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## BANDIT HISTORY.

The Pardon of Clarence Hite from the Missouri Penitentiary.

His Confession Implicating Frank James.

## A LIFE OF CRIME ABOUT ENDED

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—Governor Crittenden to-day pardoned Clarence Hite, who was sentenced at the February term, 1882, of the Davies county circuit court to twenty-five years imprisonment for complicity in the Winston train robbery, which occurred on July 15, 1881. The pardon was recommended by the officers of the penitentiary, including the physician and board of inspectors, on the ground that Hite was dying with consumption. Frank Tutley, a brother-in-law of Hite's, and whose home is in Vernon county, took charge of Hite as soon as he was pardoned, and immediately started with him to his (Hite's) home in Logan county, Ky.

Representative Hall of Vernon cut a prominent figure in securing Hite's pardon, for which he had been working with unabated zeal the last ten days. Hite is very weak and evidently cannot live many days.

Appropos to the above the Kansas City Times gives the following interesting history:

### THE PARDON OF HITE.

The pardon of Clarence Hite, one of the famous Winston and Blue Cut train robbers is announced by telegraph from Jefferson City this morning. Hite, as will be remembered, was arrested in Kentucky last summer by Henry Craig of Kansas City, Sheriff Timberlake of Clay county, Dick Liddil, at present a resident of Alabama, and Bob Ford. The information upon which he was arrested was furnished by Bob Ford soon after the famous raid over into Ray county by Kansas City officials in January, 1882. Hite was an own cousin of the James boys, and was induced by the last named to join the robber band. He was a mere boy at the time, but his elder brother, Wood Hite, had for some years been looked upon as a bad man by the Kentucky officials, in which state the Hites resided. After the Blue cut robbery the two Hites returned to Logan county, Kentucky, but Wood Hite and Dick Liddil haying had trouble, the former returned to Missouri and went to the home of the Ford boys in Ray county. It was at this place that he was shot and killed by either Liddil or Bob Ford and his body buried in an old well near the Ford house. After the raid by Kansas City officers, Bob Ford came over to Kansas City one morning, and at the police station confessed to Chief Speers that on the night of the raid Dick Liddil escaped from the house by a rear door, but was in a bad condition from a wound in the leg received during the fight which resulted in Wood Hite's death. Bob Ford also at the same time gave the names of all members of the James boys' gang who took part in the Winston and Blue Cut robberies, and told how Wood Hite had been killed and where he was buried. He also told where Clarence Hite could be found in Logan county, Ky. From that confession made to Chief Speers by Bob Ford, came the surrender of Dick Liddil, the capture of Clarence Hite, the death of Jesse James at St. Joseph and the surrender of Frank James to Governor Crittenden. When Clarence Hite was arrested in Kentucky he was confronted with the strongest kind of evidence regarding his presence at Winston, and upon being taken to Gallatin he entered a plea of guilty, and was at once sentenced to a term of twenty-five years in the Missouri penitentiary. Prior to his sentence he made

a full and complete confession of his part in the two famous train robberies and told how and by whom each had been committed. That pardon is now in the hands of a well known gentleman of this city, and has never been made public, and probably never will be, as it deals with certain things and certain persons in Jackson county which it would not do to give to the world. The alleged confession in the Journal a few days ago by Hite is looked upon as nonsense by persons who know all about the Winston robbery, and officials do not believe that Clarence Hite ever said that he saw Frank James shoot McMillan, the laboring man kill at that time. While the shooting was going on in the cars Clarence Hite and Dick Liddil were on the engine with revolvers in their hands, and it was these two men who went through that thrilling experience with the engineer and fireman which every one in this locality knows about. It is positively known that Hite was between the baggage car and tender when the shooting took place in another part of the train, and in his confession also tells the same story.

Young Hite from the time he went to the penitentiary has been in delicate health, and it was stated by the Times months ago that he was dying from consumption. His constitution was bad and his general condition such that he could perform but little work, and as the physicians say he must die before long, it is a mercy to let the end come outside the penitentiary walls. If, by any chance, his life should be lengthened it is understood that he will be used as a witness against Frank James.

## PAPINVILLE SCRAPS.

Red Hot Shot, Fresh From the Pen of the Times Eagle Eyed Regular Correspondent.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Sickness quite prevalent. Several deaths during the last week.

The Public School reopened last Monday.

Trade with our merchants is increasing as the spring approaches. Maj. J. N. Bradley was in the ancient county seat Tuesday.

Democrats should remember and be on hand at the township and school elections.

The familiar face of Squire Hartman was visible on our streets Friday.

Mrs. Teasdale, our ladylike Millier visited Rockville the latter part of the week.

J. W. Anderson sold twelve sets of harness last week. Who says Papinville is dead?

Everything is favorable for the Emporia and St. Louis R. R. during the coming summer.

Prairie township will roll up a big majority for the next school commissioner, Prof. J. H. Hinton.

Bell and Robinson, the champion stock traders of South East Bates, shipped a car load of hogs to Kansas City Thursday.

Squire Shave sold his fat cattle, seventy-five in number, and thirty-five hogs to Newkirk of Rockville for the neat little sum of \$4,500.00.

A little child of Orleans Wilson died Friday night after a brief illness. The afflicted parents have the sympathies of the community in this their sad bereavement.

Jno. B. Durand of Prairie City, we learn, has sold out his extensive stock of general merchandise to some party from Illinois.

G. W. Roberts, was the successful bidder on the mail route from Rockville to Papinville and, as heretofore, will run a first class conveyance for the accommodation of the weary traveler between these points.

No very definite clue has yet been obtained as to who burglarized our quiet village on the 19th ult. The burglars opened the doors by means of chisels, one of which was found a few days since, near the river bridge where it had been thrown by the parties during the high waters.

ALPHA.

## The Test Washer.

We the undersigned having bought and are now using the TEST WASHER now being introduced and sold in this country, unhesitatingly say that it is the best Washing Machine ever offered to the public, and from a personal knowledge of its merits recommend it to all our friends and neighbors.

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I would have been glad to have called upon all my patrons for their names to the above but time would not permit.

L. R. THOMPSON, Agent.

Any party out of employment, or wishing to change their business who would like to engage in the introduction and sale of the above named Washer might find it to their advantage to call upon the Patentee, who is now occupying rooms at the Linden Hotel, Butler Mo.

10-4t\* F. G. POWERS.

## Lawyers.

D. V. BROWN, Notary Public Butler Mo. Will draw and acknowledge deeds, contracts, leases and all papers requiring the acknowledgment or jurat of an officer.

P. H. HOLCOMB, T. W. SILVERS, Notary Public.

HOLCOMB & SILVERS—Attorneys at Law, Butler, Mo. Office over Bates County National Bank.

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LASHBROOK & SMITH, Attorneys at Law, Butler, Mo. Will practice in the courts of Bates and adjoining counties. Collections promptly attended to and Taxes Paid for Non-residents. Office, front room over Bates county National Bank.

J. S. FRANCISCO, S. P. FRANCISCO.

FRANCISCO BROS., Attorneys at Law, Butler, Mo., will practice in the courts of Bates and adjoining counties. Prompt attention given to collections. Office over Hahn & Co.'s hardware store.

PARKINSON & AERNATHY, Attorneys at Law, Butler, Mo. Office west side of the square.

A. HENRY, Attorney at Law, Butler, Mo. Will attend to cases in any court of record in Missouri, and do general collecting business.

W. O. JACKSON, attorney at law, Butler, Mo., office over F. M. Crumly's, Drug house on West side.

## Physicians.

J. M. CHRISTY, M. D., Homoeopathia Physician and surgeon. Special attention given to female diseases, Butler Mo. Office, North side square front room over Bernhardt's Jewelry store.

T. C. BOULWARE, Physician and Surgeon. Office north side square, Butler, Mo. Diseases of women and children a specialty.

J. Everingham, M. D. E. L. Rice, M. D. Residence west side Residence east of North Main street sq., with J. C. Clark.

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