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The Song of the Comet.

BY ENG. THE FARMERSVILLE BOY.

I am an insouciant comet, and any yet, for I'm soaring very high.

To tell how large my body is your language would fail.

I have five hundred miles of head and a thousand leagues of tail.

My orbit is immensely great and it takes a mighty power.

To travel at my rapid rate—ten thousand miles an hour.

The earth and other planets I intend to visit soon.

You'll wonder at what I can do when I blow out the moon.

I'll give the north an elbow nudge and turn it to the west.

The "Eskimo will have no need of fur cloak, coat or vest."

The reindeer, seal and walrus, too, would be warmed up, "you bet!"

They would resolve into a dew, or melt down in a sweat.

Alaska and Siberia, and other frozen climes.

They would be glad to get warmed up and hope for better times.

No difficulty then would be in finding the north pole.

With one blow I thaw and melt the ice round Captain Sikes' hole.

If Mercury I give a kick out to an orbit vast.

Her transits would be at an end and no longer seen.

Old Venus too, of transit fame, if I should damp her rays.

Not knowing where to go she might turn out a rover;

Or if I did Mars she ran against and they should join together.

Ties love and war would be mixed up and tangled worse than ever.

The Rocky Mountains if I should throw in the last Pacific.

"'T would make a horrid splash, you know, and be a sight terrific."

The C.P.R. would have to then be farther on extended.

And many million dollars more would have to be expended.

But that is nothing for Canada, and I am proud to say it.

However great the cost might be, the C.P.R. would pay it.

If I had come some years ago and shown these favors freely,

They would have had no trouble then in finding Captain Greely.

And Sir John Franklin might have been returned to light and life.

To greet with joy his many friends and cheer his loving wife.

Perhaps it is not yet too late to save from being frozen.

Foehardy men who now propose to go out by the dozen.

The earthquake is my servant and I send him where I please.

FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

THE PLUM HOLLOW HORROR.

An Innocent, Unoffending Man Shot Down in Cold Blood by a Party of Young Men.

Full Particulars By our own Reporter.

Early on Thursday morning the startling news spread rapidly over the country that a murder had been committed, in the vicinity of Plum Hollow.

A Reporter representative was quickly on the ground, and found the report only too true.

The scene of the murder is at a small log house situated about a mile west of the Lillie school house, on the road leading from Plum Hollow to Delta.

The house is a miserable log hovel, on the property of Nathan Stevens, and was occupied by a woman named Althea Day, who is said to bear an unenviable reputation.

It appears that for some time back the reputation of the inmates of this house has been such that the place has been repeatedly stoned.

On our arrival at the scene we found a large concourse of people gathered, who were excitedly discussing the murder, in all its horrible details, and forming conjectures as to the causes, and evident intentions of the perpetrators.

Scattered promiscuously around a small door-yard, open to the road, were the household effects of the woman, while the hovel itself bore marks of having been roughly used, the front door and windows being torn out, while at the rear the door, windows and a part of the log wall had been removed.

Insult was every evidence of the most abject and squalid poverty, the ceilings being so low that persons had to stoop in passing under the beams over head, while the floor was composed in many places of loose boards.

Everything had been rammed out from the house but the cooking stove and a table. The woman Day and her daughter, the wife of the murdered man, were present, while on a rude lounge in the corner of the room lay the remains of the victim, Alberts L. Carr, who appeared to be a man about 27 years of age.

A ragged hole near the corner of the mouth showed where the fatal missile had entered. From statements made by the wife of the murdered man, the crime was placed on three brothers named respectively Daniel, Richard Henry, and Herbert A. Carroll, who reside in the neighborhood.

Alex. Elliott, Esq., being present where these statements were made, instructed Constable Denton, of Delta, to make a search for the parties, when Richard Henry and Herbert A. Carroll were taken into custody and brought to the scene of the murder.

A warrant was made out and Richard Henry was placed in charge of Constable G. W. Brown, who took him to the Farmersville lock-up. The other brother present could not be identified by Mrs. Carr, and was simply held on suspicion.

Daniel Carroll, who was charged with being the person who fired the fatal shot, could not be found, having disappeared during the night.

THE INQUEST. About 3 p.m., Conner Vaux, of Brockville, accompanied by Dr. J. G. Giles, arrived, and at once proceeded to hold an inquest.

The following gentlemen were sworn in as Jurymen:—J. J. Bullis (foreman), Saml. Boddy, S. A. Bullis, Wesley Ayre, Wm. Moulton, M. Witheril, Levi Stevens, John Witheril, O. V. Lillie, S. Knowlton, A. Berney, Jessie Delong, W. Darling, and Milton Day.

The jury, after viewing the body, at once proceeded to hear the evidence of the several witnesses.

Wm. Carr, brother of the murdered man, was called, and identified the deceased as his son, Alberts L. Carr. He was 27 years old, and witness last saw him alive a week ago. Deceased was a married man, and lived with his wife and four children about three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the tragedy.

Alfreda Carr, wife of the deceased, was called, and entered into minute details of the whole particulars. On Wednesday evening she, with her husband, and a young man named Robt. Carr (a cousin of the family), were at her mother's. About 8 o'clock they all started for their own house, situated about three-quarters of a mile north-east of the house in question, her husband going on ahead.

A short distance down the road they heard a whistle from the vicinity of a house occupied by a man named Mattice. They suspected that parties were coming to stone the house of her mother,

and returned and found that some persons had been there during their absence, and removed everything in the house excepting the cookstove.

As they came up to the house from the rear they were met by three men wearing masks on their faces, a white covering over their shoulders, and having guns in their hands.

They were standing at the east corner of the house, and called out for witness and her companions to surrender or they would blow their brains out.

She recognized one of the men as Richard Henry Carroll, by his voice. She told him she never would surrender, and threw a stone which she thought struck him. She caught the man in her hand, and recognized him as Richard H. Carroll.

He pushed her against another man, who she identified as Daniel Carroll. They all had their hands on her, and she struggled with the men as far as she could.

Part of the time she had hold of the gun with one hand, and with the other hand tried to tear the disguise from the face of Daniel Carroll. She had hold of the gun when it was discharged.

She snatched it from the man's hand and tried to break it on the ground, and called to her husband to come and help her, as she had the gun.

On looking around she saw her husband lying dead. He never spoke after being shot; heard only the one report of a gun during the scuffle, and that was from the gun in the hands of Daniel Carroll.

Then the two brothers, Daniel and Richard Henry Carroll, and another man whom she did not recognize, pointed their guns at her and demanded that she should surrender, or they would blow her brains out.

One of them snatched the gun from her, and they all ran off. Did not think the shot was fired accidentally, as he seemed to point the gun. Swore positively to the identity of Daniel and Richard Henry Carroll.

By Foreman: There were three persons and all had guns.

By Coroner: The prisoners had no cause for ill feeling towards her husband that she knew of.

Her husband was behind her when he was shot; did not hear him fall or speak. The parties all had on soldiers' caps; their jackets were pure white. When she got the gun from Dan Carroll and turned and saw her husband lying dead, she thought she had been shot.

By Coroner: Did not know there was anything wrong at Day's until the morning after the tragedy.

Capt. M. Day testified that the armory of his company was in charge of Rich. H. Carroll.

Had examined the guns, and found one had been used recently, but could not say how long since. He produced two rifles, one of which was badly bruised and the other showing it had been recently fired. There was blank and ball cartridge in the armory.

Dr. J. G. Giles gave formal evidence as to the cause of deceased's death.

Louise Stevens, wife of Nathan Stevens, gave her evidence with great reluctance. She had been surprised to hear of Carr's death, and of the boys being there. Never promised the Carroll boys anything, in drink or money, to put Mrs. Day out. Learned from Wm. Huffman of what had happened. Herself and husband were in bed at the time.

Orson V. Lillie testified that he found a blank cartridge about 12 rods from the armory, on the road leading to Mrs. Day's. Found two woolen mitts near armory. Armory was vacant. [R. H. Carroll here spoke up and said the mittens were his.]

Wesley Eyre, sworn: While coming out of Mrs. Day's, behind the constable and prisoner, one of the two dropped a key, which was found to fit the armory. Two guns were out of their places in the armory, where he also found two coats with burrs and hay seeds on them.

Constable G. W. Brown testified as to his arresting Richard Henry Carroll on a warrant, and that he was holding his brother Herbert on suspicion. Richard Carroll had admitted to him that he received a dollar from Nathan Stevens to put Mrs. Day out of the house and pull it down.

He also admitted that he was present, but that the shooting was accidental in the scuffle. He also admitted that his brother was there.

By Foreman—Did not say which brother was there.

This concluded the evidence. The Coroner, after giving the usual caution, asked the prisoners if they wished to make a statement.

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