

A GALLOWS MYSTERY

John Lee's Remarkable Experience on the Scaffold.

FACED DEATH THREE TIMES.

And Three Times the Trap, Which Had Previously Been Tested and Found in Good Working Order, Refused to Open When the Bolt Was Drawn.

One of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed on the gallows took place in England in the last century.

Early on the morning of Feb. 23, 1855, a considerable crowd of people gathered before the grim front of Exeter prison. It was a silent crowd, shivering in the keen wind that blew around those frowning walls on that dull, misty morning, and its eyes were all bent on a flagstaff which stood bare.

They were waiting for the signal to be hoisted—a flag that justice had been done on a murderer.

Inside the prison a warden stood ready, holding in his hand the cord which should hoist the hideous black drapery lying on the ground at his feet, but the signal did not come. Instead of it there arrived an excited prison officer.

"The flag will not be hoisted. Lee will not be hanged today," he said.

John Lee, the prisoner whose death signal that crowd had awaited, had had one of the most remarkable escapes from capital punishment recorded in our prison history. To this day it remains somewhat of a mystery how John Lee lived so many years after the events of that terrible morning.

"I had a dream," the wretched man wrote to his sister the day after his fearful experience on the scaffold.

"I had a dream on Sunday night, the night before the scaffold was not ready and that they had to make another. I told the officers that were on watch over me at 6 o'clock in the morning, but I did not think it was coming true. But it did. It was the Lord's will that I should not die yesterday at the time appointed by man. I believe what occurred was a miracle. I was on the brink of death three times. It is my wish to die. I am tired of this world, and I am waiting for the time to come, and I hope it will not be long. I have had a dream about this world three times."

John Lee did not exaggerate his awful experience.

At 8 in the morning of that February day he had been led from his cell to die. In what had been the coach house of the prison the gallows had been erected. Beneath was a deep pit covered by the closed doors, which, when the condemned man was placed in proper position, should, at a signal, be withdrawn by an assistant pulling a lever. The whole arrangement had been tested several times and had worked satisfactorily. But now, with John Lee standing there with the cap drawn over his face and the hangman's rope around his neck, the flap doors beneath his feet would not give way!

Berry made the fatal signal, the assistant pulled the lever, the bolt flew back, but the doors kept their place.

Then the warden rushed forward and stamped with their feet upon the doors. They remained firm. Lee was led aside, and carpenters were called in to save some of the woodwork away. Again all was ready. The clergyman once more came to the doors, "In the midst of life we are in death." Again the signal was given, the bar was pulled, but the doors refused to part.

John Lee stood there before them all!

Three times did that happen. For no fewer than eighteen minutes Lee stood there tasting the agony of momentarily expected death.

Then the white cap was taken from his face and the rope from around his neck, and he was led back to prison, while the jail authorities hastily conferred as to what should be done.

A telegram was dispatched to the home secretary, Sir William Harcourt, informing him of the extraordinary occurrence and requesting instructions. Later the undersheriff proceeded to London to interview the secretary.

"I felt," said Sir William Harcourt later in the house of commons, "that it would shock the feelings of every one if this man were called upon to again undergo the pangs of imminent death, and I consequently signed a respite during her majesty's pleasure."—London Tit-Bits.

Essed His Conscience.

An amusing story is related of Johns Hopkins. Honesty was evidently one of the fundamental traits of his character. On one occasion he was sent by his mother to borrow a fathom of a neighbor. The good neighbor gave him the fathom and at the same time offered him a piece of pie.

"No, thank you. I don't want any pie," said the red faced boy as he started home. Halfway there the pie and his conscience were too much for him. He wheeled about and knocked again at the neighbor's door, his face redder than ever. "I told you a story," he explained; "I did want that pie."

Last Resort.

First Farm Servant—Why did the farmer's wife give you notice? Second Farm Servant—She said I was no good for anything. I couldn't even mind the sheep. So I am going into the town to be a nursemaid.—Meggendorfer Blatter.

Riches are like sea water, the more you drink the thirstier you become.—Schoepenhauer.

What to Name Your Dog.

There are certain English names for dogs that have meanings that might be given when appropriate. Alan means a hound; Ashur, black; Bianco, white; Crispin, curly; Duncan, brown; Julius, soft haired; Leonard, lionlike; Linus, faxen haired; Rufus, red; Vivian, lively; Clara, bright; Constance, loyal; Joyce, sportive. Such names as Scud, Rover, Dart and Patter are suggestive in themselves. Two classic names suitable for dogs are Bileon and Lixus.

Wouldn't Dance Upside Down.

A young lady rushed into a drug store and asked for some floor wax. The clerk told her they had no floor wax, but had some sealing wax. She replied, "We are going to give a dance and want to wax the floor, not the ceiling."—Baltimore Sun.

No Cause For Alarm.

Young Doctor—Do you think the visitor is really a patient? I am afraid that he is a creditor. Servant—Well, if he is, he must have a very big bill to collect.—Flegende Blatter.

DRUGGISTS' GLOBES.

How the Colors in the Window Emblems Are Produced.

"The big glass globes filled with colored water which were once in the front windows of every drug store are not seen now as frequently as of old," said a drug clerk to a reporter.

"Of course many are still in use, but in the neighborhood of the window displays in drug stores by reason of the installation of the electric light they have been displaced. With the old gas jet arrangement there were but two or three separate illuminations, mostly placed behind the globes in question.

"The colored contents of these globes and their chemical constituents are a mystery to most persons, and I have had ladies ask me if they contained colored perfumes. The globes are made in all sorts of fancy and elaborate shapes and designs. Some are costly. Their history is buried in antiquity, but as they contain chemical compositions they were primarily, as they are now, the emblem of the chemist.

"The water is filtered and beautifully colored by chemical admixtures and are composed of such chemicals that they will withstand the rays of the sun and not fade. The exquisite pale green, which is one of the popular selections of coloring, is a solution of nitrate of nickel, and most persons will be surprised to learn that it is derived from dissolving the common five cent nickel piece in nitric acid. A few five cent nickel pieces dissolved in this acid will produce enough coloring body to tinge several gallons of water and give a coloring which is most pleasing to the eye.

"The red, which is also a very bright, beautiful and permanent color and which shows very effectively both by day and when illuminated at night, is made from resublimated or metallic iodine. The blue is made from sulphate of copper and ammonia, and the yellow is produced by an admixture of bichromate of potash and sulphuric acid. Any person can make these beautiful colorings, especially the green, but as the acids used are very powerful it is best to have them prepared by a chemist, as a drop of nitric acid on the hand will eat a hole in the flesh.

"In fact, even druggists make mistakes. I remember one who tried to give a fine new color that other druggists didn't have, so he mixed tincture of chloride of iron with antipyrin. It did, in fact, make a fine color in the globes, but when the sun's rays rested on it for a few hours explosive gases were generated, which sent the globes flying in a thousand pieces and wrecked the contents of the window."

Washington Star.

The New Pure Food and Drug Law.

"We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug Law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults." The Arant Co. Drug Store.

SOME NEW YORK "FIRSTS."

The first street used for building purposes was Pearl.

The first manor house was erected by Killian Van Rensselaer in 1630.

The first man sentenced to be hanged for murder was a negro known as "the giant" (1641).

The first record of marine signaling was a small redoubt erected in 1641 upon the eastern headland of the island, where a flag was raised whenever a vessel arrived.

The first building on the site of New York city was erected by the Dutch in the spring of 1615. It was a tiny structure of logs, answering the double purpose of storehouse and fort.

The first ferry to Long Island was established in 1637. It was in the vicinity of Peck slip. Cornelis Dircksen, who had a farm near by, came to ferry passengers at the sound of a horn which he hung against a tree near his skiff.—New York Herald.

Kissing the Feet.

The custom of kissing the feet of persons which was desired to honor originated with the ancients. The people of oriental nations used to kiss the hands and feet or beams of the clothes of the persons they wished to show respect for. The ancient Egyptians got this custom from the Assyrians, and later the Greeks adopted the habit from the Egyptians. The Romans followed the Greeks, and then the Persians.

The kissing of the sultan of Turkey is kissed by subjects of high rank. Those of more lowly position are merely allowed to touch the fringe of his garment to their lips, and the poorest classes must be content to make a low obeisance in his presence.

"Pneumonia's Deadly Work"

had so seriously afflicted 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."

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The Ubiquitous Tin Can.

The ubiquitous American tin can is proving in its way a kind of universal civilization, since it is found doing duty for a variety of purposes in almost every country on the face of the earth.

In Japan tomato cans are utilized as flowerpots, in China salmon cans are used as soup ladles, and in the Himalayas painted tins are served as head-dresses for ladies. South sea belles use tin cans as hand mirrors, while Patagonian chiefs wear them suspended about their necks as ornaments. The Eskimos use peach cans for bird traps, the bright flashing of the tin on the top of a pole attracting the curiosity of the birds so that they are induced to fly close to the hunters. A queer sort of the Tierra del Fuego islands made out of tin cans. In Turkey oil cans are commonly used in the place of pails to carry water, or, battered out, are employed for sheathing on huts. Tin plate has been manufactured in America since 1802, and tin cans have been made for a longer period. This industry is now one of the most important in the world. Every month America makes enough tin cans to belt the globe if the sides were spread open.—Zion's Herald.

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SHORTHAND.

The System Can Be Traced to the Fifth Century B. C.

Shorthand is so closely associated with the hurry and rush of modern business that it is startling to think of its having been in use among the ancient Greeks and Romans. Yet there seems to be no doubt that the orators of Cicero were committed to paper with as much skill and rapidity as the modern stenographer can boast.

Just how old the system of abbreviated writing is which the ancient Greeks called tachygraphy it is impossible to say. Xenophon is believed to have used it in taking notes of the lectures of Socrates, which would take it back to the fifth century before Christ. This is disputed by some authorities. It is also disputed by no doubt about its use in the first century. A writer in the Chicago Tribune gives some interesting facts about it.

The development of shorthand was due especially to Marcus Tullius Tiro. Born in Latium in 103 B. C., Tiro, who was a slave, was brought up with Cicero, who was some years his junior. Freed, he became Cicero's secretary and in this capacity aided him greatly. In the famous trial of Catinle (63 B. C.) the stenographic rapidity of Tiro was at its height.

In the first century before Christ a discourse of Cato Uticensis, according to Plutarch, was taken down by shorthand reporters.

Early in the third century Anno Domino is found the term stenograph (stenographic character), used by the Greek orator, Flavius Philostratus.

Origin of Alexandria (185-254 A. D.) noted his sermons down in shorthand, and Socrates, the ecclesiastical historian of the fourth century, said that parts of the sermons of St. John Chrysostom were preserved by the same process.

The shorthand that they used was a form of writing in which each word was represented by a special sign. The letters of the alphabet, with modifications, connected so as to admit of great rapidity of execution, formed the elements of these characters.

Manilius, who was a contemporary of Cicero, Virgil and Horace, mentions it in verse. He says:

In shorthand skilled, where little marks comprise Whole words, a sentence in a single letter lies And, while the willing hand its aid affords, Prevents the tongue to fix the falling words.

The Price of Health.

"The price of health in a malarious district is just 25c 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 The Arant Co. Drug Store.

"In the Neighborhood."

After Eben Mason, a contractor, had put a new front on James Emmon's grocery store he suggested to William Lane, whose dry goods store stood next to it, that he ought to make a slight improvement.

"How much will it cost?" Mr. Lane asked.

"Well," Eben began judicially, "a fine plate glass, steel frame window'll cost you in the neighborhood of \$200."

"Go ahead," said Lane.

"When the job was finished, says a contributor to the Boston Herald, Eben presented a bill for \$500. Lane looked it over, hunched and hemmed several times, but said nothing.

"Well," said Eben at last, "don't you think the job is worth the price?"

"What's the trouble, then?"

"Nothing," said Lane slowly, "only you said it would cost in the neighborhood of \$200. I was just thinking what a big neighborhood you must do your thinking in."

Turkish and Persian Pipes.

The Turkish hookah and the Persian nargile are the most magnificent and expensive of all pipes. The tubes through which the smoke is drawn are made of leather covered with velvet, or with gold and silver among the very wealthy, richly ornamented with precious stones, while the receptacle for the water is usually formed of glass handsomely cut, or engraved and gilt, or of precious metals decorated with enamel. The liquid in this bowl is frequently rosewater or other delicately perfumed distillation, adding considerably to the fragrance of the smoke. The tobacco is lighted in a receptacle at the summit of the pipe, which is also formed of gold or silver and studded with magnificent diamonds and other gems. The tubes vary in length from five to ten yards, and the whole paraphernalia is often borne behind a nobleman on horseback, so that by this means he can continue his smoke as the inclination takes him.

Doing Business Again.

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisholm, of Trenton, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again, and am still gaining daily. Best tonic medicine on earth. Guaranteed by The Arant Co. Drug Store, 50c.

His Idea of Happiness.

At the Players' club in New York some years ago a number of actors were arguing about the meaning of the word "happiness." In the midst of the argument Henry E. Dixey appeared, and one of the contestants said:

"Dixey, what is your idea of happiness?"

Mr. Dixey smiled thoughtfully. Then he replied: "My idea of true happiness is to lie on a couch before a bright fire, smoking a large Havana cigar given me by an admirer, while I listen to a woman who worships me reading aloud flattering press notices about my acting."

A Limited Habit.

"I see that some of our scientists claim that death is largely a matter of habit, depending upon thought and all that," he said.

"Nonsense," she replied. "Did you ever know any one who was in the habit of dying?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The hours we pass with happy prospects in view are more pleasing than those crowned with fruition.—Goldsmith.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. Summons, For Relief. (Complaint Not Served.)

Daniel M. Rodgers, Plaintiff against Isaac Murray, Josiah Murray, Stephen Murray, Jeff Curran, Earnest Curran, Carrie Curran, Hunter Curran, Corron Curran, Leifers Curran, Mary Sue Curran and Alva Curran, Defendants.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office in Manning, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for relief demanded in the complaint.

WILSON & O'BRYAN, Plaintiff's Attorneys. To the Defendants Josiah Murray and Stephen Murray: Take notice that the Summons and Complaint in this action were filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for said County and State on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1907.

WILSON & O'BRYAN, Plaintiff's Attorneys. March 6, 1907. A. I. BARRON, C. C. C. P. C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. R. I. Manning, Plaintiff, against James D. Deas, Lynch H. Deas, Richard R. Deas, Eleanor N. Deas, J. Deas, Jr., Henry Deas, Ellen D. Deas and Henry B. Deas, Defendants.

Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale. UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A Judgment Order of the Court of Common Pleas, in the above stated action, to me directed, bearing date of February 7, 1907, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at Clarendon Court House, at Manning, in said county, within the legal hours for judicial sales, on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1907, being sale day, the following described real estate:

That parcel composed of twenty-nine and one-third acres No. 1a, and nineteen and two-thirds acres, No. 1b, in all forty-nine acres, situate in the county of Clarendon, in said State, and bounded as follows:

North, by lands of John C. Manning and Eleanor N. Richardson, known as lots No. 7 and 8; east, by lands of Eleanor N. Richardson and J. M. Richardson; south, by lands of J. M. Richardson and on the west by lands of John C. Manning, known as lot No. 7, and by lands of J. M. Richardson.

That parcel or tract of land in said county and State, known as the southern half of the second Bottom, containing seventy-four and 41/100 acres, bounded, north, by lands of John C. Manning, known as lot No. 8; east, by St. Mark's church lands; south, by lands of Mathis, and west by the Santee river swamp. Purchaser to pay for papers.

E. B. GAMBLE, Sheriff Clarendon County.

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