

# A MISSOURI TRAGEDY.

## AN EDITOR KILLS HIS WIFE AND TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

While Visiting at the Home of His Father-in-Law He Cuts the Throats of His Wife and Child, Following It With Suicide—A Well-Known Newspaper Man of Caldwell County—The Tragedy Planned by Field and His Wife.

### Murder and Suicide.

KINGSTON, Mo., July 9.—S. A. Field, until recently editor and proprietor of the Post at Polo, in Caldwell county, murdered his wife and infant daughter and committed suicide at Meadville, Mo., yesterday afternoon.

Field and his family were visiting at the residence of his father-in-law near Meadville, when he asked his wife to go into the garden back of the house to talk. She accompanied him, taking along their little girl, about 3 years of age. When they reached the garden Field cut the throats of his wife and child with a razor, killing them instantly, and then ended his own miserable life in the same manner. The dead bodies were found by a member of his father-in-law's family and \$230 were found in Field's pocket.

Field was a lawyer by profession and was about 35 years old. He had resided at Polo about ten years, and during that time was editor and proprietor of the Post, a newspaper independent in politics, although the editor voted and acted with the Democratic party. Some years ago he attempted to practice law, but his failure in that profession greatly disheartened him, and until recently he had confined his labors to his newspaper, which a few weeks ago he sold to Mr. Culver, the present editor. In person Field was small and dark, with a very large head. He was of a melancholy temperament and often fancied slights from his best friends and grieved over them when no offense was dreamed of. Field was married four years ago to a young lady, school teacher of Linn county, Mo., a very estimable woman, who did all she could to comfort and reclaim him from his fits of melancholy. During these attacks he was unaccountably jealous of her without the slightest cause. They had no children except the infant daughter whom Field sent into eternity along with its mother and himself.

Over two years ago Field had a few unpleasant words with his wife at dinner one day and on his arrival home at night he found her absent, she having gone with her child to visit a neighbor lady, and as she said at the time, had forgotten the little quarrel. He returned to his printing office and threw himself out of a second story window, but escaped injury, and got up and began to bump his head against the brick wall of the building. Dr. Joseph Frazier, who had seen him fall from the window, came up at this time and caught him, when Field told the doctor that his wife had taken her child and left him and returned to her father's and that he did not care to live longer.

Field had begun very poor but had made money through hard work as editor and printer and some law practice. He owned his paper and a pleasant residence in Polo, with money ahead besides. Field was a man of unexceptionable habits and character in every respect, and was kind, courteous and particularly dignified in his intercourse with everyone, and his rash act comes with a great shock to those who knew him.

A note was found on Mrs. Field's body, saying that everything she had was to be left to her mother. It seems that Field and his wife had planned the tragedy, for she went into the house after they went out and put on an old dress and then returned to the pasture.

### An Outbreak Threatened at Any Moment in the Canadian Northwest.

TORONTO, July 6.—The braves on the Blackfoot reservation near Glechin are reported to be in an ugly mood, even going so far as to threaten to murder all whites on the reservation. This is the reason on which Frank Skinner, the ration distributor, was killed last winter. The trouble has been breeding since the shooting of his murderer.

### Will Rival the Dalton Gang.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., July 6.—Both the Christians, the desperadoes who escaped from the jail in this city, Sunday, killing the chief of police while doing so, have reached their old resort, on Little river, and are collecting a band of men as desperate as themselves to wreak vengeance on their enemies. Will Christian was shot in the neck while escaping. The band now being organized by the Christians will rival the Dalton gang in its palmy days and promises to become a terror, for such men as Dick Yager, Jake Keck and Lawrence Barnett are connecting themselves with it. Startling developments are expected.

### A Coal Company Declares a Dividend.

NEW YORK, July 6.—The Marlyn coal company has declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent on its capital stock.

### NEWS BREVITIES.

It is said Mr. John D. O'Connor is slated for private secretary to Attorney General Harmon.

Carl Browne and Mamie Coxey went to Washington, but were not married on the capitol steps.

William White, once a C. and A. condor, was mortally wounded in a fight at Alton, Ill.

After twenty-five years Dr. Brown returned to his home at Waycross, Ga., to find his wife married to another.

C. G. Cummins died suddenly at Linneus, Mo. His wife was arrested, suspected of having poisoned him.

Martha Cogle killed her husband on a houseboat at Chattanooga. He attempted to strike her with an ax.

American delegates to the International Railway congress are making an effort to have the next meeting held on this side of the water.

The Democratic committee of Andrew county, Mo., voted 4 to 2 against the holding of a state financial convention.

# BOSTON'S BLOODY FOURTH

## One Man Instantly Killed and Many Others Injured—A. P. A. Emblem.

Boston, July 6.—The Fourth of July parade of the patriotic societies of Boston and vicinity, at East Boston, ended in a pitched battle between some of the paraders and the spectators, in which sticks, stones and revolvers were used with fatal effect. John Willis, a laborer of East Boston, one of the spectators, was shot and instantly killed; Michael Boyle, of East Boston, had his head split open by a club, and now lies dying in a city hospital. A young man named Stewart had his nose cut off with a saber, in the hands of one of the paraders. Patrick Kelley sustained a severe scalp wound, whether from a club or a bullet is not known, and Officer A. S. Bates was hit in the mouth by a brick, thrown by an unknown person, and lost several teeth, besides suffering from severe lacerations. It is claimed that the trouble all resulted from the persistence of those who had managed the parade in introducing as a feature a float representing the "little red schoolhouse," which, from its association as the emblem of the American Protective Association, has become obnoxious to many persons, especially those who do not sympathize with the A. P. A. movement.

The Fourth of July committee refused to permit this feature to appear in the parade, and those desiring to prevent it tried to have an order passed by the board of aldermen, but failed. So great was the interest excited by this controversy and the expressed determination of the paraders to display the schoolhouse, fully 30,000 visitors gathered at East Boston. The police officials, in anticipation of any hostile demonstration, had a special squad of 350 men, in addition to the East Boston force, on duty, but they marched at the head of the procession. At several points the feeling of the crowd was given vent in hisses at the 1,500 paraders and the schoolhouse, but no further demonstration was made until the rear of the parade reached Putnam street, when the crowd tried to overturn the last carriage. Word was sent to the front for police assistance and a squad of twenty officers was sent back. A skirmish followed between the crowd and the officers. When the parade broke up, and those who had participated were proceeding in companies to the ferry a group of between sixty and seventy was surrounded on Boarder street by a crowd who commenced hooting and throwing stones. A dozen revolvers were drawn, and in response to the fusillade of stones, eight or ten shots were fired. The firing of the revolvers brought a large body of police to the spot and the mob was soon dispersed. As the scene was cleared the officers found John Willis dead in the street, with a bullet hole in his right side, and Patrick A. Kelley lying seriously wounded about the head. It was learned later that several other persons had been slightly injured, all of whom had been taken away by their friends.

The police arrested Harold Brown and John Ross as the principals who did the shooting.

### AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS.

### An Ex-Missourian Who Shot a Legislator in 1879 and Fleed Seeks His Family.

PERRY, Ok., July 6.—Oscar B. Fowler, formerly of Kentucky, once a major in the Confederate army, arrived here yesterday in search of his wife, Mattie J., and his daughter, Gail, whom he had not seen for sixteen years.

During the session of the Missouri legislature in 1879 at Jefferson City, Major Fowler, in a quarrel over a game of poker one night, shot and wounded a member of the legislature. He left Missouri immediately and went to Oregon and from there sailed around Cape Horn and went to Liverpool where he remained three years. From there he went to London and obtained a position on the London Times, which position he held a month ago when he left for America in search of his wife and three children. He found a son, the daughter and mother were in Perry, and he came here. He learned this morning that his wife was living some miles west of here and went out to join her and the daughter, the latter now 18 years old.

Major Fowler was a citizen of Clinton, Mo., when his trouble occurred.

### HIS BACK BROKEN.

### A Venturesome Man Tries to Ride Down a Long Chute and Is Killed.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, July 6.—James Stewart, a cousin of United States Senator Stewart of Nevada, started yesterday to ride his submarine boat, or barrel, down a 300-foot log chute into Lake Coeur d'Alene, as a part of the Fourth of July display. Two-thirds of the way down there was a slight rise in the incline. Here the barrel jumped thirty feet in the air, struck the ground on end and then rolled forty feet further down the hill.

When the barrel was opened Stewart was found jammed closely into the end but was conscious. Dr. Russell of Spokane examined him and pronounced his spinal column broken. He was taken to Spokane, where he died at 11 o'clock last night.

### Fourth of July Eloper.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 6.—Squire John Hause of matrimonial fame celebrated the Fourth by marrying nine eloping couples from the neighboring states.

Harvey Beck, who lived near Milan, Mo., was run over and killed by a train while on his way to that place to celebrate.

### "Sunset" Cox's Statue.

NEW YORK, July 6.—The letter carriers of this city celebrated the Fourth of July by formally presenting to the city of New York the statue in bronze of the late Congressman Samuel Sullivan Cox, erected by the Carriers' association some years ago.

### Light Bullets Favored.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—As the result of exhaustive experiments in actual firing the ordnance bureau of the navy has determined to reduce the weight of the ball for the new rifle from 135 grains to 112 grains.

# LAWYERS DISGRACED

## DISBARRED FROM PRACTICE BEFORE THE COURT.

### R. M. Harber and A. G. Knight Severely Arraigned—They are Found Guilty of Mutilating and Altering Records in the Howell Murder Case—Harber a Leader in Missouri for Years—Turned Down by the State Supreme Court.

### Disbarred from Practice.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 3.—Judge Sherwood filed an opinion in the supreme court in banc this morning in the proceedings instituted by Attorney General Walker disbarring Colonel Ed M. Harber and A. G. Knight of Trenton forever from practicing before the supreme court.

The action was the result of the murder trial of Joseph A. Howell, who was indicted for murdering Mrs. Nettie Hall, a Linn county widow, and her four little children. The case was tried in Grundy county and Howell convicted of murder in the first degree. An appeal was taken to the supreme court, and when the case was called up for argument the attorney general found that the transcript of testimony had been mutilated and forged so as to destroy all identity of the murdered person. In brief, the records had been so doctored as to leave the state without any case. This matter, being brought to the attention of the court, measures were adopted to have the records corrected and Howell was subsequently hanged.

The attorney general then brought action to disbar the attorneys for the defense. Major A. W. Mullins, one of the attorneys, barely escaped by a divided court, on the theory that he did not know the records had been falsified.

This is the first disbarment proceedings ever instituted in the state supreme court.

Judge Burgess did not sit in the case against Harber and Knight, but all the other judges concurred in the opinion of Judge Sherwood.

Harber has been a leading man in Missouri for the last fifteen years. He is quite an orator and Democratic politician and has been a presidential elector, and was regarded for some time as an available candidate for congress. Knight, his partner, is not so widely known, but he is a promising young lawyer.

In his opinion Judge Sherwood scored them severely for forging the records and manufacturing testimony.

### PENSION CHANGES.

#### The Forces in the Various Branches Classified for the Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The work of readjusting and classifying the forces of the pension offices of the country has just been completed with a view to shortly extending to them the protection of the civil service laws. Heretofore, as long as the pension agent kept within the amount allowed to him for the expenses of his office, he could do pretty much as he pleased in regard to the size of his force and the amounts of salary paid. When it was decided to put the offices under the civil service laws it was found necessary to change this system. The amount and character of the work done by each office was carefully noted and classifications made accordingly. While this has resulted in small reductions, both in force and salary, in some offices, in others there has been a corresponding increase, the total appropriation being about the same. The date when the civil service order will go into effect has not yet been determined, but will probably be soon, now that the classification has been completed.

### HOWGATE SENTENCED.

#### The United States Defaulter Gets Eight Years for His Long Past Crime.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Captain Henry W. Howgate, the former signal service disbursing officer, who after years of wandering as a fugitive from justice was found in New York city in business as a second-hand book dealer and brought back to Washington, was sentenced to-day to eight years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

### BOLD TRAIN ROBBERS.

#### The Southern Pacific Overland Held Up—Passengers and Mail Robbed.

GRANT'S PASS, Ore., July 3.—The Southern Pacific overland train, north-bound, was stopped last night at 10:15 o'clock by three highwaymen near Riddle, about thirty miles south of Roseburg, sticks of dynamite placed on the rails disabling the engine by blowing the flanges off the pony trucks. With the fireman, two of the highwaymen searched every car, from the express car to the rear Pullman. Nothing was obtained from the express car, for there was no treasure on board. In the mail car the Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Victoria, British Columbia, registered sacks were rifled. The passengers were also searched pretty thoroughly, but with what success is not known.

One highwayman shot at Conductor Kearney, who was in charge of the train, but missed him. The men mounted horses and quietly rode away.

Superintendent Fields of the Southern Pacific, in an hour after he learned of the holdup, had two parties on the way to the scene of the robbery—one of officers and the other of mountaineers. Every effort will be made to capture the robbers.

### A Filibustering Vessel Seized.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Official information has been received here that the real reason for the detention of the United States authorities at Key West of the small cutter Attick is that she is charged with filibustering. Five men on her have been held on suspicion of being Cuban filibusters.

### A Prussian Financier as a Catholic.

BERLIN, July 3.—According to general report here, the Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia, who has been living in Italy for several months past, is about to become a Roman Catholic.

# FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

## INTERESTING READING FOR YOUNG AMERICANS.

### Ray's New Suit of Clothes—How He Won His Way—A Newsboy's Gratitude—Never Tell a Lie—Memories of Boyhood.

AMMA has bought me a new suit; My sister thinks it's queer. That when I tried it on just now I sighed, and said O dear!

"But she's a girl, and girls would like A new dress every day.

We boys would rather wear old clothes That won't get spoiled in play.

"I begged to wear my old gray suit A few days more but no—Mamma says it is a disgrace To see me looking so.

"I s'pose it's 'cause my trouser knees Are patched, but I don't care, And if my coat sleeves are too short Boys must grow out somewhere.

"And now I'll hear this all the while 'You'll spoil your new suit, Ray; Keep off your knees, don't climb about, Be careful when you play.'

"My jolly fun will all be spoiled—O, dear, nobody knows, How much we boys do like to stick And hang to our old clothes."

### He Won His Way.

Two engineers were in a depot. One of them was a merry fellow, smoking and laughing with the crowd. He was a good hand as engineers go and ran a freight engine. The other engineer was burnishing his engine with some cotton stuff. He was well educated

means to gratify it. The beauty of outward nature early impressed me, and the moral and spiritual beauty of the holy lives I read of in the Bible and other good books also affected me with a sense of my falling short and longing for a better state.—"From Life and Letters of John Greenleaf Whittier.

Never Tell a Lie.

How simple and beautifully has Abdel Kader of Ghilon impressed us with the love of truth in a story of his childhood. After stating the vision which made him entreat of his mother to go to Bagdad, and devote himself to God, he thus proceeds: I informed her of what I had seen, and she wept; then, taking out eighty dinars, she told me, as I had a brother, half of that was my inheritance; and she made me swear, when she gave it to me, never to tell a lie, and afterward bade me farewell, exclaiming: "Go, my son, I consign you to God; we shall not meet until the day of judgment."

I went on till I came near Hamadad, when our katlah was plundered by sixty horsemen. One fellow asked me what I had got.

"Forty dinars," said I, "are sewed under my garments."

The fellow laughed, thinking, no doubt, I was joking with him.

"What have you got?" said another.

"I gave him the same answer. When they were dividing the spoil, I was called to an eminence where the chief stood.

"What property have you got, my little fellow?" said he.

"I have told two of your people already," said I. "I have forty dinars sewed in my garments."

He ordered them to be ripped open, and found my money.

"And how came you," said he, in surprise, "to declare so openly what had been so carefully concealed?"

"Because," I replied, "I will not be false to my mother, to whom I promised I never will tell a lie."

"Child," said the robber, "hast thou such a sense of duty to thy mother, at thy years, and I am insensible at my age of the duty I owe to my God? Give me thy hand, innocent boy," he continued, "that I may swear repentance



PRIZE WINNERS AT THE BABY SHOW, NEW YORK.

and smart, but thin and somewhat frail looking. He had applied for the position of brakeman and had been told that it was rough, dirty and dangerous. Besides he was not strong enough. At the first signal "down brakes" he would be hurled from the platform. But the young man persevered in his request and at length secured the position. He soon learned to make up the train. He then ran engines on short routes, doing everything skillfully and well. He was always at work and when engineer his engine was always kept in the best of order. The superintendent one day asked him if he expected to spend his days as an engineer. He replied: "No, sir. I propose to be a superintendent and know everything from the driving of a spike to the opening of a throttle." It is needless to state that he attained his desire.

### Memories of Boyhood.

Mr. Whittier could not remember incidents that happened before he was 6 years old. His first recollection was of the auction sale of a farm in the neighborhood, and he was surprised to find, the next morning, that the farm had not been taken away by the purchaser, and a large hole left in its place! When he was 9 years of age, President Monroe visited New England, and happened to be at Haverhill on the same day that a manerger, with a circus attachment, was exhibited in that village. The Quaker Boy was not allowed the privilege of seeing either the collection of wild beasts or the chief magistrate of the nation. He did not care much for the former, but he was anxious to see a president of the United States. The next day he trudged all the way to Haverhill, determined to see at least some footprints in the street that the great man had left behind him. He found at last an impression of an elephant's foot in the road, and, supposing this to be Monroe's track, he followed it as far as he could distinguish it. Then he went home, satisfied he had seen the footsteps of the greatest man in the country. When he was an old man a little girl in Pennsylvania wrote to him inquiring about his childhood on the farm. These passages are from his reply.

"I think, at the age of which thy note inquires, I found about equal satisfaction in an old rural home, with the shifting panorama of the seasons, in reading the few books within my reach, and dreaming of something wonderful and grand somewhere in the future. Neither change nor loss had then made me realize the uncertainty of all earthly things. I felt secure of my mother's love, and dreamed of losing nothing and gaining much. \* \* I had at that time a great thirst for knowledge and little

upon it." He did so. His followers were alike struck with the scene.

"You have been our leader in gull," said they to their chief; "be the same in the path to virtue."

And they instantly, at his order, made restitution of the spoil, and vowed repentance on his hand.

### "She Was a Stranger."

The following story brings with it a lesson for all, old and young: A Sunday school missionary while addressing a Sunday school noticed a little girl shabbily dressed and barefooted, shrinking in a corner, her little sun-burned face buried in her hands, and sobbing as if her heart would break. Soon, however, another little girl about eleven years of age, got up and went to her. Taking her by the hand she led her out to a brook, where she seated the little one on a log. Then kneeling beside her this good Samaritan took off the ragged sun-bonnet and dipping her hand in the water bathed the other's hot eyes and tear-stained face, and smoothed the tangled hair, talking cheerfully all the while. The little one brightened up, the tears vanished, and smiles came creeping around the rosy mouth. The missionary who had followed the two, stepped forward and asked, "Is this your sister, my dear?"

"No, sir," answered the child with tender, earnest eyes. "I have no sister."

"Oh, one of the neighbor's children," replied the missionary—"a little schoolmate perhaps?"

"No, sir, she is a stranger. I do not know where she came from. I never saw her before."

"Then how came you to take her out and have such a care for her if you do not know her?"

"Because she was a stranger, sir, and seemed all alone, and needed somebody to be kind to her."

### "Home, Sweet Home."

A great singer had just finished singing "Home, Sweet Home," and many of the audience were in tears.

"It is a beautiful song," said a girl to an older woman, who sat next to her.

"Yes," was the reply, "and the sentiment to which it moves all these people is beautiful. How much happier the world would be if everyone had as much principle as sentiment on the subject, and followed out a plain, everyday rule of making home sweet."

The girl turned thoughtfully away. She hardly heard the next song. She was acknowledging to herself that, in spite of her love for her home, she made it unhappy every day of her life by her willfulness and quick temper. How many of us really do our best to make home happy?

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