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One of the Most Notable Crimes in the History of Kansas.

HUGOTON, Kan., Sept. 18.—The case of the state against James Brennan, charged with the murder of the noted Sam Wood last June, was commenced Thursday in the district court.

The feud which led to the murder, the crime itself and events following it were of the most exciting and sensational character and such it was supposed would the trial be. Judge Botkin, however, before whom the trial is being held determined that it should not be. To enforce this determination he has issued peremptory orders to the court's bailiffs to maintain order in and about the court. He warned them that they would be held accountable for any disturbance that might arise, and told them that it was their duty to see that no man entered the court room with weapons on his person. Not only were they to attend to that, but they were especially charged to see that no person carrying firearms of any description was allowed to approach the building, especially the windows. Should anyone attempt to do this, after they were warned, the bailiffs were strictly enjoined to place such parties under arrest for contempt of court.

The time of the court was occupied in examining jurors. A jury had not been selected when the court adjourned for the day.

The killing of Sam Wood was one of the most notable crimes in the latter history of Kansas. Its remote cause was the enmity which arose between the citizens of Hugoton and Wooddale over the location of the county seat which afterwards resulted in a battle between the people of the two towns, in which four men were killed and several wounded. Following that and as a result of it occurred the noted murder of Sheriff Cross and several of the deputies. During all this time Sam Wood and Judge Botkins were on opposite sides of the question and were bitter enemies. Finally Judge Botkins gained an upper hand by defeating Wood for district judge on the republican ticket. Then Wood joined the alliance and was ejected by that party to the lower house of the Kansas legislature, where his knowledge of parliamentary usages induced the alliance caucus to appoint him a steering committee of one. While the legislature was in session he caused impeachment proceedings to be brought against Judge Botkins, alleging all sorts of judicial misbehavior. Judge Botkins was acquitted, but the trial embittered the old feud between the two and their friends. Just after the close of the legislative session Sam Wood went to Hugoton to attend Judge Botkin's court. He had entered the court, looked over the docket and was leaving the building when James Brennan an acknowledged friend of Botkin shot and killed Wood.

A peculiar circumstance of the trial is that Judge Botkin presides. The friends of Sam Woods have sworn that justice must be done in this case. They say Brennan must suffer the death penalty if not by judicial sentence then by the sentence of Judge Lynch. All sorts of threats have been made against Judge Botkins and it was on that account that the judge issued his stringent orders regarding the disarming of all attendants of the trial.

He Might Consider Himself Discharged. DENVER, Sept. 18.—There is war in the general offices here of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. It will be remembered that sometime ago President Moffatt and General Manager Smith tendered their resignations, but Mr. Smith agreed to remain until his successor should be appointed. Mr. Smith and Mr. Coppel, chairman of the board of directors, held a conference, during which Mr. Smith used some very sharp language to Mr. Coppel. Mr. Coppel said that no employe of the road could talk to him that way, and that Smith might consider himself discharged. Mr. Coppel issued a circular instructing that all reports formerly sent to the general manager and president should be sent to him until new officers could be appointed.

The Irrigation Congress. SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 18.—The irrigation congress met here with 450 delegates present. Governor Taomas welcomed the delegates in a somewhat lengthy speech on behalf of Utah and the mayor and the president of the chamber of commerce also delivered addresses. C. C. Wright of California was selected as permanent president, and F. K. Gillespie, secretary. Mr. Wright delivered a short speech on the matter of ceding arid land to the state territory in which it is situated and the best means to suggest to congress for so doing; also the best methods of irrigation to be suggested. The matter of memorializing congress on the subject was made a special order for Thursday.

HERBERT SPENCER, the ecologist, has lived up his three score years and ten. He is now a man of 70, though he looks ten years younger. He is of medium stature and his head is bald, except for a thin fringe of hair. He has an aquiline nose, a ruddy skin and aristocratic facial features.

HEAVY FLOODS.

Great Loss of Lives, Thousands Perish in the Floods.

Stratons Stars Them in the Face. CROPS ALL GONE.

MADRID, Sept. 17.—The floods which have caused so much damage and which are already known to have resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, had been general in the south of Spain. The damage done is simply terrible in extent. In the province of Toledo the rush of water from the Consuegra river was a sudden and unexpected that hundreds of people were drowned in their beds. The aspect of the town is positively frightful. Four hundred bodies have already been recovered and at least 100 corpses can be seen floating in the swollen rivers. A national relief fund has been opened. Wine and grain crops have been destroyed through the flooded section of the country.

The overflowing of the Consuegra threatens to be the cause of further damage. Two-thirds of the houses practically destroyed are still standing, but their foundations are sapped and threaten to fall at any moment. The families saved from drowning are in the greatest distress from want of food. A moderate estimate places the total loss of life at 2,000. A large number of corpses still rest where they were found. Unless soon interred an epidemic of fever is feared. Municipal and government authorities are exerting themselves to the utmost in order to relieve the extreme distress existing. So far as possible the drowned are being buried in trenches dug for their reception. Many bodies found are entirely nude, showing that they must have been washed from their beds or as drowning people jumped from their windows only to meet death in the swollen waters surging around them. The utmost praise is due to the troops, physicians, clergy and sisters of charity who, in this emergency, have shown themselves capable of almost superhuman exertions on behalf of the sufferers.

Months of terrible privations and extreme suffering are before the utterly impoverished survivors. Crops are gone, cattle swept away, houses and household furniture ruined, and all that would enable them to earn their bread has vanished beneath the torrents of water which have rolled over the towns and villages, fields and farms. The gripings of hunger have, in several instances, driven men to desperation and they have been goaded to pillage their luckier or more wealthy compatriots. Bands of desperate men, determined to obtain bread at any cost for their destitute families have been driven to making raids upon and pillaging buildings where they expect to find food. In some cases the rioters were successful in obtaining a limited supply of flour, wheat and corn. In most cases they found the wheat had been removed to a place of safety or distributed or sold to the starving peasantry. The troops have been instructed to take the most severe measures to protect property.

Two thousand kilos of army bread have already arrived in the flooded districts and the commissariat corps is working night and day to supply provisions to the starving people.

At Almeria the number of dead is still unknown, but it is admitted that over 500 houses have been destroyed and a large number of people perished. It is impossible at present to get full details of the disaster. But, in addition to places already referred to, at Andarax the stream has overflowed and is ruining the grape crop, and the village of Puerto, Lapiche and Villafranca have been severely ravaged by the floods.

The queen has subscribed \$20,000 to the relief fund and the Bank of Spain has added \$6,000. At Almeria the flood has stopped operations at the electric light and gas works and the city is in total darkness. The river Andaray has overflowed its banks, converting the valley into a vast lake. It is estimated that over 5,000 head of horses and cattle were drowned. The police have succeeded in suppressing pillage. Food is rapidly arriving for the sufferers. Fresh corpses are being discovered all the time. The bodies of sixty persons have been found in a public hall, where they had been overtaken by the flood in the midst of a wedding feast.

A Murderous Assault. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17.—When Eugene Shire, who was incarcerated for making a murderous assault upon his paramour, Maggie Dolan, secured his liberty, he went to 71 Morgan street where he found the woman. Throwing his right arm around her he pinned her against the wall and whipping out a knife slashed her throat from ear to ear. Believing that he had killed her - out his own throat. The couple were removed to the hospital. Little hope is entertained of their recovery.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 17.—Fire destroyed the repair buildings of the Southern Pacific car shops, together with four coaches and several thousand feet of lumber. Loss about \$10,000.

The Road Blocked. BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Sept. 19.—Tunnel 17, near the scene of Tuesday night's collision on the Southern Pacific railroad, has caved in and it is thought the road will be blocked for several days.

Will Be Hanged.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 19.—Unless the supreme court shall interfere in his behalf Colonel H. Clay King will be hanged in this city on November 6 next for the murder of David H. Poston on 10 of last March.

The chapter in the life of Colonel King, so far as the criminal court of Shelby county is concerned, was closed Friday when Judge J. Dubois of the criminal court, after a lengthy opinion, said: "Let the motion be overruled."

The crime for which H. Clay King stands convicted is too fresh in the minds of the people to need rehearsing in detail. Between 10 and 11 o'clock on the 10th of last March Colonel King stepped from a doorway on Main street, opposite Court House square, and shot down Lawyer D. Poston, who was hurrying to the court house on important business. He died a few hours later. King at once gave himself up and was committed to jail without bail and his trial, a few months thereafter, lasted thirty-two days, the longest and most celebrated criminal trial in the history of the country. The jury after nearly two days' deliberation brought in a verdict guilty of murder.

A new trial was applied for, and Friday morning Judge Dubois, delivered his opinion, overruling the motion.

Every exception in the prisoner's behalf was overruled. King sat perfectly stolid with a broad fan pressed tight against his lips. Judge Green, King's attorney, excepted to the judgement of the court in overruling the motion.

There was another pause of a minute, when Judge Dubois, looked up from the manuscript he had been rearranging, said: "Let the prisoner come forward."

Instantly King rose from his chair and with a nervous but fixed and immovable countenance stepped a few paces toward the bench and looked steadily in the judge's face. In a distinctive voice the judge said: "It is the judgement of this court that you, H. Clay King, shall be committed to the body of the county jail and there safely kept by the sheriff until the 6th day of Nov., 1891, when, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. the sheriff shall within the jail, take you to a gallows, therein constructed, and hang you by the neck until you are dead."

The prisoner stood as a statue through the dread ordeal of words, and when the court had finished he turned on his heels and walked firmly back to his chair.

Major Wetherford then arose and said that an appeal would be taken to the supreme court.

Colonel King between two deputies was taken back to jail.

Inducing Moisture.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 19.—The government rainmakers had everything in readiness for the great test Friday. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon John T. Ellis of the expedition went up in a balloon two miles to measure the humidity of the atmosphere. The balloon bounded upward when turned loose and up into the blue sky it went until it looked like a huge bird. When it was up one mile a number of explosions were set off on the ground. The balloon fell in the mountains thirteen miles from the city and the balloon nor occupant have been heard from.

Since the heavy explosions, Friday heavy dark clouds have gathered above Mount Franklin, from which point the bombardment took place.

Mr. E. H. of the rain-making party, who went up in a balloon to measure the humidity of the atmosphere, has returned to the city. Sensational reports sent out by special correspondents that he was lost in the mountains and hurt are not true.

Making More Dimes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.—Congress, at its last session, authorized the recoinage of the uncurrent fractional silver coin now in the treasury abraded below the limit of tolerance, and made an appropriation of \$150,000 to cover the loss to the coin by abrasion, etc. This sum, it is estimated, will cover the loss on about \$4,000,000 of the coin, and this amount is now being coined into quarter dollars and dimes, for which there is a very great demand, particularly for the dimes, as the fall approaches and trade becomes active. The recoinage into standard silver dollars of the \$5,000,000 (in round numbers) of trade dollar bullion, which the last congress authorized, is also in progress, and will be completed in the next two months.

To Succeed a Thief.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 19.—Chas. J. Kirschner of Toledo, O., was elected supreme treasurer of the Catholic Knights of America, to succeed defaulting Treasurer O'Brien, whose stealings amounted to a little over \$71,000.

Important Discoveries.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 19.—Chief Lee of the Boudoin college expedition to Labrador, which arrived here Friday on its way home, expressed himself as being more than satisfied with the results of the expedition. He had satisfactorily solved the question of the existence and grandeur of the grand falls of Labrador, a subject which had heretofore been a legend to the scientific world, and a race of Montaignian Indians have been found. This is the first discovery of that race known to the white man.

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

The British Mariners Take Possession of an Island Near the Dardanelles.

The Lion Steals a March on the Bear And Secures a Rendezvous for English Fleets.

EXCITEMENT IN ENGLAND

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 19.—A detachment of blue jacket mariners from a British ironclad, accompanied by a battery of light field pieces and several gatling guns, landed at Sigr, on the island of Mitylene, formally occupying that place in the name of the queen of England. There is a good harbor at Sigr and it is supposed the British naval officers at Mitylene intend to fortify the island to make it a coaling station and rendezvous for the British Mediterranean fleet. Sigr is on the coast of Mitylene and is about sixty miles from the mouth of the Dardanelles.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Soon as the report of the occupation of Mitylene by a British force was received here there was considerable excitement. The general opinion seems to be that if the British forces had not landed in the neighborhood of the Dardanelles neither the foreign office nor the admiralty would have refused to deny a rumor calculated to awaken the gravest apprehension in financial and diplomatic circles.

Insane From Trouble.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 16.—The blowing up of his house in Armourdale, Kan., and the strange death of his wife by poison have seemingly crazed Joseph M. Juvenal. Three he insanely attempted to do murder.

It was the day set for the preliminary hearing of Miss Millie Ploffman, charged with blowing up Juvenal's house with dynamite. Miss Ploffman was the young woman whom Juvenal jilted for the woman who subsequently became his wife, and who died from the effects of arsenical poisoning last Saturday.

The arrangements for the trial were unique. The crowd of people who wanted to hear the trial was so great to be accommodated in the small office of Justice Herring. There is a large lodge room over the justice's office which could be procured for the hearing at a rental of \$750, and so not to disappoint the hundreds of people anxious to hear the trial, the judge announced that if the necessary sum could be raised among the crowd to pay the rent, he would adjourn court to the lodge room. Two constables passed around their hats and soon the desired amount was raised. The justice then announced that court would be held in the room above.

The case had attracted wide attention in Armourdale, and among the friends of the parties interested the feeling had run high. As a precautionary measure, therefore, the justice ordered that every male spectator should be searched for weapons before being admitted to the court room. Two constables were stationed at the entrance and they made the search. A half bushel of revolvers and other weapons of various kinds were gathered from the crowd. Juvenal gave up two revolvers, and John Hale, attorney for Miss Ploffman, gave up one. The search, however, was not a very exhaustive one, and the constables failed to find a dagger which Juvenal had secreted in an inner pocket and a derringer which Hale had placed beyond the searchers' reach.

The trial was about to begin when Juvenal suddenly drew his dagger and made for Hale. Before he could reach him, however, he was intercepted by the bystanders, who disarmed him. Hale was expecting the attack and drew the derringer. He, too, was disarmed. After a hasty consultation with the attorneys Justice Herring adjourned court.

Juvenal was arrested and taken to the police station, where Reporter Hutton of the Times followed to interview him. When Hutton was admitted to the corridor Juvenal seized a heavy stone iron and would have beaten the reporter to death but for the interference of the guards.

It is believed Juvenal has become insane as a result of his troubles.

Counterfeit as Arrested.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. 16.—A gang of counterfeiters have been arrested in this city. George E. Neel and Mrs. E. S. Wilson were taken Saturday evening for passing spurious coin. Neel lives on a farm near Lawrence, Douglas county Kan. The sheriff of that county was telegraphed to search the farm house, and on doing so he found a complete outfit of dies, furnaces, crucibles, acids, metals, etc., usually used by counterfeiters. Charles Chipwood of Lawrence was also arrested, charged with being an accomplice of the counterfeiters.

Pronounced Null and Void.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—It is announced that the clandestine marriage at Lake Geneva, Wis., last June of F. Lee Rust, son of a wealthy Eau Claire lumberman, and Miss Gertrude W. Potter, daughter of O. W. Potter, president of the Illinois Steel company of this city, was last night declared by Judge Horton of this city, sitting privately, null and void. The ground on which the decree was granted was that the bride was a minor and had contracted the alliance without the knowledge of her parents. The action was brought by the elder Rust, with the consent of the bride.

His Sentence Cut Down.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 18.—A cablegram from London announces that the sentence of the notorious American forger, Austin Bidwell, has been cut down and that he will be released February next. William Pinkerton, who effected Bidwell's capture, when shown the cablegram yesterday, expressed his entire satisfaction at the remitting of the sentence.

"The poor fellow has been in prison almost twenty years," said Mr. Pinkerton, "and he is, I think, sufficiently punished for his crime. That forgery is one of the greatest on record. Bidwell and his brother formerly ran a candy store on Madison street in this city. They went away and finally conceived the plan of looting the Bank of England. A number of bills of exchange were counterfeited and \$1,000,000 were secured on them. The forgery was discovered that night and the police went to work. Previously I had furnished the London police with photographs of the gang and by these they were enabled to fix the crime where it belonged."

Austin Bidwell made his escape to Cuba, where Pinkerton caught him in company with his bride. Bidwell escaped but was recaptured and taken to England where he was tried and sentenced in 1874. A cipher letter to Bidwell gave a clue which led to the recovery of \$250,000 of the money which had been converted into United States bonds. In the meantime the older Bidwell brother had been captured in Scotland and was sentenced for life. Becoming paralyzed while in prison his pardon was procured. Since that time he and other members of the family have been tireless in their efforts to secure the release of Austin, who was but 25 years of age when he was sentenced.

A Duel With Swords.

PERROTTE, MISS., Sept. 18.—A duel with swords took place here between Tom Allerton and James Arrowsmith, two farmers, between whose families a feud of long standing has existed. As Miss Arrowsmith was returning from town last Saturday she met Tom Allerton. As she passed him he called her father's name. The young lady told her brother James and he demanded an apology. Allerton refused and a duel was agreed upon for this morning with swords as weapons. The fight was of the most terrific character and while both cut, it seemed as if neither would gain the mastery. Suddenly Allerton dropped his sword, when Arrowsmith made a savage lunge, cleaving the left side of his opponent's head open. Allerton dropped to the ground in a heap. Arrowsmith gave himself up to the sheriff and is retained in custody as it is not expected Allerton will live.

A Strange Run of Luck.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Schultz Edwards, an actor in the "Jane" company at Madison square, on Friday night, it is said, went to John Daly's place in West Twenty-ninth street and began to play roulette. Keeping to the red and black, in less than half an hour he ran a \$10 note up to \$200. Then it is said, he began to play faro. He made a swell bet of \$100 at every turn of the cards. He played no system, but just placed his money on the spur of the moment. His money doubled, trebled and quadrupled until at the end of two hours' play he is reported to have been \$7,000 ahead of the game. Then he stopped playing, as his luck began to change. The bank was a very heavy loser that night, as many of the old-time players in the house quickly observed the strange run of luck of the actor and played just as he did.

After Six Years.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 18.—Government Detective W. C. Nagus, left for Portland, Ore., with little Harry C. Whitbeck, aged seven, who was kidnapped from the residence of his father George Whitbeck, a millionaire of Portland, six years ago. At the time of the kidnapping Harry was only fourteen months old. No clue of the child was found till six months ago when the detective got a clue at Omaha, followed it up to Homestead, six miles from this city, and located the boy in the family of a mill-worke named Long. He recognized the child by a birthmark. The woman who brought the boy to the Long family died some time ago. Mr. Whitbeck has spent \$20,000 looking for the boy. The detective will receive \$5,000 reward.

Reviewed the French Army.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—President Carnot and his ministers of state Vitry Le Francois reviewed the French army, consisting of 110,000 men, which, since September 3, have been maneuvering in the east under the direction of General Saussier.

A California Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—At a late hour last night a freight train crashed into the rear of the Los Angeles express west of Girard. One man was killed and several injured. The dead man is Colonel William Harnay, manager of the Golden Gate woolen mills. Miss Spring of Illinois was severely bruised.

A Night Earthquake.

PORTLAND, ORE., Sept. 18.—Several slight shocks of earthquake were felt here Thursday about 8:35. No damage has been done.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

A two-headed baby was born at this week.

A camp of Modern Woodmen been organized at Morse Bluff. Mend had a series of revivals continuing all last week.

There is a scarcity of farm reported in Keya Paha county.

The Fremont Y. M. C. A. has incorporated under the state laws. Fremont's new electric light been turned on and give satisfaction.

Canvassors for groceries and ing rods are abroad in Climbing county.

Numerous grain thefts are reported in the northwest portion of county.

"Harrison, Sioux county, water works system" says the county Herald.

Lightning struck a stack of belonging to J. V. Esping, near rege, and burned it.

Miss Ada Thomas of Platte has been adjudged insane and sent to the Lincoln hospital.

A little child of Herman King of Shelby was run over by a wagon and probably fatally injured.

Mrs. Samuel Black of Norden, out pluming, fell out of a wagon and was seriously injured by the over.

Box Butte county wheat runs twenty to forty-five bushels to the while oats go from thirty-five to five.

Over 1,100 scholars were enrolled the opening day of the Hastings a gain of 100 over the opening of last year.

The little three-year-old County Commissioner Lebr of dislocated his elbow and broke his while engaged in playing.

C. D. Cooper of Sterling ran a big machine over a nest of humbles and was so badly stung that he thrown into spasms. He will recover.

The assessed valuation of county precinct is equal to almost the valuation of Dakota county 1887. It is the smallest precinct in the county.

The grand army reunion for West Nebraska, to take place at Springs, will be held on the first of September and the two first days of October.

September 12 the Baptist church congregation and Sunday school of township, Adams county, will hold picnic at Burton's grove, two east of Hastings.

The U. B. camp meeting which in progress for two weeks at the grove in Seward county was a successful one, many new members uniting with the church.

John Salvane, a farm hand for DeWitt Eager on his farm, near Crossing, Seward county, kicked in the face and side by a and died from the injuries received.

Sheriff Peters of Stanton county arrested Ellis Steiger, who was for George Haines of Stanton, burglary committed in Arrington, six weeks ago. Steiger has confessed.

A gang of fifty men are now at on the large new block being by Messrs. Dutton and Hany in Hings, and work will be prosecuted vigor until the building is complete.

The Chadron water works system will be changed from the pumping the gravity system. Under the system the city will derive a net annual revenue of \$2,500. Mr. F. L. rell of Fremont will make the changes in systems.

The Seventh Day Adventists holding a local camp meeting at City, Nebr., commencing September and continuing until Monday September 21. Plenty of family tents pitched upon the ground to accommodate all free of charge.

While playing with matches a the year old son of Frank Halenman of was badly burned. His mother gone to a neighbor's house, leaving small children alone, and when she turned she found the younger with clothes burned off. He cannot live.

A petition was filed the other day the clerk's office nominating Miss della Maika for county superintendent. The petition is signed by fifty names, mostly from Chadron. Among them we notice such republicans as B. Carley and such democrats as Less.

Mr. Stanley, who lives three west of town, has sold to the Tilt elevator company \$131 worth of from four acres of ground and twenty bushels left for seed, and pastured his hogs on it till two before harvest. Let us hear from the who that can beat this.

A peculiar accident occurred at Edmont Wednesday. An empty box got away from the yard switch and ran out on the main track just the fast stock train was coming in town, the two coming together on the south end of the Cheyenne river bridge. The car was smashed into kindling wood and the engine suffered the loss of its pilot, and smoke stack besides some other slight damages. T. J. Williams, the engineer on the stock train was slightly injured in jumping from his cab to avoid the collision.