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IN PRISON 27 YEARS.

Story of Samuel Ullm, of St. Joseph County, Mo.

How the Crime of Murder was Worn Against an Innocent Man.

Detroit Free Press.

The story of the murder charged against Samuel Ullm has been heretofore related, but perhaps never so completely as by Judge John B. Shipman, of Coldwater, in a letter to the governor soliciting Ullm's pardon. The letter is as follows:

JUDGE SHIPMAN'S NARRATIVE.
I have been requested to make a statement in the case of Samuel Ullm, now in prison on conviction for the murder of Estabrook, and I comply cheerfully.

At the time of Ullm's conviction I was reading law with Chester Garney and took an evidence for the defense. I write now wholly from recollection, having no papers to refresh my memory. The leading facts are these: Estabrook was an old bachelor in Vermont engaged to be married to Miss Woods, an old maid, living about three or four miles from Londisda, in St. Joseph county. He sold his property east, got his money and with it started for some place near Burr Oak, Mo. (the then Michigan Southern railroad Saturday, November 12, 1853.

Sunday morning, the 13th, he started with a team and driver to go to Miss Woods' house, taking his baggage with him, consisting of one large and one very small hand trunk.

He arrived at Londisda at noon, put up at the team and had dinner, but intending to go on after dinner to her house, he put up at a tavern kept by Haywood & Stilwell. For some reason never explained he went no further that day, but charging his mind he sent the team back to Burr Oak. Observe, he was yet over three miles from his avowed place of destination with a heavy trunk to carry and a hand trunk also, and the roads heavy from recent rains. Neither by evidence nor theory was this sudden stoppage accounted for. Neither Ullm nor White (his alleged associate in crime) were at the hotel that day, all admit. The third confederate, Giles Harding, said he was there at noon when Estabrook arrived, but immediately left without speaking to him, and did not return. No arrangement or plan or connection whatever, was claimed to have existed between any of the murderers and anyone at the hotel. Nor did the evidence show clearly that Estabrook ever left the house, although the proprietors testified under very evident embarrassment that they rather thought he left the hotel just after dusk on foot with a stranger who carried a carpetbag, and who was to show him the way to the old maid Woods'. No one else testified to this. From this point the point the case depended almost wholly, and entirely, so far as identifying the men is concerned, upon the evidence of Giles Harding.

He said that White and Ullm, with a team and lumber wagon, met Estabrook on the road to Miss Woods' when about two miles from Londisda; but the stranger who left the hotel in his company had disappeared, and no one ever saw him afterwards or heard of him. That they took Estabrook in a wagon, merely asking him to ride, and promising to take him where he was going, Harding being more than forty rods behind, he was not conversant, besides having to contend with the noise of water pouring over a mill dam between him and the people talking. That when the wagon arrived with Estabrook in it nearly to where he was standing the course was changed to a square turn at right angles with the proper (straight) road to Miss Woods', and driven up in the woods two or three miles, and there Estabrook was killed. Harding getting into the wagon over the tall-horned horse it was moving. The body was never found, nor a vestige of Estabrook's garments ever seen afterwards. The whole story is improbable and incredible in its face, besides being told and depending for its truth wholly upon the evidence of this Harding—Harding himself being a thief and in jail when he divulged it, besides being a person whom twenty-seven of his neighbors swear to be notorious liar, so much so that they would not believe him under oath. It also appears that he had a personal animosity against both White and Ullm. In addition to this Harding once, at least, stated in the jail that the whole story was a fabrication. I am told he has since so stated in the prison, but know nothing of this except by report.

When he swore to it he undoubtedly thought he would not be searched, but allowed to go free. He was a sort of semi-idiot, with much cunning, but without any visible moral perceptions whatever.

Another fact not proven upon Ullm's trial is also significant: The next morning, viz., November 14th, a teamster on his way to a place beyond Miss Woods' stopped at the hotel and employed one of the proprietors, employed him to carry Estabrook's trunk to her house, giving him two shillings to do so, sending by him this word to her; that the trunk belonged to a stranger who would be along in a few days. He also told the teamster that the stranger had left the two shillings to pay for carrying the trunk there: The inquiry suggested is: How could this be so if the stranger had gone to Miss Woods' the night before?

I do not and never have believed that Estabrook left the trunk out of the way lonely country tavern. If not, Ullm knew no more of the manner of his taking off than I. In the spring of 1867 I ran against this Haywood in the United States land office for the Turkey river district, Iowa. He, it seemed to me, avoided me; certainly did not speak. A few hours after I met him again where he could not dodge, and he spoke to me; but he would not the man he used to be. He had grown thin, pale and nervous. He was the opposite of his former self, and appeared more than fifty pounds less in weight. I do not wish, however, to raise suspicion against any one.

Some one induced Estabrook to abandon his journey from Burr Oak to Miss Woods' with a heavy trunk to carry at that cross-roads tavern, and

to send his team back. Some one induced him to stay (at least) six hours without object or purpose at a place where there was nothing to see and nobody to talk with when only three or four miles distant from the woman he had traveled one thousand miles to meet and marry. Some one sent word to Miss Woods the next morning (who knew Estabrook did go there the night before) to prevent her asking questions about the owner of the trunk, and she asked none for a month. Some one furnished the money to carry the trunk there. Some one did all this for a purpose, and what that purpose was may be easily surmised. No one ever claimed that Ullm had anything whatever to do with these things or was in any way connected with the person who did them, yet Ullm and White did them the murderer of Estabrook.

I do not care to write all I believe about the matter, but I am satisfied that the mystery of Estabrook's disappearance has never been solved; nor do I doubt that Ullm has for long years suffered for a crime committed by others and in which he had no lot or part. I very earnestly hope that he may once more see the fields and woods and feel the sunlight again, for there his life was passed. This will be far short of justice, however.

STATEMENT OF W. L. SEATON.
W. L. Seaton, postmaster of Jackson writes: "I desire to make the following statement with regard to one Ullm, a life convict in the state prison of this state: While I was agent of the state prison from 1859 to 1865, Giles Harding, the principal witness against White and Ullm for the murder of Estabrook, made an affidavit in my presence that Ullm or White had nothing to do with the murder of Estabrook; that what he had sworn to as regards these persons was entirely false; but that Estabrook was murdered by the tavern keeper where he stopped and that his body was buried in the cellar in a boot box. Beyond all doubt this Harding was the most notorious liar that I ever knew, and on his testimony I was not convicted of prison for stealing a chicken. While I was connected with the prison I always had doubts of the guilt of Ullm and White. On his death bed White denied being guilty or knowing anything of the crime. Harding, just before he died, said the same thing, and from an acquaintance of twenty-seven years with Ullm and these other facts that have come to my knowledge I don't believe that Ullm committed the crime or knew of it."

Ullm PARDONED.
These papers were brought to the attention of Gov. Boggs, and after reading them he became convinced that it was his duty to pardon Samuel Ullm. Accordingly, March 6, the pardon was issued under the great seal of the state, and after more than 27 years of confinement he issued forth from the state prison at Jackson a free man.

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ATTACKED BY SEVEN DOGS.
A Wheeling Drummer's Desperate Fight for Life in West Virginia.

Wheeling Register.
W. B. Dillon, traveling for Vance, Hughes & Co. of this city, met with a horrible and probably fatal encounter with seven fierce, savage dogs in West Virginia, last Monday. The gentleman, in company with a New York drummer, was returning from Uniontown to Littleton, when about four miles from the latter place Mr. Dillon suggested the cutting of a switch for a lazy horse they were driving. About 150 yards from the road he found a bunch of willow down in the hollow close to Fish creek stream, and when in the act of cutting the limb he was seized by a large powerful black mastiff, owned by Mr. McDonald. The attack was so sudden the gentleman almost lost his presence of mind, but with the use of the open knife in his hand succeeded in cutting the dog several times. He had no sooner released himself when he discovered a reinforcement of six more brute canines who were attracted by the savage growling of their companion.

The attack then became general and desperately fierce. One large, short-eared, short-tailed yellow dog, a beautiful specimen of the German breed, seized Mr. Dillon six inches below the point of the back and tore fully a pound of flesh from the unfortunate man. Another bit him shockingly in the calf of the leg, and the gentleman soon found himself falling to the ground and was completely at the mercy of the seven half starved savage beasts. One large, fat dog bit off the gentleman's left ear and part of his nose. His cries for assistance were at last heard by his friend in the buggy, who at once came to his relief and succeeded in beating off the maddened brutes. He then carried the mangled and bleeding victim to the buggy and at once procured medical attendance.

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"Didn't I hear a woman yell in that house a few minutes ago?" "Shouldn't wonder," returned the man, carelessly. "In fact, I know you did, for I heard her myself."

"What's going on in there?" queried the policeman, peeping in.

"I guess he's whipping my wife," suggested the stranger.

"Do you live here?" asked policeman in some astonishment.

"I used to, but I sinder fall out o' the habit lately," was the indifferent response.

"What kind of a man are you to stand out here and let another man look your wife?" demanded the policeman, indignantly.

"I think he can do it better than I can," growled the stranger. "I never had any luck at that kind of a job, and if there's any one can make a success of it I'm not going to interfere with his fun now, you bet!"

"Who is the man? Do you know him?" "Never saw him before," replied

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