeigned joy. When friends told her there was no chance for her enemy's recovery, she cried:

"Thank God! When I bent over my husband's dying body, the day they killed him, I raised a prayer to heaven. I prayed: 'Let me live to see Jim's murderer killed as they have murdered him.' And James Hargis was killed by his own son, and now Ed Callahan has been slain by his wife's brother. When Curtis Jett has been slain I will feel that God has answered my prayer."

CHURCH SOCIAL

Proved a Very Pleasant
Affair to All.

The social given last Friday evening at the Methodist Church was a very pleasant affair in every way.

There was a large crowd present and all enjoyed themselves very much.

The Ladies Aid Society together with the ladies of the church had prepared a nice lot of cakes and ices which were served to everyone present, while both old and young had a merry time mingling with each other and engaging in social conversation.

There were in all perhaps near two hundred who attended.

Decoration Day.

John G. Eve Post No 221, has about completed arrangements for their decoration day services May 30th.

They have extended an invitation to all the secret orders of this city to join with them in the ceremony.

The plans as arranged are to meet at the Court House and at 10,30 o'clock march to Union College chapel where the addresses will be delivered, from there they will march to the cemetery where the graves of old soldiers and others will be decorated by the ladies of our town. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Miss Grace Howes entertained a number of her friends, Saturday evening, in honor of her guest Misses Fletcher and Easley.

"MUSIC HALL CONVENTION"

Transferred to London
Monday Night

Republicans Given Taste of
Goebel Tactics so Much
Talked About.

We did not attend the so called District Convention which was pulled off at London last Monday, and from the reports we hear of it we are glad we did not. The famous Music Hall Convention held in Louisville a few years which gave to Wm. Goebel the nomination for Governor was no comparison to this one, and the rights and wishes of the people who saw fit to oppose the Machine were treated with contempt.

It seems, as we get it, that the Fairbanks delegates were showing too much strength to suit the Taft followers and they realized that in order save the day for themselves they must act, and act at once, whereupon a crowd of the Edwards gang from London and surrounding community began to howl and before a vote could be taken declared their man elected Chairman and ushered him to the chair in spite of fact that he had not been elected.

Immediately after gaining the chair he decided all the contests, including the one from Knox in favor of the Taft crowd, and proceeded to elect their Chairman and Delegates without giving the opposing side a chance to be heard.

One of the Fairbanks Delegates from arose to a point of order when he was ordered by a big policeman to sit down but he declined to obey and trouble was about to start when friends gathered around and quiet was finally in a measure restored.

As soon as the Taft crowd had run through with their robbery they adjourned the convention to Louisville where the theft will be approved by the State Convention and the entire State given to Mr. Taft through the rankest fraud and theft that was ever perpetrated upon the Republicans of Kentucky.

We have all along condemned the Music Hall Convention as a rank fraud practiced upon the Democrats, but now the Republicans are entitled to sympathy from the Democrats as the treatment accorded them is even worse than the Music Hall convention which brought defeat to the Democrats and it will have the same effect upon the Republican party. Mark our words.

We would be glad to see all children grow to useful manhood and womanhood. They should be trained along the lines of industry. In short the home ought to be a sort of school for manual training, that through this useful occupation the real bent of the child's mind might be readily perceived. Not all work neither all play, but enough of both to make work and pleasure alike enjoyable and refreshing. Thus the child might be trained in useful ways and obtain physical vigor now almost impossible by the usual strain put on the child inclined to studious habits.

W. W. Byrley, is able to be out again after several days illness.

The "ideal husbands" and "ideal wives" are often found without ideas enough between the two for one good one of either kind.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

Elected in Every Precinct
Last Saturday

Byrley Will be Re-elected
County Chairman.

The precinct convention of the various precincts of Knox county were held at the various voting places at one o'clock and no disorder occurred at any place so far as we could learn. Quite a crowd assembled in town from the fact that three precinct conventions were held here in three voting places at the same time.

In precincts No. 1 and 2, the fight was the strongest but the Byrley candidates won easily in each precinct. In No. 2, Mitchell was elected over Childers by a vote of 94 to 70, and in No. 3, Hampton was elected over Wyatt by a vote of 63 to 31. In No. 1 there was no opposition whatever.

The Committeemen elected and the precincts they represent are as follows:

Barbourville No. 1.—Dr. W. B. Dozier.

Barbourville, No. 2.—Frank Mitchell.

Barbourville, No. 3.—Grant Hampton.

Artemus, No. 4.—Jas. C. Marsee.

W. Flat Lick, No. 5.—John Slusher.

E. Flat Lick, No. 6.—Mat Baker.

Upper Stinking, No. 7.—Champ Messer.

Road Fork, No. 8.—G. H. Hammons.

Girdler, No. 9.—Dock Smith.

Black's, No. 10.—Sam Black.

Gray's, No. 11.—J. H. Donaldson.

Corbin, No. 12.—J. A. Gilliam.

N. Jellico, No. 13.—W. B. Diney.

Wilton, No. 14.—Steve Gilliam.

Indian Creek, No. 15.—Jack Hubbs.

Poplar, No. 16.—Joe Davis.

Brush, No. 17.—Lewis Lawson.

It is estimated that out of the above list there will be at least twelve who are for W. W. Byrley for County Chairman.

SCALE.

G. B. Jackson, of Flat Lick, was with us Sunday.

Sawyer A. Smith was at T. G. Hammons last week.

Thos. G. Hammons is still very ill.

B. H. Jackson is very low with pneumonia.

Sunday school is progressing nicely with a good attendance.

Mrs. Amanda Mills is quite ill this week.

Dr. T. W. Jones, of Barbourville, was here to see Thos. G. Hammons last week.

The Red Men of Merrimac Tribe, are contemplating building a new hall.

L. M. Slusher, of Flat Lick, will be here next week to take pictures.

Thos. Hubbard, Bob Bargo and others called to see T. G. Hammond Sunday.

Now is the time to subscribe for the Advocate as this is campaign year.

Bruce Howse has gone to house-keeping in the Hudson property on North Main Street.

J. R. Howes will leave today for an extended trip through Harlan county.



JOHN W. HELTON,

Candidate for Sheriff of Knox County

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the announcement of John W. Helton as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Knox county.

Mr. Helton was born and reared on Indian Creek where he spent the greater part of his life. A few years ago he located with his family on the Middle Fork of Richland, where he now resides. He is a life-long Republican and has always stood by his party. He has served as Deputy Sheriff under S. B. Reese and also under W. W. Byrley, and during all that time he treated the people in such a manner as to win their confidence and respect, and at the same time discharged the duties of the office faithfully and well. One of his ideals is to see his native county elevated to the highest standard possible. He places his claims in the hands of his friends and depends upon their action in the Republican primary. If he is nominated and elected he will endeavor to do his official duty fearlessly and honestly, and it goes without saying that he would make Knox county a good Sheriff.

PRESS COMMENT

About Robinson's Big Circus Which Exhibits
at Barbourville
May 13.

This show was at Chester last Friday according to advertisement. And these words, according to advertisement, seem to be true in more senses than one. It came at the time advertised and the matter and manner of the show were as advertised.

We heard a number of people speak of the show in a very complimentary way, especially with regard to its cleanness and the absence of gambling devices. Chief Taylor says that is the first show that has been in Chester since he has been in office that he was not called upon by some one to recover money taken from them by some tricks. Mostly such cases have been numerous and the amounts of money considerable. On this occasion, he did not hear of a single complaint. He said the managers tried to comply promptly with every requirement. He mentions having seen them take back tickets that had been sold and refund the price, without being asked to do so, simply because the holders did not need them. Their bills were paid without question, and their transactions generally were conducted after the style of prompt business men.

This is written after the men are gone and we can have no motive in speaking favorably of them except to give them credit they seem to us to have merited, knowing that circuses, like railroads, are often abused indiscriminately.

An official report shows that, at the beginning of the month of March, there was a total of 673,935 on the federal pension list. During February 2,699 pensions of the Civil war were dropped from the roll because of death.

REPORT

Received Here Wednesday That Powers and Howard Were Pardoned.

STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

News was received here at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon that at a pardon had been issued to Mr. Powers and Mr. Howard.

The news spread like wildfire and great rejoicing was heard on all sides.

Mr. Powers is expected to arrive home the last of this week when a big reception will be given him by his legion of friends here.

The citizens of Knox county, the home Caleb Powers, in mass-meeting assembled, at the courthouse in Barbourville, Kentucky, on May 6, 1909, adopt the following resolutions, viz:

RESOLUTIONS.

First: We have on to day learned that the Honorable Augustus E. Willson, Governor of the great State of Kentucky, has this day extended to Caleb Powers and James B. Howard, executive clemency, and issued to each of them a pardon of the charge of participating in the assassination of William Goebel.

While we, as all good citizens everywhere, deplore the assassination of Senator Goebel, and denounce the person or persons guilty of it, as murderers and assassins, enemies of the State and to society, and the crime one of the darkest that has ever stained the name of Kentucky, yet, we do not believe, and never have believed, either Mr. Powers or Mr. Howard guilty of any participation in it.

We therefore rejoice that our Governor in his wisdom and in his grasp of the facts adduced in evidence on the trial of these men, the consideration given the records in these cases which he has read, and in his determination to do what he believed to be right, as between man and man, refused to allow party prejudice or political influence to swerve him from the path of duty; and that after careful consideration of all matters and things shown by the records in these cases, he was so convinced of their entire innocence, and in the strength of his manhood has had the courage of his convictions, and has restored them to their friends and loved one.

Second. We hereby renew our pledge to our Governor, to stand by him, to defend him in all his righteous acts; and will continue to stand by him and defend him; and assure him that he has, in this, won the hearts and affections of all true lovers of liberty, right and justice.

Third. We desire that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor Willson, that he may know, in a measure, the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Knox county, and the approval of his course has met; and that a copy be sent the Louisville papers, Mountain Advocate and Peoples News for publication.

J. M. Robson,

J. R. Jones,

S. F. Kelley, Com.

Old One Just as Good.

A man in a neighboring town, who took a city paper in preference to a country paper because he got more paper for his money, was attracted by the advertisement of a fire escape which would be forwarded on receipt of \$2. He sent the cash and in a few days he received a copy of the New Testament.