

ABANDONED TO PERISH.

Three Nights and Two Days Without Food or Drink.

An Aged Colored Woman Robbed and Left to Die Among the Rocks Below Chloride Flat.

Mary Washington is an aged and feeble colored woman who has been laundress at the hospital at Fort Bayard. By practicing strict economy she had gathered together considerable money, some of which she had invested in United States bonds, but several hundred dollars were always kept at hand in coin and currency, and quite a considerable amount was loaned out at interest.

Mary had a fondness for the cup which inebriates and at times was decidedly erratic. Some time ago she was brought over here and put in the hospital. From there she was taken to the residence of John Richardson, a colored man who lives on the corner of Main and Ninth streets. Last Thursday evening the colored woman, who was unable to walk when she was removed from the hospital, disappeared. Mrs. Richardson says that about 10 o'clock she left the old woman for a few moments with her little girls and when she returned to the room in which she left them the old woman was gone, but the little girls seem to know nothing of the occurrence.

The old lady was missed by some of the colored population on Friday morning and a search was at once commenced for her. She was discovered on Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock in the rocks just below Chloride flat by Percy Lucas. She was lying on her face and almost dead. She was brought to town and taken to the residence of George Parker where she has revived sufficiently to recognize her friends and to state that she was taken from the Richardson house in a wagon by a man and woman.

A wagon track was found leading from the place where she was found to town so that there is hardly a doubt but that she was taken out to that desolate place and left to die.

On Monday John Richardson and Charles Carpenter were arrested and lodged in jail. Both men had been spending money quite freely around town for two or three days and this fact coupled with the fact that the old woman had considerable money was considered sufficient to warrant the arrest of the two men for robbery. Marshal Cantley has succeeded in getting some very damaging circumstantial evidence against the men and says that he has no doubt of their guilt. He thinks that the men intended to murder the woman but that after they got out to the place where she was found they deliberated over the matter and decided to leave her to die

of hunger and thirst in a place which is very seldom visited.

The idea that the woman escaped from the house and walked nearly three miles is regarded as simply preposterous and unless the prisoners can give a more satisfactory explanation of her disappearance they may have a serious time in keeping out of the New Mexico penitentiary.

If the theory advanced by the officers be correct, and these men really left the woman to perish, no more heinous crime has ever been attempted in this part of New Mexico.

G. A. R. Encampment.

For the Annual Department Encampment, G. A. R. to be held at Santa Fe May 2nd and 3rd the A., T. & S. F. Ry will make rate of one and one third fare (\$19.40) for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, limited for return to May 4th.

J. H. MUDGE, AGENT.

It is expected that the term of court at Hillsboro will adjourn this week.

Con Whitehill will open an ice cream parlor in the building between Jones' meat market and the express office in a few days.

Chas. Schmidt, who has been at the Grant county hospital about three weeks, died last Friday, and was buried the following day. He was unconscious a number of days before his death. He came from the Mimbres.

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J. K. Houston, one of the old residents of Pinos Altos, was here last Friday and attended the Odd Fellows' ball. He thinks that he and his partner, Mr. Thomas, will have a good crop of fruit this year and in speaking of the keeping qualities of apples stated that they kept some of the crop of 1893 until this year and that they expect to have apples of last year's crop for the 4th of July. The particular variety which they have been able to keep for such a long time is a seedling of the Baldwin.

INGERSOLL'S NARROW ESCAPE.

A Socorro County Crank Wanted to Slay the Great Agnostic.

The question of the free coinage of silver is rapidly warming up from Maine to Texas, and we believe Col. Robt. Ingersoll made a certain prediction recently when he said "the next president of the United States will be a free coinage of silver man." In speaking of Col. Ingersoll, it reminds us of an incident that occurred in Chloride away back in 1881, when the Black Range was just alive with men of all occupations, politics, and sane and insane ideas, and when law and order was preserved by the coolness and nerve of the better class of citizens who oftentimes checked the wild career of their obstreperously inclined associates who frequently went "a gunning" without the least provocation, and it was in those exciting days of frontier life that Col. Ingersoll visited Chloride, and the fact Col. Ingersoll while here came near losing his life through the insane agency of a religious as well as a genuine all around crank who claimed "that God had commanded him to slay so dangerous an enemy to the human soul," is distinctly remembered by a few old timers, and only for the prompt action of one of our citizens he would no doubt have accomplished his object. This historical incident is not generally known, but it is a fact and is well remembered by the editor of this paper. The intent of the would-be assassin was at the time very little known and was kept as quiet as possible, and the famous "Bob" and his friends left the camp unconscious of the impending danger that for a moment threatened him.—Chloride Black Range.

The district court for this county will open two weeks from next Monday. The docket will be an unusually large one and there is not money enough in the court fund to hold court long enough to clear up the docket.

Ira Harper and Thomas J. Clark, of the Gila, are building a saw mill in Mule Spring mountain and will build a wagon road from the mill to Clifton. The road will cost several hundred dollars.

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ONE GIVES RELIEF.