

## CONDUCTED OBSEQUIES OVER JESSE JAMES.

Rev. J. M. P. Martin Relates Interesting History of Famous Missouri Desperado.

(Grand Junction Sentinel.)

An Associated Press dispatch from Kansas City, Mo., in The Sentinel a few days ago, announced the divorce granted the wife of Jesse James, Jr., from her husband. Many people of this community may not be familiar with the fact that the funeral services over the remains of the celebrated bandit father of young James were conducted by a local pastor.

Rev. J. M. P. Martin, pastor of the Pear Park Baptist church, was, at the time of the end of the career of the James boys, occupying his first pastorate in the little town of Kearney, Mo., which was the postoffice address of the James family.

Rev. Martin, referring to the matter when approached by a Sentinel reporter this morning, told much of the early history of the famous Missouri desperadoes, of which so much has been written and so little truthfully chronicled.

"The James boys, Frank and Jesse, were about 17 or 18 when the war broke out," said Mr. Martin, "and from popular repute were little better or worse than the average country boys of their time. However, they joined the guerrilla band under the leadership of Quintrell and during the troublous times of the Civil war they were, mixed up in the unwarranted brutalities and law-breaking escapades of that gang of bushwhackers. "They became adepts in the art of disguises and the majority of their old neighbors wouldn't have known either of them had they met them in the road. Their deeds of outlawry became so bold and successful that they gradually bred a wholesome spirit of fear among the residents of the section where they committed their robberies and murders, including their former home.

Mr. Martin declares that a great error has been made in supposing that his former neighbors upheld Jesse James and his brother in their lawless work. On the other hand, they were disgusted as any citizens but were naturally in considerable dread of the bandits. Their mother was a woman who probably had much to do with molding the characters of her boys, according to Rev. Martin. Her character became so shady that her husband, himself a Baptist minister, had to leave her and that neighborhood and sought surroundings more compatible with his ministerial work in California. Mrs. James married a man named Samuels who lacked any force of character and was simply a chore boy about his wife's place. Mrs. Samuels upheld her sons in their work and was, indeed, able to secure almost anything at her bidding under threat of having her much feared sons set upon her enemies.

Rev. Martin cited instances where Mrs. Samuels had boarded a train at Kearney for St. Joseph and when the conductor asked for her fare she refused and when he became insistent announced her maternal relations with the James boys and threatened to have him shot to pieces if he refused her free passage. So terrible had become the James name at that time that Mrs. Samuels was seldom crossed in her desires and so became in some measure a desperado herself.

Speaking of the incidents which led up to the death of Jesse James, Rev. Martin spoke very interestingly.

"After the Northfield raid," said he, "when the Youngers were captured and others were wounded, Frank and Jesse disappeared. As it afterwards developed Jesse went to St. Joseph, where under an assumed name and in disguise he lived for some time. Gov. Crittenden, angered by the long list of outrages the James band had perpetrated, offered a reward of \$10,000 for Jesse, dead or alive. Charles and Jim Ford were members of the gang but Charles, so he afterward declared, was tiring of the lawless life and was trying to get clear of the outfit. He found that to desert meant death at the hands of the leader and he rebelled against further participation as the band was committing from time to time.

Ford also declared that a plan which was to be immediately executed was to rob a bank in a small town near St. Joe, in which the cashier was to be killed. The announcement of this decided Ford and he went to Jesse's retreat in St. Joe, probably with the intention of murdering him.

"The most authoritative account of the actual killing is that Jesse, unarmed, was arranging a picture on the wall of the house in which he was living. Ford, visiting him, stood directly behind James who was on a chair. With one shot which entered Jesse's head behind his ear and ploughed through his brain leaving at a point above his right eye, Ford killed the man who had been his leader. The act was pure cowardice and was so denounced all over that part of the country but the general sentiment was that it were better to have been murdered as foully as Ford had done it than for the bandit to

have continued his depredations. An argument set up by the friends of Ford was that it was much better to have killed Jesse than the innocent cashier of the bank."

The death of Jesse James seemed to have a quieting effect on the rest of the gang. Frank, who was always credited with the planning of the raids while Jesse lacking brains was able to execute the plans boldly, waited until he was sure that conviction was impossible because no one could say that he had actually been in any of the criminal escapades which made his brother famous, then gave himself up. After a long trial he escaped without sentence.

So intense was the interest in the James boys (for the band were adepts in sustaining interest by repeated crimes of great daring and boldness) that the crowds pressed about the bier in which the dead bandit lay for two days before the sheriff could take the body back to Kearney for burial.

Rev. Martin's account of his connection with the funeral shows an interesting light upon the character of the bandit's mother. Making all the arrangements and forcing her neighbors to carry them out, she went so far as to set the time, plan, etc., of the funeral and sent Mr. Martin word but a few hours before the time she had set for the obsequies. Not accustomed to having his pastoral work dictated by those who were not even members of his flock, the young minister was about to decline the dubious honor when his church officers insisted upon his appearance as his absence would leave a fair-sized hole in the nicely-planned ceremony.

"I finally agreed," said Rev. Martin, "and conducted the services in just the same manner I would for any other ungodly man. I was not in sympathy with Mrs. Samuels nor her sons and the fact that Jesse's father was a Baptist minister accounts wholly for my connection with the affair. I announced the place of interment and the crowd filled out.

"The body was placed on exhibition in the lower room of the hotel in which I was lodging and crowds came from several surrounding states to view the corpse of the dead desperado.

"In this connection I think one incident occurred which has never been duplicated. A fast express carrying mail and passengers on the old Hannibal & St. Joe road, now a part of the Burlington system, dropped its fast schedule, took the siding at Kearney and the train crew and passengers from porter to Pullman occupant crowded down the narrow street to see the cadaver. After everyone got 'his eyes full' they returned, the train took up its belated schedule and went on with its journey. This was reputedly the fastest train in the west at that time."

Rev. Martin has not kept up with the marital difficulties of the young James, and of course, in not familiar with the recent separation of the young man and his wife.

## NEVADAVILLE NOTES

Robert Miller was in Denver the latter part of the week on important business.

The firemen held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening. H. C. Bolsinger and daughter, Miss Gladys, were passengers to Idaho Springs Sunday.

Robt. Fallon returned Friday morning to his home in Cripple Creek. Edward Hambly, who had been laid up with the grippe, is able to be about again.

Thomas Roberts has been on the sick list, but is now able to be around.

David and Thomas Floyd returned the latter part of the week to their home in Denver.

James Richards, of the C. T. & I. store left for Denver Tuesday on a visit to his mother.

Cases of grippe have been numerous in this vicinity the past week or two. It is getting to be a very popular ailment.

The city solons had their monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

Rising Sun tribe, No. 2, I. O. Red Men, will hold their memorial services on the 26th at the M. E. church. Brother Thomas Roberts will preach the sermon. The tribe will also celebrate their 31st anniversary on the 27th of March by giving an entertainment and dance in Cannon's hall.

The many friends of John Daly are pleased to see him up and around after a very severe spell of influenza. Miss Elizabeth James, who had been ill a week or more with the grippe, has been able to be out of the house since the latter part of the week.

Captain Thomas Pearce was 52 years old on the 7th inst. and joyously celebrated the occasion with his friends this week. He went to Central yesterday and his friends there assisted him in celebrating in grand style. Here's hoping the captain may

## EDITORS PUSHING PUBLICITY MEASURES.

The Colorado Editorial association is backing two bills in the present legislature, each of which tends to greater efficiency and safer administration. The first bill is known as S. B. No. 49 by Senator Van Tilborg, and in the house as H. B. No. 58 by Mr. Skinner. The bill provides that all town and city councils and boards of trustees shall publish a record of the proceedings wherein they allow bills, lot contracts or give rebates.

Senator Van Tilborg, who is backing the bill in the senate, has had a wide experience in city affairs, having been for many years mayor of Cripple Creek, and he takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to better municipal administration. He is firmly of the opinion that this bill if enacted, will tend to make municipal boards more careful, for then there will be no star chamber methods and no favoritism, for publicity is always the foe of crooked methods. Senator Van Tilborg's force and ability and his standing in the upper legislative body make it pretty certain that the senate will take favorable action on the bill. It is also getting along well in the house, having been reported out of committee and is on the calendar for early consideration.

The other bill is known as S. B. No. 37 by Senator Joyce, and is also along the line of publicity, but applies to school districts. It requires school boards in districts of the first and second class to make report of their financial standing twice each year. The public spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year on schools, yet there is not one taxpayer in a hundred that knows anything of the standing of his district; how much money has been received, for what it was expended, and how much remains on hand. The cost of the reports will be small, but the value to the taxpayers will be large.

Senator Joyce, who is pushing the bill, is one of the leading country editors of the state and also takes great interest in educational matters, being chairman of the committee on education and educational institutions in the senate.

Three bills that are being watched by the executive committee of the State Editorial association, and which will be strenuously opposed, were introduced last week by Senator Skinner, and are numbered 229, 230, and 231. They are evidently bills prepared by the Direct Legislation league, and that organization, or at least a portion of it, seems determined in some way to ignore the country paper in getting initiated and referred laws before the public.

Bill No. 229 would seem to be an attempt to interpret a constitutional amendment by a legislative act. It directs that the secretary of state in submitting constitutional amendments and initiated and referred laws shall publish the same in one paper in the state only, having a general circulation in all the counties of the state.

This would mean that such measures be published in one Denver daily. The constitutional provision requiring such publications to be made in one paper in each county in the state is somewhat obscure, but it would seem to be a question for the attorney general to interpret rather than an interpretation by legislative enactment.

With the evident intention of cutting out the state papers in one way if not in another, the next bill attempts it in a different form.

Bill No. 230 would amend the statute relating to the legal fees for publications. It cuts the rate on initiated and referred laws to 4 cents a line for the first insertion and 2 cents a line for each subsequent insertion, about one-half of the legal rate for this kind of work. The editorial association and all newspaper men will oppose this as being below the cost of production.

Finally, bill No. 231 provides that all initiated and referred laws be distributed in pamphlet form, which is wasteful and more expensive than newspaper advertising and has been repeatedly proven, like the handbill of a business house, the poorest way to reach the people.

The executive committee of the State Editorial association has agreed that it would favor a less number of publications for initiated and referred laws, as it is recognized that the cost will be quite heavy, but any tampering with the legal rate, which is already lower in Colorado than in Nebraska and neighboring states, will meet the united opposition of the state press, as will also the obsolete method of handbill or pamphlet advertising in newspaper, which is more expensive and at the same time less efficacious than advertising in newspaper columns.

N. Miller, of Boulder, was an arrival in the city this week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Grabmair.

live to enjoy many more birthdays and continue in his usual good health and spirits.

## BLACK HAWK NEWS

Dennis Burke was thrown yesterday morning by a horse he was holding and received injuries to his back.

Arthur Crook, who went from here to Denver two weeks ago, has procured a good position and will make the capital city his home.

Mrs. John Hamilton, who was operated on at the hospital in Denver Wednesday of last week, is getting along nicely.

The new Frontenac mill was not put in operation the fore part of the week as anticipated. The new motor is hardly big enough to pull the dead load of the crusher, and pulleys are being arranged so that the motor can gain its speed before it picks up the load. The plant will be in operation the latter part of this week or the fore part of next.

Everything is in readiness to turn the machinery at the mill of the Denver Mining & Reduction company and the initial try out will be made this week. The plant is in readiness to receive custom ore.

Charles Jacobs and wife, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ellmann, returned Saturday to their home in McCook, Neb.

Henry Kroeger, an old time resident of Black Hawk, came up from Denver Tuesday morning, to visit friends.

Don't overlook the masquerade ball of the Women of Woodcraft at Fritz hall this coming Saturday evening.

Gregory camp, No. 504, W. O. W., initiated into its mysteries at its regular meeting Monday evening, two new members—Otto Blake and John Curry.

Theo. Nelson made one of his regular trips to Golden last Saturday.

Gilpin Circle, Women of Woodcraft, held its first meeting in their new hall Tuesday evening. They will give a masquerade ball Saturday evening. Some elegant prizes have been procured and the music will be furnished by Leo Voll.

Miss Zou Bennett spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Golden.

Arthur J. Gray and children came up from Golden Tuesday on business. They returned Thursday.

Theo. Nelson and Frank Schoenherr drove over to Idaho Springs Tuesday to look at the Newhouse tunnel. They are figuring on buying stock in the concern.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Russell entertained their friends at a card party Saturday evening. During the evening delightful refreshments were served and choice music was rendered by Dr. C. M. Froid, Geo. E. Fritz and Bert Russell. Everybody reports having had a grand time. Prizes at cards were won by the following: Mrs. S. Strong, ladies 1st; Mrs. Walter James, ladies 2nd; George E. Fritz, gents 1st; D. W. Taylor, gents 2nd.

## NEW SONGS TAKEN FROM OLD

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Every now and then somebody sends in a line about how some new song is stolen from an old one. Why talk about it? Most of 'em are. We've all noted how George Cohan's "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" is a steal from "Every Morn I Bring Thee Violets." We have traced "After the Ball" back to "Little Fisher Maiden." We have even suggested that Sousa's "Washington Post March" was a parody of "Old Hundred." And we made a life long enemy of a German friend by insisting that Wagner stole a Parsifal motif from "Forsaken."

But say! Do you remember the old waltz we used to sway to, about 20 years ago—the words we hummed to it being, "My arm around her slender waist. Her little hand in mine?" Yes? Got the air in your head? Now sing "Old Heidelberg, Old Heidelberg, Thy Sons Shall Ne'er Forget." Reward offered for a new air.

Intelligence in Horses. "I was over at the Hippodrome not long ago to see and hear those talking birds and their display of intelligence made me think of the horses that we used to haul our street cars in the days before electricity was adopted as our motive power," said Mr. George Mulhern the other day.

"I wouldn't want to swear to it, but I am almost willing to affirm that I have heard some of those horses say: 'Why don't you put on the brakes?' when the driver was asleep at an important stopping point. One ring of the bell was enough to tell them to stop at the next crossing, and no amount of persuasion would induce them to start until they heard the two clangs of the gong.

"There was a sort of standing order in force then. If a driver brought in a horse with the mark of a whip on its hide he knew enough to turn in his badge and not attempt to make any explanations."

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Withrow this week abandoned their house on the Casey and will board and room at the Teller house.

## A FAIR RETORT.

Pat, who had a bad coin given to him, decided to try and spend it. He therefore went into a tobacconist and asked for a cigar. The shopman handed over the cigar, and Pat, putting the cigar in his mouth, tendered the coin. He was making his way out when the shopman shouted:

"Hey, man, do you know it is a bad one?"

Pat turned round and said: "Never mind. I'll smoke it if it kills me."

## A Sure Sign.

"Was the audience this evening a fashionable one?"

"No; it consisted of very ordinary people."

"But the people in the boxes seemed to be handsomely and stylishly dressed."

"So they were, but they weren't fashionable for all that. They kept quiet all the time the play was going on."

## Poor Girl.

"Have you a daughter?" asked the life insurance representative.

"Part of one," yawned the retired merchant with a weary smile.

"Part of one?"

"Yes; a young man was here who wanted to know if he could have her ear for a few moments and another chap just asked for her hand."

## Disillusionment.

"The average person gets two hard jolts early in life and after that he expects to be deceived more or less to the end of his days."

"And the two jolts?"

"The first comes when he learns that there is no Santa Claus and the second when he discovers that circus posters don't always stick to facts."

## The Ancient Egyptian.

For a long time the visitor to the great museum stood gazing at the Egyptian mummy swathed in bandages.

"Tell me one thing," he ventured. "What is it, sir?" asked the guide. "Was it automobile or aeroplane accident?"

## FAITH IN PINS.



Mrs. Youngwed (three a. m.)—And to think I pinned my faith to your high sense of honor!

Mr. Youngwed (loaded)—Justah like—hic—a woman; thingsh that pins—hic—will holdsh anything—hic—and alwaysh.

## Even Worse.

The hobble skirt  
Was but a starter;  
Hast heard about  
The hobble garter?

## His Intelligence.

Negley—You seem to have a poor opinion of Poldier's intelligence.

Gaymer—You would, too, if you knew he had been looking in the city directory three days for Ziegler's address and had got only as far as the D's.

## Why He Didn't.

"Pa, son writes for enough money to come home on."

"An' if it wasn't fer one thing, I'd send it to him, b'gosh!"

"An' what's that, pa?"

"It'd be just like him to take it an' come home."

## He Wanted It Safe.

Townley—Your friend, the old sea captain, seemed to be a little timid about going in your auto?

Wimstrong—Yes; the fact is, he absolutely refused to go at all until I had the machine equipped with an anchor and a compass.

## Right in His Line.

"Here's an interesting article in this newspaper intitled, 'The Art of Resting.'"

"Better send it to Willowby."

"Why?"

"His wife runs a boarding house."

## A Sign of Weakness.

"The deacon likes to talk about his 'sinful clay.'"

"So he does, but I notice he's very particular about the way his 'sinful clay' is dressed."

## Momentous Occasion.

"Every person has red letter days in his life."

"That's true. I know a man who reckons time from the day he had a new-laid egg for breakfast."



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