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## HORRIBLE DOUBLE CRIME.

### Two Assaults White Woman and then Murders Her.

#### TO BE BURNED IF CAUGHT.

##### Embus, Johnson County, Scene of the Fiend's Work.

That was a horrible and most unusual crime that was committed near Embus, a little town in Johnson county, near the Lafayette county line, about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Will Francis, commonly called "Bossie," a negro about 28 years of age, criminally assaulted and then murdered Miss Mary Henderson, an estimable whitewoman about 42 years of age who lived with her brother-in-law, Chap Hyatt, a prosperous farmer.

During the afternoon of the tragedy Hyatt left home to superintend the erection of a monument in the nearby cemetery. At the same time his wife and her daughters went to the post-office. This left Miss Henderson alone on the farm house and Francis was working about the barn. About 6 o'clock persons passing in the road heard pistol shots, but paid no attention to them. When the Hyatts returned a little later they found the body of Miss Henderson lying on the ground a little way from the house. A bullet had passed through her head from the back to the middle of the forehead. She was lying in a pool of blood and there were evidences of a fight.

When kindly hands picked the body of the woman from the ground it was found that she was not quite dead. She spoke just one word but that was "Bossie," the name of her assailant.

Her favorite mare belonging to the Hyatts was found in a nearby pasture dead. Various theories were advanced as to the reason for the negro killing this animal, but it is generally thought that he tried to put a bridle on her and that as she resisted he shot her out of resentment toward the Hyatts.

Dr. Hyatt lost no time in hastening to Warrensburg and spreading the news of the crime. In half an hour men were formed in many parts of the county and armed men on horseback began scouring the woods and fields. This was kept up all night and the pursuers only went to their beds for something to eat and went immediately to relieve those left in charge of the search.

Nearby towns were telegraphed and the news spread broadcast over the entire western part of the state.

A Negro suspect was arrested at Independence Wednesday but he proved to be the wrong man.

A vigilant search for the fiend has since been kept up but up to yesterday morning the negro had not been captured. Bloodhounds were put upon the trail but so much time had elapsed since the commission of the crime that the mode of capture was ineffective. If caught there is no doubt as to the punishment that will be meted out to Francis. He will be roasted alive. A conference of members of the mob was held Wednesday morning, and this course was unanimously determined upon. It meets the approval of W. C. Hyatt, Miss Henderson's brother-in-law. He was asked what he thought should be done with the negro when captured. He replied with great energy:

"I want him to be brought here to the scene of his crime, where he can make a confession. I want to recall to you how many years we cared for him and how kind Mary was to him and how she was killed by him. I want to know why he killed her."

"I want to see him burned."  
"Will you apply the match?" was asked.

"I will do something," he replied.

## QUANTRELL'S MEN.

### Their Annual Reunion will be Held Near Blue Springs in September.

The annual reunion of Quantrell's men will be held in this township September 24 and 25 and will be in the form of a social picnic, says the Oak Grove Banner. The gathering will probably be held in Clark's pasture near Blue Springs. The committee on arrangements is Hiram George, of Oak Grove, Frank Gregg, of Grain Valley, and Ben Morrow, of Lake City. Ex-confederates and their families and any others who desire to take part will be invited. Two years ago the reunion was held at the Lee's Summit fair grounds and last year it was held in Oak Grove during our street fair. The grizzled old fighters say they are opposed to making a

## GOVERNOR STONE TALKS.

### A Candidate for the Senate and Gives His Views.

#### BRYAN GREATEST LIVING DEMOCRAT.

##### Brilliant Missourian Will Soon Make a Speech Outlining His Attitude.

"I am a candidate for senator and have no idea of entering the presidential race."

In these words ex-Governor William Joel Stone, in an interview with a Republic reporter at St. Louis, Monday, corroborated statements given out by Colonel Moses C. Wetmore, which will be found in another column of the INTELLIGENCER.

Ex-Governor Stone is rapidly recovering his health, but until Monday his physicians forbade that he worry himself with politics. He is now

with the gold standard. But this does not prove that we would not be still better off if silver was coined as money."

Mr. Stone says that he has not heard, save through published interviews, that Senator Vest will not be a candidate for re-election. In regard to other candidates Mr. Stone is silent, except to say that he does not think that Governor Dockery will be in the race. As to other issues, Mr. Stone said briefly that he favored an income tax and was opposed to imperialism. He expressed himself enthusiastically about Mr. Bryan and said the latter is the foremost democrat in the country today.

"I do not think that Mr. Bryan will make the race for president a third time," said he. "As to going into other presidential possibilities, it is now too early to talk. Neither can the issue of the next campaign now be mapped out except in a very general way."

Ex-Governor Stone and his son, Kimbrough, left Tuesday for a fishing trip in the Ozark mountains. Mr. Stone said that he expected to visit several places on the trip, but did not know to which place he would go first.

"My idea is to get away from everything and everybody—to rest up and enjoy myself. Therefore only my son and my cook are going along."

## The State Fair.

Secretary Rippey of the State Fair has secured from the railroads of the state, a one-fare open passenger rate to Sedalia and return on account of the State Fair. Tickets may be purchased to the fair grounds and passengers unloaded at the avenue leading directly to the grand stand.

All live stock for exhibition purposes, agricultural implements and minerals will be charged tariff rates to Sedalia, and upon certificate of the secretary will be returned home free of charge. Stock will be loaded and unloaded from switches running into the grounds.

Fruit, grain and vegetables will be shipped to Sedalia at tariff rates and upon certificate of secretary the freight charges will be returned and the article re-shipped free of charge.

Poultry should be billed to the "Fair Grounds," care "Poultry Supt." and it will be delivered to the exhibition hall. The express companies will receive it at Fair grounds for re-shipment home. Every Missourian should contribute something to the exhibit.

Mrs. Dr. Nelle Poor and her two sons, of Chicago, were found in the woods near Corning, New York, Tuesday. Mrs. Poor is the woman who acted in an insane manner on an Erie train last Thursday night and then mysteriously disappeared. She and her sons have been living in the woods for several days and are suffering from exposure. They are now cared for in the home of W. H. Chamberlain, of Kanona, N. Y., who is a relative of Mrs. Poor. The woman is laboring under the hallucination that a price has been put upon her head.

Dr. Frank H. Sears, elected to the professorship in astronomy in the University of Missouri, arrived from Paris and accepted the position. The professorship has been vacant for two years. Dr. Sears, though a resident of California, first learned of the vacancy in France where he has studied for the past two years under Poincare, the most eminent mathematician in Europe. He is a native of Michigan, lived for a number of years in Iowa and is a graduate of the University of California. He was endorsed for the position by Poincare, Simon Newcomb, Milton Updegraff and other eminent astronomers.

Scarlet fever prevails in epidemic form at Kansas City.

## BELIEVES LAW SUFFICIENT.

### Gov. Dockery Declines to Call Extra Session of Legislature.

#### MINORITY PARTY IS PROTECTED.

##### Honest Elections Assured if the Law is Complied With.

For some time past discontented republicans in St. Louis have been imploring Gov. Dockery to call an extra session of the legislature, but the chief executive of the state has very wisely refused to do so. In a letter addressed to these malcontents Mr. Dockery said in part:

"The last general assembly amended this law in several important particulars, by which it was deprived of those features which made partisan advantages possible, namely:

"First—The abolition of the office of deputy election commissioner, which was the occasion of much complaint by the minority party.

"Second—The abolition of the provision for what was known as the late registration at the city hall, which made it impossible to review or purge the list of registered voters.

"Three—Giving the republican member of the election commission power to name the republican judges and clerks.

"The original law provided simply that two of the judges and one of the clerks should belong to and be members of the party of opposite politics to the other judges and clerks. Under this law the democratic members of the board could name the judges and clerks of the republican party.

"In other words, the law, as amended by the last general assembly, confers upon the republican election commissioner of St. Louis greater power than is exercised by the minority party, whether democratic or republican, in any county of the state.

"The people of this state stand for honest elections, and I fully share this sentiment. If I felt the existing law did not provide ample safeguards to secure this result I should unhesitatingly convene the general assembly in extraordinary session for this purpose.

"Because of these facts, showing that the legislature has already dealt with this question, and the further fact that I have yet to see any evidence of a general demand for a special session, I must respectfully decline to grant your request."

## General News Notes.

The first passenger train reached Fort Sill, Oklahoma, this week.

Chicago detectives are charged with wholesale theft in the nature of fee grabbing.

Daniel J. Craig, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was killed by a Burlington train at Monroe City, Mo.

Charles Streigel has been held for the murder of his wife at Boulder, Col. The woman was poisoned.

Tom L. Johnson will not speak at Kansas City on Labor Day. He has an engagement at his Kansas home.

Kansas City republicans are hunting a candidate to beat Web Davis' brother, Walter Davis, for mayor of that town.

There is a deal on hand to take the Kansas City Buggy company to Cincinnati. The newspapers should rise up and stop it.

A returned Kansas soldier from the Philippines says that Aguinaldo is in mortal fear that he will be assassinated by his own people.

Mrs. Samuel N. Lee, a prominent society lady of Kansas City, jumped from a carriage to which was attached runaway horses Saturday and was killed.



EX-GOV. WILLIAM JOWEL STONE.

Who has declared his candidacy for the United States Senate and left for Southern Missouri on a fishing expedition with the hope of regaining declining health. The above cut is a splendid likeness taken from a late photograph.

show of themselves and consequently desire to seek some shady pasture, "far from the maddening crowd" and have a good sociable time where they can talk over old times without the gaze of curious eyes following them looking for horns. The best people in Jackson county are included in the list of men who rode with Quantrell. It was just thirty-eight years ago Thursday since Lawrence, Kansas, was burned and less than one hundred of the band are alive today.

Mrs. Etta Fiske was dragged from home at Liberty, Mo., Monday night by white caps and threatened with a beating if she did not leave the city. The woman filed complaint against Merriam Shelton, a blacksmith, charging him with being one of the party. Shelton gave bond for his appearance at the preliminary hearing before Justice Gow September 4. He pleaded not guilty when arraigned. Mrs. Fiske's husband died two years ago and she married again, but separated from the last husband. Her father is aiding her in the prosecution of Shelton, and efforts are being made to learn the names of the other white caps who visited the house. On the same night Kate Douglas, a negress was severely whipped. The white caps have been quiet in Clay county until recently.

studying the political outlook, however, and as soon as his strength permits he will prepare and deliver a speech, which will outline his attitude on state and national issues.

"I cannot say when or where this speech will be delivered," he said Monday night at his residence, No. 3829 West Pine boulevard. "I think, though, it will be within a month."

When asked if he regarded the silver question as secondary, he replied:

"No, not that. I still believe that our mints should be open to silver, and that the white metal should be made standard money. The ratio, however, I do believe to be secondary. I do not say that the ratio should not be 16 to 1, but that it might be something else. I believe that bi-metalism is the issue—not silver at 16 to 1.

"Of course, the output of gold in the United States has increased in the last year. If I remember correctly, our output of gold in the last year was greater than the combined output of gold and silver any year from 1873 to 1896, or back to the time of the demonetization of silver. This and other reasons place more gold money in circulation. So that we are better off in the United States than in any other country