

Musty Records of Boston Show How Man Escaped Noose

BOSTON, Oct. 23. (United Press)—A collector of old letters and manuscripts has made public here a letter written back in 1788 by a condemned convict who, with the aid of a doctor, outwitted a hangman and was literally resurrected after he had been taken from the noose as a dead man.

"You will no doubt be greatly astonished," wrote Joseph Taylor, of Boston, to his friend, Phelim Donance Whitesmith, also of Boston, "at receiving a letter from one whom you so lately saw, to all appearance, numbered with the dead, with all the ignominy of a public and shameful execution."

He then told of his time in prison, as he awaited the date of the execution, and told of his unconcern until one day a doctor visited him in his cell and bargained with him for his dead body. For the first time it dawned upon him that "hell was yawning for me." "I was in a cold sweat. My knees smote together, and my tongue seemed to cleave to the roof of my mouth."

The doctor seemed moved by the boy's story—Taylor was only a boy, but the authorities wanted to make an example of him—and instead of arranging to buy his dead body for purpose of dissection, planned to bring back to life a body that to all appearances was dead.

Shortly before Taylor was led from the cell to the gallows he was handed a note from the doctor. It read:

"Taylor—Everything depends on your presence of mind. Remember that the human machine may be put in tune again if you preserve the spinal muscle from injury and do not dislocate the vertebrae of the neck; so you must endeavor to work the knot behind your neck and press your throat upon the halter, which will prevent the neck's breaking and likewise the compression of the jugular, and preserve the circulation in some degree. Keep up your spirits."

That encouraged him, but, as he mounted the scaffold, he nevertheless dreaded the pain of hanging; what worried him most, however, was the possibility of meeting "an offended, inexorable judge" in the event the doctor's plan didn't work.

But he kept his head, and as the minister was reciting a farewell prayer, the man on the scaffold with the noose around his neck, kept gently turning his head so as to bring the knot to the back of his head, as the doctor had instructed.

"When the trap fell I had all my senses about me," he related.

"My first feeling after the shock of falling was a violent strangling and oppression for want of breath; this soon gave way to a pain in my eyes. They seemed to be burned by two balls of fire which appeared before them, and which seemed to dart on and off like lightning. After one terrible flash, in which the two balls seemed to join into one, I sank away, without pain, like one falling to sleep."

That was all he knew until he felt excruciating pain, surpassing that he had suffered when suspended by his neck in midair.

It was, as he was later told, two hours and 43 minutes after he had been taken from the noose that the doctor perceived signs of life by a small motion and warmth in my chest; 20 minutes later I gave a violent, deep groan.

"Here description fails; I cannot describe the intolerable agony of that moment. Ten thousand stranglings are trifling to it.

"When I awoke it was dark. I felt yet somewhat lightheaded and confused from the dreadful scene I had passed through. All hands were now called, and a solemn oath was taken not to tell anything that had happened until I was safe out of this country."

The letter, which was written just prior to his leaving the United States, closed by informing his friend that he was sailing the next day for Gottenburg, Sweden.

FOUR ROOM HOUSE SOLD TO HANCOCK

The Tri-State Realty company here reports the sale last week of the G. W. Cadenhead house in Industrial addition, to G. H. Hancock. The house is strictly modern in construction and comprises four rooms. Hancock made the purchase for investment purposes and will not occupy the house himself.

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Thousand Deer Fall to Hunters in Lake County

With close to a thousand antlered heads taken during the forty days of the open season in Lake county, activities of hunters were brought to a close last evening at sundown. Figures of the season's kill are estimated by Game Warden D. T. Godsell at not

less than one thousand. The first two weeks of the season netted 400 heads to hunters by actual count and the latter part of the season is estimated, since the kills were so numerous that no count could be obtained.

Now that the season is closed, those having deer meat in their possession are urged to notify Warden Godsell of the fact and metal tags will be substituted for the paper tags from licenses. Those possessors of meat without the

metal tag are subject to arrest and this feature of the law will be rigidly enforced, according to Warden Godsell.

Inroads of hunters on the mule deer herds yearly become more alarming. Last year the toll was between 500 and 600 while this year the figures amount to 1000. Over half of these are traced to hunters outside the county and many outside the state.

The Lake County Fish and Game Protective association is laying

plans to have the matter laid before the legislative body the first of the year with the hope that legislation reducing the season to 20 days and the bag limit to one deer with horns. The game association of Deschutes county is in accord with the move, though some opposition is anticipated from Klamath county, where a tendency to exploit the game resources for advertising sake is noted.—Lakeview Examiner.

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Real Estate Men Take Time Off to Bag a Few Birds

With deer season closing and quail season just opening last week, several real estate men here took enough time away from their busy realty activity to get out in the game country.

Among those to go hunting was

E. M. Chilcote, who went running with Joe Wright and Stanley Martin in the Miller Hill region. Chilcote bagged three "chinks" and two rabbits and says he had more fun than if he'd shot two deer. His hunting partners each got several birds.

W. F. Sears, salesman for Chilcote & Smith, took a day off in the Hildebrand country and got his limit in quail. He was accompanied by E. Olstrom, who also shot his share of the birds.

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