

A MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED.

Warrants Issued For Two Promi- nent Colorado Citizens.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME.

A Wealthy Kansas Stockman Mur- dered Twelve Years Ago and the Assassins Have at Last Been Discovered

A Social Sensation.

DENVER, Colo., March 10.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Sheriff Stoddard, armed with a requisition from the governor of Kansas and warrants issued by Governor Adams, will to-morrow place under arrest two of the

most prominent citizens of Durango, Col., charged with a murder committed in Kansas twelve years ago. The arrest of the two men will cause the greatest social sensation in Durango that the thriving little city has ever known. The two men are the only ones among the oldest and wealthiest citizens, whose names are A. C. Myers and Frank West. The man with whose murder they are charged was Archibald Douglas, a stock raiser, living between Little River and Alden, the two largest towns in Rice county, Central county, Kansas. He was shot and killed in the house of another ranchman, and until a week ago the authors of the murder

were not detected. The circumstances surrounding the murder may give some insight into the character. Douglas, who was a new comer in Kansas, met two men at the house of the ranchman and discussed some business with them, entailing the sale of some property which he owned. The men, it appears, did not come to any satisfactory terms, but quitted Douglas in a rage. Douglas, then, county attorney of Rice county, says that A. C. Myers shot Douglas in the back of the head, from which he died almost instantly, and that Frank West, as he was known then, and now Douglas, shot him in the back of the head a few minutes after the shooting, and the men traced by description for some distance. Their identity was not established, and in a few weeks Douglas was buried in the cemetery, January 1, 1887, until less than a month ago, no efforts were made to apprehend and punish the murderers of Douglas. The crime. So carefully had the two murderers of Douglas covered their tracks, that the authorities were not made aware of the short time ago, when information reached John R. Brinkerhoff that A. C. Meyers and Frank West were the authors, and he adopted measures to apprehend them. The men were located in Durango, and Mr. Brinkerhoff, trusting no one, went to Topeka and had a party of men go to Durango, where they were whom he placed full details of the case. The

later considered the statements for some time, and having just verified the information furnished by the justice of the peace, the recorder of the two men by the Colorado officials. Governor Adams received the papers a week ago Friday, and the public character of the case and the standing of the men may be imagined from the fact that Governor Adams at first discredited the charges, and wrote Adams a personal letter asking for further information. The recorder received a five-gallon, and the purport must have been of a convincing nature, for without further delay he signed the papers, and Sheriff Stoddard immediately proceeded to arrest the two men to make the arrests. Meyers is about forty years of age and is a member of the city council. He is engaged in the livery business, and has been in partnership with Kenyon since his arrival in Durango, taking West with him as a partner, which partnership existed until 1884, when West drew out of the firm. Meyers is said to be worth \$10,000 or more, and is a prominent citizen of the city.

AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

Joel Henry Wells and His Insanity Case.

CHICAGO, March 11.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Joel Henry Wells is again to the front. Mr. Wells' real name is Henry do the Wells, and he is a very tall fellow, he is known throughout the breadth and length of the United States, and even in Europe and elsewhere. His latest appearance before the public was a couple of months ago, when he procured a divorce from his wife. His present appearance is as his own counsel for a time, and he is now being held in custody from the "constructive custody" of E. A. Kilbourne, superintendent of the Northern hospital for the insane, at Elgin. Mr. Wells is not, and has not for upward of seven years, been insane, but he is a very tall fellow, and but takes this legal step to prevent any unpleasant complications which might arise. On December 30, 1888, he was arrested, and was charged with insanity, and on June 3, 1879, he was sent to the Elgin asylum. He escaped from there in the afternoon, returned, but on January 23, 1881, he again es-

After his last escape he had himself examined by experts in the east, who unreservedly declared him perfectly sane. He returned to Elgin and asked Kilbourne for a formal discharge, but Kilbourne would not give it. Neither would he receive Wells in the asylum. Wells has always maintained that he

is not, and never was, insane, and the bitterest feeling exists between him and Kilbourne, who maintains that he is insane, and the doctor has his medical reputation in a measure at stake.

Shot By His Step Son.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., MARCH 11.—[Special Telegram to the Bee].—A tragedy yesterday at Little Rock, Ark., resulted in the death of a planter named William J. Beasley, at the hands of his son and stepson, Edward Beasley, Jr.

Fire at Ridgeway, Mo.
St. Joseph, Mo., March 11.—[Special Telegram to the Herald.]—A fire occurred at Ridgeway, Mo., Saturday afternoon, which resulted in the loss of most of the business houses in town. The losses with insurance were as follows: S. D. Rasdins, store and general merchandise, loss \$4,230, fully insured; J. Mason's building, loss \$500, no insurance; J. C. Baker, stock of general merchandise, loss \$1,000, no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed to have been caused by a defective boiler.

Bald Knobbers Sentenced.
ST. LOUIS, March 11.—Ten Douglass county, Missouri, Bald knobbers, who were convicted last September in the United States court at Jefferson City of whipping and driving two homesteaders from government land, have been sentenced by Judge Knekel to from two to six months in the penitentiary with hard labor. The men who attempted to intimidate government witnesses were each given sixty days in jail.

Preparing to Move Troops.
ODESSA, March 11.—The authorities of railways centering at Kieff have received orders from St. Petersburg to hold all available tracks for the disposal of the gov. rail. Large bodies of troops will make to the southward from upon the breaking up of severe weather.