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Helped Kill The Benders.

Says He Was One of the Hundred Men Who Shot Them.

STORY OF A LOS ANGELES MAN.

Their Bodies Riddled with Bullets and Left for the Wolves to Feed Upon—Their Victims.

N. Coberly, a laborer of Los Angeles, California, tells a remarkable story of the fate of the famous Bender family of Kansas, and claims that he was one of the hundred vigilantes who hunted down the Benders and after ridding them with bullets left their bodies unburied on a hillside to be devoured by wild beasts.

Coberly states that in 1872 he was constable of Havana township, Montgomery county, Kansas, where the Benders lived and kept tavern. A large number of mysterious murders in the vicinity caused the citizens to organize a vigilance committee. Several suspicious characters were arrested, but finally young Bender was arrested and confessed that he had murdered a prominent citizen named York.

In relating the capture of the Bender family Coberly said: "Young Bender was taken to the banks of Dunn creek not far distant and the vigilantes proceeded to shoot him down. I didn't get towards the Bender tavern. I didn't get with the party to the creek, but at the tavern the old couple and Kate were secured and then began a search. Thirteen bodies, including York, were thrown in the orchard. One of these was that of a child buried with its mother father, and the little one was actually buried alive. A small feather pillow had been placed over its face with the evident intention of smothering its cries while the dirt was heaped upon it.

"After the search was concluded the mode of killing was explained, namely, by placing the victim seated, with his back to a cloth partition, and then striking the head outlined there with an ax. Old man Bender, the old woman and Kate were loaded in their own wagon and headed south. I was one of the 100 men who followed and surrounded the wagon. Reaching Rocky hill, near Coal creek, in a barren, desolate region a few miles from the Bender tavern, the team was halted, and 100 bullets whizzed through the air and the three denizens were literally riddled by the balls.

"The bodies were not buried but were thrown among the rocks on the hillside. The vigilantes took the back track and were all sworn to secrecy. No investigation of the case was ever made by the Kansas authorities, but you can rest assured that the Bender family will never be heard from again in this world. The next morning three more bodies of murdered men were found in Dunn creek, and all told, it is believed the Bender family killed 17 people, including the child buried alive.

"BLACK BART" CONFESSES.

The robber acknowledges the shooting of Banker Fleichlein.

Bassmer, Mich., Nov. 14.—Reinhold Fleichlein (Black Bart), on trial for the murder of Banker Fleichlein, of Belleville, Ill., and the robbery of the Gogebee stage, took the stand in his own defense today, and made a confession. He admitted that he robbed the Milwaukee & Northern train six months ago, held up the Wisconsin Central train at Cadet, Wis., a month later, waylaid the Gogebee stage and shot Banker Fleichlein. He said he worked on the Oconto river for three years and then, desiring a change, went to Portland, Or., for a short time. He then went to the Puget sound country, where he worked in a mill for five months. He also spent eight weeks in riding about the country, and was in the west altogether about eight months. While in Washington territory Holzhay said he was injured by his horse falling upon him, and that he laid unconscious for some time afterward, but that while his health previous to this accident had been good, since then it had been bad. He could not describe just how, but it affected his whole system, and particularly his head. Ordinarily he felt quite good, but these bad spells would come over him and last probably a day, sometimes more. He said that during these spells he felt strange, but could not describe the feeling. During such spells his actions and any accidents or occurrences taking place at such times were all blank afterward. He had several of these spells since his capture, and probably had a dozen or more since his injury. Holzhay said he remembered the day he was arrested and who arrested him. He could not tell why he held up the stage. Holzhay says he does not remember who was in the Gogebee stage; did not remember seeing Fleichlein or the driver, and failed to identify the watch and pocketbook said to have belonged to Fleichlein. He claimed he had never seen Fleichlein's name on the pocketbook until his attention was called to it by Howell. The attorney instructed the prisoner somewhat when he said: "Why did you carry two guns, knowing you were liable to have one of these spells at any time and about somebody?" Holzhay seemed staggered by the directness of the question, but replied: "I carried revolvers to protect myself from wild animals in the woods. I do not like to leave them anywhere, as I might not find them again."

HOLZHAY WAS THE ONLY WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE.

When he concluded the defense rested.

HIS OWN DETECTIVE.

A Man Who Found Inspector Byrne's Men Too Slow.

New York, Nov. 14.—Several weeks ago a band of six men robbed Richard Goeble, formerly a barber at Portland, of \$1200. After waiting for Inspector Byrne's men to arrest the robbers, he became disgusted and disguising him-

FOR REPUBLICANISM.

A Revolution Said to be in Progress in Brazil.

THE MINISTER IS INTERVIEWED.

He Refuses to Give Opinions on the Reports as to His Effect on the Office Market.

New York, Nov. 15.—A private cablegram received this evening, dated Rio Janeiro, says: A revolution has broken out here. The Brazilian army is in control, and the ministry has resigned. The revolution is for the purpose of forming a republic.

Confirmatory dispatches have been received by Atchafalco, Rook and Joseph J. O'Donoghue & Sons. These dispatches were received just after the coffee exchange closed for the day. The reports came like a clap of thunder to the coffee dealers throughout the city, who were made acquainted with them to-night, and are likely to cause serious trouble on the exchange, it is confirmed. While the dealers generally spoke in a hopeful strain they exhibited signs of uneasiness.

FABULOUS WEALTH.

The Eldest Gold Mine Ever Discovered in North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 15.—The North Carolina Watchman, published at Salisbury, has just a mining report to Montgomery county to investigate the rumors of an important gold field there. He reports that all the statements about fabulous wealth having been discovered there are true. The find is said to be the richest ever discovered in the state. Three parallel veins, only a few feet apart, half an inch thick, have been found. The ore runs out a large per cent. of pure gold. The Watchman's representative ascertained that a bushel of solid gold had already been taken out of the deposit. Great excitement is reported in the neighborhood, and people are leaving their work to search for gold. It is stated that one man in two hours got out two thousand penny weights of pure gold.

WAITED ON THE PRESIDENT.

A Committee from the Catholic Congress Presented an Address to Mr. Harrison.

Washington, Nov. 12.—A committee from the Catholic congress in session in Baltimore waited on the president this morning, by appointment, and presented him with an address. The president received them cordially and listened carefully to the reading of the address.

The latter says: "Representing in a measure 10,000,000 of our fellow citizens who share in the blessings and privileges of this government and are devoted to its constitution and laws, the congress desires to voice and emphasize the loyalty and fidelity of the Catholic people of the United States to the republic and its institutions, as well as their respect for the magistracy of the nation.

"On the centennial of the establishment of the Episcopal authority in these United States, the Catholics of America in their first congress assembled, while rejoicing in the marvelous growth of their faith on this soil, and returning grateful thanks to God hereof, felt the occasion eminently fitting to voice also their heartfelt rejoicing over the perpetuity and solidity of our civil institutions and our development of religious liberty and tolerance, and the national progress and prosperity of our country, and through you to express to our fellow citizens of this great republic a spirit of unity and brotherly love. We desire, while praising the duties of our consciences in serving God, to march hand in hand with the promotion of the best interests of our common country, and the welfare of society.

"The congress bids this committee, while conveying to you the expression of its respect, to say that it would be a gratifying pleasure to have the honor of welcoming you to its session in Baltimore.

In reply, the president said that he appreciated the compliment paid him by the visit, as well as the truth of the sentiments expressed in the address in regard to the fidelity of the Catholics of the United States to the constitution and laws of the country. He regretted that his official duties would prevent his attending the sessions of the congress, but he thought he could promise them he would be present at the opening of the Catholic university near this city to-morrow.

The committee returned to Baltimore in the afternoon well pleased with their visit.

An Important Agreement Between the Union Pacific and the Alton.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—A ten years' agreement has been made between the Alton road and the Kansas Pacific branch of the Union Pacific, covering the freight and passenger business to all points between Chicago and the Pacific coast, and the Alton those west-bound.

Second Trip of the Baltimore.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—The new cruiser Baltimore made her second trip to-day in four hours' steady run up a northeast by east course from Cape Henlopen. The speed developed was even more remarkable than on the first trip, being 21.2 knots an hour against 19.8 knots before; but whether she developed more or less than the 9000-horsepower, called for by the contract, cannot be told until the results are worked out by the government engineers.

A dispatch from New York, Nov. 12, says: The Mail and Express publishes a statement that \$10,000 worth of bonds of the St. Louis & Chicago railroad company are missing. It also says that Frank C. Hollins & Co., brokers, are charged with having made a fortune out of the control of the property, while the railroad has nothing to show for it. It is the old story, a railway mortgage, and millions, but a wrecked railroad company.

THE LAND COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

An Enormous Amount of Unfinished Business Accumulated.

Acting Commissioner Stone in his annual report says:

I found myself confronted with an enormous amount of unfinished business, left over from former administrations. This great accumulation of official work in arrears I found to consist partly from the creation of a family increasing returns of 107 local land offices, and in great part also by the prevalence in the office of mistaken methods and practices, which, in my judgment, had the effect of obstructing rather than facilitating the proper transaction of business.

I consider it the true policy for the General Land Office to discard all unnecessary work, all round-about methods of procedure in seeking the desired practical results, namely, final examinations and patents, in the shortest time and by the most direct methods possible consistent with the proper execution of the law.

The claims of our pioneer settlers upon public lands were (by the late administration) arbitrarily suspended and their adjustment indefinitely postponed, without authority of law or departmental approval to support it.

This attempted nullification of the law was resolved with indignation, and excited universal complaint from all portions of the country, led to the accumulation of unadjusted claims to a burdensome extent to the General Land Office, and greatly discouraged settlements upon the public domain.

The claimant's rights in many cases, after years of vexatious delays and after being established by contest, was subjected to still further hindrance of an examination before a special board, organized outside of any legal provision for the existence, before which the final decisions of the highest tribunal known to the Department were to be reviewed and passed upon as to their true import and effect before parties could be put into actual course of patenting.

The practice of the office now is, and always should have been, not to cancel an entry, or hold it in suspension, upon mere technical grounds, or upon mere suspicion of fraud, but to determine every case upon its real merits, in a spirit liberal to the extent of the law, the bona fide of the settler being presumed, unless evidence to the contrary appears.

The widespread arraignment of claimants on the public domain should not have been made without the most careful and evidence to sustain it. It constitutes an expense to the government, without discrimination and without exception, a charge of the gravest character, against those hardy and courageous pioneers of our advancing civilization well calculated to challenge the credulity of the lowest order of American intellect.

SWINDLERS ON TRIAL.

Sixty-five Persons Charged with Deceiving Galician Passants.

Vienna, Nov. 14.—At Wladawa to-day the trial opened of the sixty-five persons who are charged with swindling a large number of Galician passants by inducing them to emigrate to America by false statements, and then obtaining a commission on their passage money. Among the persons implicated are the commissary of police, the comptroller of customs, a Hungarian judge and a number of custom guards.

GIBBS IDENTIFIED.

A Portland Deputy Sheriff Arrives in Yreka.

Yreka, Nov. 14.—A deputy sheriff from Portland arrived here this afternoon and identified the man arrested here as Gibbs, the Pullman car porter who murdered young McDevitt in that city last month, when the woman wanted. He will be taken back Saturday.

Gibbs' Reply to Criticism—No Federal Apportionment for the New State of Utah.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Commissioner Goddard of the general land office was asked to-day what he had to say in reference to the criticism he had received upon his severe condemnation of Surveyor-General Taylor. He said that the facts were furnished him from the surveying division where Taylor's report went for examination. His letter was prepared by the surveying division upon the Unmatta surveys. Under the circumstances he could do nothing more than write as he did to Secretary Noble.

Congressman Wilson was to-day informed that no Federal appointments of superior officers would be made until the senators of Washington were elected and made recommendations.

TWO BIG SHEEP HERDS.

One of 10,000 Head and Another of 17,000 Head Driven to Kit Carson.

Colorado Springs Republic: Messrs. Seldonsbridge and Pebbles of this city are now making preparations to dispose of two large herds of sheep which they purchased in New Mexico early last spring. Last spring these gentlemen handled in the neighborhood of 17,000 head, which were bought in the northern part of New Mexico and sold before they reached the Arkansas river. In January of the present year Mr. Pebbles went to New Mexico and contracted for two herds which are now being driven to Kit Carson on the Kansas Pacific railroad. These sheep were selected from the most improved flocks within a radius of 200 miles of Las Vegas and were bought especially for feed in the Eastern markets. The first herd, numbering 10,000 head, arrived at Kit Carson yesterday, and several large Eastern dealers will be there to inspect them next week. The other herd, numbering 17,000, will arrive at the same place about the 20th. The sheep market is very active at present, and the supply of sheep for the Chicago and Kansas City markets is limited. The wool and sheep industry in this section of the country was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time, and El Paso county stock owners have done exceedingly well during the last two years.

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