## A HORRIBLE SCENE

Execution of the Condemmed Bald-Knobbers at Osark, Mo.

A Terrible Scene Occasioned by the Bangling Manner in Which the Terrible Duty was Performed by the Officers.

ORARE, Mo., May 10 .- It is all over. The majesty of the law has been sustained. Dave Walker, his son William Walker and John Matthews, the three Bald Knobbers, were hanged to-day for the killing of made by letter and petition from different sec-William Edens and Charley Green on the tions of the State. I do not understand you to William Edens and Charley Green on the night of March 11, 1987. The prisoners were up at an early hour

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this morning and ate their breakfast at the usual hour. The jail-yard was full of guards armed with Winchesters, shotguns and revolvers, and were in charge of Captain G. W. Taylor, who was foreman of the grand jury which indicted the Bald Knobbers, and known here as the "special Bald Knob grand jury." Quite a number of people from the country came in, but the number of strangers was not very large, as few people were permitted to witness the execution. Matthews' wife and mother came in last evening, and it was learned this morning that several other of his relatives were bere.



Intrid Walker.

Divine services were opened in the jail at 7:30 a.m., conducted by Revs. Thos. Hanks, D. E. Graystone and T. B. Horn, assisted by a few Christian ladies. The service was continued up to the hour of execution. John Matthews took part in the exercises and delivered an earnest prayer in loud voice. Wm. Walker also led in prayer once, but persons on the outside could hear very little that was said by him.

At 8:53a. m. the sheriff entered the jail and read the death warrant to the doomed Bald Knobbers, after which Thomas Delaney, one of their attorneys, was admitted to have an interview and bid them farewell.

At 9:10 a. m. the prisoners commenced dressing themselves for the scaffold and finished their toilettes at 9:20. They were dressed with white shirts, linen colors, black cravats, low slippers and black coat, vest and pants, an imitation of broadcloth.

The jury and reporters were admitted to the inside at 9:20. Just before leaving his cell John Matthews proclaimed his innocence in a loud voice. The sheriff

### THE YOUTHFUL LOAFER. He is Just as Well Represent as in the East. d in the West

convicted, had not at that time been passed up-on by the Supreme Court I granted a reprieve to the former two until April 28. Previous to that the Supreme Court had affirmed the find-ing of the lower court in David Walker's case, and had fixed May 10 as the date of his execu-tion. About Amil 19 row made another apreal I have occasion to walk about the tion. About April 12 you made another appeal for commutation of the sentence imposed on William Walker and John Matthews, and when streets so much that without any conscious effort I find myself classifying day? You ought to be at church and worthe people whom I meet, and dividing shiping God instead of breaking the Sab-bath in this way." The poor lad in his rage that was denied asked for a respite until May 10, the day fixed by the Supreme Court for the execution of Duvid Walker. This was granted. For the past four days I have devoted most of my time and attention to a consideration of a great many faces and figures into a small number of types. There is one "Oh, sir, it's very easy for you to talk that species in particular which of late has | way, but God knows that we poor chape the arguments which you have presented in be-half of the condemned men, and to an investi inspired me with good deal of disgust. mation is the condemned men, and to an investi-gation of the testimony given at the trial of their cases and now on file in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court. I have read care-fully the petition of the trial judge and prose-cuting attorney for commutation of sentence, as well as your many written appeals for merry made by letter and metition from different acc It or he is a young man of medium height and slight frame, with a small, narrow head, a thin, pale face, prominent check bones usually, and a weak chin. His dress is of the shabby genteel variety, ranging from new and flashy slop-shop garments to those had fair trials, that they are unquestionably guilty, and that "their conviction was simply the conclusion of the law from the evidence." that are old and threadbare. His hat been business competition decre is invariably a derby, and commonly These being admitted facts, it is obviously necessary that strong reasons should be pre-sented to justify executive interference. That you have ably and ingenously presented every reasonable argument for your clients I cheerfully testify. The ignorance and poverty of the culprits, the widness of the country in which they lived their former good character, the fact that the Bald Knobber organization to which they belonged, was not formed for the purpose of pillage, but through a mistaken desire on the part of its placed on one side of his head. He is nary business methods. very apt to sport a plated watch-chain, and a pointed shoe is one of the objects of his ambition. There is a general air of reckless abandon about him, his high collar being very open in front, his vest cut low, his coat unbuttoned through a mistaken desire on the part of its founders to correct evils and enforce the law and his movements slouching and unthemselves-all these mitigating facts you have certain.

themselves—all these mitigating facts you have carefully set forth in a forcible manner. The new testimony which you have presented in the shape of affidavits from respected citizens and officials, attacking the credibility of a promi-nent witness in the case of David Walker, has been duly considered and carefully weighed. The testimony given at the tripis, as shown in the model of the case provide for it and If the reader recognizes this type, he will not need to be told that the young man whom we have in our mind is commonly out of work. or the merits of that wonderful remedy for kidthe record of the case, presents few, if any, palliating circumstances. It shows that a meet-"loafing," as he correctly describes neydisease-Warner's Safe Cure. Hon. H. his state, such being his natural con- H. Warner first came to know of its curadition. I suspect that there is almost tive power by being restored to health from ing of a score or more of armed and hideously-masked men was held on the night of the 11th of March, 1887, and that for two hours they consuited together; that the members of the meet-ing departed from the place of the assemblage always some toiling person behind this gay butterfly-some mother, in a direction different from the one in which lay the homes of the leaders and many of the sister or other relative, who works men: that although preconcerted act on was not proven upon their arrival at the home of one William Edens, almost with one achard, and generously but foolishly supports him. Meanwhile he walks cord the party approached the house and did the streets, sits out on the common in | had a purpose, which has been accomplished. not turn away until it was ascertained that the dwelling was unoccupied, that thence their footsteps were directed toward the house fine weather, haunts the dime of James Edens, father of uid William Edens, which was situated one-fourth of a mile dis-tant, and which was on the opposite side of the ra iroad and of the main road: that when they arrived there they fired into the only window museums and other like places of amusement, and must certainly be deferred to as a connoisseur in five-cent cigars. His financial transactions of the tenement, and breaking down the doors rushed in, discharging their frearms indiscrim-inately: toat the efforts of the inmates to proalmost always take the form of small pool-buying on the result of profestect themselves from this invasion were futile against the over-powering number and arms of sional games of base-ball. In fact, he their assailants: that this family, not charged with being other than harmless, honest and law-abiding, and whose only offense had been occasional expression of disapproval of the methods of the Baid Knobber organization, and comes out very strongly when the national game is in progress, and may be the only specific for kidney disease, and be seen hanging on the end of a horse all diseases growing out of kidney derangewhich consisted of a father, mother, son and daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law, and car in great numbers, with the usual two grandchildren, was aroused from its slum-bers at the dead of night and butchered over cigar in his mouth, upon those occasions when a championship contest is its own hearthstone: that the son and son-inlaw were murdered, the father felled and left for dead: that the daughter only escaped with to take place at the South End. I course. fear that he is beyond the reach of The theory of the trial judge advanced in his plea for commutation to the effect that these murders, although possessing the elements of deliberation in a technical sense, were not premission Sunday schools, or even of the Associated Charities; and if any thing could "set him up" physically and meditated in a moral sense, does not comport with the fact that the distance between the morally, it would probably be a conhouses of William and James Edens of one scription and military service.-Boston Post.

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The sentiment seems to be growing that in the United States the time has arrived when "the poor chaps don't have no chance." There is some truth in it. The poor are

not shut out from making a liveliho od, but the gulf between riches and poverty continually grows more difficult to cross. As the country becomes densely populated es the chances for accumulating wealth by ordi-

But the same conditions vastly improve the chances for great success to those who can strike out in new paths, can furnish something to the world that others can

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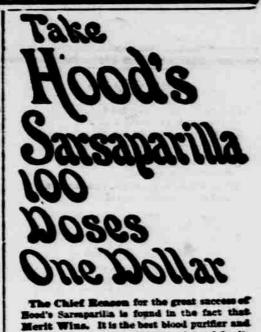
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helped Matthews up the steps. Young Walker followed with a firm step, his father following close behind as firm as aver.

At the trap a short prayer was delivered by Rev. T. B. Horn, after which all joined in singing. T. B. Horn rendered a selection from the book of Job. Rev. Thomas Hanks delivered a beautiful prayer. The noose was ad-justed at 9:40. John Matthews said he had nothing to add; he was there, but took no part in the crime. Matthews called on all who were willing to help his little ones to hold up their hands. Nearly everyone in his sight held up their hands. The black caps were adjusted at 9:51. At 9:53 the drop fell. John Matthews fell praying. The stretch of the rope let all fall to the ground. The rope broke and William Walker fell loose and lay there struggling and groaning. He talked for three minutes, when he was taken up by the sheriff and deputies on the scaffold. Dave Walker was drawn up and died in about fifteen minutes. Matthews lived about thirteen minutes and died with his feet on the ground. The scene was horrible in the extreme. Matthews and Dave Walker were cut down at 10:10.

The trap was again adjusted, and Wm. Walker lifted helpless and groaning and gurgling and almost insensible, and the rope again adjusted and the trap again sprung.

This time the descent came to a sudden stop with his feet full thirty inches from the ground, and he died without a struggie.

In about fourteen minutes, when he was cut down. The bodies were laid on a white sheet spread on the ground and covered with another.



The jury, composed of the following men, J. C. Rogers, T. L. Robertson, Dr. J. H. Fullbright, Dr. C. B. Elkins, Dr. W. H. Dewitt, T. J. Hanks, Thos. Bavliff, J. G. Kenston, J. A. Graham, E. W. Pearce, Thos. Voland and M. Hipes, went to the circuit clerk's office to fizish up their

work. The people have been very quiet all day. They discuss the revolting scene at the scaffold and are somewhat bitter in their denunciation of the bungling work Many of the people in this county think grant the e the hanging was a very unjust punishment, but recognize the fact that it was the duty of every good citizen to submit to the enforcement of the law.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS' LETTER.

Below we give Governor Francis' letter to T. J. Delany, counsel for the Bald Knobbers, reciting his reasons for declining to extend executive elemency.



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John Matthews.

quarter of a mile, required sufficient time in traversing to enable the participants in this horrid deed to weigh the consequences as well as the gravity of their act: that all those who enas the gravity of their act: that all those who en-"His gun." —"His gun." — "His gun." — " to the counsel for the defense at the time of the trial. But even if such were not the case. the trai. But even if such were not the case, the fact remains that David Walker was the organizer and leader of this band; that his au-thority over the men was absolute if not des-point, and that by its timely exercise he could undoubtedly have prevented the assault. The youth of William Walker, which has been urged as the reason for the extension of elem-erce thin most cases he institution. ency to him, would in most cases be justifiable for merciful action, but in this one the testi-mony shows him to have been a leader rather than a follower, and establishes the fact that he was the most daring and desperate of the

It is a wise provision that vests in the Gov-It is a wise provision that vests in the Gov-ernor the power of the respite or parlon of these unfortunates, whose innocence may be established after their conviction in courts of justice, or in whose behalt such extenuating circumstances may be presented as are calculated to soften the asperity of justice. But as I interpret the provision this power should never be exercised except when justice demands it. In the case in hand the innocence of the accused is not as-serted, and the extenuating circumstances balin hand the innocence of the accused is not as-serted, and the extenuating circumstances bal-ance poorly with the enormity of the offense committed. The courts have passed upon the law in the case and their decisions agree as to the justice of the punishment inflicted. I see no reason why I should interpose clemency: and whilst I appreciate the gravity of the situa-tion, the fact that the crime must be expiated by the lives of the three men, and many must suffer on account thereof. I discern many rea-sons why the sentence of the law should be carried out.

carried out. The State guarantees protection to ever citizen, and under its ægis the humblest a well as the highest claims security from the in well as the highest claims security from the in-cursions of the lawless. The murders for which these men were found responsible were committed, not in the heat of passion, on the highway, nor in open day, but after apparently well-formed judgment, in the solemn hours of the night and at the fireside of the family. The sanctity of a home was invaled and the blood of those who had lain down in peaceful slumber shed within their dwelling-place. The attack had little provocation, and no reasonable explanation of it has ever been offered. The executive authority of the State can not be better employed than in throwing about the homes of its children the mantle of its protection. The epidemic of lawlestness

about the homes of its children the mantle of its protection. The epidemic of lawlessness which has broken out in various parts of the country in the guise of self-styled regulators and which in this State has found expression in Bald Knobberism, should be suppressed, and it is to the credit of Missouri that she has so promptly administered the punishment pro-scribed by law for the commission of outrages of the nature of the Edens-Green murder. He ing sworn to support and upbold the law. So in-sure protection to peaceable citizens and to as-sist in the punishment of offenders, I can not grant the commutation desired. mutation desired. With the highest respect and greatest pe

Your obedient servant,

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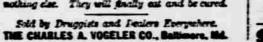
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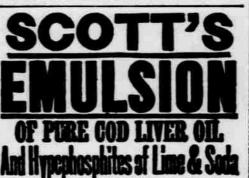
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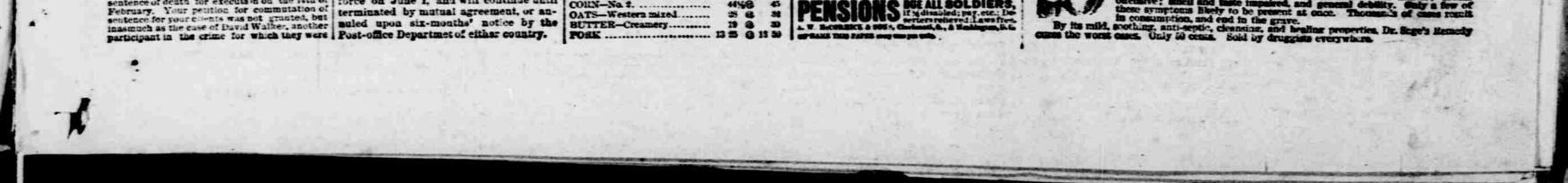
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