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## HORRIBLE CRIME.

### A Brute Burned at the Stake in Kentucky for Rape and Murder.

Marysville, Ky., Dec. 8—Dick Coleman, the negro murderer of Mrs. Lashbrook, was taken from the officers by a mob of 1,000 men and burned at the stake, in the presence of fully 5,000 persons. The mob, led by the husband of the negro's victim, dragged the shrieking criminal through the streets, bound him to a small tree, set fire to brush about him and stood guard until he was dead.

As the flames arose around Coleman his horrors increased. He made vain efforts to withdraw his limbs from the encroaching fire, his eyes rolled in a frenzy of suffering. The ropes securing him to the tree were burned, and his body fell forward on the burning pile. Even then, while it was not altogether certain whether he was alive or dead, the vengeful purpose of the crowd led them to use rails and long poles to push his body back into the flames. It is not certain how long life lasted. During the process, while his voice could be heard, he begged for a drink of water. His tongue protruded and his eyeballs fairly started from his head. At the end of three hours the body was practically cremated. During all that time members of the family of Mrs. Lashbrook had remained to keep up the fire, and kept the body in position where it would burn. At that time a nephew of Mrs. Lashbrook was pushing

the body onto the embers, while a curious crowd of several thousand persons lingered on the scene.

The crime for which Coleman was burned was the murder of Mrs. James Lashbrook, who had given him a home and food. She was enticed by him to enter a shed to see about some work, when he knocked her down and assaulted her. The blow was struck with an oak stave. It was not effective and Coleman dragged her to a bed and, amid her cries for mercy, went to the house, procured a razor and cut her throat. He was immediately removed to escape mob violence.

He had been employed on the farm in a confidential manner, doing farm work, and also acting as house servant. He had the complete confidence of Mr. and Mrs. Lashbrook. On the day of the murder Mr. Lashbrook was not at home, Mrs. Lashbrook had gone to Marysville for the mail and had just returned when Coleman enticed her into the house and committed his awful crime.

He then went to a neighbor's and told a story of a mysterious murder, but was that night arrested and was kept from a mob by being hurried to Covington. At the Covington jail Coleman made a full confession which left no shadow of his guilt.

C. L. Jones, of Kansas, better known as "Buffalo" Jones, for his efforts to preserve the American bison from extinction, seems to be succeeding in his experiment in

crossing buffalo and short-horn cattle. He has named the hybrid animal "catalo" of which he has about 300 on his ranch in Texas. He says they are the coming cattle of the world. He has sold a good many and herds are being raised in Montana and elsewhere in this country as well as in Russia. The instinct of the buffalo enables the catalo to weather any storm without loss. The hide of the catalo is said to be more valuable than that of the buffalo, the fur being finer.

### Application of Assessment Work.

Although the owner of a mining location, originally valid, has failed in his assessment work, so that the ground is open for relocation, yet, if before any valid relocation is made by others or after the abandonment of the valid relocation the original locator or his grantee resumes possession, and does the necessary work, his rights are revived under the original location.

Assessment work for a claim may be done on an adjoining claim where it is shown that it was intended for such claim, and that the work done would inure to its benefit.

In an action involving the title and right of possession of a certain mining ground, a deed given by the original locator to plaintiff prior to the commencement of the action, for the purpose of correcting description, is properly admitted in evidence, as bearing on the rights of the parties.—Judgment by Supreme Court of Utah.