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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1880.

### A REVIVAL TO THE BIDDULPH HORROR.

#### MURDER THE WHOLE AT \$100 A HEAD.

Two years ago a murderous shooting affray took place at Tear-Down Church, Warren county, Ia., in which two families—Howrie and Westfall—were concerned as murdered and murderers. To the present day, when these people meet there is a fight. Worse consequences have resulted. One evening lately Reuben Westfall, the elder of the family, went out to look after his hogs, when he was shot by some person in ambush. The ball struck his head just above the ear, and passed along the skull, making only a slight wound. Suspicion at once attached to the Howrie gang, but no clue could be got as to who did the shooting. The second morning at 4 o'clock, Geo. Wheeler arrived at the residence of his brother-in-law, near Boone, in Boone county. His clothes were dripping with water. He said he had swum across the Des Moines River, and wanted his clothes dried and no questions asked. His peculiar conduct aroused the suspicion of the family, and he was questioned closely, until finally he confessed having shot at Westfall. He then endeavored to induce his brother-in-law, in case he should be arrested, to testify to an alibi by declaring that he (Wheeler) was at his house on the night of the shooting. Instead of this, however, the brother-in-law notified the law officers, and Wheeler was arrested, brought here, and lodged in gaol. While there a detective was placed in the cell with him, who professed to have been watching him for months and knew the whole matter. He succeeded in drawing out of Wheeler the details of a most diabolical scheme to murder the whole Westfall family, in which scheme a large number of persons were engaged. There are nine persons in the Westfall family. Wheeler had agreed to do the job, and was to receive \$100 a head for every one he killed, and when the last one was disposed of he was to receive \$200 extra. His first attempt was in May last. He was to assassinate one while on his way from the church to the scene of the murder of the Howries two years ago, but for some reason the Westfalls did not go to church that evening. No further attempt was made until that of last week, which failed. The following Tuesday night was set to murder one or all of the family and burn the house, but on Monday he was arrested. He said the gang had frequent meetings, but were obliged to observe great caution that their wives and daughters might not know of the plot and expose them through fear. Wheeler was taken to Warren county, where the crime was committed, and while in gaol made a full confession, which was taken down by a stenographic reporter. It is as follows:—"Some time during the last fall I started with David Howrie from his house to go the Tear-

Down Church. There was a protracted meeting there at the time, and when we started Dave strapped the revolvers on and asked me if I had one; and, when I told him no, he gave me a carbine and said it was well loaded, and that there was a bad crowd there. The next day Dave and I went fishing, and during the time he said he would give me \$100 to kill old man Westfall; and, further, that there were nine of the clan and that he would pay \$100 apiece for their scalps, and that he would furnish the tools to do it. After I agreed to it, he took me down to the straw-stack and showed me where he would leave the gun and ammunition.

'It was understood by Sin Blackford, Joe Hoover, Doug Howrie, and Dave Howrie that I was to report that I was going to Kansas. I was to do it as a blind. I went to Sin Blackford's and stayed all night and fixed up to go, and started and met Doug Howrie, who took my clothes and took them to the house. Blackford said they wanted me to get the main backbone of the crowd first—that was old man Westfall and Ben. I was not expected to do anything the first night. The next day I saw Dave out in the woods, and he told me that he would fix up a sack of provisions for me and leave it at the back kitchen window and I went there that night and got it. I left there soon afterward, before I got a chance to shoot any of them. About three weeks ago I went from Des Moines and out to Howrie's. As Mr. Ragsdale was there I told Howrie that I was going to work on the railroad. It was then agreed with Dave Howrie that I should kill one of them on Tuesday (that was on the day before the shooting was done). On that day Dave Howrie, Joe Hoover, Sin Blackford, and Doug Howrie all went to Des Moines so as not to be at home when I was done, but I could not get any chance. I was then to do it the next night if I could; and he went over to get Mr. Ragsdale to come over, so as he had done a witness that he was at home and in the meantime a peddler came and stayed there. Doug came out to where I was, and brought me Dave's revolver, and told me the gun was well loaded, as he had done it himself, and it had eleven buckshot in each barrel; and told me when I got through with them to leave them on Ragsdale's fence—the fence running east and west. I then started down the side of the fence towards Westfall's, and when I got within about fifty yards of the house he came out, and some little children with him. I waited until he reached the hogpen, when I raised the gun and fired. He turned his head and said, 'Who is that?' and I fired again, and he fell, and I ran and left the gun and revolver where I had promised. Dave Howrie had told me he would leave the money in the straw-stack where I had got the gun. I went back the second night afterwards and there was no money there. I then went to the house and rapped, and Dave came out and said, 'You made a damned bad job of that; that I had only scratched him a little. He said he only had a dollar then, which he gave me, but he said he would borrow \$10 more in the morning, which he did, and I was to have returned there and get the other \$80 on last Tuesday night, and at the same time I was to have help, and we were going to clean out the whole party. The gun belonged to Leep, Dave's son-in-law. The revolver belonged to Dave, and had a small piece broken off the ramrod. Mart Ruggles was to have met with us once, but did not come, and I don't know whether he was in the secret or not.' On this confession four of the Howries were arrested, with others of the gang. Others will be when they can be found. Wheeler's statement as to the shooting of Westfall is confirmed by several circumstances.

### THE CENTRAL PRISON.

#### WHAT THE CONVICTS ARE DOING.

There are at present 346 convicts in the Central Prison. Of these there are 135 making brooms, a number are employed in the shoemaking room, another lot is employed in tailoring, others again are employed in the carpenter and machine shops, and there are about 40 engaged at the big sewer from the Mercer Reformatory. During February 41 prisoners arrived, 40 obtained their discharge. The Central Prison authorities have contracted for 250 cots for the Mercer Reformatory; 150 dozen brooms are turned out daily in the prison. The brick yard is also highly profitable. Last year those employed made 2,500,000. This year they will make 3,000,000.

### A GREAT WORK.

A dame well along in years yesterday got into a Michigan-avenue car, with a pound of tea under one arm and a chromo under the other, and she was hardly seated before a man leaned forward and asked:

'I beg pardon, but have you any objections to my inspecting that work of art?'

She handed it over, and he looked at it closely for a long time, and then said:

'How beautiful and lifelike! If ever I get rich, I shall have at least three of these beautiful oil paintings. I don't want to seem impertinent, but may I ask if you purchased that beautiful masterpiece for less than \$5,000?'

'Y—yes,' she admitted.

'Ah! perhaps they made a discount in order to secure your patronage. Perhaps you got it for forty-five hundred. Cheap enough. I wish I had a million dollars: How I do revel in these delicious landscapes!'

The woman looked from her tea to the picture, then at the man, and her eyes began to bulge out in astonishment.

'Yes, this is indeed a masterpiece,' he sighed as he held it up. 'No one but a lady of refinement and culture could have selected it. Pray, madam, let me ask if you recognized the handiwork of Gonzia De Moria in it as soon as you saw it?'

'Oh, yes,' she replied, while her eyes grew larger than ever.

'If I had \$5,000 to spare I should try and purchase it of you; but as it is, I can only wish you much joy over its possession. Had you noticed that tree in the background?'

'Y—yes,' she answered, as she leaned forward.

'How wonderfully true to nature! That knothole there was never excelled by the hand of man. I always identify the works of Gonzia De Moria by the knotholes in the trees. Will you bear that in mind in your future selections?'

'Yes, sir, and I am very much obliged.'

'And in the foreground you observe a cow standing under a tree. This is a tree without any knothole, but what foliage! Ah! if I only had money—money to enable me to indulge my taste for such exquisite things! See what a cow! See that expression of contentment in her face! Observe the majestic curve of those horns! Here is the figure I was looking for. Ah! it is a 4. This cow gives four quarts of milk per day. Gonzia De Moria always marks the quantity of milk on every cow, and customers then know what they are buying. If I should send a friend to you to buy this picture for \$3,000—But no! You are able to hold it. You cannot be tempted.'

'I'll sell it for—'

'For five thousand,' he interrupted, 'but, alas! I cannot raise that sum! Here in the foreground is an opening in the rocks. Do you know what is in there?'

'No.'

'A jug!' he hoarsely whispered—'a jug containing a remedy warranted to take off moles and freckles. Try it once and be convinced!'

He sank back and shut his eyes. She sat up very straight, and seemed to reflect. She had moles and freckles, but it was none of his business. Presently she stood up, rang the bell, nashed the chromo over his head, and walked out without a word. Every man laughed but the man with his eyes shut. He opened them after the car started, looked down at the ruined chromo, and sadly sighed:

'Ah! masterpiece of Gonzia De Moria, alas! that such a fate should come upon thee.'—*Detroit Free Press.*

To convince his Mohammedan neighbors of his friendly feeling, the Czar has granted them permission to erect a mosque at St. Petersburg. It will be situated in the central part of the city, near the Newski Perspective in Tolerance street, where there are already a number of edifices belonging to religions tolerated nowhere else in the empire.

But two months have scarcely elapsed, and yet a Philadelphia girl is already disgusted with leap-year. The other evening she began, 'Will you—' her young man, without waiting to ascertain whether or not she was going to propose, sprang from the sofa, rushed off, and has carefully avoided the house ever since. And yet, aware that she possessed a very large mouth, she was merely about to ask, 'Will you please shut your eyes while I gape?'

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### THE BOUNTY FOR TRIPLETS.

ANOTHER INTERESTING AND STRUGGLING INDUSTRY CRUSHED.

**THE QUEEN'S PURSE CLOSED TO COLONIAL ENTERPRISE OF THE PROLIFIC VARIETY.**

Peterboro', March 20.—Another struggling industry has been crushed. A few weeks ago the wife of Joseph Spencer, of Burleigh, blessed the happy husband with triplets. Herebefore it has been the custom to ask and receive the Queen's bounty of five pounds sterling for the benefit of the fortunate or unfortunate person accomplishing so much maternity at one accouchment. The usual application was made on behalf of Mrs. Spencer, and the following reply from Mr. Langevin, the Under Secretary of State, shows that the Imperial purse has been closed for the future to this interesting and decidedly struggling industry:—

OTTAWA, MARCH 16.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., and its enclosure, applying on behalf of Mrs. Spencer for the Queen's bounty in consideration of her having given birth to triplets. In reply I am to inform you that a communication has been received at this Department from the proper authorities in England, to the effect that these cases occurring in the Colonies do not come within the Queen's rule on the subject, which is to give a small donation to poor people of good character on occasion of triple births where the children survive, the money being given to assist the parents in providing food and clothing shortly after the birth of the children. It is added that the length of time which must elapse before a triple birth in the colonies can be reported to the proper quarter makes it next to impossible to admit the case as coming within the rule laid down, and that the money when given is by no means as a reward, but simply as an act of charity.

I have the honor to be, etc.,  
EDWARD J. LANGEVIN,  
Under Secretary of State.

### DOTS AND DASHES.

A pork-packer at Indianapolis has invented machinery which will scrape 7,000 hogs a day. This will be good news for Chicago, which is always getting into scrapes.

An exchange says that Jem Mace, the fighter, owed his success to the fact that he began early in life to strike out for himself. He has also made several lucky hits.

The Prince of Wales dines hereafter at 7 instead of 9. Put that down in your note-book and remember the change the next time you drop in to have a bite with Albert Edward.

A Cheyenne beer-seller who could not pay his debts, and whose stock was levied on by the sheriff, now says that all his worldly possessions were swallowed up by the 'foamy seizure.'

Mrs. Partington—Well, I declare! Here's an ingenious young man who has invented an arrangement by which the deaf can see and the blind talk. Such talons as his should be reorganized by a statute.

According to the report of Undertaker Smith, 132 Hillers have crossed the range during the brief period in which papers were headed 1879. Out of these 92 went the good old way, 22 shuffled off this mortal coil by accidents, 5 died with their boots on, being shot by Sunday school teachers from the East, and 3 hadn't the gist to face the storm and sunshine of life, and hastened their exit by resorting to poison and other equally effective banes.

A printer does not run to the doctor every time he is 'out of sorts.' Nor to a baker when he gets out of 'pi.' Nor to a wood pile when he wants a 'stick.' Nor to the Bible when he wants a good 'rule.' Nor to a gun-shop when he wants a 'shoot-ing-stick.' Nor to a cabinet shop when he wants 'furniture.' Nor to a bank when he wants 'quoins.' Nor to see his girl when he wants to 'go to press.'

The poetical language of the Orient differs vastly from the plain common-sense brusqueness of our own land. For instance, when a Persian meets a friend he says: 'Thy visits are as rare as fine days.' But when an American woman sees a caller coming up the front walk she remarks: 'There! if there ain't that everlasting Smith woman again.' It's a big difference in form at least.