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EXPLAINS HIS CARTEL

Murder of Little Louise First Victim at State Near Limon, Colorado.

HER FATHER APPLIES THE TORCH

Young Negro Sees Grand Furtive in the Streets of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Shakes His Head—Preparations for the Ordinal.

LIMON, Colo., Nov. 17.—Chained to a railroad rail, set in the ground, on the exact spot where his furtive crime was committed, Preston Porter, Jr., or as he was familiarly known, John Porter, this evening paid a terrible penalty for his deed. It was at 6:25 o'clock when the father of the murdered girl, touched the match to the fuel which had been piled around the negro and twenty minutes later a last convulsive shudder told that life was extinct. What agony the doomed boy suffered while the flames strived up his flesh could only be guessed from the terrible contortions of his face and the cries he gave from time to time.

The executioners, who numbered about 300 citizens of Lincoln county, had not the least semblance of the ordinary mob. Their every act was deliberate and during all the preparations and during the act itself, the sufferings of the negro hardly an unnecessary word was spoken. Grimly they stood in a circle about the fire until the body was entirely consumed, and then quietly they took their way back to Limon, from whence they departed for their homes shortly afterward.

Preston Porter did not seem to realize the awful punishment that he was destined to undergo. As he had exhibited indifference to the enormity of his crime, so he seemed to lack an understanding of its terrible consequences. For more than an hour while preparations for his execution were in progress he stood mute and sullen among the avengers. When the stake was ready he walked to the stake with a firm step, pausing as he reached the circle of broken boards to place in prayer. He arose and placed his back to the iron stake, and half a dozen men would chain about his body and limbs.

Kerosene oil was applied to the wood, and after a brief pause Richard W. Frost, the father of Little Louise Frost, whose cruelly mutilated body was buried some weeks ago at that spot, applied a match. For a moment but a little flickering flame arose. Then the oil blazed up, sparks flew into the air and the wood began to crackle. Almost instantly the negro's trousers caught fire. Even though the flesh must have been scorched he did not utter a sound. The flames crept upward on his clothing, the sparks flew in a cloud of pale smoke. Porter turned his head and a frightful expression changed his face. With a sudden convulsive tearing at his head, as far from the rapidly increasing flame as possible and uttered a cry of pain. "Oh, my God, let me go, men. I've got something more to tell you. Please let me go. Oh, my God, my God."

In terrible screams these words, the first he had uttered aloud, came from the negro. He was tagging at the chains, a succession of groans and screams, the negro's awful agony was at last breaking down his self-composure. Not an oath escaped him, but he begged and pleaded to be shot. Suddenly the rope holding his hands burst through. Then arms, head and shoulders slipped through the body cord, and in an instant the body stood erect, the hair raised in supplication while burning pieces of clothing dropped from them.

Gen. East of Indian Head.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—Important tests of the new twelve-inch naval gun, which is the type of the great guns to be furnished to the new battleships and armored cruisers, have been in progress recently at Indian Head proving grounds. The gun is the first of the new type and much interest has been shown in its performance. It is a modification of the old twelve-inch gun, with an enlarged chamber, suited to the use of smokeless powder, and designed to secure a higher velocity and penetration than the old gun. The firing thus far has justified every expectation as to the new piece.

Rev. Alfred Finney Dead.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The Rev. Alfred Finney, 70 years of age, died today at the home of his son, near Sing Sing, N. Y. Mr. Finney entered the Baptist ministry and had charges at Syracuse, Auburn and New York, at Oneida and Zanesville, Ohio. During the abolition agitation he was prominent as an assistant of Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison.

Indian Steal Horse.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 17.—Having become adepts in the art of cattle stealing, some of the Sioux Indians on the Rosebud reservation are now turning their attention to stealing horses. Two red men, John Yellow Wolf and Red Boy, belonging to Rosebud, have been arrested for this offense.

Frankfort's Return to Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 17.—Official returns have been received at the secretary of state's office from 109 out of the 119 counties of the state. Based on the vote for the first two elections on the democratic and republican tickets respectively the vote for president was as follows: Bryan 196,412; McKinley 173,622. The missing counties include Jefferson, in which it situated the city of Louisville; Kenton, in which the city of Covington is situated; Fayette, with Lexington; Warren, Bourbon, Fleming, Carter, Shelby, Mercer and Pulaski.

Indiana Two Slaves for Harris.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 17.—Admission C. Harris, United States minister to Austria, before leaving this city for his post, announced that he would return to his law practice in this city soon after the inauguration of President McKinley in March. He made arrangements to occupy his home here and his law office at "I am used to active life, and there is not enough activity about the Austrian mission to satisfy my nature. I long to resume the practice of law," he said.

KILLERS IN GOLD COME UP

But and William Tabor Get from Alaska to Oregon.

A BIG TASK BEFORE IT

Anglo-American Commission Preparing to Resume Its Labors.

BETTER RESULTS ARE HOPE FOR

Steps Taken to Avoid Ineffectual Results of Last Session—The Question Which Should Be First Considered is Temporarily Settled.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Steps have been taken for resuming the important work of the Anglo-American commission made up of representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Canada and consideration of the subject now in progress probably will determine within a few days what the commission will be organized to do. The commission was organized in 1897 and has since that time been engaged in a study of the Alaska boundary question. The commission was organized in 1897 and has since that time been engaged in a study of the Alaska boundary question.

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EXPENSES OF THE COMRADE

Expenses of Republican Who Won Contention of Political Power.

WHAT FIGURES SHOW FOUR DISTRICTS FULLY REPORTED.

Counties Represented in Court.

APPEAL FROM TEXAS GRAND ARMY.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 17.—The following letter from Commander Peck of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, relative to the appeal from the Grand Army of the Republic to Nebraska posts by the State department.

HOUSTON, TEX., NOV. 12.—The application of the Grand Army of the Republic to the State department to make an effort in their behalf to obtain funds to alleviate their suffering and in a small measure restore them to that condition which will enable them to earn a living for those dependent on them and support themselves. The Department of Texas is doing all in its power, but finds itself weak numerically and financially to accomplish what should be done. It therefore has suggested that an appeal be made to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in their organized capacities to contribute such relief as they may be able to spare from their own pockets to this department in the performance of the duty which it owes these comrades. If there ever was an occasion for the practical exemplification of charity it has come to us with fearful consequences. We therefore appeal to all the departments and posts of our beloved order for such financial contributions as they may be able to make and to request that they be remitted to Colonel E. G. Rust, assistant quartermaster general of this department, who will be required to issue receipts for all receipts. The department commander will be required to make an account of all contributions and outlays to the next annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in March.

ALL CASH RELIEF WILL BE CHECK OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, AUTHORIZED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED LIBERALLY THROUGH AND IN CONNECTION WITH LIKE RELIEF BY THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

CHARLES B. PECK, Department Commander.

DEATH OF VANDER E. VAUGHAN.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 14.—Evander E. Vaughan, one of the oldest residents of this city, died here after an illness of about ten days. Mr. Vaughan was a native of Pennsylvania and was born October 24, 1813. He came to this state in 1851, settling in North Platte. He followed various occupations, but was engaged in the furniture business. This he continued for several years, when he retired to private life. Mr. Vaughan leaves a wife and one son, Fred H. Vaughan, mayor of Fremont.

CHIEF BURIED TO DEATH.

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NEW BOARD OF MILITARY ACADEMY.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 17.—The management of the Kearney military academy has changed and Prof. H. N. Russell, of the state university, is now in charge of the school. Last Saturday the entire faculty of the academy resigned and the cadets were lodged temporarily at the Midway hotel. Later the school was moved to the new building at the head of the academy, turned the school over to the new management. Work has now resumed at the school. Dr. Chittenden, who was in charge of the school, will remain in Kearney and Chittenden will start a girls' seminary in this city.

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NOTE ON CONGRESSMAN

What Figures Show Four Districts Fully Reported.

COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN COURT.

From Grand Army Makes an Appeal to Republican Party for Aid to the Poor.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Following is the vote in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth congressional districts:

Counties	1896	1898
Antelope	1212	1212
Bacon	1212	1212
Boone	1212	1212
Box	1212	1212
Callahan	1212	1212
Chadron	1212	1212
Colfax	1212	1212
Conkling	1212	1212
Dakota	1212	1212
Dodge	1212	1212
Dundy	1212	1212
Fillmore	1212	1212
Franklin	1212	1212
Grant	1212	1212
Harlan	1212	1212
Jefferson	1212	1212
Kimball	1212	1212
Lincoln	1212	1212
Logan	1212	1212
Madison	1212	1212
Merrick	1212	1212
Monroe	1212	1212
Platte	1212	1212
Rock	1212	1212
Seward	1212	1212
Stanton	1212	1212
Thayer	1212	1212
York	1212	1212

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Counties

Counties	1896	1898
Butler	1442	1442
Fillmore	1442	1442
Franklin	1442	1442
Hamilton	1442	1442
Jefferson	1442	1442
Kimball	1442	1442
Lincoln	1442	1442
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Stanton	1442	1442
Thayer	1442	1442
York	1442	1442

FIFTH DISTRICT.

The majorities by counties in this district on the congressional fight follow:

Counties	1896	1898
Adair	1212	1212
Antelope	1212	1212
Box	1212	1212
Callahan	1212	1212
Chadron	1212	1212
Colfax	1212	1212
Conkling	1212	1212
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Seward	1212	1212
Stanton	1212	1212
Thayer	1212	1212
York	1212	1212

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Counties

Counties	1896	1898
Banner	1212	1212
Blaine	1212	1212
Box	1212	1212
Callahan	1212	1212
Chadron	1212	1212
Colfax	1212	1212
Conkling	1212	1212
Dakota	1212	1212
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SCENE WAS A TERRIBLE ONE

Belgian Steamer in the Harbor of Chicago by Russian Soldiers.

THE OLD RELIABLE

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(What Bank in the State.)

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