

A COLD BLOODED MURDER

JAMES M. FRAZER KILLS HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, JACOB OXFORD.

TRAGEDY AT PLATTE CITY.

A Family Quarrel Ends in an Awful Tragedy, the Victim Being an Old Man Sixty-Two Years of Age—The Murderer Succeeds in Making His Escape—The Sheriff and posse in Pursuit.

PLATTE CITY, Mo., Oct. 8.—A family quarrel of long standing resulted in the murder of Jacob Oxford, an old and well-to-do farmer residing about five miles north of this place, by his son-in-law, James M. Frazer, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The crime was committed in cold blood and on the threshold of Frazer's home. Its immediate cause was the separation about four months ago of Frazer and his wife, although for more than two years the murderer and his father-in-law had been on very unfriendly terms.

Frazer came to this neighborhood some time ago, and secured employment on Mr. Oxford's large farm. Later he married the farmer's daughter and Mr. Oxford built a home for them at the other end of his farm, about a mile away from his own home. Frazer and his wife lived together happily for a while, and the result of their union was two bright children.

But finally Frazer began to abuse his wife. His conduct toward her finally became so unbearable that a month ago she returned with her children to her father.

The deserted husband sent word to his wife that if she did not return home with the children he would make trouble. She paid no attention to the threat. He repeated it several times, but yet she refused to go back to him. He met Oxford several times on the farm and in Platte City, and tried to quarrel with him, accusing him of causing the separation. The old gentleman tried to reason with Frazer that he was not mixed up in the quarrel in any manner, but the son-in-law wouldn't have it that way.

Yesterday morning Frazer acted like a demon. A brother-in-law called on him and he sent him back home with a message to Mr. Oxford. "Tell the old man," said he, "that I want to see him here as soon as possible."

The boy delivered the message, and Oxford walked over to his son-in-law's house, arriving there about 10 o'clock. He knocked at the door and Frazer threw it open in a towering passion.

"Why did you send for me?" asked the old gentleman. "To kill you like a dog," came the reply, and without another word Frazer drew a 38-caliber revolver and fired two bullets into Oxford's body—one entering directly over the left lung and passing through the body, and the second penetrating the lower part of the abdomen. The old gentleman fell dead where he stood.

The son of Farmer Oxford who delivered the fatal message that lured him to death, was the only eye witness to the murder. He returned with his father to Frazer's house and stood within a few feet of him when the shooting occurred.

Immediately after the shooting Frazer escaped and is still at large, although Sheriff Oscar Berry and a posse of citizens are scouring the country in the hope of capturing him before he gets too far away. The murderer was about 45 years of age, while his victim was 62.

FUNDS FOR IRELAND.

An Appeal Issued by the Irish National Alliance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The national officers and executive committee of the Irish National Alliance issued yesterday the following appeal:

To All Friends of Irish Independence: The convention which recently organized at Chicago the Irish National Alliance has placed its guidance and government in the hands of the undersigned for the ensuing two years. The purpose of the alliance has already been proclaimed—to obtain the complete independence of Ireland from England by any means consistent with the law of nations. Organizations, like governments, have to depend on their revenue for the successful accomplishment of their duties. "The sinews of war" for both are absolutely necessary, both for organization and propagation.

FATHER WAGNER MARRIED

The St. Joseph Priest Taken From His Cell to Marry Maud Steidel.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 8.—Father Dominick Wagner and Miss Steidel, the girl whom he betrayed and whom he had spirited away to Chicago two weeks ago, were married Saturday night at the home of the girl's mother by Justice Fitton in the presence of immediate friends of the family. After the ceremony the priest was driven back to jail, where he will remain pending the action of the grand jury. The mother of the girl was scarcely able to stand, and her lamentations were pitiable in the extreme.

AMBUSHED BY INDIANS.

Three Men Killed by Redskins at Jackson's Hole, One Being Captain Smith.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 8.—A report was brought here to-day by J. W. Wilson, who lives near Jackson's Hole, that three men were killed by the Indians at the lower end of Jackson's Hole, on the morning of the 3d. The men were shot from ambush, and one was Captain Smith, who precipitated the Indian trouble there last July.

GOVERNORS AND RELIGION.

Thirty-Nine Chief Magistrates Avowed Believers in Churches.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Of the forty-four state governors in the American union, thirty-nine are avowed believers in religion; twenty-nine are professed Christians. Most of them are regular attendants at worship, and a great majority are contributors to the expense of religious work. A careful canvass of the subject made by the Times-Herald discloses these facts. Responses were obtained from forty-three of the state governors and three of the territorial executives.

Of the state governors, one—Mr. Culberson of Texas—declined to define his sentiments and no one would speak for him, and another—Governor Evans of South Carolina—failed to reply in any way. But those of the other states spoke freely and frankly.

Among the governors there are ten Presbyterians, five congregationalists, five Episcopalians, four Methodists, three Unitarians, one Baptist, one Christian and sixteen unconnected with church organizations. Of the sixteen governors unattached to denominational organizations, twelve attend religious services regularly or intermittently, and all except two, one a Universalist and the other a Free Thinker, believe in the Christian religion and its plan of salvation. Ten of them have denominational preference, and even those without such predilection entertain a kindly feeling and appreciation of religion's beneficent results. Of those who declare denominational preferences, three are Methodists, three Presbyterians, one Congregationalist and one Baptist.

Sectionalism cuts no figure in the preferences of governors except that most of the Congregationalists are New Englanders and a majority of Presbyterians Southerners. But each of the religious bodies has representation in every section.

The most conspicuous of the Methodist governors are McKinley of Ohio and Daniel H. Hastings of Pennsylvania. The governors that attend that church are Stone of Mississippi, Cleaves of Maine, Clarke of Arkansas, Rickards of Montana and Foster of Louisiana.

The Presbyterian fold embraces Governor Matthews of Indiana, Allen of North Dakota, O'Ferrall of Virginia, Brown of Maryland, Renfrow of Oklahoma, and Jefferson Gardner, chief of the Choctaw nation in the Indian territory. Among those who lean on that substantial religious creed are Stone of Missouri, Clough of Minnesota and Jackson of Iowa.

Governors Morton of New York, a presidential candidate; Turney of Tennessee, Watson of Delaware, Prince of New Mexico, and Carr of North Carolina, are Episcopalians. Governor Budd of California says that he has no religion, but he believes in the observance of Sunday as the day of rest. His parents are not believers and he was brought up as a free thinker.

Governor Oates of Alabama says that he is not a member of any church and that he has joined only two institutions—the Masonic fraternity and the Democratic party. Governor McIntyre of Colorado affiliates with the liberals, but is not an infrequent attendant at Unity church.

The Unitarians are Greenhalge of Massachusetts, Morrill of Kansas and Lippitt of Rhode Island.

BANDITS MAKE A MISS.

Only Eighty-Five Cents to Repay Six Indian Territory Outlaws.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 8.—The north-bound Frisco passenger train was held up at Caston, Ind. Ter., fifty miles south of here last night by six men, who cut the express caroose from the train and ran it up the track. They failed to open the through safe, and only got eighty-five cents from the local safe.

The passengers were not molested. The train was permitted to pull out after the bandits failed to open the big safe.

It is thought to have been the work of the Christiana brother's gang.

Cherokee Intruders.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Chief Harris, of the Cherokee nation, is on hand to urge the secretary of the interior to get ready to rush the intruders out of the Cherokee country soon after January 1, next. Within a month he says that all intruders will be paid for their improvements according to the appraisement made by the commission appointed to do that work. When this payment is completed, Harris will insist that the nation has complied with all the terms incumbent upon the Cherokees, and then the United States, according to legislation, shall step in and force the intruders, numbering 4,000, out of that country.

Plain Talk by Redmond.

DUBLIN, Oct. 8.—At the convention of the Parnell party the usual resolutions in regard to home rule and amnesty for political prisoners were passed. John Redmond, in the course of a speech said that unless the freedom of Ireland was granted, in case of war, it would be to the tune of "The Marsellaise" that they would march, and not to that of "God Save the Queen."

Two Deaths Due to Family Trouble.

CLINTON, Iowa, Oct. 8.—At Low Moor, a small village about ten miles west, an ex-saloon keeper named Siler shot and killed John Otto to-day and then killed himself. The alleged cause of the shooting was domestic trouble in Siler's family.

Officials as Game Law Violators.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Oct. 8.—Prosecuting Attorney J. J. Bruton, County Clerk Adams and about twenty-five other influential citizens of Christian county, are to be arrested for violating the game laws, they having drained a pond and killed 1,000 pounds of fish. Deputy Game Warden Jenkins of this city worked up the case.

The Black Rod Usher Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Hon. Sir James Robert Drummond, G. C. B., K. C. B., gentleman usher of the black rod (sergeant at arms), is dead, aged 84.

THE PEARY EXPEDITION.

PROFESSOR DYCHE TELLS THE STORY OF ITS FAILURE.

BORE GREAT HARDSHIPS.

Forced to Turn Back on the Edge of the Creampolar Sea—The Arctic Explorer Unable to Find His Caches When Almost Within Sight of the Pole—Sufferings on Return Journey.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Professor L. L. Dyche of Kansas university, in an article in the Herald on the Peary expedition, asserts that Peary when only a few miles from the farthest point north, was forced to turn back and thus describes the incidents after the failure to find the caches: "There was nothing more to be done but to beat a retreat. It must have been a terrible moment to Lieutenant Peary when at length he was obliged to turn his back upon that open sea of ice. He had reached a latitude of eighty-one degrees forty-seven minutes, ten miles farther north than he had reached before. Not many miles farther on and he would have reached the farthest north. Had he secured his alcohol and pemmican he could have safely and easily continued his journey. He stood upon the brink of the rocks and looked down and out over the sea and inquiringly the dogs could have made fast time; perhaps the pole itself might have been reached. Like another Moses, he looked toward the promised land, to enter which he had toiled so long and faithfully. Sadly he turned his back, leaving hope and his ambitious dreams behind, and began his grim and terrible march toward Anniversary lodge. For ten years he had struggled to reach the farthest north and now when he had almost achieved it he was obliged to beat a retreat. Slowly the party dragged themselves backward, throwing away everything that could lighten their toilsome march. Bedding, instruments, guns, ammunition, extra clothing, a prayer book, the tent itself—in fact everything that might impede them in their terrible struggle for life—was abandoned. They even tore from their nautical almanac the three leaves containing the calculations then required and threw the rest away. The line of march was marked by the whitening bones of the dead dogs and abandoned equipments of the party. They started with forty-one dogs and five sledges; now they had one sledge and only two dogs remained. For five days they had but a few biscuits and a little tea per day. They killed one dog and ate him, gipping the remaining dog a share. The dog they ate had been so starved that there was nothing but dry tendons and tough hide to gnaw upon. At length the last morsel of food of any kind was consumed, and the lodge was still twenty miles away. It took them two days to get there, during which time not a particle of food passed their lips, nor had they anything to drink. Footsore, weary, emaciated to death's door, they reached Anniversary lodge on June 25, three gaunt men, one shadow of a dog, the sole survivor of the pack."

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NEW PROMISES BY TURKEY.

Plan of Reform for Armenia Accepted—Fresh Trouble in Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 8.—Said Pasha, the new Turkish minister for foreign affairs, has called at the different embassies, and has presented to the representatives of the powers a communication from the Turkish government repeating the assurance that a plan for reform in Armenia has been accepted by the porte. It is not believed, however, that this will satisfy the powers. There have been no further excesses, however, although the feeling of great disquiet still prevails and fresh demonstrations on the part of the Armenians are feared.

The Armenians still in the patriarchate church, in which they sought refuge after the rioting of Monday last, fired some shots at noon to-day, and it was feared that another outbreak was imminent. The police watching the building promptly notified the military authorities, and a strong force of troops was sent to the spot and occupied all of the adjacent streets. This caused quite a panic among the inhabitants of that quarter. The Kurds then entered the workshops along the quays and expelled from them all of the Armenians they could find. Later, it is claimed, the bodies of four Armenians were found.

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COMMISSIONER BROWNING TAKES A VERY DECIDED STAND.

WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

Agent Wisdom Instructed to Prevent Corbett and Fitzsimmons From Meeting in the Territory—Federal Troops Available—The Law in the Case Ample to Meet Every Point.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Commissioner Browning of the Indian office has taken prompt and decisive steps to prevent the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight taking place in the Indian territory. He has sent a letter of instructions to Agent Wisdom at Muscogee, I. T., directing him to see that the laws are enforced and to eject forcibly any intruders who may enter the Indian country for the purpose of creating a disturbance or of engaging in anything that may be detrimental to the Indians. The commissioner says that the statutes of the United States are ample to cover the situation and to prevent the fight. The agent will have at his back not only the Indian police but all United States troops necessary to eject the fighters. The statutes give the United States authority to keep out of the Indian territory all persons whose presence would be detrimental to the peace and prosperity of the Indians. The commissioner says there is no doubt the presence of the prize fighters and the gang that would follow them into the Indian territory would be very detrimental to the Indians, and that it is therefore the duty of the Indian office to keep them out. He says the agent at Muscogee has not got as much authority as the agents on reservations, but, nevertheless, has enough to prevent the fight taking place in the territory of the five civilized tribes. The commissioner intends also to notify all governors and head men of the five civilized tribes that they must not allow the fight to take place and must assist the United States authorities in preventing it.

Commissioner Browning was asked if the admission of Corbett, Fitzsimmons and others connected with the fight to citizenship in one of the tribes would make any difference in the authority of the government and he said that it would not change the conditions in the least. The government has the power to expel a full blood Indian from the territory if the peace and good order of the Indians require it. The government would be able to exercise a great deal of discretion in the affair. The United States marshals, or the Indian agent and his police, backed by the United States troops, can remove the fighters as intruders and keep them out and then answer as to violation of the law afterward. It is not a case where the fight might take place and the fighters then be called upon as to whether they have violated the law. The government will not even wait for the affair to progress that far. The principals and others connected with the fight will be unceremoniously hustled off the Indian lands on the ground that they are intruders whose presence is undesirable. If they make any complaint about it the courts will have to determine the rights of the matter, and it is believed the possibilities are that the power of the United States government will be broadly interpreted.

Stolen Papers Returned.

HENNESSEY, Ok., Oct. 8.—Two years ago Dr. F. G. Minton of Homestead was robbed of \$30 in money and papers of over \$200 value. Saturday he received an envelope containing all of the papers intact, and a note saying that the robbers had no use for them, and, as he had acted very reasonably when he was robbed, they had concluded to return them. The postmark was so dim that it could not be traced, except that it was mailed at some point in Oklahoma.

Wichita Girls Missing.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 8.—Flossie Guthrie, the 15-year-old daughter of Robert E. Guthrie of this city, has been missing since Saturday evening and the police are unable to find any trace of her. Jeannette James, aged 14, a chum of hers, disappeared last night and cannot be found. It is believed that the girls left according to prearranged plans and are together.

The "Sassafras Man" Dead.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Oct. 8.—One of the most unique and widely known characters in this section of the state died last night—John Gordon, the "sassafras" man. He was nearly 80 years old and made his living by digging and selling roots of the sassafras tree. Both Whitcomb Riley and Robert McIntrye have made him famous in verse.

His Victim's Mother Glad.

DECATUR, Ill., Oct. 8.—When Charles N. Smith was sentenced to-day to be hanged November 29, the mother of the child murdered by him cried out: "I am so glad!" Smith murdered his daughter, Louise Smith, and his sister-in-law, Edna Buchert, nine days ago and pleaded guilty.

Eighteen Killed in a Collision.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 8.—Dispatches from Havre, where a collision between a crowded passenger train and an engine occurred yesterday evening, show that eighteen persons were killed and 100 injured, several of the latter probably fatally. There are no Americans among the dead or injured.

Actor Walden Ramsey Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Walden Ramsey, the well known actor and member of Palmer's company, is dead. He was born in Charleston, S. C. He made his first hit in "The Lights o' London" over fifteen years ago.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

This Feature of Populist Doctrine Clearly Explained by Eltwood Pomeroy.

I am asked: "Does direct legislation agree with the principles of the democratic party?" Yes, my friend, and fully. The only trouble with that party is that it doesn't live up to its principles. If it did, I'd be a fighting democrat. Old Thomas Jefferson is good enough for me. But, alas! the distance between democratic practice and precept is pretty near as far as day from night.

Here's Sullivan's definition of direct legislation:

"The initiative: The proposal of a law by a per centage of the voters.

"The referendum: The vote at the polls on a proposed law.

"Lawmaking by the voters is termed direct legislation to distinguish it from lawmaking by representatives, which is supposed to carry out the will of the sovereign people indirectly."

Here's some things that Jefferson and others have said:

Thomas Jefferson, in his first inaugural address: "Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the form of kings to govern him? Let history answer the question."

Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Edmund Randolph: "The whole body of the nation is the sovereign legislative, judiciary and executive power for itself. It is the will of the nation which makes the law obligatory; it is their will which creates or annihilates the origin which is to declare and announce it."

Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to E. Samuel Kercheval: "Governments are republican only in proportion as they embody the will of the people and execute it."

Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Col. Ed Carrington: "I am persuaded that the good sense of the people will be found to be their best army. They may be led astray for a moment, but will soon correct themselves. The people are the only censors of their governors; and even their errors will tend to keep to the true principles of their institutions."

Here is what St. Loe Strachey, editor of the London Spectator, said recently:

"The most democratic measure conceivable is the referendum. No one who upholds that institution can be accused for a moment of not trusting the people or of failing to acquiesce in the principle that the people themselves constitute the ultimate sovereign power in the nation. That is the true touchstone. The man who refuses to agree on the referendum may be a very good Jacobin—one, that is, who holds certain abstract views as sacred—but he cannot be true to the essential principle of democratic government."

Calhoun, on rights of states, said: "By nature every individual has the right to govern himself; and governments must derive their right from the assent expressed or implied of the governed and be subject to such limitations as they impose."

Thomas Jefferson: "The will of the majority is the natural law of every society and the only sure guardian of the rights of man. Perhaps even this may sometimes err, but its errors are honest, solitary and short-lived. Let us forever bow down to the general reason of society."

Here is what two professors say of our present system:

Prof. John R. Commons: "True representative government does not exist. We have a sham representation. It gives a show of fairness but it is crude and essentially unfair. It does not represent the people. It represents the politicians. We are law abiding people. Yet our laws are made by the minority of the people, and by an irresponsible oligarchy more dangerous than that our fathers revolted against."

Prof. G. D. Herron: "Really, we are not representatively governed and the majority does not rule. Representative legislation and government are a fiction so far as our nation is concerned."

There, my friend, if you are a democrat and that don't convert you to direct legislation, I'll give you up as a bad job. If you are not a democrat paste it in your hat and fire it off at the next one you meet and convert him. You are worthless unless you spread a good thing.

The last plank in the people's party platform in Kentucky says: "We favor a constitutional amendment providing