

THE LAW SATISFIED.

MURDERER FRANK C. ALMY STRANGLED TO DEATH.

CHRISTIE WARDEN IS AVENGED.

The Carrying Out of the Execution a Most Bungling Affair—The Rope Was Too Long and When the Trap Was Sprung His Feet Struck the Floor—The Body Pulled Up a Second Time.

CONCORD, N. H., May 17.—Frank C. Almy, or he was known in early life, George H. Abbott, a criminal whose career was more remarkable in many ways than that of any creation of a novelist, was literally strangled to death by the law here to-day for the murder of Christie Warden.

Almy retired early last evening. He said nothing to the death watch except to bid them good night in his usual pleasant manner. The watchers were unusually vigilant but nothing occurred during their long vigil to indicate that the condemned man was not resting well. At 5 o'clock this morning he arose and after cheerily greeting the watch dressed himself and ate a hearty breakfast with apparent relish.

At 10 o'clock the warden with the death watch as witnesses, formally delivered Almy to the sheriff, who informed the doomed man that he might say anything he wished before going to the scaffold, but he said he had nothing to say. Meanwhile the witnesses assembled in full view of the gallows, upwards of 150 persons being present.

At 10:13 1/2 the death march was taken up and in half a minute the scaffold was reached. The officers quickly strapped Almy's arms at the elbows and then fastened his legs. As the sheriff straightened up, Almy looked at the officers and said twice in an almost inaudible tone: "May I speak?"

The sheriff shook his head and as Almy even then appeared to want to speak the cap was hastily put over his face and he said nothing. Hurlburt, after the cap was fixed, placed the hangman's knot under the left ear and at 10:16 o'clock touched the spring. The drop fell heavily and Almy's body went through the trap.

To the horror of the spectators his feet struck the floor below, his knees bending under him. The rope was evidently too long as it did not stretch any. The body bent to the right and slightly forward. Inside of a minute officers on the platform of the scaffold swung the rope and pulled the body up several feet.

Another feature of the execution that caused the witnesses to shudder was the position of the rope and the knot. The former pulled over the left ear while the knot was fully one foot above the neck. It was evident that the condemned man was strangled to death and that the execution was not a success in its details, though but one or two tremors or twitching motions could be seen and then an entire absence of struggling.

At 10:30 Almy was pronounced dead. The doors were then opened and the spectators filed by the gallows and left the prison. The gallows was removed before the dinner hour.

PLACED IN A BAD LIGHT.

Ex-Patent Commissioner Symonds Accused of Various Grave Shortcomings.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—For some weeks past rumors have been circulating in the interior department seriously concerning the official conduct of W. E. Symonds, late commissioner of patents. These were due to a letter from one of the most prominent firms of patent attorneys in this city to Commissioner Seymour stating that they had received information from a source believed to be trustworthy that certain applications in the telephone case of Daniel Drawbaugh in the secret archives of the patent office have been copied under the authority of Mr. Symonds, while commissioner, by parties outside of the patent office, contrary to law.

It is further stated that during the latter part of Mr. Symonds' administration of the patent office, he compiled a pamphlet containing ninety-six pages of closely printed matter entitled "Condensed Treatise on the Law on Patents." This contains approximately 355,000 words and is said to have been typewritten by government clerks during office hours. Other allegations of equally serious character are made by persons who claim to be in a position to know the facts.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The president to-day made the following appointments:

A. C. Baker of Arizona, to be chief justice of the supreme court of Arizona.

Edward L. Hall of New Mexico, to be marshal of the United States for the territory of New Mexico.

Benjamin H. Moore of New York to be collector of customs for the district of Alaska, vice Edwin T. Hatch, removed.

William H. Pugh, to be commissioner of customs, vice S. V. Holliday, resigned.

Robert M. Couser of Tennessee, to be deputy first auditor of the treasury, vice Alex F. McMillan of District of Columbia, resigned.

Secretary Carlisle appointed Samuel Roads, jr., of Marblehead, Mass., as chief of the stationary division of the treasury department.

A Fatal Job.

GUTHRIE, Ok., May 17.—At Cushing yesterday Hamilton Fox, aged 35, asked Bartender John Williams to hand out a drink of whisky. Williams presented a revolver and said, jokingly, "Drink out of that," when the revolver was accidentally discharged, and a bullet passed through Fox's body, killing him instantly.

THE WORST CITY IN KANSAS.

Canadian Prohibition Investigators No Complimentary to Kansas City, Kans. TOPEKA, Kan., May 17.—The Canadian committee investigating the workings of prohibition, accompanied by Governor Lewelling, Lieutenant Governor Daniels, the Rev. D. C. Miller and P. G. Noel, were driven over the city this morning.

A member of the committee said that thus far their investigations had not been encouraging for prohibition as a means of suppressing or even regulating the liquor traffic. In Topeka, all agreed that the law was fairly well enforced—that is as well as it was possible to enforce it, but even here they gathered from various sources of information that there were forty places where liquor could be obtained.

The same visitor said that the observations of the committee at Kansas City did not give them by any means a favorable impression of the place. Aside from open violation of the liquor law, they found enough vice to stamp the city as the very worst place they had seen on their trip. They regarded the gambling dens in the bottom of the Kansas side as a disgrace to the community. They understood that this element of society had been emptied by Missouri upon Kansas soil, but they were greatly surprised that the authorities of Kansas tolerated it.

THE UNION TERMINAL CASE.

Technical Objections Raised to Rehearing—Politics Among the Attorneys.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 17.—Before the state board of railroad commissioners took up the motion for a rehearing of the Union Terminal case this forenoon S. S. King of the counsel for the Union Terminal company interposed a demurrer, setting up that the board had no right to grant a rehearing of the case because the particular section of the statute referring to grade crossings was silent on the subject of rehearings. He argued the question until nearly noon when Judge Frank Doster of counsel for the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific began his reply.

Associated with Mr. King for the Union Terminal company is G. A. Vandever, also of Kansas City, Kan. Mr. King is a well-known People's party leader, offsetting Mr. Doster on the other side, who is also of that political faith. Associated with Mr. Doster are Judge David Martin and Judge David Kelso of Atchison, the regular Missouri Pacific attorneys.

A STUDENT STABBED.

Probable Fatal Cutting Affray at the Chillicothe Normal School.

CHILICOTHE, Mo., May 17.—A desperate cutting affray occurred here Sunday night, in which a young man named Alpha Dean, a student of the Chillicothe normal school from Carroll county, was dangerously and perhaps fatally injured, being stabbed no less than eleven times, the most dangerous being in the abdomen. His assailants escaped in the darkness, but yesterday morning Charles Seiser, Dudley B. Ewing and William Kemp, three young men of the town, were arrested on a warrant sworn out before Justice J. C. Barkley, charged with assault and will. They waived examination and were held to bail in bonds of \$3,000 each. Seiser and Ewing gave bonds, but Kemp went to jail in default of next Monday, May 22. The trouble is understood to have originated about a young lady. There is much indignation in the community at the outrage. Kemp was the one who is supposed to have done the cutting.

Robbed Senator Quay's Bank.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 17.—An attempt was made by burglars at 5 o'clock yesterday morning to blow open the safe of the Beaver Depot bank at Beaver, with dynamite. The robbers succeeded in forcing open the outer safe, but the inner one, containing over \$20,000 in cash and valuable securities, withstood the shock. The bank is known as "Senator Quay's bank."

Escaped Only to Die.

SING SING, N. Y., May 17.—A body was found in the river off the prison this morning and was identified by Keeper Connaughton as that of Palister, the condemned murderer, who escaped nearly a month ago with Roehl, another condemned murderer, whose body was found last week.

Governor Boise in Deep Earnest.

DES MOINES, IOWA, May 17.—Governor Boise, who returned this morning from Muscatine where he was called to investigate the attempt to blow up three families recently, said that no stone would be left unturned to ferret out the perpetrators of the crime.

NEWS NOTES.

About 2,000 Indianapolis union teamsters and laborers are on strike for eight hours and all public street work is at a standstill.

The White Star Line intends building a mammoth steamer to rival the Campania. It is to be called the Gigantic and will be 800 feet long—twenty feet longer than the Great Eastern.

The Exchange bank of Normal, a suburb of Bloomington, Ill., closed its doors. It was a private banking institution conducted by W. H. Schureman, and the cause was doing business without adequate capital. The deposits are \$93,000 and the capital stock was supposed to be \$95,000.

The City of Melbourne bank has suspended. It paid dividends of ten per cent in 1892 on a capital of \$2,500,000, and had a reserve fund of \$2,350,000. Deposits on December 31 were nearly \$25,000,000. It was eleven on the list of Australian banks as regards deposits and paid up capital.

While a party of children were in the woods at Glasgow, Mo., Odelle Steinmetz, a young girl, took a target gun which had been snapper several times without exploding and playfully placing it near the head of Howard Diggs, snapped the gun. This time it exploded and the ball entered the back of the boy's head. Partial paralysis followed and the little fellow will die.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

Abbreviated News From All Parts of the State.

Twenty men have petitioned for an A. O. U. W. charter at Scribner.

The proposed bonds for a new school house at Wakefield were defeated.

There is a class of people in McPherson who eat sauer kraut all summer.

An effort is being made to raise funds for erecting a Methodist church at Sargent.

Cedar Rapids will vote June 5th on a proposition to bond the village for water works.

John Jones, living near Atkinson, is out of a home. As usual it was a defective flue.

There is a prospect that Pender may manage to worry along the coming year without a saloon.

According to the Cedar Rapids Republican winter wheat in Boone county is in splendid condition.

Frank Ramsey of Banner county broke his shoulder while trying to break his horse.

Custer county farmers will try the experiment of raising a few acres of millet for winter feeding.

A. D. Graham of Shelton has shipped the last of 11,000 stall-fed sheep to the eastern markets.

The marshal of Scribner has been arrested for an alleged assault, and will plead "justification" in the courts.

Charley Maronville living near Lamar killed thirty-five rattlesnakes in one day in a prairie dog town near his farm.

Samuel Seydel of Hitchcock county realized \$1,600 from his last year's crop of corn by feeding it to a bunch of steers.

J. C. Werber of Sargent is out of doors for the first time in three months. He was bedridden over twenty weeks.

Platte Center is again without a newspaper. It has been found that the town is hardly large enough to keep an editor out of a poor house.

The second annual exposition of the manufacturers' and consumers' associations of Nebraska will be held at Omaha, from May 22 to June 3.

F. F. Roose, formerly of Lincoln, has sold his interest in the Lincoln Normal university and purchased the Omaha Business college.

Some thousand hogs were marketed at South Omaha Saturday and brought an average of \$7.35 per hundred. No wonder the farmers are getting rich.

The small boys of Blair have slain nearly all the singing birds in the forests round about with murderous air rifles. One or the other should be suppressed.

Of the Rhoney family, seven in number, who went from Waterloo to Oklahoma last March, five were killed by the recent tornado. Mr. Rhoney and one child escaped.

A pupil of the Genoa Indian school, while stealing a rice on a freight train slipped under a car and his leg was so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate it above the knee.

The Rook Island has hit upon a combination which beats the record by naming a town Kanorado, which is located on the state line between Kansas and Colorado.

The late warm weather has so affected William Gregg of Washington county that he has lost twenty-five pounds of flesh, but as he still has 325 pounds to fall back on he feels no alarm.

Mayor Morgan of Fullerton, who is himself a lawyer, has decided to get along without a regularly appointed city attorney. If the board wants any legal advice he is ready to furnish it at cost.

Thomas Andrews, one of the slippery twain who broke jail at Nebraska City, March 19, while awaiting sentence for grand larceny, was captured at Oklahoma the other day by the deputy sheriff of Cass county.

Eight months ago Bannard Sweeney of York got a silver in his eye and the subsequent inflammation destroyed the sight. The other day he had the optic removed, and will have a new one put in with the optic nerve left out.

C. W. Orr is being prosecuted at Niobrara for having sold a pint of ob-be-joyful to a red-skin named Elk, whereby the noble son of the forest became unduly boisterous for Mrs. Elk and the little Elks.

Rev. M. Theresa Allen has just graduated a class at Pender in the mystic philosophy of spiritual manifestation. They are, in fact, so proficient as to make a tangle dance on its hind legs and produce other psychic whoop-em-ups without the application of physical or mental force, so far as the eye can discover.

Wm. C. Miller, cashier of the Crofton State bank, at the time Crofton was laid out made the promise that, to the first baby born in the new town a town lot would be given. On April 21st a handsome pair of twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutchinson of Crofton, and now Mr. Miller will have to consider the problem on the basis that if one baby is worth one town lot, two babies must be worth two town lots.

Christian Hippe of Seward county has appealed to the courts to save him from the fury of his father-in-law whom he accuses of lambasting him with an elm club. The old man is under bonds to appear in the district court and show cause why he should not pay a fine and be sent to jail, or both, for "assault with intent to do bodily injury." The trouble grew over the cattle of one trespassing on the corn crib of the other.

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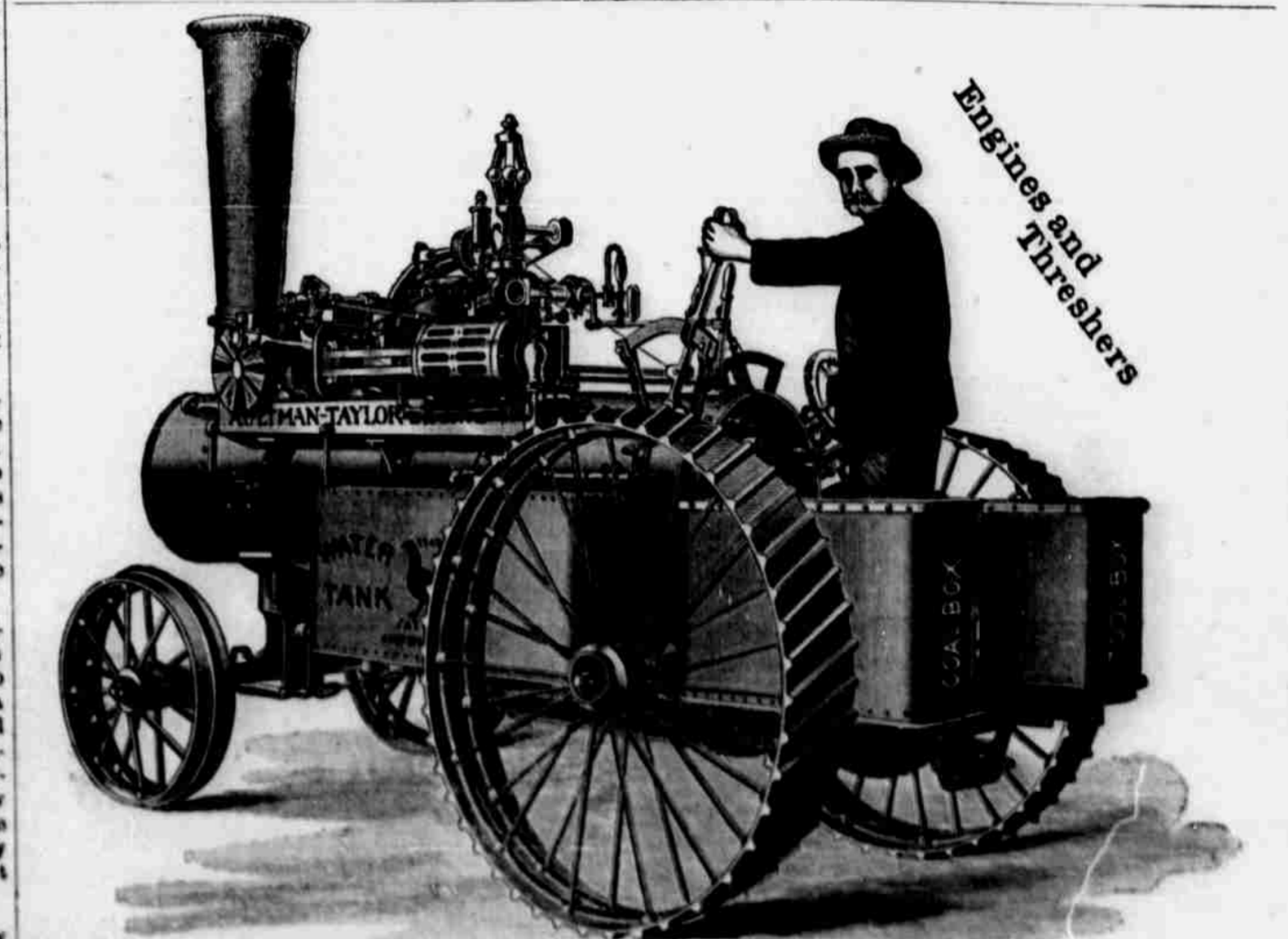
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