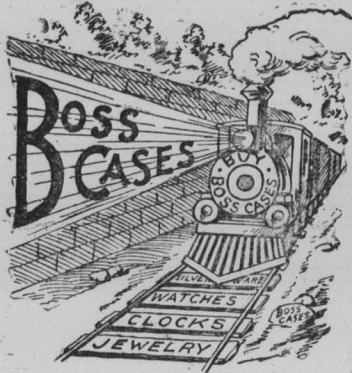


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THE BEE

R. S. PELTON, EDITOR.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1890.

WHO KILLED BENWELL?

Doubtless no name is more familiar to the reading public on both sides of the Atlantic, no criminal case during the last decade has created more intense and widespread interest, and no character so conspicuous in the courts and press of the English-speaking world, as that of John Reginald Birchall, now lodged in Woodstock jail under sentence of death for the murder of Frederick Cornwallis Benwell on the 17th day of February, 1890. Hitherto, we have been silent, editorially, with respect to this notorious character, whose career is like that of a thrilling romance. We have taken a deep interest in this great tragedy from its origin in the Blenheim swamp up to the present hour, and, with other members of the Canadian press, attended the trial and visited the scene of the murder. And while the press of two continents has all but exhausted itself in theorizing as to the slayer of the unfortunate Benwell we still hold to our own convictions, not, however, until we had made a careful study of the case. Our conclusion of the whole mystery respecting the slayer of Benwell is summarily told in the "Colonel" letter, by simply substituting the word "Birchall" for "Colonel." In this famous letter (published in another column) you have Birchall's confession of the murder of Benwell, told in disguise of course. He interprets the confession at letter with a few wilful falsehoods in the vain hope of staying the hand of justice. That letter, in our mind, was written by none other than John Reginald Birchall, smuggled out of the jail through Jailer Cameron, (which subsequently aroused the Crown's suspicion of that official's breach of duty to such an extent that Birchall's mail will pass through Attorney Ball's hands hereafter) forwarded to a sympathiser in Jackson, Mich., and returned to the prisoner and author of it in the manner clearly stated by the *Sentinel-Review*. Every word of the evidence, the conduct of Birchall on the 17th February, the position of the body when found, the causes promoting the foul deed, are all practically confirmed in that letter.

Of course he lies when he says they "went into the swamp just for fun to get a shot." He went to the swamp, and intended taking his victim to Spruce or Mud Lake and deposit the remains in the mire. To convince us that a body would not rise after being thrown into the lake we took a pole, twelve feet long, and sunk its entire length into a mixture of mud and clay, proving conclusively that no object could possibly rise to the surface. There is no doubt in our mind that Birchall did tell Benwell that "the whole farm pupil business in Canada was a swindle," etc. Benwell had by this time learned this fact, and doubtless became indignant, if not enraged against his monstrous deceiver. Everything in the locality of the murder makes this statement highly probable, and it would be indeed difficult for Birchall to tell a different story and tell the truth. Again, the letter goes on to state: "At last he (Benwell) jumped up, said he would expose the whole d—d lot of us and started for the road. I (Birchall) followed, and knowing what exposure would mean, I settled it then and there." This is the sum and substance of Birchall's conduct in the Swamp of Death on the 17th February. This is our solution of the knotty query, "Who killed Benwell?"

ELMA COUNCIL.

The municipal council of the township of Elma met at Graham's hotel, Atwood, on Nov. 1st. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and signed. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Bray, that the Engineer be instructed to inspect ditch under Acheson award and have it cleaned out to original award on lots 21 to 25, con. 5. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that Mr. Richmond be authorized to act in conjunction with the township of Grey to repair township line Elma and Grey, cons. 14 to 16, expenditure for Elma not to exceed \$15. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that the sureties of the Collector of taxes for 1890 be accepted as follows: Himself in the sum of \$1,000; R. McMane, C. McMane and W. Morrison in the sum of \$3,000 each, and J. A. Morrison in the sum of \$2,000, conditional that he accounts with the Treasurer every two weeks until the whole is collected that is collectable. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that Y. Coulter be authorized to expend \$10 improving side road lots 20 and 21, con. 17, also con. line 17, lot 21. Carried. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that T. Stevenson be paid \$150 as part payment on contract of ditch Elma and Mornington township line. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that the Elma Agricultural Society be granted \$100 to assist in defraying the expenses incurred in building their hall, conditional that the corporation of Elma shall have right and privilege to hold their annual meetings in future for the nomination of Councilors free of charges and that the President of said Society be authorized by the said Directors to sign an agreement to that effect, to be deposited with the township Clerk. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that the Council meet the Engineer and the persons interested in the 14th con. drain on the 8th inst., on the boundary line Elma and Mornington, at 10 a.m., and that those parties interested be notified to attend and state their objections to finally taking the contract off contractors hands. Carried. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Bray, that the Reeve and Clerk issue their orders for the following accounts: J. E. Burns 75c, culvert and grading township line Elma and Grey, and \$24.20 clearing, grading and cutting down ridge; J. McTear \$19.62, lumber and work; W. Brown \$7.50, work on gravel road; J. L. Tarabull \$1.50, repairing bridge on gravel road; Engineer's award; Wm. Morrison \$16.25, ditching under Engineer's award; G. Hewett \$7.75, ditch gravel road, Engineer's award; G. Chapman \$11.75, culvert cons. 7 and 8, Engineer's award; J. Sanders \$1.50, gravel two culverts gravel road; J. Johnston ditching con. 2, Engineer's award; W. Attie \$5.04, lumber; C. Barr \$9.50, gravel; T. Lineham \$1.60, gravel; T. Code \$3, gravel; E. Pierson \$3.76, gravel; T. Grubber \$11, gravel; T. Leslie \$2, culvert con. 10; T. J. Knox \$2, repairing culvert con. 10; A. McMane \$2.50, repairing bridge and two culverts cons. 10 and 11; R. Morrison \$11, ditching and graveling, con. 10; corporation of Listowel \$32.25, graveling township line; T. Fullerton \$19.12, for service in re appeal Voters' List; J. Ballie \$1.03, ditching, con. 16, Engineer's award; H. Ward \$17.50, culvert, Engineer's award; J. McLeod \$2.50, clearing ditch township line Elma and Grey; E. Hance \$8, ditch township line, Engineer's award; J. Gregg \$9.50, repairing township line Elma and Grey; C. Broughton \$13.62, graveling and ditching cons. 16 and 16; A. Robbie \$2.95, repairing culverts con. 14, Engineer's award; M. Robinson \$6.72, grading con. 17; J. Ballie 25c, cleaning culvert; H. Richmond \$3.50, plank, labor and spikes bridge, con. 12; J. Fouze \$1, culvert con. 12; J. L. McTear \$150, for new bridge, con. 14; W. J. Gillinson \$187.50 on account, Gillinson's drain; A. Farrell \$3.20, gravel; J. McNeelands \$6.25, ditching gravel road, Engineer's award; Mrs. Harvey \$20.25, 27 weeks' allowance to Mrs. Montgomery; W. Christie \$5.05, advertising; J. Near \$11.87, ditch township line Elma and Logan; C. Broughton \$8.00, two culverts gravel road; A. Farrell \$1.80, gravel; R. Cleland, W. Shearer and F. Fullerton \$4 each, making jurors' list; R. Cleland \$7.50, three trips to Stratford; J. McIntyre \$15.31, ditching gravel road; W. Dunn \$27.72, lumber account; L. Eaton \$2.68, graveling township line Elma and Wallace, Elma's share; J. R. Hammond \$5.50, ditching cons. 14 and 16, Engineer's award; T. E. Maybury \$7.98, ditching con. 2; A. Rae \$4.50, culvert con. 2; corporation of Listowel \$13.50, graveling township line Elma and Listowel. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Bray, that by law No. 280 appointing R. Morrison Collector of taxes for 1890 as now read a third time be finally passed. Carried.

T. FULLERTON, Clerk.

Business Directory.

MEDICAL.

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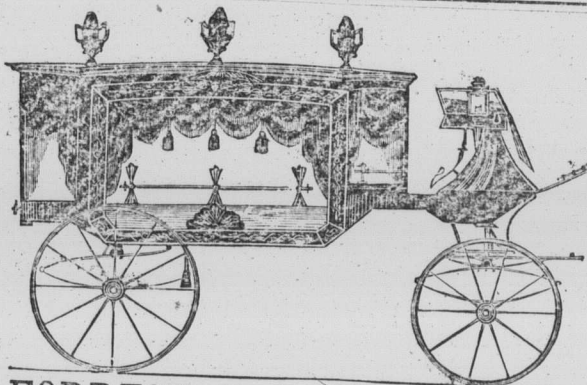
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