



## THE SHEFFIELD MURDER. Confession of Gus Lowry, now on Examination.

The Sheffield murder case has occupied the attention of the commissioner's court again today. Much interest is being manifested in the case. The Coffeyville Daily Journal of yesterday has the following:

The confession of Wm. Farris, the negro arrested Tuesday for complicity in the Sheffield murder, seems to have been confirmed in every detail. Farris is a middle aged negro, well known in Coffeyville and in the northern part of the territory. He formerly worked for the late Charley Brooks and lived here many years. About four years ago he moved to the Ryder ford, twelve miles southeast of Coffeyville, and has lived there ever since.

Farris made his confession only after learning that Lowry was in the clutches of the law. The confession implicated himself only indirectly, but enough to warrant his arrest, and he was taken to Vinita Wednesday with the other prisoners.

Farris says, in substance, that Lowry murdered Sheffield at his (Sheffield's) cattle ranch at Ryder's ford Sunday night between 7 and 8 o'clock. Sheffield owned cattle there and was no doubt looking after them when he met his death. After Sheffield had been left for dead, Farris says Lowry came to his house, between 8 and 9

o'clock and told him that Sheffield had been killed by himself and Charley Keys. Lowry wanted Farris to hitch up his team and haul the body to the Hickory creek crossing of the Iron Mountain tracks, agreeing to pay him \$2.50 for his work. The distance from the scene of the murder to Farris' house is probably three-quarters of a mile, and from there west to the railroad probably two and a half miles. Farris hitched up his team and did as Lowry directed. They got Sheffield's body and hauled it, bleeding and bruised, to the railroad tracks. Farris says that when they lifted it over the fence into the right of way that life was not yet extinct, but that Sheffield was unconscious. The body was placed on the track some little distance south of the wagon road crossing, but about half way between where the body was found and the crossing were the dead man's false teeth and a great deal of blood. This is explained by the fact that the body was first laid down on the tracks directly opposite where the wagon road turns north on the east side of the right of way to cross the tracks. Then, thinking to throw off suspicion, they carried it farther south down the tracks and left it quite a distance from the wagon road. Then Farris says he returned home and Lowry came to Coffeyville.

The confession seems to be true in almost every particular. The fence, where he says the body was lifted over, was covered with blood the next morning. So was the wagon box, in which he said the body was hauled. Lowry came to Coffeyville late Sunday night or early Monday morning, having given different reports regarding his actions.

Keys' whereabouts immediately after the murder are not known. He is a bad man and although he has been a deputy United States marshal he has constantly been in some kind of trouble. His home is near the Ryder ford, about a mile north of Farris' home. Both negroes are engaged in farming.

It is probable that the murdered man's body was placed on the tracks just after the north bound passenger train had passed. That train struck no obstruction and the men could hardly have had time to drive the distance necessary and finish their work before it came along.

Motives for the murder are beginning to appear. Less than a week ago Lowry stole one of Sheffield's horses and sold it to L. C. Kivett of this city. Sheffield had intended to begin prosecution. Lowry had also forged checks with Sheffield's name and this, too, was just about to cause him trouble. By getting Sheffield out of the way Lowry expected to gain possession of considerable land which Sheffield had leased. These and many other reasons make it plain why Gus Lowry wanted to kill the aged cattleman.

A box car was destroyed by fire in the M., K. & T. yards at Fort Scott about five o'clock Sunday morning. It is supposed to have been accidentally fired by bums. The car was one from the Pennsylvania road. It was empty and was standing north of the passenger depot.

The national council has decided to "stand pat" and "Poo-qua-tee" is very happy.

Another week and the festive shout will cease to run at large upon the streets of Vinita.

Since the Frisco reduced fares to three cents the frequent enquiry is, when will the Katy do likewise.

The Coffeyville Daily Journal finds fault with the Muskogee Times for printing the same story five times during the last six weeks.

Now that council has refused to create another commission to negotiate with the Dawes commission, the next best thing to do is to adjourn sine die.

The trainmen of the M., K. & T. yesterday received their pay for the past month, the checks being larger than for any previous month for some time. Engineers received \$200, conductors \$150 and firemen and brakemen over \$100 in many cases.—Sedalia Capital.

It has been some time since Vinita has had a big fire, and the experience of Wagoner last night should be a warning to our people to use every means available to prevent such a thing here. The expense of an abundant water supply might be the best investment the city could make. A vigilant night watch should be insisted on at once.

Tom Crooks, well remembered as United States commissioner here, appointed by Judge Stuart, and who suddenly got tired of the office and resigned, has just been elected a justice of the peace at Denison. It was Judge Crooks who suggested to a jury in his court here once when they could not agree, to toss up a silver dollar "heads or tails" as to how the case should be decided, which was done. Crooks is a great man.

### The Man the Printer Loves.

There is a man the printer loves, and he is wondrous wise; whenever he writes the printer man he dotheth all his i's. And when he's dotted all of them with carefulness and ease, he punctuates each paragraph, and crosses all his t's. Upon one side alone he writes, and never rolls his leaves; and from the man of ink a smile and mark "insert" receives. And when a question he doth ask—taught wisely he hath been—he doth the goodly penny stamp, for postage back, put in. He gives the place from which he writes—his address the printer needs—and plainly writes his honored name, so he that runneth reads. He writes, revises, reads, corrects, and rewrites all again, and keeps one copy safe, and sends one to the printer man. And thus by taking little pains, at trifling care and cost, assures himself his manuscript will not be burned or lost. And so he speaks through all the land, and thousands hear his word, and in the coming day shall know how much he served the Lord.

So let all those who long to write, take pattern by this man, with jet black ink and paper white, do just the best they can; and then the printer man shall know, and bless them as his friends, all through life's journey as they go, until that journey ends.

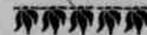
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### Administrator's Notice.

United States, Indian Territory, Northern District.

In the United States court for said district and territory sitting at Vinita.

**NOTICE.**

Letters of administration on the estate of Samuel Vann, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, dated the 15th day of November, A. D. 1898, by the United States court for said district and territory.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them properly authenticated, for allowance, to the administrator within one year, after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefits in said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of said estate.

Witness my hand this 15th day of November, A. D. 1898.

DENNIS H. WILSON,  
Administrator of the estate of Samuel Vann, deceased.

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**STRAYED OR STOLEN**—Nov. 6, from Vinita, bay mare, 12 hands, barb wire cut on left front foot, fresh sore on right hind leg, star in forehead. Black mare mule colt, 6 months old, both hind legs crooked. Liberal reward for return or information. Charley Lynch, Vinita, I. T. 12-13

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