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STAY OF EXECUTION.

From State Journal of April 19th.

Mr. Erickson, sheriff of Kearny county, arrived in the city yesterday, for the purpose of taking with him to Minden Mathias Simmerman, the man sentenced to be hanged in that town next Saturday.

Upon his arrival he was served with a mandate ordering a stay of execution from the Supreme Court.

The case will come before the court on a writ of error on July 3d. Until that time Simmerman will remain in the penitentiary. Mr. Erickson informed a JOURNAL reporter yesterday that he had visited the governor and Simmerman during the day. He also stated that the people about Minden for miles away were making preparations to attend the hanging, and the stay of execution would prove a disappointment to them.

The scaffold, with a board enclosure 12x16, was already finished, and the rope to hang Simmerman had been procured. The sheriff leaves for home to-day.

The people of Downs, Kansas, are considerably excited over a haunted house, or rather dugout. About half a mile from town is an island nicknamed by some of the old soldiers of the town and vicinity "Island No. 10," containing some eighty acres, and surrounded by the waters of the Solomon. There are no improvements except a dugout, and this is constructed upon a more modern plan than the large majority of them, having a board and shingle roof. Several families have tried to live there, but only succeeded for a short time, having been driven away, as they said, by strange noises, appearance of unknown faces, ghosts, etc. Until quite recently the place was abandoned, but lately a family consisting of husband, wife and two children have been living there. Complaint was also made by this family, of the house being haunted, and several of the citizens of Downs went over to the dugout, determined on investigating the matter, and this they did to their entire satisfaction. The party consisted of honest and conscientious citizens and good business men. Arrived at the dugout they stationed themselves in and around the house, and there awaited events. Everything was still for a time, but in a little while strange noises began to be heard and soon a voice, "I'll kill you; I'll kill you; I'll kill you," was heard, three times in succession. At this the party set up such a scream that they could be heard in town, and yelling with all their might, did not "let up" until reaching Downs. There is no doubt of the dugout being haunted. In sight, and but a short distance away, was committed, some two years ago, one of the most cold blooded murders that has ever been heard of. Further particulars are awaited with anxiety.—[*Kansas Paper.*

Omaha Bee: The supreme court has granted a stay of proceedings in the case of Simmerman, the Minden murderer, upon what is understood to be a purely technical point. If the bench at Lincoln believe the convicted criminal to be entitled to this new chance for life they are compelled under their oath to afford it. Public resentment against the murderer must not be directed against the laws under whose operation he has been sentenced to die. There is a great deal of senseless and dangerous comment in the press about "the failure of justice." Justice cannot fail. The application of law may fail to result in justice through no fault of the law itself, but justice itself is above failure. The taking of a man's life is a serious matter even when done in a legal manner. It ought to be hedged around by every safeguard from mistake. On this account our laws, with a view to securing justice, afford an accused criminal every opportunity to prove his innocence even at the foot of the gallows. The theory that it is better that ninety-nine guilty men should escape than that one innocent man should suffer is in the interests of society. It was due to no defect in the law that Olive escaped the gallows. The law was explicit, competent and applicable. The the failure arose from gross incompetency in its application by public officers paid to understand the provisions of the criminal code and presumable conversant with it. A faulty indictment cannot be charged against the law. The district attorney who draws it up is responsible, and if the criminal escapes through its quashing by the court the law cannot be blamed. People who understand the matter find less fault with the law than with the manner in which it is enforced.

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OUR TEXAS LETTER.

BRADY, MCCULLOCH CO. TEXAS, April 5th, 1883.

ED. CHIEF.—I am at present in McCulloch county, one of the best counties in western Texas, but used principly as range for sheep. There are some farmers and cattle men here, but not many. Brady, a small town on a beautiful creek of the same name, is the county seat of this county, which lies in the mountain district of Texas, and is drained by Camp, San Soba river, and Brady creeks. There are many beautiful streams here which feed these creeks, but which in dry weather do not throw enough water to keep the creeks running, but is very seldom that they are dry. There is plenty of fish in the streams, cat, gar, bass and perch being the principal ones. The land is covered with the exceedingly nutritious Mesquit grass, and here and there over the land is found the Mesquit tree. Along the creeks and on the mountains are found live oak, post oak, elm and sycamore trees, also some cottonwood. The climate is very healthy and the land lays so high that we are not troubled with such excessive heat. The principal drawback to this country has been its very dry seasons, but they are fast becoming things of the past. There are very few nuts and scarcely any wild fruit, and the people have not paid much attention to fruit raising as their minds have been taken up by stock raising, but now a great many are turning their attention to agriculture, and claim that they can raise anything they have tried. Cotton, one bale to the acre; corn from 35 to 45 bushels per acre; millet oats and rye do well and bring a good price. There are some peach orchards that are doing well. Vegetables grow well and bring an extravagant price. As to the soil; in some places it is so rocky that it will not produce well and rock is scattered all over, but along the San Soba the soil is pretty good. Rattlesnake, Moccason, Tarantulas and Centipede are here, but the rattlesnake are in the majority. I have been in the country two weeks and have seen but one rattlesnake. The prairie dog has seemingly possession of a goodly portion of this county. I traveled over thirty miles one day and was not out of hearing of their yawp all day long and had to camp in their town. The corn is up nicely and the ground is fairly covered with beautiful flowers. Phlox, Pinks, Prim-roses, Moss-roses, Prickley poppeys, musk, Geranium etc., are out in full bloom. This is the home of the cactus. I saw a very pretty sight along the San Soba this morning. On the right bank of the river is a high cliff, I presume 100 feet high. The rocks are covered with green moss and in the crevices was the round cactus with its bright red flowers, one bunch grew on the very edge of the cliff and seemed to be looking down at me. Adieu for this time.

F. S.

BURNETT, BURNETT CO., TEXAS. April 15th 1883.

Since my last letter I have moved two counties to the north and east and am now going to stop for a short time near the lively town of Burnett. Burnett is situated a little west of the centre of the county in a very beautiful little valley, and there are mountains on nearly every side of it. The Narrow Gauge rail road connects Burnett with Austin, and Burnet is the western terminous of that railroad, and is a good market for the cotton, wool, etc. that is raised in the western and less favored counties. There are many springs in these mountains but the most of them are very small and do not last in very dry weather. There is much more attention paid to farming in this county than in McCulloch Co. and the country is not as subject to drouth, but every year is improving McCulloch in that respect and I like the soil much the best, especially where the land is impregnated with iron, while this is the black land. The rye is headed out and the farmers are cultivating their corn and everything looks prosperous. I met a man, a resident of Alano county (west of Burnet) that had been farming eight years in that county and had never missed a crop. He said that there were more than the average in Texas of those that planted but did not tend, and they were always complaining of bad seasons etc. He said he had a little place on the San Barnard and he and his son raised last year on that place 100 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of corn at 75 cents to one dollar, 400 bushels potatoes and fifty bales cotton, and such is the demand for farm products in the range counties that everything a man wants to sell can be sold at a good price on the farm. Now the mistake that a great many make in coming to Texas is this; they expect to come here and lay around the saloon and have a big bunch of stock or a big well improved farm given to them. The Texas people are liberal but to those who try to help themselves. Yours in haste. F. S.

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WESSON, MISS., April 23.—A cyclone struck Beauregard and this place last evening. Beauregard was totally wrecked. Many were killed and wounded. The depot was blown across the track. Twenty-five houses were blown down here, killing fifteen persons and wounding a good many. The wind for the past three days has been blowing a gale, and lowering clouds indicate a storm. Its approach was known in Wessen some minutes before by deep rumbling sounds. Windows in dwellings were shaken with violence, many thinking it an earthquake. Fences were torn down, and trees uprooted.

AT JACKSON, MISS.

JACKSON, April 23.—Reports of destruction by the cyclone are coming in. At Wessen, thirteen were killed and sixty wounded. At Beauregard, twenty three were killed and ninety wounded. Twenty seven houses in Wessen were destroyed. Beauregard was entirely swept away. The suffering was very great. Assistance is needed. On the Natchez & Columbus railroad, the town of Tillman was destroyed. Several were killed and wounded. On the Vicksburg & Meridan railroad, the town of Lawrence suffered terribly. Reports from other places and from the county show that the storm was wide spread and destructive. Telegraph lines were blown down for miles.

Beauregard is a mile north of Wessen, and has about six hundred inhabitants. The town was entirely swept away. Destruction to life and property is indescribable and appalling. Not a house of any character is left standing. Large brick buildings were blown down, frame houses torn to attoms, trees swept away like straws, leaded freight cars lifted from the track and carried two hundred yards. The town could not be recognized. One gloomy, ghastly mass of desolation and destruction marks the spot of what was a beautiful village.

CYCLONE IN IOWA.

DES MOINES, IOWA, April 23.—A cyclone passed up Maple river valley last evening, following close along the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, which strikes off from Manly junction. At Danbury the Catholic church was wrecked, three houses blown down.

AT DUNLAP.

DUNLAP, IOWA, April 23.—A tornado passed this place Saturday night carrying away many farm houses and barns, and killing a great quantity of stock. Trees were torn up and some loss of life reported, but no definite particulars. The track of the tornado was northward through Marona and Woodbury counties.

AT EASTMAN, GA.

EASTMAN, GA., April 23.—A cyclone passed over town early this morning, doing great damage. The house of John Register was blown down, and two children killed. Samuel Harris' house was demolished, and his wife and children badly injured.

AT REDLICK, MISS.

RED LICK, MISS., April 23.—At 11 a. m. yesterday a tornado passed through about one mile east of this place, causing some loss of life and great damage to property. The track of he storm was 200 yards wide. Everything in the track was swept away, including cabins, trees, fences, cattle, etc. On the Ross place, one mile from here, it blew down houses, killing a child, and injuring several persons, but one house remains standing. Much damage was done to crops and fences. In one cabin were five people, who say the walls and roof were lifted up and carried away, leaving the people standing unhurt on the floor.

IN GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, GA., April 23.—*Constitution* specials report the passage of a cyclone through the lower part of Georgia with destruction. Also very general winds and very heavy rains all over the state. The lightning was continuous, and kept the night lit up so that one could read. Fences and dams were washed away with great loss. Specials from Albany report eight killed and about twenty-five wounded. An Eastman special reports two killed. The track of the cyclone in Dougherty is reported to be a quarter of a mile wide.

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Wendelin Herr.

H'd 6002, for the north-west quarter of section 14 town 3 north, range 9 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Bangert, Louis Bangert, Sonholt Wicke and Matthias Hanker, all of Thomasville, Neb. apr13may11 S. W. SWITZER, Register.

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