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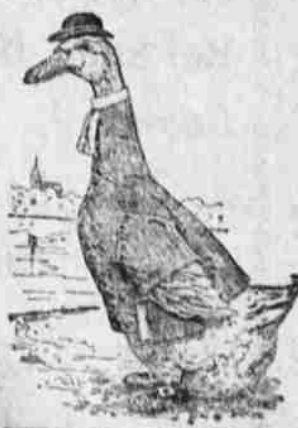
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AVENGE MURDER OF OIL MAN

COLD-BLOODED MURDER IN KANSAS REVIVED

March Term to Try Truskett, Murderer of Neely, Oil Magnate.

Independence, Kansas, March 2.—The March term of the circuit court about to convene here will be made notable by the trial of Al. O. Truskett for the alleged murder of John D. Neely in the Palace Hotel in the town of Caney, about 25 miles south of here, on the morning of January 7 last.

The slain man was president of the Lima Trust Company in his home city and was also the head of several large oil companies in the Kansas-Oklahoma field, including the Wichita Pipe Line Company. The shooting was the result of litigation over an oil lease.

On the day before the tragedy Mr. Neely had arrived in Caney on his regular monthly inspection of oil and gas interests. The following morning Mr. Neely was sitting in the hotel office reading a letter. Truskett, sitting opposite, watched him closely. When Neely got up and walked toward the rear of the hotel Truskett hurried around to the same room. As Neely passed the door of this room Truskett fired at him twice. One bullet passed through Neely's heart, and the other through his left arm. When employees of the hotel reached the prostrate man he was dead. Truskett surrendered immediately and was hurried in an automobile to the county jail in this city.

The killing is believed to have been largely the result of a lawsuit that had long been pending between Truskett and the Wichita Pipe Line Company, of which Neely was president. According to his friends Truskett was of the belief that company was trying to rob him of his rights. The litigation was over a lease of a tract of oil land a few miles south of Caney. Robert F. Goodman, a minor Indian, who owned the tract, sold his interest several years ago to Hugh Benson, an oil man, who later disposed of it to a local oil firm for \$400. Truskett paid this firm \$9,000 for the lease. Shortly afterward the Wichita Pipe Line Company claimed the lease of the tract, alleging that it had come into possession of it by lease from private parties said to be interested in the Wichita company. The company asserted that the lease to Truskett was not according to law, as the Indian boy, Goodman, was not of age when he signed away his rights to the property. Truskett had kept him constantly under watch and had finally bought from him the lease on the day he became of age.

Public sympathy in this locality is largely on the side of Truskett, owing in a great measure to the popular prejudice against the pipe line company and its affiliated corporations, because of the methods they have pursued in the past. Relatives and friends of the accused man have raised a fund of \$20,000 and have employed eminent counsel to conduct his defense. The coming trial is ex-

pected to be one of the most notable that has taken place in this section of Kansas in many years.

BREAKING A CUSTOM.

How the Salt Shaker Was Introduced to the Spaniard.

Until a few years ago no Spaniard had on his dining table any other receptacle for salt than the old style open cellar. An enterprising Briton saw this, noted that the salt was always dirty and gummy and determined to introduce a certain famous salt shaker from which clean salt would run freely in the dampest weather. Bravely he started to tour Spain for the company.

"No, señor; no est costumbre usar mas quo esto" ("No, sir; it's not customary to use more than that"—the old cellar), was the answer of every dealer to whom he presented the novelty. Again and again he was rebuffed. He began to despair when, standing one day gazing into a jeweler's window, a brilliant idea struck him. He entered. Realizing the child-like curiosity and impressionable character of his quarry, he persuaded the jeweler to display a shaker in his window and coached him about selling it. A Spaniard came along, looked in the window, saw the curious object, investigated.

"It is very pretty for the toilet table," he remarked after prolonged scrutiny, "perhaps useful for the children. What goes in it—perfume?"

Indifferently the jeweler glanced up from the shaker. "No, sir; only salt."

"Man, salt!" "Yes. Possibly I could get you a little—the kind that doesn't get sticky—to try. But I don't know."

The simple gentleman was amazed, angry, affronted, by the novelty, but he took it and an ounce or two of the special salt home with him. The jeweler ordered another shaker and more samples of salt. By and by the gentleman had used all his salt and wanted more of the same kind. The business of that company today is worth many figures in Spain every year, and more than that, as it is "costumbre" now to use that particular sort of shaker and brand of salt there is virtually no competition.—Arthur Stanley Riggs in Century.

Last of the Old Orators.

The late Senator John Warwick Daniel of Virginia may be said to have been the last of the old-fashioned orators in the house of the conscript fathers. His fame will rest not on his lawbooks, which were excellent; not on his speeches in house and senate, which were strong, but on two wasterly orations on Lee and Stonewall Jackson delivered before his entrance into congress. It may well be doubted whether anything superior to them, considered simply as orations, can be found in the literature of the world. They would have delighted Cleero himself.—Champ Clark in Century.

Flogged For Bathing.

On an island in the Cam, at Grantchester, is a mill pond known as "Byron's pool" because it was here that the poet as an undergraduate enjoyed his favorite recreation. Even in his day Edward Conybeare tells us in "Highways and Byways in Cambridge" bathing was a practice somewhat frowned on by the academic authorities. A century or so earlier any student found guilty of it was publicly flogged in the hall of his college and was again flogged on the morrow in the university schools by the proctors. A second offense meant expulsion from the university.

Novelty For New Yorkers.

"That sunrise effect is all wrong!" said the stage manager of a New York musical show.

"What's the difference?" replied the scene painter. "Nobody who goes to a musical comedy in New York knows what a sunrise looks like."—Washington Star.

Holding a Wake—Ditto a Girl.

Miss Loveleigh—The professor was telling us today about the moon. He says the moon is a dead body. Jack Spooner—That so? Then suppose we sit up awhile with the corpse.—Boston Transcript.

Teeth in Their Stomachs.

Whatever it may be that the lobster and the crab, rapacious, never dainty, are eating they always see something else that they want and can't wait until they have masticated the first before attacking the second. But they don't give up the first, not by any manner of means. Nature, humoring this rapacious bent, has fitted the lobster and the crab with teeth in their stomachs, and they swallow their half masticated food and finish the chewing process with their stomachs while they seize and chew the other thing that has attracted them. Lobsters and crabs have no teeth in their mouths. They chew with their claws what they have time to and hand the unfinished job down to their stomachs to do the rest of the chewing.

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