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A BRUTAL MURDER

ANDREW MILLER, CITY MARSHAL OF ELLIS, SHOT IN COLD BLOOD

One of the Most Brutal and Uncalled for Killings That ever Occurred in Ellis County

Last Tuesday night between ten and eleven o'clock, Andrew Miller, the City Marshal of Ellis, was shot and killed in Ellis, by John Greenwood, a notorious character of Ellis county, who lives in Ellis.

It seems that the Greenwood residence is and has been a notorious hold-out where violators of the law were in the habit of congregating and creating more or less disturbance. On Tuesday night the crowd of toughs were making more noise and disturbance than ever, and the Marshal went to the house and told them to be quiet or he would have to arrest them, which the Greenwood gang promised to do. But the Marshal had not got across the street until the disturbance commenced again. Mr. Miller went back with the intention of quieting them and perhaps arresting some or all of them. When he got within thirty or forty feet of the house, Greenwood opened the door and told him to stop. Greenwood had a high-powered rifle in his hands—a 45-70. When ordered to stop the Marshal stopped and held up his hands in obedience to the order, Greenwood immediately fired and the Marshal fell dead, the ball having passed through his neck and it is supposed, severed the spinal cord.

Greenwood was brought to Hays and lodged in the jail by Sheriff Lore-ditch and Deputy Alex Weltz, and at the next term of court will undoubtedly be sent to the penitentiary for a long term.

Andrew Miller came to this country when a mere boy, from Russia. Just as soon as he could, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and was stationed part of the time at old Fort Wallace. After being discharged from the army, he lived in this city and for several years was city marshal. Then he moved to

Ellis, where he became City Marshal and acted in that capacity until elected Sheriff of Ellis county, which office he held four years—from 1911 to 1915. He moved back to Ellis and was again appointed City Marshal. "Andy" as he was known by his friends, was fearless in the enforcement of the law and knew no friends when a law was broken. The L. W. W.'s shunned him and passed up the town. Other lawbreakers did not care to parley with him.

Mr. Miller leaves a large family of sons and daughters to mourn his loss, and also scores of warm friends in both Ellis and Hays.

The funeral services will be from St. Joseph's church, this city, Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment in the Catholic cemetery.

HOW INDEPENDENT ARE YOU?

The K. C. Star, replying to a correspondent, took occasion to vaunt its independence and rightly so for the Star usually is a dependable paper; but individuals and newspapers are all independent as each for itself estimates independence. The press in this country has advanced beyond the point of obsequious slavery to party as obtained fifty years ago. As a rule our daily papers assert editorial opinion without fear or favor. The New York Tribune, for instance, is a partisan newspaper of eminent ability, but is thoroughly independent in its comment upon current events. The New York World is of a different political bias, but we have observed with satisfaction that it frequently asserts itself in direct opposition to what its friends believe to be the correct point of view. It is too late to make a slave of conscience in the realm of Uncle Sam; some dregs, however, remain. We still have country papers, as in higher editorial altitudes where for filthy lucre they hide their real faith and pose on the top rail of the fence afraid to jump either way; but a rotten conscience such as that deceives nobody. Hays took notice long ago.

Miss Eva Wood's class of the Junior Department of the Presbyterian Sunday School, will hold a Cake Sale at Nickles' store, Saturday, November 19, at 1:00 p. m.

SHALL CHINA CONTINUE TO BE A PREY TO THE BRUTAL POWERS?

(By M. H. J.)

China is the Samson among the nations—the Samson after Delilah gave him a hair-cut.

At the finish will he pull the temple of civilization down upon our ears? China has lost the art of fighting; she has nothing much better now for an army than a sort of undisciplined constabulary force which is a burden and a curse to her.

Within the memory of living men China went to war—such was her crude method—with a stink-pot in one hand and a bird cage in the other.

That stink-pot seems to have suggested to Bill Hohenzollern the mustard and other gasses with which he tried to overcome the Allies in France. In discussing China we must take into account a number of peculiar and repugnant things, one or two only we can refer to here.

The western nations burglariously invaded China and at this late day we have got them in hock at Washington with the stolen goods.

Japan is the last to break in upon her; now, with what sort of face can the western powers ask her to get out?

Can we feel surprise if the Jap makes up his mind to fight rather than surrender Shantung and the railroad line which she holds and the other spheres of influence which he has acquired.

China and the Jap are consanguineous; they are yellow, essentially one, and in the last analysis China prefers the Jap to the "silver face, who is a 'foreign devil,'" and in my opinion, at the last roundup, the yellow races will stand together.

Now, who is wise enough to forecast the result of the Washington Conference?

Among those who attended the Armistice Day Program at WaKeeney, Friday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell, C. M. Holmquist, Anna Dreese, Frank Bissing, Joe G. Jacobs, Maurice Zeigler, Kenneth Kirkman, Miss Anna Burgardt, and Rose Wasinger.

ARMISTICE DAY AT HAYS

In common with the majority of cities and towns of the U. S. A., Hays fittingly celebrated Armistice Day last Friday, November 11.

The parade was formed at the Normal with the Hays American Legion heading the procession, with the Normal Band furnishing the music; next in the procession was the Normal students. They marched north to the Catholic College where the College students joined the procession, followed by the Catholic High School and the parochial school. Next in line was the Hays High School, followed by the Public School. Then came the autos, float, etc. The procession then marched along Chestnut street and back to Sheridan Coliseum by the way of Normal avenue, where a fitting program was held, consisting of speeches and music.

Several nice floats were in evidence—the Normal Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., the Normal Campfire Girls. Cars appropriately decorated carried the veterans of the Civil war. H. W. Chittenden, Hays' new postmaster, dressed as Uncle Sam, also was one of the first in the procession.

In the afternoon, a football game was played between the Hays Normal Tigers and Southwestern, which resulted in a victory for the Normal, with a score of 14 to 7.

It was a gala day. Most of the business men closed their places of business and were present at the speaking.

It was also Homecoming Day for the Fort Hays Normal, and a large number of former Normal students were spending the day in Hays, and attended the banquet at the Normal in the evening.

The business houses and a great number of the homes in the city were decorated with flags and bunting.

George Philip, Sr., owing to his superior ability as chauffeur, was chosen to head the long line of automobiles which were in the procession. George, Senior, never does any jay driving or jay walking while traversing the streets of Hays.

Sunday, Rev. Snyder, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Chicago, Illinois, conducted the services in the

Lutheran Church. He had been invited by the official board to occupy the pulpit. It is hoped that he will consider favorably a call to this church. His text Sunday, was "Christ Died to Save Sinners." The thought was developed that other things may help for a moment but it is only Christ who saves. Rev. Snyder cited several incidents of "uplift" work he had seen while doing missionary work in Chicago to the effect that clothing and food do not alone satisfy the man or woman who is down and out—people crave for what only Christ has to give.

The Russell "Informer," in old days "The Reformer," of Russell, run by J. W. Morphy for several years, has been taken under the wing, absorbed, by the old "Russell Record," and Editor Morphy will work on the paper until he finds a job elsewhere. With Nate Turner in the State Auditor's office another term, Editor Dawson will pilot the old "Record" for years to come.

The Plainville Gazette last week, paid this compliment to Hays as an educational center: "Announcement was made recently that one million dollars will be expended for the erection of a new Catholic College which will be located at Hays. The announcement is of great importance as the college will be a large one. There will be about six buildings, including an administration building, gymnasium, dormitory and class rooms. With a State Normal School already there and a new Catholic College soon to be erected there, Hays will have unsurpassed educational facilities."

BUILD THAT SCHOOL HOUSE

The fatal accident which occurred at Oakley, last week, on a grade crossing is liable to happen any day on the streets of Hays, warning bell or no bell notwithstanding. There is no absolute safety on a grade crossing; but the mothers on the south side would feel greatly relieved if a public school building was erected, fronting the Treat Playground, and their children freed of the necessity of crossing the railroad track to get to school. The south side is entitled to a fair share of the city treasury. The Treat Playground is there ready to hand,

and the day is close at hand when a beautiful park will be a city possession at old Fort Hays, and the south side will grow and increase rapidly in population. The parks, playgrounds and a fine school house will be on the south side.

Nature has indicated the direction of growth, and the city should take its cue and build a south side school house in 1922 without fail. More than that, the Free Press talks for the interests of the city at large, having no city lots to sell and no axe to grind.

Impressions of a Hays Visitor

"This is a day that I shall never forget. It has been a pleasant and agreeable surprise the whole day." That is what Frank Montgomery, Oswego, Kansas, generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the State, said Monday night, after concluding the inspection of Aleppo Commandery. He said further that this was his first visit to Hays and to the Knights Templar here. He expressed himself freely in stating that the work was well done and that this Commandery ranks among the highest in the state. "You," he continued, "have every reason in the world to be proud of your town. I have been taken around to see your institutions and industries and it makes one wish to come back." The inspection commenced at eight o'clock. The hall was well filled with Knights from La-Crosse, Russell, Plainville, Ellis and WaKeeney. Rev. Mr. Wilson, an M. E. pastor of Osborne, was present and responded when called upon for a speech. He was a chaplain during the war, with the A. E. F. After the work and speaking was over, all enjoyed some good eats in the banquet room.

GAME PRESERVE

C. W. Miller is having established a State Game Preserve on his eighty acres adjoining Hays. The State of Kansas will stock the farm with game and protect them by Game Wardens employed by the State of Kansas, and will arrest any men or boys going on the farm with guns or dogs. The Preserve will be protected by the State Game Warden and a Deputy stationed on the farm, if necessary.

Financially, Hays Catholic College is sick, very sick. It is a condition found in all small colleges, regardless of by whom they are owned or managed.

The cure is a Diocesan Fund-Raising Campaign of \$1,000,000. Of which the quota for Ellis County is \$300,000. Is it a big project? Yes; but we have done big things.

\$300,000 is not as big a task for ELLIS COUNTY to do as was the construction of the churches at Victoria and Pfeifer. These two properties could not be replaced for \$300,000---and were BUILT BY PARISHES.

"Five years to pay" makes subscribing your quota easy. Pay one-fifth each year.
We Can Do It We Must Do It
WE WILL DO IT

"Do You Know" that to "Get It Done" you must "DO IT NOW"

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