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UP-HILL FIGHT.

Attorneys for Jessie Morrison Having Trouble Getting Evidence Before the Jury.

DEFENDANT IS VISIBLY AFFECTED.

Keen Interest in All the Proceedings Shows Her Great Anxiety—Jury Not Permitted to See the Clothes Miss Morrison Wore the Morning She Killed Mrs. Castle, the Young Bride.

Colorado, Kan., June 20.—Thus far the second trial of Jessie Morrison on charge of murder of Mrs. Olin Castle is very much against her. The evidence of the state still stands practically uncontradicted, and the defense has not yet introduced evidence of much consequence to support its claim of self-defense. The keen interest which the accused woman takes in the rulings of the court and the testimony of witnesses shows her anxiety. What is considered a very important point was gained by the state through the refusal of Judge Aikman to admit as evidence the clothing worn by Jessie Morrison on the day she killed the mortal wounds to Clara Castle. This clothing is cut and blood-stained. At the first trial it was all admitted to the jury, while the clothing of Mrs. Castle was excluded. At the second trial the situation is the reverse. The torn and blood-stained dress is a larger piece of evidence than words spoken by a witness on the stand. M. H. Morrison, stepmother of the woman who is on trial, testified that she had charge of the clothing of Jessie Morrison, worn on the morning of June 22. She had kept the clothes locked up in a bureau drawer, she said on cross examination, that they were in the same condition then as now. The prosecuting attorney, however, got an admission from her that Jessie Morrison might have gained access to the drawer. Jessie Morrison was in tears frequently Thursday. While her old friends and brothers were on the stand, she often wiped the tears from her eyes. But while a little pale and somewhat haggard she still bears herself with much self-control. By the aid of their witnesses so far produced the attorneys for Miss Morrison have sought to bring out two points: That Miss Morrison showed unusual emotion on the morning of June 22 before she killed Clara Castle, and that none of the members of her family had ever seen her razor with which Miss Morrison is supposed to have killed Olin Castle's father. Judge Aikman ruled continually against questions that tended to impeach the testimony of this kind. Judge H. H. Morrison, the defendant's father, described the injuries which Jessie Morrison received during her fatal struggle with Mrs. Castle. There were, he said, two long cuts on her neck, deepest on the left side, one on the breast, cutting through to the collar bone, and three on the arm between the shoulder and elbow. Miss Morrison's attorney, Judge Morrison, what statement her daughter had made when she returned to her home after the fatal shooting, the state objected and the objection was sustained.

ROODED OVER LOVE AFFAIR.

Farmer Hand, After Absence of Two Years, Returns to Commit Murder for Alleged Grievances.

Springfield, Ill., June 20.—At Brookfield county, T. J. Reece, a farmer who had returned from two years' ranching in the west, shot and fatally wounded John Young, a neighbor, and then set a strawstack afire to burn himself and was cremated. He appeared at the home of Sam Rhodes and told Rhodes he meant to kill him. Rhodes talked him out of the idea and Reece left and went to the home of Young. It is thought he suddenly went insane from brooding over a love affair of several years ago which was connected with the families mentioned.

Rock Island Alone Independent.

Kansas City, Mo., June 20.—If the Rock Island railroad can keep on its feet for a few months longer it will establish a reputation for being the only line west that was not caught in the merging movement. It is believed that officials that the "community interests" scheme has been perpetuated in the west with the exception of Rock Island.

INNOCENT CHINESE SLAIN.

Gen. Chaffee Says That Where One Boxer Was Killed by Foreign Troops, 50 Harmless Natives Were Shot.

Washington, June 20.—The report of Maj. Gen. Chaffee on the campaign in China is being prepared for publication at the war department. Some of Gen. Chaffee's comments are interesting. At one point he says:

For about three weeks following the arrival of the relief column at Peking the condition in and about the city and along the line of communication was bad. Looting of the city, uncontrolled foraging in the surrounding country and seizure by soldiers of everything a Chinaman might have, as vegetables, eggs, chickens, sheep, cattle, etc., indiscriminate and general unprovoked shooting of Chinese in city, country and along the line of march and the river—all this did not tend, as was natural, to gain for the troops the confidence of the masses with whom it is certain we have no quarrel, but were in need of their labor. It is safe to say that where one real boxer has been killed since the capture of Peking, 50 harmless Chinese or laborers on farms, including not a few women and children, have been slain. No doubt the boxer element is largely mixed with the mass of population and by slaying a lot one or more boxers might be taken in.

KILLED THE ENGINEER.

Alton Railroad Freight Engine Blow Up at the Famous Glendale Cut East of Independence, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo., June 20.—One of the big freight engines of the Chicago & Alton railroad exploded at the Glendale cut, four miles east of Independence. The engineer, George L. Gerew, was so severely injured that he died after being brought to the hospital in Kansas City. Fireman Crowley sustained painful injuries and is at the hospital. The track was torn up for more than 100 feet. A piece of the engine weighing probably 1,000 pounds was thrown over 100 yards into a pasture at the side of the track. The explosion brought a few neighboring residents to the scene and they fully expected to hear of another hold up. It was at this very place that the last Blue Cut robbery occurred and the robberies before it.

LONE WOLF KNOCKED OUT.

Supreme Court Refuses His Injunction to Have the Indian Reservations Opened—Appeal to the President.

Washington, June 20.—Associate Justice Bradley has refused injunction in the Lone Wolf case. He holds that he has no jurisdiction. This means that the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations in Oklahoma will probably be opened for settlement before September 6. Lone Wolf and his followers asked that the interior department be enjoined from opening these lands until congress meets.

Former Congressman Springer has filed with the president a memorial praying that he exercise his discretion under the law and withhold the issuance of his proclamation for six months after the final allotments to the Indians are made and thus give congress an opportunity to repeal the present law.

BIG BLAZE AT ST. LOUIS.

J. B. Sickle's Saddlery Company, T. F. Reynolds' Carriage Company and Others Lose Property Valued at \$200,000.

St. Louis, June 20.—Fire which originated in the establishment of the J. B. Sickle's Saddlery company, at the corner of Twenty-first and Washington avenue, consumed property valued at almost \$200,000. The losing firms are the J. B. Sickle's Saddlery company, T. F. Reynolds' Carriage company, the Lambert Pharmacy company and several other concerns of minor importance.

Bryan Is for Mark Hanna.

Chicago, June 20.—William J. Bryan, in a talk with Chicago newspaper men, said: "I am for Mark Hanna for the republican candidate for president next time and hope the republicans will nominate him, but I'm not sure I can control their convention."

Missouri University Buildings.

Columbia, Mo., June 20.—Cep & Stewardson, of Philadelphia, have been selected as architects of the new buildings of the University of Missouri, upon which \$200,000 will be expended. Work will be begun on the plans at once.

Filipino Teachers Coming Here.

Manila, June 20.—Washington has been asked for an appropriation of \$10,000 to defray the expenses of 50 Filipino teachers who are to study for a year in normal schools of America, these schools having offered them free tuition.

Engine Exploded.

A Chicago & Alton freight engine, No. 332, exploded just west of Blue Cut, two and one-half miles east of Independence, about 12:45 o'clock Thursday morning, killing the engineer, George L. Gerew, and so seriously injuring the fireman, Willis Crowley, that he will probably die. The locomotive was drawing a train of fifteen stock cars west towards Kansas City, the train having started from Slater and been made up by cars picked up along the line. It was due to arrive in Independence at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and was running on time.

The explosion was terrific in force and the report, although muffled by the steep embankments of Blue Cut, awakened neighboring farmers. The blue cut is approached from the east by a steep grade, and freight engines have a hard pull in drawing a load over it. The overhead wagon bridge had just been passed when the explosion occurred.

The boiler, weighing forty tons, was lifted from the trucks and carried forward a distance of 185 feet where it struck the tracks, grinding the ties to splinters and bending the rails out of recognizable form. The firebox burst on either side, as might an eggshell; the smoke stack, weighing a ton, was lifted up above the sides of the embankment and fell 150 yards distant in a pasture, and the cab was completely destroyed. Yet with all this evidence of awful force, the wheels under the firebox merely fell to either side of the track, the trucks under the pilot did not leave the track and the tender was apparently unharmed.

The wrecked train was in charge of Conductor McAnas. No member of the train crew other than Gerew and Crowley was injured. Gerew lived in Slater, Mo. He is survived by a motherless son and daughter. Crowley was brought to St. Joseph's hospital. He is badly scalded and little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Missouri Mortgage Amendment Illegal.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 18.—The supreme court of Missouri met in banc this afternoon and rendered opinions in ten cases. Probably the most important is the decision which overthrows the third constitutional amendment adopted at the last general election, commonly known as the "Mortgage Tax" amendment.

The decision was made in the cases of Russell vs. Croy and Holmes vs. Croy, appealed from Buchanan county and decided in a single opinion by Judge Valliant. Considerable public interest has attached to these cases because of the fact that among grounds of invalidity urged upon the court was one that, if upheld, would have invalidated all of the amendments adopted last fall, and among them, of course, the world's fair amendment.

This most important contention was that the publication of the amendments was insufficient, but the court, fortunately for the world's fair, did not concur in the view of the appellants in this respect, and as the decision stands it has no bearing upon the validity of the other amendments.

The court does not unanimously agree upon any point in Judge Valliant's opinion, but a majority of them reach the conclusion that the third amendment is invalid because in conflict with the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

This was the decisive point in the case, and the judges who concurred with Judge Valliant were Robinson, Bracc and Gantt, J. J.; Burgess, C. J., Sherwood and Marshall, J. J., dissenting. The amendment is held to be illegal and unjust because of the classification it makes for the purposes of taxation.

Miss Lizzie Slaughter went to Richmond Thursday morning to attend the opening of the new opera house and to visit relatives.

Mrs. L. A. Flavel, of St. Louis, arrived Wednesday night and is the guest of Mrs. T. C. Sawyer at her pleasant suburban home.

Over the State.

Waynesville in Pulaski county had quite a blow last week, but no serious damage was done except to fruit trees.

The board of managers at the Fulton asylum last week let the contract for the second and third stories of the dormitory building to John W. Russell, of Fulton, for \$8,000.

Westminster, college at Fulton, will start a college paper next year. It will be known as the Westminster Monthly and will be under the management of Martin Yates, Jr.

Some of the farmers in Henry county, south of Clinton, are talking of straightening Grand river by cutting across some of the bends in the river in order to prevent overflows.

Some men in the sewer pipe works at Deepwater struck because they were ordered to go into a kiln and unload while it was yet heated to 150 degrees. This may properly be called a hot strike.

Out of 124 young men and women who took the teachers' examination last week for positions in the schools of Kansas City, only twelve have passed. The successful ones are: Lulu Moore, Annie L. Cox, Rose Wickey, Minnie Dresser, Mabel C. Cook, Ola May Warford, Clara Sweetser, Edith Stoner, Nellie Shoemaker, Carrie Chadwick, Ethel Lois Slaughter and Clara Z. Stringer. All these passed the ward school examinations. There were no successful candidates for high school positions.

Bad Storm at Boonville.

The most destructive storm that has visited Boonville, Mo., for years came upon that city without a moment's warning at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, sweeping everything before it. Beautiful shade trees along the residence districts were uprooted and broken off as mere saplings. The houses of several residents and several business houses were completely unroofed and for a while it seemed as though the entire city would be wiped off the map. The roof of the Commercial bank is a total loss, as also many private houses, while the livery barn of Lee Robertson and the foundry of R. Kerber are total losses. Tobe Fisher, a colored man, had sought shelter in the barn of Lee Robertson and thinking the storm about over started out for home and when he had scarcely reached the sidewalk the entire front of the building fell on him, killing him instantly.

Decision a National Issue.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—In an interview here today S. E. Moras, of Indianapolis, ex-consul general to Paris, said:

"The supreme court's recent decision presents an issue which will be the central question in politics for years to come. After we have had a little more experience in trying to govern distant people by force without their consent the voters of this country are going to reverse the decision, just as they did in the Dred Scott decision forty years ago.

"Who will be the next presidential nominee? Well, I personally favor either Chief Justice Fuller or Justice Harlan."

England is after it.

A. Kershaw Walker, electrical engineer of London, England, traveled from Wellington, New Zealand, to Kansas City for the express purpose of investigating a Kansas City invention he saw in the far away island capital. He arrived in Kansas City Tuesday and stopped at the Midland. The invention is the Barr-Fyke post marking and stamp canceling machine which is used extensively in the post-offices of this country. Messrs. Barr and Fyke are Kansas City men.

Owing to ill health Rev. J. C. Given will not preach at the Benton school house next Sunday. He will preach, however, at his church in Lexington.

Big Coal Deal.

Fairmont, W. Va., June 17.—The largest coal deal ever consummated in this state was closed today, the Watson coal operators having practically secured control of the entire Fairmont region. A new company with \$12,000,000 capital has been organized and is known as the Fairmont Coal Company. The Watsons have associated with them several New York capitalists, but they will retain the controlling interests. The mines absorbed in this deal comprise practically every mine in the district, a total of thirty-seven plants. The annual output will be over 6,000,000 net tons of coal. Over 4,000 men are on the monthly pay roll.

Baptist College Directors and Officers.

The stockholders of the Baptist Female college, of this city, met last Saturday, June 15th, and elected the following trustees for the coming year: G. W. Hyde, Walter B. Waddell, H. W. Winsor, John G. Worthington, M. F. Royle, F. Lee Wallace, R. F. Waddell, A. G. Williams, Harry Wallace, Dr. Charles Manly, D. W. B. Tevis, R. M. Inlow, R. M. Jones, H. A. Hunt, W. T. Campbell, W. M. Bell, S. M. Brown, J. W. Rucker, Noah M. Givens, W. I. Cole.

The trustees met immediately after the election and organized by electing the following officers: G. W. Hyde, pres.; H. W. Winsor, sec'y.; Walter B. Waddell, treas.

A Texas wonder.

BALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two month's treatment, will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, St. Louis, formerly Waco, Texas. Send for testimonials. Sold by Cresshaw & Young.

READ THIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 27, 1900.—This is to certify that I have been cured of kidney and bladder trouble with one bottle of The Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, and can recommend it to others suffering in the same manner.

HENRY LINZFER,
At Ludell Barber Shop, 615 Washington Avenue.

Excursion Train.

The special excursion train for Kansas City, Sunday, June 23, will run via Lexington. Passengers desiring to use this train must get on and off at Myrick station. The fare from Myrick on this train will be 75 cents for the round trip. The usual Sunday rates will be on sale at Lexington passenger station.

BULL FOR SALE.

Young bull for sale; good size; good color; good individual; thoroughbred.

6 221f T. B. CAMPBELL.

Rev. Otto, of the Christian Church at Higginsville, preached in the Christian church at Corder last Sunday.

At the annual election of officers of Lexington Lodge No. 149, A. F. and A. M., at their lodge room Monday night the following were chosen for the coming year: R. F. Norfolk, W. M.; Chris Walk, S. W.; Thomas Walton, J. W.; John S. Blackwell, treasurer; H. W. Winsor, secretary. The officers will be installed at a special meeting Monday night.

At their annual meeting in June the board of curators of Central college, at Fayette, Mo., conferred upon Rev. Z. M. Williams, of our city, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. This is a well-deserved honor conferred upon Mr. Williams and the institution conferring the degree may be assured that Dr. Williams will be an honor to it.

Sedalia is preparing to have a grand free barbecue the Fourth of July. They propose to have an old-fashioned barbecue such as our forefathers used to have, with cattle, hogs and sheep roasted whole. grand parade, band concerts, athletic games and sports and first class races are among the attractions promised.

Col. John S. White, of Odessa, Mo., Monday in our city on business, shaking hands with his many Lexington friends. Col. White is one of our old school true blue democrats, always to help with his vote and influence to help win democratic victories. He is one of Lafayette county's most substantial farmers and stock raisers and we are always pleased to see him in the county seat.