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Threw His Child to the Wolves.

John Horvath, a peasant in Russia, threw his 9-year-old son to wolves to save his own life. He was driving home from Epier with the boy, when four wolves got on the track of his two-horse cart and overhauled it, the road being in bad condition owing to the melting of the snow. Horvath was unarmed, and as the wolves were about to attack him he seized his boy and threw him in the road, when the wolves tore him to pieces. Horvath escaped and on reaching Kapi told how the horrible sight of the wolves devouring his child had so fascinated him he kept looking back until they were out of sight. A village council was summoned to discuss his conduct, and it was decided to lynch him by clubbing him to death in Hungarian fashion. His life was saved by the appearance of the police, who had been informed of what was happening, and Horvath was arrested.

STORY OF A STRANGE BOY.

He is in Charge of Mr. Honeycutt, Near Stony Point, in whose Care He was Left.

A little boy of five years, about whom little is known, has been discovered by a Charlotte man at Stony Point, N. C., where the little fellow was left by a man and woman travelling through the country in a covered wagon last fall. The boy is in the possession at present of Mr. G. P. Honeycutt of Stony Point, a postoffice some miles distant from Statesville. He says that his name is Rob Oakley. Other information regarding the child is meagre, and as the man and woman who deserted him at Stony Point were evidently anxious to get rid of the child, there is a good deal of speculation about him and his former history.

The boy is between four and five years of age and has sandy hair and gray eyes. His complexion is fair. The news of the affair was brought to this city by Mr. Thomas Stewart, who was at Stony Point Saturday, where he had gone in the interest of the cotton firm which he represents.

Mr. Stewart met Mr. Honeycutt while in Stony Point, and the latter casually referred to the boy and excited Mr. Stewart's interest. Mr. Honeycutt then told what he knew of the affair, he being anxious to find somebody to claim the child if

there is anybody who is interested in the little fellow. The boy was brought to Mr. Honeycutt's last September by the man and woman traveling through the country in an old fashioned covered wagon. The two said that they were Mack Carpenter and wife, and that they had come from West Virginia. The man and woman had little to say about the boy, but told Mr. Honeycutt that they would like to leave the child with him for a week, and that they would return with the wagon at the end of that time and pay board for the child. Mr. Honeycutt thought that the man and woman were all right, and so consented to keep the child.

The week came to an end and lengthened into many weeks, but there was no return of the covered wagon and the man and woman who accompanied it. Then Mr. Honeycutt decided that the pair was never coming back, and he has taken care of the child since last September.

The boy has said that he came from West Virginia with the wagon, and that in West Virginia he lived with Bud and Mag Slate. He says that his own name is Rob Oakley.

This is all that Mr. Stewart could find out about the boy, and he jetted down the names as he got them from Mr. Honeycutt in order to assist in locating the boy's parents, if they are living, or to find out something about this strange case.

Lancaster Farmer Killed in an Unusual Way.

Mr. Henry Irwin, a well known young farmer who lived on Mr. T. R. Small's place east of town, met with a horrible death yesterday morning. As he was returning home from town, walking along the road with Mr. Samuel Belk, his wagon in front of them and Mr. Belk's in the rear, his mule became frightened and began to run. Mr. Irwin started in pursuit of the animal and about the same time Mr. Belk's team also dashed off, following rapidly after the fleeing Irwin mule and wagon. Being unable to stop his mules, Mr. Belk hollered to Mr. Irwin, who was between the two teams, to get out of the way. Mr. Irwin turned his head round to look behind him, and as he did the tongue of the Belk wagon struck him in the head, crushing the skull. He died in about half an hour. The tragedy occurred about a mile from town, on the Chesterfield road, near the home of Mr. Alfred Caskey.

Mr. Irwin was about thirty-five years old and leaves a widow and several children. He was a quite peaceable citizen and was liked by all who knew him.

"Pneumonia's Deadly Work" had so seriously affected my right lung," writes Mrs. Fannie Connor of rural route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., "that I coughed continuously night and day and the neighbors' prediction—consumption—seemed inevitable, until my husband brought home a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which in my case proved to be the only real cough cure and restorer of weak, sore lungs." When all other remedies utterly fail, you may still win in the battle against lung and throat troubles with New Discovery, the real cure. Guaranteed by English Drug Co. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Policeman L. R. Boyce of St. Louis had resigned on account of the many dangers of his work. He was afraid of being killed. His resignation was accepted and he was serving his last day last week when a burglar shot and killed him dead.

A Woman Tells How to Relieve rheumatic pains. I have been a very great sufferer from the dreadful disease, rheumatism, for a number of years. I have tried many medicines but never got much relief from any of them until two years ago, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I found relief before I had used all of one bottle, but kept on applying it and soon felt like a different woman. Through my advice many of my friends have tried it and can tell you how wonderfully it has worked.—Mrs. Sarah A. Cole, 120 S. New St., Dover, Del. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is a liniment. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. It makes rest and sleep possible. For sale by English Drug Co.

Rev. Peter Bryan, a colored preacher of the Baptist church in Atlanta, baptised 117 negroes in 30 minutes Easter day, and did it before breakfast too. He took the bigger ones one at a time and the smaller ones two and three at a time.

The Price of Health. "The price of health in a malarious district is just 25 cents, the cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Slayton of Noland, Ark. New life pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the system. 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed, at English Drug Company's.

Saying he was too poor to buy food, Thomas Barry died of starvation in a New York hospital. After he was dead \$197 was found in his clothes. He was a miser.

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Letters From Abroad

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The Turkish Blight Upon the Holy Land.

Palestine is a land without monuments. The Jews were religiously opposed to the making of images, and, consequently, developed no sculptors, painters or architects. The Arabs, who constitute three-fourths of the present population, are by nature destructive and not constructive. They can tear down and destroy but are not builders. They are, and have been, vandals of the worst type. There are, therefore, practically no ruins in the Land of Promise outside of the land itself. The country itself is one vast ruin. Once a land flowing with milk and honey—now one of gloom and desolation. Many writers have pronounced the land under a curse. That is not true. No country on earth can excel it in variety of climate, soil and productions. The soil, even in the mountainous sections, is exceedingly fertile and will produce almost anything. The finest cereals, fruits and vegetables will grow in abundance, and one may see in every direction its flocks and herds—its cattle on a thousand hills. But no one can visit it without seeing at a glance that something is wrong. And, in a certain sense, it may be said to be under a curse: that is to say, cursed with a sorry population, a pernicious religion and a shabby government. But not more so than other countries which are under the blighting influence of the Turk and Mohammedanism. As is well known, the Holy Land is a part of the Ottoman Empire and under the rule of the Sublime Porte. Its government has some resemblance to the way the Romans ruled the country. But Turkey does very few things like any other nation on earth, past or present. It is the most autocratic of any on the globe and all power is centered in the Sultan. His will is the supreme law. All countries under his control are ruled (or misruled) entirely and absolutely from Constantinople. There is hardly the semblance of local self-government. The local officials get their appointments and orders from Constantinople. No local improvement can be undertaken without an order from the city on the Bosphorus. Even the city affairs of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, etc., are regulated and controlled at Constantinople.

How the Donkey Tax is Levied.

Not even a public road or street can be laid out or improved without permission from the capital, often more than 1,200 miles away. When so ordered to be made or improved, a tax therefor is levied and collected. An order for this tax must come from the Sultan. And a Turkish statesman has long-since ideas of taxation. A road tax is usually (and properly) called a "donkey tax." That is, a tax of one cent is collected out of every loaded donkey that passes the road or street for a certain period of time. Another method is by a "house tax." Whenever a person builds a new house, a small levy is made on every mule, camel or donkey load of lime, hair, rock, ashes, dirt or lumber that is brought to the building for use in its erection. Sometimes road money is raised by a toll on every carriage that passes for a limited period.

The Sultan's Nightmare.

The Sultan is under a constant fear of an uprising. To keep his subjects from doing this is his great concern. His methods, however, are peculiar. When President McKinley was assassinated, he would not allow Turkish newspapers to publish that the President was murdered, but the press censors required all newspapers to print that Mr. McKinley died a natural death but very suddenly. No telegraph lines are allowed except those belonging to the government and used exclusively for governmental purposes. Private companies or corporations are not permitted to erect and own telegraph lines. Telegraph lines, he believes, would enable the people to have concert of action and plan a simultaneous uprising in various localities. For the same reason, telephones are absolutely forbidden. He is also opposed to good roads, as they would facilitate the invasion of a hostile army or enable his own subjects to concentrate their forces the more readily.

Orphan Girls in Demand.

All Mohammedan males of a certain age are liable to military duty. Young fellows are marched away in droves for service in remote provinces, while their mothers follow them weeping to the station or steamship. Christians are not required to serve in the army or navy, but must pay a substitution tax. This exemption from service is not on account of love for Christians, but from fear that they might not be loyal fighters for the Sultan's government. This substitution tax is levied on all males, even on a boy six months old. An infant's father or guardian must pay it. When once levied it continues. A man or a boy liable to it can't move to another country without first

Billies Goats and Bull Yearlings by Mail.

The Sultan's postal system is a curiosity. He has granted concessions to the French, German, Russian and Austrian governments to have and to operate their own postal service in this country, and each country has its own postoffice. These are in addition to the Turkish postal system. The Russian government in turn granted its concession to a Russian navigation company and the Russian postal service is conducted by a private corporation. So many different systems have caused competition in the sale of stamps and old prices may be had. If one wants very many stamps it pays to "try the market." But Turkey allows no mail to be carried on the railroad except that by the Turkish post. The other mails, however, usually beat that on the train. This is always true of the mails coming to Jerusalem.

Publicans and Sinners.

The old method of farming out the customs and taxes, which made the Publicans so much hated, still obtains in a modified form. One-tenth of all the farm products is due to the government as public revenues. But now it is an estimated rather than an actual tenth. This method of assessing was adopted because the tillers would often eat or sell portions of their crops while green, and thereby defeat the collector of his tent. An assessor goes upon the lands of a section and estimates how much the section will produce, values the prospective crop, and then assesses in money one-tenth of the amount on the farmers of the section or village. The right to collect these taxes is then sold to the highest bidder, who gives bond for their payment. The purchaser proportions to each his share of the tax and there is no control over his action. It is easy to see how readily a Publican can become also a sinner. The tax collector's execution is a Winchester rifle. Tax collectors, like Mormon elders, generally go two together. You may see these tax gatherers galloping about the country any day. There is also a tax on all fruit trees. This tax is very odious and many owners cut down their trees and sell them. The olive wood commands a good price and is made into souvents. The roots are dug up and sold for fuel. Fire wood is sold by weight. All stock, cattle, camels, sheep and goats are taxed so much per head, fat or lean. The income tax is novel. Every man must annually pay three days of his salary to the government. If he has no income he must pay fifty cents anyway. The "salt tax" hits everybody. The government furnishes the people salt and a tax is laid on every member of a family. This must be paid whether the salt is gotten or not. No one is allowed to fish without a license to do so. One-third in value of all that is caught goes to the government. There are no big fish stories in this country. Real estate is taxed about 1 per cent of its assessed value. There is no tax on real estate within the walls of Jerusalem, because it is a holy city.

Providing for the Payments Being Made After He is Gone.

There is one exception in the case of a Mohammedan liable to military service. If he marries an orphan girl that exempts him from liability to do service. This puts orphan girls at a premium. The poorest orphan girl can easily marry the richest young man, no matter how ugly she may be.

Laws and Courts in the Holy Land.

Turkey has no legislative body except the Sultan. He is parliament or legislature himself. And there is no Supreme Court which can declare his enactments void. He can veto the decision of any court in the empire. If any one questions his laws such a one is considered in rebellion to God. In Turkish jurisprudence there is a curious mixture of the secular and the religious. It is difficult to tell where the secular ends and where the religious begins. If there is any law on a subject in the Koran, that controls. Civil matters are often regulated by religious laws. For instance, marriage is simply a religious ceremony, and a divorce is obtained from the church or minister. Even the courts are organized on religious lines. In small matters three judges try the issues and two of them must be Mohammedans and one a Christian. In serious crimes the trial court is composed of five judges, two Christians and three Moslems. A minority verdict will control. If three judges vote for conviction and two for acquittal, the accused stands acquitted. If the defendant has the money or a religious "pull," two members of the court can easily be "fixed." If he has neither, he had as well plead guilty. If a defendant absconds, he is tried any way. If convicted he is outlawed and his property confiscated. The judges get \$10.00 per month and bribes are perquisites of the office. Corruption is bare-faced. These things I learned from a man who was formerly one of the judges and who resigned on account of the corruption he saw practiced by officers and even members of the court.

A Most Complicated Criminal Case.

On the next day, accompanied by an officer sent by Mr. El-Alami, I attended court to witness a noted murder trial. Mr. Jacob Elialu of the American colony, who speaks six languages fluently, interpreted for me. There were four defendants, two men and two women. It was a case of circumstantial evidence. Some six months ago a man and woman were murdered at a Catholic convent in Jerusalem. They were ostensibly man and wife and had been staying at the convent for some time. One morning both of them were found dead on the street at the convent. A rope and other evidence indicated that they had been lowered to the pavement from a window in the convent. Suspicion pointed to the defendants, who lived in the convent. One of them is a Catholic priest. When arrested the younger male defendant made a confession and implicated his co-defendants. The case was complicated with international features. The dead man was a Russian citizen, and the Russian consul general was represented by his kavass. The murdered woman was a Greek, and a representative of Greece was on hand. The accused priest was a citizen of France, and his church and country were assisting him and he had a lawyer. The younger male defendant was a native and had counsel. The female defendants were Russians and they had a lawyer. But a lawyer is of small benefit in a Turkish tribunal. About the only difference between him and other spectators is, he gets a little better seat in the court room. So many different nationalities and tongues called for an expert interpreter. Failing to find such a one in the court room, an officer was sent out in the city for a linguist. The Russian tongue gave the trouble, but a Russian merchant was found who filled the bill. Each defendant was required to give name, nationality, age, occupation, married or single. One female defendant had to make the humiliating admission that she was 38 and without a husband. It seems that the dead man and the Catholic priest had had trouble prior to the murder. The murdered female was "the woman

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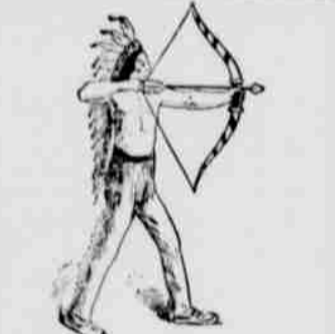
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