

## THE LAST WAS IN LOUISIANA

Daily Lynching Story Comes  
from the Southern States  
This Time

MOB HUNG A NEGRESS

She Was Suspected of Poisoning a White  
Girl for Thirty Dollars, but Crime Was  
Not Proven

NEW ORLEANS, July 27.—News has just reached Shreveport that Jennie Steer, who gave poison in a glass of lemonade to beautiful sixteen-year-old Elizabeth Dolan, causing a frightful death, was lynched by an infuriated mob about sundown Sunday night. The lynching occurred on the Beard plantation, near the spot where the woman's crime was committed.

Jennie Steer was stubborn to the last, denying her crime. But the proof against her was direct and conclusive, and precluded the possibility of her innocence.

The negress fled from the Dolan household as soon as she discovered that her crime was known. She was pursued by a posse, who found her crouching in a hay loft. She refused to come out and had to be dragged from the place.

She was taken to the Dolan home, and fully identified, as the woman who had placed the poison in the lemonade.

The mob then took her to a nearby tree, placed a rope around her neck, and again asked her to confess. She refused. While the body was dangling in the air several bullets were fired into it by enraged citizens.

The poisoning of Miss Dolan created intense excitement in the neighborhood. The victim was a beautiful young girl, who was not known to have an enemy in the world. She died in horrible agony, a fact which accentuated the rage of the mob.

The funeral of Miss Dolan occurred this morning, and it was attended by people for miles around. The Rev. Dr. Afford conducted the funeral services.

There is a growing suspicion that this negress was connected with the murder of Mrs. Frank Matthews, whose horrible death startled the people of this section several months ago. She was a negress of forbidding aspect, but a good servant, and Mrs. Matthews kept her against the protests of her son and daughter. On the morning of the murder she was the first one to notify the inmates of the house of the commission of the crime.

However, suspicion was not directed toward her, as it was believed at the time that Mrs. Matthews had been assaulted, and the crime was placed at the door of a man. Porter Matthews, son of Mrs. Matthews, said today that subsequent developments caused both him and sister to believe that his mother was murdered by a woman, and that robbery was the motive for the crime.

Thirty dollars, the sum that Mrs. Matthews had in the house at that time, was missing after the murder, and the condition of Mrs. Matthews' body indicated that she had been struck by a woman, as the gashes were not as deep as a man would have made. Neither Mrs. Matthews nor her daughter was assaulted.

The arrest of Jennie Steer for deliberately poisoning a young girl leads the Matthews to the belief that if she did not commit the Shreveport crime, she knew something about it. It is a source of some regret that the woman was not interrogated on this matter before her death. The chances are, however, that she would have refused to talk.

Everything is quiet in the vicinity of Bayou La Chute today. There is no apparent sympathy for the negress, Jennie Steer, among the law-abiding blacks of that section. As far as is known, this was the first negress ever lynched in this state.

A Self Confessed Murderer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 27.—A young woman, giving the name of Mrs. Aurora Hodge, her age 19, and her home Denison, Iowa, entered the

office of Superintendent of Police Carr and said she wanted to give herself up, declaring that she had killed a man near Salt Lake, Utah on July 11. She said that she had parted from her husband a few months after their marriage and went on the road with a traveling medicine vender as his bookkeeper.

"When on a lonely road near Salt Lake City on July 11," she said, "I attempted to assault me and I shot him with a revolver I had been carrying. I left him in the wagon and went to Salt Lake to give myself up, but my nerve failed me and I took a train for Denison. I told my brother, and when he went to tell the authorities I fled to Chicago. Then I secured a position in a Spring Lake, Michigan, hotel, but could not rest with the tragedy on my mind, so I came to Grand Rapids to give myself up."

Mrs. Hodge refused to tell the name of the man she killed. The woman is in jail.

### FIREMAN BADLY SCALDED

Accident Happened Last Night Near Golconda

Fireman Codd was badly scalded by escaping steam last night at Kodak, this side of Lovelock. He was placed on No. 3 and taken back to Lovelock, where a doctor was summoned, and he was cared for in the best manner possible. Later he was taken on to the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco.

Mr. Codd is a new man on this division, and was making his second trip between Winnemucca and Wadsworth. He was firing for Engineer Flint, on freight No. 220. It is stated that while the train was waiting at Kodak he was engaged in letting down coal into the tender, when the squirt hose connected with the boiler blew off; Codd was in a position from which he could not escape immediately, and it took but a few seconds for the steam to get in his work.

The right side of his face, his right arm and hip, and in fact his right side almost from head to foot was severely scalded. As is usual in the case of scalds, his suffering was intense. The seriousness of his injuries could not be learned here today, but as to their painfulness there is no doubt.

### Trouble in Store

BIG TIMBER, Mont., July 27.—The sheepmen of Bridger creek county, several miles from here, are up in arms as the result of the burning of the Flannigan brothers' sheep camp and pens, the largest in this section of Montana.

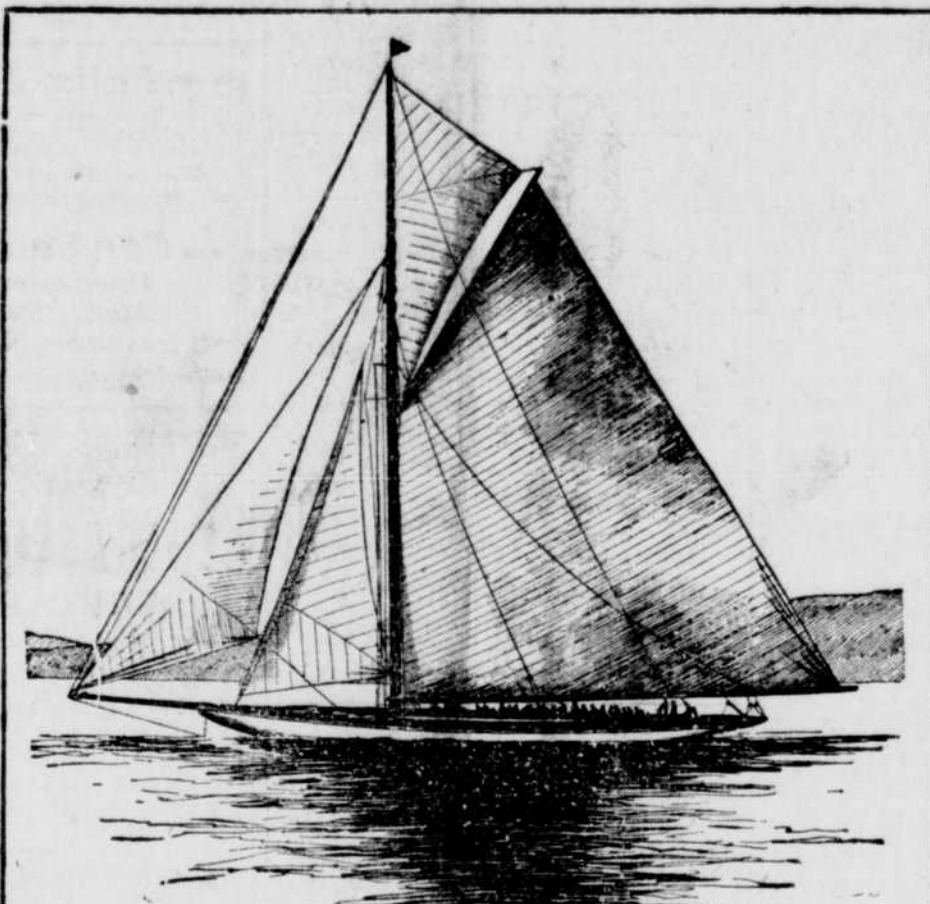
The destruction is believed by the sheepmen to be the work of cattle-men, with whom they have been on the verge of war for the past six months. The sheepmen have organized a posse under the leadership of William Bell, one of the prominent sheepmen, and a search is being made of the surrounding country for a man whom the sheepmen declare they know to be the incendiary. Pickets have been strung out for an area of ten miles square.

Parties just in from the scene say that the situation is extremely serious and that a lynching is threatened if the cattlemen suspected of firing the Flannigan pens falls into the hands of the pursuing sheepmen.

### Back From the Hospital

R. H. Willis, who has been employed in the yards here for some time in the capacity of switchman, returned yesterday afternoon from San Francisco, where he went to receive the attention which was necessary for a finger of his left hand, at the Southern Pacific hospital. Immediately on arriving at the hospital, Mr. Willis informs us, the physicians gave the diseased finger their attention. The bone was bared and curetted and from the time the wound was dressed he experienced relief. It is thought there is now no danger existing from blood poisoning, so he returned home and reported for duty, expecting to go to work soon.

## SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S BEST BOAT



SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S SHAMROCK III.

According to the yachting sharp, Shamrock III is the most formidable challenger Sir Thomas Lipton has built during his long quest for the America's cup. But it must be remembered that Sir Thomas always wins the cup about this time of year and fails later.

## KILLED BY A PRISONER

Deputy Constable Shot by  
Man He Was Searching—  
Vengeance Quick

SAN ANDREAS, July 26.—Deputy Constable James Casey was shot and killed instantly this afternoon while he was about to lock Jules Martinez, a Mexican whom he had arrested in a prison cell. Then the drunken prisoner made a rush for liberty across the jail yard, exchanging shots as he ran with a deputy sheriff. When escape seemed certain he was brought to earth by bullets fired from a rifle in the hands of a brother of the dead constable.

As he fell a crowd pounced upon Martinez, but he was hustled toward the jail by Assessor Nuner. Just as he was about to be taken within the prison where his victim lay dead, a band of determined men rushed up and there were shouts of "Lynch him!"

Nuner, however, was armed with a shotgun and he held the crowd at bay long enough to have the murderer placed behind the bars. Still the crowd was not satisfied and demanded that the prisoner be given up.

Then it was that Sheriff Graves appealed to them to let the law take its course adding this remark:

"Any way the prisoner is wounded mortally and cannot survive."

The crowd dispersed and Martinez is safe, until death releases him from his sufferings.

The tragedy occurred about 3 o'clock and Martinez had been drinking very heavily during the day and was extremely noisy. Casey ordered him to keep quiet, but Martinez only laughed and declared Casey was afraid to arrest him. But Casey was not afraid and took Martinez to the county jail.

Deputy Sheriff Thorn was in the yard when Casey arrived with the prisoner, and Thorn started to get a key to the cell. Casey started to search the prisoner's pockets, when Martinez drew a revolver and fired twice at the constable. The bullets struck him in the stomach and he fell dead. Thorn saw Casey fall and rushed toward Martinez, who fired again, but missed a shot.

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## TRADE IS NOW ON THE BOOM

Bradstreet's Report for Last  
Week Shows Improvement  
In Business

Bradstreet, in reviewing conditions for last week, says:

Stock liquidation at the expense of industrial affects sentiment, but does not conceal the improvement in the corn and cotton crops, a change for the better in industrial conditions in New York and other disturbed centers and a continued cheerful tone in western and southwestern trade circles. The market for cereals also reflects selling, but here the moving feature is the good crop advises at home and abroad and the pressure of the excellent quality of the new wheat arrivals.

Iron and steel markets and those for other metals feel the reflex action of depression in securities and buying is closely restricted even with drooping values, while the bulls in cotton have given nearly months and spot cotton another twist, in which record prices have been recorded, thus rendering the position of manufacturers still more unsatisfactory.

Strike troubles are given as the cause of dullness in eastern lumber markets. The shoe trade east and west seems to be in an exceptionally good position, western houses having all they can do, while eastern shoe shipments are in advance of all previous records.

Railway earnings are exceptionally good, showing a gain of 15 per cent for the first half.

The partial end of the building strike in New York leads to hopes of a better business, while the strike at (Continued on page 4.)

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Department of Agriculture,  
Winnemucca, Nevada, July 27, 1903.  
Conditions of weather for the 24 hours  
ending 8 p. m. 75th meridian time, or  
5:09 p. m. local time:

Mean barometer	29.98
Maximum temperature	80.00
Minimum temperature	48.00
Mean temperature	69.00
Normal temperature	72.00
Precipitation for 24 hours	.00
Minimum temperature, July 28	48.00
Prevailing wind	southwest
Tonight fair; warmer. Wednesday	McADIE.

## IDENTITY WAS NOT DISCLOSED

left cheek, and he also lost two of his lower teeth. He was brought up on No. 6 and Dr. Giroux dressed the wounds, after which he was taken to the hospital.

The Silver State was misinformed yesterday in regard to Mrs. G. F. Muller accompanying Mrs. Lorentzen to Portland Oregon. Mrs. Muller has not gone away as yet; Mr. Muller, the popular day clerk at the Lafayette hotel, has applied for a leave of absence, and as soon as a substitute is secured, he and Mrs. Muller will leave for Seattle, they expect to visit relatives in Sacramento also on their month's vacation.

Will Stewart, day caller, recently handed in his resignation, and H. V. Smith, formerly night ticket agent at Wadsworth, came to take his place. Mr. Smith was recently taken sick, however, and last night went to the hospital in San Francisco for treatment, going on No. 5. It will therefore be necessary for Will to continue calling until such time as Mr. Smith is able to take his place; but when he is relieved he will go to San Francisco for a visit, after which he will go to Ogden, where he will attend school.

A. L. Shaw paid this office a pleasant visit yesterday afternoon. Mr. Shaw has been employed in the carpenter shops of the Southern Pacific at Wadsworth for some time, and he came up a few days ago to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Shaw, who live at Paradise. While on his visit home he received the offer of a more remunerative and desirable position from the Reno Lumber Mills, which he at once accepted, resigning from the service of the company. He was on his way to Reno last night to enter upon his new duties.

Two new subscribers were added to the Silver State's rapidly growing city list before nine o'clock this morning. They keep coming right along, and they all stay when they do come. We wish to mention in this connection that the management will be grateful to the subscribers if they will promptly notify the office of any irregularity in the delivery of their paper. It is our aim to deliver the Silver State promptly and regularly, and to this end we will soon add another carrier. In appreciation of the hearty support the paper is receiving, much is coming from unexpected sources, we will endeavor to give subscribers their money's worth.

## DIDN'T VISIT EUROPE AND ASIA Dr. D'Amours Writes Silver State From Tuscarora

The Silver State is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Z. A. D'Amours—not from Europe or Asia, as many of our readers will be surprised to learn, but from Tuscarora, Nevada.

On the 20th of June, in response to a letter written by the Silver State, to the doctor at Golconda, the following was received:

"Dear Sir—Yours to hand. Dr. A. Fournier, from Gardnerville, is visiting me, and he and I start today for an extended trip in Europe and Asia. Will be gone six months. Yours,  
DR. D'AMOURS."

Now the doctor writes that he is in Tuscarora, and is apparently much grieved to learn that the Silver State published an account of his leaving Humboldt county—and a few bills. We are free to say that we did not publish anything hurtful to him, nor as much as was deserved in view of his treatment of this paper. However, we cheerfully give space to the following, in response to the doctor's request, from the letter just received:

"I authorize you to publish a notice asking the people of Golconda and Winnemucca to send their bills against me, if I have left any unpaid before I left."

### Lost—Reward Offered

LOST—Saturday morning, July 25, pair gold-rimmed spectacles. Owner authorizes the announcement that full value of the spectacles will be paid as a reward for their return to this office. J27-1f

Carbon paper for copying, in large sheets or cut to any size desired, at the Silver State office. 1f

Jury Unable to Determine  
Who Man Was Who Was  
Found Dead

BURIED ON THACKER'S RANCH

Remains Appeared to Have Been in the Water  
for Months and Were Badly De-  
composed

A special telegram to the Silver State from Mill City this afternoon states that the body of a man found in a slough on the Thacker ranch yesterday is supposed to be that of one Highly, a party of that name, answering the description of the man found in a general way, having disappeared from Taylor's Cosgrave ranch about six months ago.

Justice Robins, who went down to Mill City last night to hold an inquest, accompanied by Public Administrator Cochran, who followed on a later train, returned on No. 6 this afternoon. Mr. Robins states that the body was in an advanced state of decomposition, but that it appeared to be that of a man about 50 years of age. The remains were discovered on Sunday morning, lying in the water and mud in the slough. It appeared to have drifted with the current of the stream for some distance. The man was dressed in overalls, in the pockets of which \$2.50 in silver was found. There was nothing else by which his identity could be determined. Near the body was found a loaded shotgun cartridge, of 10-gauge.

Justice Robins summoned a jury of six, who could only determine that the man came to his death by drowning, and that his identity was to them unknown. Examination failed to disclose any marks or violence about his person. It was decided to inter the remains on the Thacker ranch, near where they were found, which was done.

The inquest determined one thing—the body was not that of Contractor Babcock, who disappeared from Winnemucca a few weeks ago; a theory to that effect was advanced last night, and in lieu of particulars, was accepted as probable by some.

## ESCAPING CONVICTS CAUGHT Found at Placerville, Cal.--A Battle Followed

PLACERVILLE, Cal., July 27.—A party of escaped convicts was overtaken by the officers near Pilot Hill at 7 o'clock tonight and a fight ensued. Convict Howard was killed and a negro named Seavis wounded. Two more of the party took to the woods. None of the officers were hurt. They were not strong enough to effect a capture. The pursuit continues. A company of militia from this place is on the trail in company with half a hundred deputies from five counties.

### A Coming Attraction

The announcement is made that the Projecto Vaudeville company will soon visit Winnemucca and give one and perhaps two performances, or entertainments. The show put on by this company is said to be clean, interesting and instructive, and if this is true they can count on doing a good business here, for Winnemucca is hungry for good entertainments.

### Dr. Porter, Dentist

D. V. S. Porter, dentist. Office on Bridge street. 1f

We are prepared to fill promptly all orders in any quantity for Budweiser, the king of all beers, from the fresh stock just received. E. Reinhart & Co. 7-13-1f