

THE JUDGE'S SECRET.



EVER before in the history of the state had an advocate at the bar made such a strenuous effort to convince a jury of the innocence of the prisoner. Many years ago it was that the noted trial took place, but the scene all comes back to me as vividly as at the time it occurred, now that a startling revelation has recently been made after the death of the judge who sat upon the bench.

was appealed to the Supreme court, and the decision of the lower court was affirmed. An application was made to the governor for clemency, and a petition bearing the names of many prominent citizens of Monroe county was sent to the chief executive, Col. Palmer. He was leaving no stone unturned to save his client. The strain and hard work was telling on him. He had grown emaciated, and more than once had been ill from nervous prostration.

who was bearing arms in defense of the very friends that were being ruthlessly executed and despoiled. Mother and children had to flee in the night, and she, the mother, met her death from the exposure and fright. This man Bivins was the only one recognized, as he had sold goods about the community from a peddler's pack. The hand which laid down upon his head may not have intended to strike life away, but reason lost its way, and there was naught to stay the avenger's hand but death.

GEN. WEYLER'S INHUMAN TORTURE OF NEUTRALS IN CUBA.

If there is anybody who believes that Spain is entitled to the slightest diplomatic consideration or is to be regarded as a civilized nation, he should go to the town of Sagua in Grande and ride thirty miles southward to the ruins of the Oyaltita plantation, which was the scene of the most horrible of the atrocities that have taken place in the island of Cuba since the accession of Gen. Weyler.

the heat of the burning inferno above. The flesh was turned to parchment and each muscle and line of facial expression was intensified by suffering. In the little passage that led to the bako shop lay the body of another Chinaman with a gash of a machete in the back of his head. His expression and the contortion of his body were similar to those of the first, and distinctly indicated that he must have died under the same conditions.

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Boys Good Notes

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Stockholders

Columbus Journal!

The County of Platte

The State of Nebraska

The United States

And the Rest of Mankind

Henry Gass

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The Columbus Journal

Printing Office.

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Best Papers

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I AM THE MURDERER.

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CONDENSED POETRY.

"Boll it down" is a pretty good newspaper maxim, but even a newspaper maxim needs to be obeyed with discretion. Charles Metcalf, who has been writing advertisements for a drama in New York City, had an unpleasant experience in connection with a compositor of one of the great dailies of that city. Metcalf wrote a poetical advertisement, as follows:

From half-past eight till half-past ten, You laugh and laugh and laugh again. Imagine his surprise when a matter-of-fact compositor set up the advertisement and it appeared: From 8:30 to 10:30 You laugh and laugh and laugh again —Pittsburg Dispatch.

Get What He Called For. "Here, waiter, can't you fill an order at this restaurant?" "No, sir; we've no beef and a baked potato. Here's the potato, but where's the beef?" "Undah de p'tatah, sah."

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM. No death warrant has been signed by a sovereign of Great Britain during the last 150 years.

Says a fertile concern in Nashville, Tenn.: "We buy your bones and pay you the highest market price."

Train robbery is punishable by death in Arizona. The supreme court has just upheld the constitutionality of the statute.

Pulaski county, Missouri, presents as a candidate for the leadership of the populists a man whose beard is five feet long.

A new hypnotic has probably been found in the Jamaica dogwood. The fluid extract has been found efficacious in dentistry.

It is reported that a white whale was seen recently in Long Island sound. This animal is rarely seen outside the Arctic regions.

Luminous inks may now be used to print signs to be visible in the dark. Zinc salts and calcium are the media generally used.

From ninety-four, a flock of sheep owned by P. A. Porter, of Mt. Morris, Wis., has been reduced to sixty since last spring by wolves.

The Donor—Now, don't go and spend that in the nearest saloon. The Recipient—No, sir; dere's a better one around de corner.—Puck.

Padrewicki has some hope of realizing the chief desire of his life—the permanent cure of the spinal complaint which has so long afflicted his son.

It has been suggested that as a memorial to Harriet Beecher Stowe a national institute and hospital as a training school for colored nurses shall be erected in Washington.

Some American travelers stopping at Halifax agreed to make no purchases in the city at stores where United States money was refused, and they made it a point thereafter to hunt out shopkeepers who accepted it at the face value.

PERSONAL.

The new shah of Persia is anxious to open the country to international commerce, and favors the introduction of electricity and steam.

Gurdon W. Wallcut, vice-president of the Union National Bank of Omaha, has been chosen as president of the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition, to be held in that city in 1898.

M. Ostrin, the banker of Paris, who recently bought Malmesbury, intends to restore the palace and grounds, both of which are now in a most dilapidated condition, after which he will make a gift of the property to the state.

Klaus Russell, weight 200 pounds, of Plainfield, Ind., is the proud father of a ten-inch baby which weighed only one pound and a half at its birth and at the end of three weeks weighed three pounds. Mrs. Russell's weight is 150 pounds.

The French people have not yet erected statues of Balzac, Alfred de Musset and Victor Hugo, but they have set up one of Francois Queneau, the physician of Mme. de Pompadour and the author of several works on political economy.

In the French flag. The troops burst in the door, dragged M. Duarte outside and cut him to pieces with their machetes on his own doorstep. The flag was soaked with blood.

the indiscriminate slaughter of the plantation hands and their families was now begun. Men, women and small children were driven from their houses and cut down in the usual hasty manner. The "ingenio" and all the surrounding buildings, the storehouses, the cottages of the plantation negroes, were set fire to, and the bodies of the victims, dead or dying, were thrown among the flames. Only one escaped, a Chinese coolie, who succeeded in making the woods near by his refuge.

This is the story of the Oyaltita massacre, as it is told without variation by peasants of the neighborhood. None of the "pacificos," as I have it from officers who were there, took part in the skirmish between the Spaniards and the guerrillas, but lay overcome with fear, in their houses as long as the firing continued.

On the 6th of May I rode with the cavalry squadron of Col. Robado and Maj. Saez over the field of the massacre. It was a hurried visit, for a courier was then after us, and I could devote but thirty minutes to a study of the remains that still exist of the butchery. The sites of the cottages and outhouses were gray heaps of ashes.

Of the sugar house itself, a tin roof still remained, covering a mass of charred machinery and charred timber. In the trunk under the great driving wheel I counted the charred remains of seven of the victims; uppermost of all, wedged between the wheel and the masonry, lay the body of a negro woman, with a baby in her arms. The clothing had been burned away, but the charred flesh remained, with a portion of her leather slippers. Of the body that had been most exposed to the flames the bones were visible. The negro lay in an almost natural position, clasping the infant tight to her breast with a hugging, clutching embrace, that death had only intensified. The body of the child was but little disintegrated by the flames. The other bodies in the pit were reduced to charred skeletons. The negroes and their children had evidently been the last thrown in.

There were other bodies, they told me, in the debris of the central part of the building, which had fallen in. I had not time to look for them. It was also told that the bodies of two other women and two little girls were thrown into the burning cottages and entirely consumed.

Beneath the "ingenio" there is a cellar, where were the furnaces that heated the great iron sugar rollers. There was also a little bake-shop in this cellar. I went down a short flight of steps to the chamber where the furnaces were, and here I found the remains of a Chinaman, one of the coolies employed about the place, perfectly preserved, in a mummified state.

I examined the bodies carefully. There were wounds of the machete about the back and legs, as though he had been driven into the cellar, but none of them was fatal. The body was writhed in intense agony and the face fixed in an expression of extreme horror. Parts of the clothing were stained, and there was very indistinctly the man had been driven into the cellar, locked in, and forced to die from

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NOTES OF INTEREST.

A female lodge of Odd Fellows has just been formed in Tasmania—the first lodge of the kind in the world.

Panacles are now advocated as plaster. Applied at the base of the brain they are quoted as an infallible remedy for headache.

The summer girl has borrowed her sweetheart's army button for use in a variety of ways, but at last has decided on converting it into a hat pin.

The newest thing under the sun is the raising of doves for supplying wedding parties. They are to soothe amid floral decorations as a symbol of the happiness of the bridal pair.

Mrs. Senator Hale is offering prizes for the Hancock (Pa.) fair, in September, for the best patchwork quilt, the best worsted hood and other samples of the work of old-fashioned feminine fingers.

It is believed in Paris that the motor tricycle for women will replace the bicycle in a short time because of its superior advantages for elderly women and the fact that it will not slip on the wet asphalt.

CONUNDRUMS. What is a lake? A hole in the tax-kettle. What ruler waits on his people? The King of Sulu.

When is a girl not a girl? When she is a little sulky. Why is the letter e like death? It is at the end of life.

Why is he better e immortal? Because her son never sits. Why is a cat's tail like the earth? It is fur to the end.

When is a hat not a hat? When it becomes a pretty lady. What is the Board of Education? The schoolmaster's shingle.

Why is the letter k like a pig's tail? It is at the end of pork. Why is a cow not a cow? When it is turned into a pasture.

Why did the man call his rooster Robinson? Because it Cooed. When were Napoleon's clothes ragged? When he was out at Elbe.

Why is Westminster Abbey like a fire-place? It contains the ashes of the great.

Colorful Wisdom. "Uncle Rasbury, do you think married people are the happiest?" "Why, dat ar' depends altogether how dey enjoy demselves."—Washington Times.

A Pity. Speaking of hog cholera, Miss Huns remarked the other day when she hung to the strap: "What a pity it couldn't be a pig!"

Harsh Sentence. A prisoner in New York got eleven years in prison the other day for stealing \$2.



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