

WOMAN BRUTALLY MURDERED.

Found with Head Almost Severed Near Jacksonville, Fla. — Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 8.—With her head almost severed from the neck, her skull crushed in at the back, her right arm broken, and other marks of injury, the body of Annie Schuman, a white woman, was found yesterday morning partially submerged in the water in Three-Mile branch at the place where it crosses what is known as the Plank road, near Jacksonville brick yard, in the western part of the city.

Indications about the spot where the body was found showed that the foulest kind of a murder had been committed, and upon investigation being made by the authorities details were brought out which point to one of the most horrible crimes that has ever occurred in this country. That the woman's death was the result of a brutal assault was plainly demonstrated. There was evidence found showing that the woman had been pursued, felled with a brickbat, and afterward had her throat cut. A terrible struggle must have taken place, as blood was found on the ground in several different places, and in spite of the rain which has fallen since Saturday night a week ago, when the murder is supposed to have occurred, there were marks in the sand near the bank of the stream and on the sward, which showed that the victim made a vigorous resistance.

The deceased had been living in Jacksonville most of her life, though she was a native of Bryan county, Ga. She was 29 years old. There is no clue to the murderer.

Negroes Killed in Mine.
Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 8.—By a fall of coal in the mines at Belle Ellen, Bibb county, Bob Williams, a driver, and Dan Roberson, a trapper, both colored, were killed. The bodies were brought out this morning and will be interred tomorrow.

DEADLY ARSENIC SPRINGS.

Over Four Hundred Poisoned by Drinking the Water. — San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 8.—Reliable information has reached here of trouble and destruction of life at Matpln, Mexico, by the breaking forth of arsenic springs in the mountains near the city. The waters of the springs have united with those of the springs which supply the city with drinking water and the distributing reservoir is thoroughly impregnated with arsenic.

As a result, 30 are dead and over 400 are seriously ill. Those nearest the reservoir seemed to get the full benefit of the deadly poison and lived only a short time. This is the first information officially received of the matter, and it was some time before the correct source of the poison was ascertained. By that time, hundreds were ill all over the city, as if the place was stricken by a plague, and physicians were wired for from all the surrounding mining camps and towns.

Even when the source of poisoning was discovered, some time was required to ascertain the exact cause, such a thing as natural spring arsenic was never dreamed of before. The citizens are now suffering for want of water.

It Wouldn't Work.
"I found," said the man who frequents the races, "that I seemed to win every second day, so I made up my mind to take a fresh start and bet only every second day."
"And how did you come out?"
"Well, I think I must have started the scheme the wrong day."—Chicago Post.

TRAGEDIES OVER CRAP GAMES.

Dozen Mississippi Negroes Killed During Year Killed While Gambling. — Jackson, Miss., Sept. 9.—The most fatal amusement of the Mississippi negro is a crap game, but the seductive sport continues to be highly popular among the members of the race, and they are in no wise discouraged by the killings that are reported from various sections of the state almost daily.

According to a man who has prepared statistics on the subject, one dozen negroes have been killed in crap games in this state during the past year when the amount in dispute was only 5 cents. The latest report of a killing of this kind comes from the Lamkin plantation, in Grenada county, where Henry Drake was fatally shot by Robert Beck. The latter is in jail and stands an excellent show to hang when the proper course of the law is carried out.

DECK HAND WAS CARELESS.

Stuck Lantern into Oil Tank and Caused Explosion. — New Orleans, Sept. 9.—At 11 o'clock last night a deck hand on the tug Monarch, which brought a tow of oil barges to the Star and Crescent landing from Sabine City, put a lantern into the tug's oil tank and the accumulated gases exploded. Six men were injured, but no damage was done to the tug. The seriously injured: Harry Haley, Pensacola, first engineer; Claude Moore, Mobile, second engineer; Joe Prine, Pensacola, mate. Jim Osan, Kary Tolson, and John Sealey, deck hands, were slightly burned. Sealey was thrown into the river by the explosion, but was rescued.

Bruin in North Carolina.
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 9.—Bears and large ones, too, are very plentiful in eastern North Carolina. In one township in Jones county 10 were killed during August.

Cruelly Criminated.

William Bliss when president of the Boston and Albany railroad was once called before the railroad committee of the Massachusetts legislature to testify on traffic matters, and a young member who was serving his first term undertook to examine him.

"I want you to tell me how much it costs to haul a freight car from Boston to Springfield," said the member.
"I don't know," replied Mr. Bliss.
"You don't know?"
"That was the answer I gave."
"What are you, anyway?"
"President."
"Of what?"
"The Boston and Albany railroad."
"Well, sir," began the legislator in rising voice, "if you are William Bliss, president of the Boston and Albany railroad, and you don't know what it costs to haul freight from Boston to Springfield, who in the name of heaven does know?"

"No one that I know unless it is a member of the Massachusetts legislature who is serving his first term."
Another member continued the examination.

"Old Patch," the Forger.
It was about the year 1784 that the first forgeries on a very large scale were discovered by the Bank of England, and these were done by one man, known from his favorite disguise as "Old Patch." By a large issue of notes spread over a long period he defrauded the bank of more than £200,000, and, having only one confidant, his mistress, great difficulty was experienced in tracing the source of the forgeries. "Old Patch" in his checkered career of lottery office keeper, stockbroker and gambler had given banknotes careful study and acquired a knowledge of engraving, paper making and printing. He made his own ink, manufactured the paper and printed the notes on a private press. In various disguises he hired boys from the streets to present the notes. Suspicion was at last aroused by his movements. He was thrown into prison, where he cheated the law by hanging himself in his cell.—London Chronicle.

The Oldest Death Sentence.

The oldest death sentence extant is found in the Amharst papyri containing the trials of state criminals in Egypt, about 1300 B. C. The criminal in this case was found guilty of magic, which his judges state "was worthy of death, which he carried out, and he killed himself," apparently by stabbing, as in the Japanese "hari kari," which is also of very ancient origin.

Among less civilized peoples drowning would seem to have been the earliest method of legal punishment, for about 450 B. C. the Britons killed their criminals by throwing them into a quagmire. Of other than capital punishments the oldest recorded comes from Chaldea, where it was enacted some 6,000 years ago that when any one maimed a slave "the hand that thus offended should pay him each day a measure of corn."

The "Gold Snake."
A Mexican superstition, very common among miners in that country, relates to the "gold snake." This species of serpent is perfectly harmless and very handsome, being green in color and with a golden iridescence in its scales. Faith is entertained that wherever a gold snake makes its nest there is a ledge containing the precious metal, and there are many miners who will locate a claim at once if they find a gold snake.

Revealed.
It was apparent that the barber was highly pleased.
"What has happened?" asked the man with the towel round his neck.
"I dislocated my shoulder in the spring," he answered.

"Well?"
"The doctor who set it got out of this chair just before you came in. If his wife recognizes him when he gets home, it'll only be by his voice."

The European Plan.
Landlord (after fair guest has fainted at sight of her bill)—Jean, I have sent the boy for a glass of water for the lady, and I want you to see that 10 cents is added to her bill. Understand?—Fliegende Blätter.

Sunday in England.

Few people are aware how strict a Sabbath is still legally ordained in England. The Lord's day observance act forbids not only Sunday trading, but also every possible occupation—walking, riding, rowing, or any game—strictly enjoins upon all subjects over nine years of age attendance at church. At the opening of every assembly the royal proclamation for the preservation of morality is read. People who are then present for the first time are astonished to hear that the monarch forbids and calls upon the magistrates to punish absence from divine service on Sundays, any playing of cards or other games of chance or haunting of public houses on the same day. Everybody found in an inn during service hours is liable to a fine of 50 cents, the landlord to a penalty of \$2.40, and for a successful prosecution church wardens are entitled to a reward of \$10. As recently as 1864 Isaac Walton, a manservant, was fined \$2.30 for refusing to attend church on Sunday when ordered there by his mistress. About the same time a mother was prosecuted by her son and actually imprisoned for not attending church.

A Telling Report.
Fault was found, says the Christian Endeavor World, with the way in which the shorthand writers reported the speeches in a legislative body. They retailed by giving the speech of one of the members exactly as he made it, with the following result:

"The reporters—ought not to—the reporters ought not to be the ones to judge of what is important—not to say what should be left out—but—the member can only judge of what is important. As I—as my speeches—as the reports—as what I say is reported sometimes, no one—nobody can understand from the reports—what it is—what I mean. So—it strikes me—it has struck me certain matters—things that appear of importance—are sometimes left out—omitted. The reporters—the papers—points are reported—I mean—to make a brief statement—what the paper thinks of interest—is reported."

Why Teak Wood is Durable.

The teak, which has been used in building, is superior to all other woods from the fact that it contains an essential oil which prevents rotting. This property is not possessed by any other wood in the world and furnishes an explanation of the fact that ships built of teak are practically indestructible. Some have been known to last for 120 years and when broken up their beams were as sound as when first put together.

A South African Animal.

There is a curious looking animal in South Africa that looks for all the world like a piece of toast with four legs, a head and a tail. It resembles a pussy cat about the forehead and ears, but its nose is distinctly that of a rat, while its tail is not very dissimilar to that of a fox. This strange animal is called the hardwolf and doubtless dwells in South Africa, because, judged by his looks, he would not be admitted into good animal society anywhere else.

Misinformation.

Smith (angrily)—I understand you said my face was enough to stop an automobile?
Jones—I certainly never said anything of the kind.
Smith—Then I must have been misinformed?
Jones—That's what you have, instead of stopping at sight of your face, any reputable automobile would increase its speed.

Why He Desired a Cannon.

It is related that an Indian chief once approached General Crook and wanted to borrow a cannon.
"Do you expect me to loan you a cannon with which to kill my soldiers?" the old veteran inquired.
"No," the chief replied; "kill soldiers with a club. Want cannon to kill cowboys."

We Lead the Followers, There Are No Leaders For Us to Follow.

It is a fact that we must stay in front in our business career. What we are after is more business; we know we can hold our well-established customers. We are not satisfied with what we have; we must have an increase of trade. Our newly bought stock for fall and winter forces us to go out after business. To accomplish our efforts we know we must give you something that talks stronger than our words; however what we promise we fulfill to the letter.

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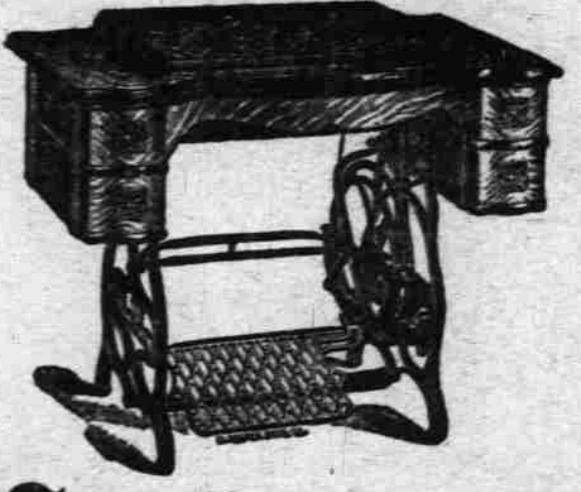


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