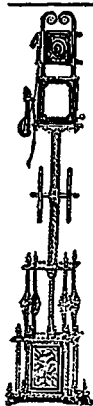




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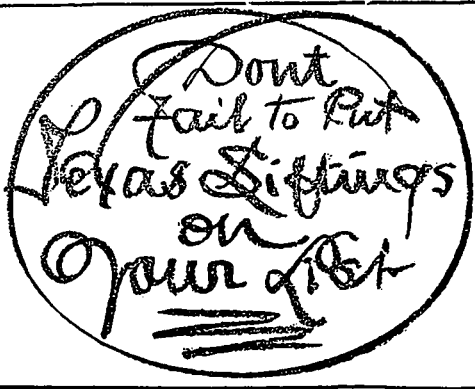
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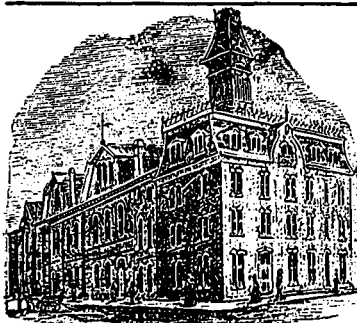
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A CELEBRATED COLORADO CASE.

Acquittal of the Millingtons After a Long Legal Battle.

Ringing cheers went up in the Denver Chamber of Commerce recently when the jury in the celebrated Millington murder case brought in a verdict of not guilty. The defendants were overwhelmed with congratulations, and a scene of the wildest excitement prevailed in the temporary court house.



FRANK AND MILLA MILLINGTON.

This demonstration was a marked contrast to that which took place when Frank Millington, Mary Millington, his wife, and Sarah Millington, his sister, a pretty young girl of eighteen, were accused of poisoning William H. Avery, the former husband of Mrs. Millington, and one of the wealthiest citizens of Fort Collins, Colo. Then a howling mob assaulted and threatened to lynch them.

The case was a remarkable one. In 1884 Frank Millington, then fresh from college, entered into partnership with W. H. Avery. Mrs. Avery was the organist in one of the churches and a leader in Fort Collins social circles. Avery was a grim, taciturn man, absorbed in business and much away from home, and Millington was thrown a great deal in the society of his wife.

In May, 1890, Avery was taken suddenly ill, and died a few weeks afterward. Just before his sickness Millington left the state, but he returned to Denver shortly after Avery's death, and had Mrs. Avery were married secretly at Hastings, Neb. When the gossip of Fort Collins heard of the wedding they were wild. It was learned that during Millington's absence Mrs. Avery had corresponded with him through his sister Sarah, or "Billie," as she was called. Avery's body was exhumed, but no trace of poison could be found. But Fort Collins was not satisfied. The viscera were again dug up, and the presence of a small quantity of arsenic discovered. Then Millington and his wife and sister were accused of poisoning Avery, and they were arrested and almost mobbed by the populace.

The trial disclosed the fact that Mrs. Millington was a much-suffering woman; that her husband was cold and cruel; that she fell in love with Millington, but that their relations were pure, and also was contemplating a divorce when Avery died. There was no evidence of crime. The traces of arsenic in the viscera undoubtedly came from the embalming fluid. Then there was a revelation of popular feeling, and the acquittal of the defendants was the signal for an uproarious display of delight.

Strange Stories About Birds and Beasts.

Here is a collection of some of the latest and possibly true yarns about the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and snakes also. The original publishers of the various items here condensed for their accuracy, and so, if there are any signs of exaggeration, they must rest on their shoulders.

Clifford, Minn. is the home of a natural curiosity—a duck with four feet. It swims with three and uses the other for a rudder. William Williams, who resides near Mud Turtle lake, Ga., "has a pointer dog and a large brown cat. They go out hunting together. The dog points the birds and the cat stalks the mice. The cat, with a flank movement in the rear, never fails to secure a bird. They never banquet until they have secured four birds, when each of them dines on two birds apiece."

A pair of "curious" Samosha cattle were exhibited at Kansas City, Mo., a few days ago. They are exceedingly small, the male weighing only about 150 pounds, while the female weighed about 250 pounds. Both are fully developed and have very large heads and long horns. These little cattle are only about two and a half feet in height and are of a reddish mouse color marked with white. Near Hazelton, in Miller county, Mo., a

man returned from a prolonged visit to the corner grocery was chased by two snakes the other day. He says one of the reptiles was twelve feet long and as thick as a stoupe.

A Cass county farmer brought eight live wolves to the county clerk at Plattsburgh, N.Y., and demanded the bounty, but the official refused to pay until the animals were skinned and their skulls taken.

If his own story of the affair is true, Israel Rohar, a veteran hunter of Danforth, Me., had a wild ride recently. He attempted to kill a huge bear with a knife, and was carried three miles on the animal's back before it expired from loss of blood.

A quail flew straight through a heavy glass window in the Hamilton (Mo.) post-office the other day. It was moving with such velocity that it made a hole in the glass very little larger than its body. The bird was found lying dead on the floor inside.

Louis Whitecomb, of Dayton, O., has for three years suffered from a painful but obscure stomach ailment. Recently Dr. Wells gave him an emetic, which disclosed that "a frog had been the cause of the trouble."

Disgrace of a British Lawmaker.

Captain Edmund Hope Verney, member of parliament for North Buckinghamshire, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for procuring a young girl under the age of twenty-one for immoral purposes. The evidence showed that Verney had great experience in this vicious business, and worked in conjunction with a notorious woman in Paris. On the other day for procuring a young girl under the age of twenty-one for immoral purposes. The evidence showed that Verney had great experience in this vicious business, and worked in conjunction with a notorious woman in Paris.

Captain E. H. Verney, being to the prominence of the prisoner the case caused a profound sensation in Great Britain. Verney, who seemed to feel his position keenly when brought to the bar of justice, pled guilty of a conspiracy to procure, instead of actually procuring the girl. In pronouncing sentence the recorder said he had come to the conclusion that this was not the only procurement case in which the captain had been implicated, and therefore he could not lean toward the side of mercy so much as he might have done had it been an isolated affair. Captain Verney served with distinction in the royal navy during the Crimean war. Besides being a member of the house of commons, he was deputy lieutenant and justice of the peace for Anglesey, and member of the London council for the Brixton division.

CROWN AND SCEPTER.

The children of the czar are obliged to study painting assiduously by their father, who is a great lover of art.

Ex-King Milan has accepted the offer of \$300,000 a year to keep out of Serbia, and Queen Natalie agrees to suppress her memoirs.

The king of Dahomey is the proud possessor of a brass helmet with a flowing green plume, which he considers of more consequence to his dignity than troops of guards or a park of artillery.

The empress of Austria, during her "surprise" visit to Athens and Corinth, astonished King George by addressing him persistently in modern Greek, and insisting on conversing only in that language.

Queen Amelia of Portugal has taken under her protection the wife and children of Captain Lelito, the leader of the revolt at Oporto, who have been left without resources, and has offered similar help to other families who are in the same circumstances in consequence of the rebellion.

The Princess of Wales, who is an experienced photographer, has sent a large selection of her best productions to the great international exhibition to be opened in Vienna under the patronage of a fashionable club of amateur photographers, presided over by the Archduchess Maria Theresa. The German princess is to reside this year with her children at the Schloss of Wilhelmshöhe, near Cassel, where Napoleon III lived during the autumn of 1870. Wilhelmshöhe, which was created by the electors of Hesse, has long been known as the German Versailles, and the grounds are famous for their fountains.

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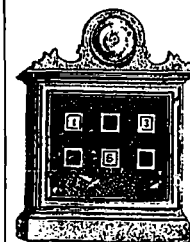
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