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Last Statement of W. K. Neil.

I, William Kay Neil, do solemnly swear that the following is a true statement of the facts concerning my life, and especially of the crime for which I am now under sentence of death; and it is my wish that the same be published, after I am executed, for my own vindication.

I was born in the State of Indiana, in the year 1838, and at the age of two years my parents removed to Morgan county, Illinois, where they remained three or four years.

I have received a liberal education, and at home was always surrounded by good influences.

Since my advent upon this coast I have been variously engaged in farming, mining, butchering and saloon-keeping. I left California four years ago, and went to Walla Walla, where I remained one year, and not succeeding in business satisfactorily, concluded to return to California.

I opened a saloon, and soon discovered that a great prejudice existed in the minds of the citizens of Halsey against me on account of my business. Prominent among them was Seth W. Hayes.

On the morning before the stabbing was done, Mr. Hayes, with several other gentlemen, was at work driving a well shored distance from my saloon. I went out to where they were, and found them talking about incorporating Halsey as a town.

Mr. Hayes said it was not done intentionally. Bill Lawrence then asked Mr. Hayes what the object was in having the town incorporated; upon which he was told that it was to have less noise about town.

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and other reasons—that it was a low place. I then asked him if he did not play cards when he went to Portland. He said he did not. I then told him I would bet him five dollars that he did, and that I could prove it.

Public sentiment was very strong against me, for the reason that I kept a saloon, otherwise I feel satisfied that I would not have been sentenced to wilful murder.

When Hayes raised with the bar Farrington called to him "Hold on, hold on." This was before I struck him. After I struck him Farrington came in between us and first told Hayes to stop.

Since my arrest various untruthful stories have been circulated, representing that I had been a desperate character; that I had cut several men, and killed one, etc.

In conclusion, it is proper that I should speak of the uniform kindness of Sheriff Herren and jailer Cline, who have contributed in every possible way to my comfort during my incarceration.

WILLIAM KAY NEIL. LINN COUNTY JAIL, Jan. 25, 1877.

OLD AND NEW STYLE.—What a poetical way the ancients had of putting things! We read in their pages that "Lycurgus, King of Edessa, in consequence of which the god visited him in madness."

A Chicago woman has been the wife of four brothers. She began with the oldest ten years ago, when she was 17 years old, and he died.

It is proper to call a retired blacksmith an ex-pounder?

A GEM FOR EVERY MONTH.

JANUARY. By her who in this month is born No gem save garnets shall be worn;

FEBRUARY. The February boy will find Sincerity and peace of mind; Freedom from passion and from care, If they the amulet will wear.

MARCH. Who in this world of ours their eyes In March first open shall be wise; In days of peril firm and brave, And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

APRIL. She who from April dates her years, Diamonds should wear, lest bitter tears For vain repentance flow; This stone Emblem of innocence is known.

MAY. Who first beholds the light of day In spring's sweet flowery month of May, And wears an emerald all her life, Shall be a loved and happy wife.

JUNE. Who comes with summer to this earth, And owes to June her day of birth, With ring of opals on her hand, Can health, wealth and long life command.

JULY. The glowing ruby should adorn Those who in warm July are born; Those will they be exempt and free From love's doubts and anxiety.

AUGUST. Wear a sardonyx or for these No congenial felicity; The August born without this stone 'Tis said must live unloved and lone.

SEPTEMBER. A maiden born when Autumn leaves Are rustling in September's breeze, A sapphire on her brow should bind— 'Twill cure diseases of the mind.

OCTOBER. October's child is born for woe, And life's vicissitudes must know: But lay an opal on her breast, And hope will lull those woes to rest.

NOVEMBER. Who first comes to this world below, With drear November's fog and snow, Should prize the topaz, amber hue, Emblem of friends and lovers true.

DECEMBER. If cold December gave you birth, The month of snow and ice and mirth, Place on your hand the precious stone, Successes will bless what'er you do.

MEASURING HAY.—To a subscriber who asks for a mode of estimating the quantity of tons of hay in the stack, an exchange says: "The answer is of necessity, considerably modified by circumstances; such as the different kinds of grass and clover, and the more or less dry and tightly packed, &c."

CUTTING STEEL WITH SOFT IRON.—Jacob Reese, of Pittsburg, Pa., had long endeavored to construct a machine to cut hardened cold steel. He accomplished it at length by means of a saw of soft wrought iron—merely a circular one—rotating at a high velocity.

RAILROAD BUILDING.—According to the true reports of the railroad interests of the country it appears that there has been a decided revival of railroad building during the year now closing.

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Commodore Ammen and the Mutineers.

A story told of Commodore Ammen, of the navy, the inventor of the steam ram, illustrates how important is unhesitating action in case of a mutiny. At the close of the war Ammen was the Captain of a Pacific Mail steamer. He had shipped as a part of his crew a lot of soldiers, men who had been sailors before the war, but who had served since that time in the army.

The mutiny was planned by two desperadoes who had incited the mutiny. At their appearance several army officers on board volunteered their services to Ammen; but he declined their help. He walked forward languidly toward the mutineers, and without giving them an opportunity to say a word, took out his watch and said: "Now, men, I want you to go right back to the lookesel. I will give you one minute to go."

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Under Mohammed Ali and Ibrahim, the Egyptian army a comparatively high degree of efficiency, as is proved by the campaigns of the Morea and Syria. The Khedive has done much toward increasing this efficiency and has knowledge of his service several American officers in place of the Europeans formerly employed.

Colonel C. C. Long, of the Egyptian Army, now visiting with his family friends in St. Louis, gives the following account of his reception at the Court of King M'utas, to which he had penetrated with two attendants only.

My reception by this strange and mysterious King was unique. Covering the hill tops that characterize the mountainous districts of the lake regions, were thousands of the people of Uganda assembled to welcome "the Great White Prince," as they called me. King M'etas, surrounded by his courtiers and harem, as I arrived, sent a messenger to ask me to appear before him and show him the strange animal upon which I was mounted.

As an instance of what has been done, and the Khedive's manner of doing it, I will repeat a statement made to me by the officer concerned. When this officer had been some months in Egypt, the Khedive sent for him one day, and asked what was the worst thing he had observed in regard to the army. He replied that it was that the regiments were commanded by civilians.

"No, there is a colonel for every regiment." "Yes, said the American, "but each colonel, chief of battalion, and captain, has a civilian clerk, who controls everything relating to the pay, rations, and clothing of the men, and whoever does that really commands."

"My wife tells the truth three times a day," remarked a jocosely old fellow, at the same time casting a very mischievous glance at her. "Before rising in the morning she says, 'O, dear! I must get up, but I don't want to.' After breakfast she adds, 'Well, I suppose I must go to work, but I don't want to,' and she goes to bed saying, 'There! I have been passing all day, and haven't done anything.'"

FORGET-ME-NOT.

I am the flower that every age has sung, My name has trembled on the unwilling tongue 'Mid sad farewells—how mournfully has rung: Forget me not!

I imagine best the heavens' eternal blue! Though transient clouds may hide it from the view It shineth still, faith's never changing hue, Forget me not.

The laughing eddies hastening to the sea With rippling echoes mock the symphony, The rude winds toss it on their pinions free. Forget me not.

Nothing is more remarkable than the facility with which the colored population become acquainted with the forms of law, and the practical management of a case in court. There was a striking illustration of this fact in the Recorder's Court the other morning. The prisoner was accused of riding across one of the bridges at a gait faster than a walk, and the proof was that he galloped a paint mule over Houston street bridge. He managed his own case.

His honor said: "I think I'll have to fine you, Johnsing." "May I ask a few questions?" "You may." "Isn't that a sign over that bridge, warning people how dey must ride?" "There is, and that makes you all the more guilty."

"Well, den, dat sign reads, 'Walk your horse or you will be fined.' Don't it—don't it boss?" "It does, Johnsing." "It does, Johnsing." "It does, Johnsing." "It does, Johnsing." "It does, Johnsing."

And as Johnsing was conducted to the lockup he expressed great sympathy for the taxpayers, as he intended to bring a suit for \$100,000 damages for false imprisonment.

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An Indian Legend.

The following story, selected from an English teacher, may be applicable in all climes and by all people. There was once a beautiful damsel upon whom one of the good genii wished to bestow a blessing.

"Daughter, in the field before us the ears of corn, in the hands of those who pluck them in faith, shall have talismanic virtues, and the virtue shall be in proportion to the size and beauty of the ear gathered. Thou shalt pass through the field once, and pluck one ear. It must be taken as thou goest forward, and thou shalt not stop in thy path, nor shalt thou retrace a single step in quest of thine object. Select an ear full and fair, and according to its size and beauty, shall be its value to thee as a talisman."

The maiden thanked the good genii, and then set forward upon her quest. As she advanced she saw many ears of corn, large, ripe and beautiful, such as calm judgment might have told her would possess virtues enough; but in her eagerness to grasp the very best she left these fair ears behind, hoping that she might find one still larger and fairer.

HOW THE EYE BECOMES PERFECTED so as to DISCOVER COLORS.—Science gives us interesting details about what the human eye has been and what it may become. The Vedas of India, which are the most ancient written documents, attest that in times the most remote, but still recorded in history, only two colors were known—black and red.

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