

HORRIBLE BUTCHERY

Masked Man's Attempt to Exterminate an Ohio Family.

TWO KILLED, THREE INJURED.

Fiend Gains Entrance to the House by Means of a Ladder—Husband and Wife Horribly Mutilated—Brave Daughter Leaps From a Window, and Summons Aid—Object of the Deed Unknown.

AKRON, O., March 30.—At a late hour Saturday night a masked man entered the farmhouse of Alvin M. Stone, near Tallmadge, a few miles from this city, and in the brief space of half an hour committed a horrible butchery. When he took his departure Stone and his wife, both aged people, were dead, horribly mutilated, and Ira Stillson, the hired man, and Emma Stone, the eldest of three daughters, were unconscious from blows dealt by the murderer.

The murderer entered the house by means of a ladder, which he raised to an upstairs window. He first passed through the room in which Hattie and Flora Stone were sleeping without awaking them. Going quietly downstairs to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Stone slept, he attacked them with a blunt weapon of some sort, hitting both upon the head. They were probably rendered unconscious and possibly killed by the blows, but the fiend, not satisfied with that, proceeded to mutilate their bodies with a knife. He cut off one of Stone's ears, slashed him across the face and stabbed him in the back. Then he laid Mrs. Stone's check open with the knife.

Hired Man and Daughters Attacked.

After satisfying his fiendish desires downstairs, he proceeded to the room of Stillson upstairs. The hired man heard the intruder apparently, for he had arisen, when he was dealt a stunning blow on the head. Next the murderer turned his attention to Emma Stone, who slept in a room by herself. That awakened the two other girls who slept across the hall. Hattie Stone arose to go to her sister's assistance, but as she entered the latter's room she was felled to the floor by a blow on the head, but fortunately was not rendered unconscious. Regaining her feet, she ran to her own room and locked the door. Throwing a bed quilt about her, she leaped from the window and ran through the rain and mud to the nearest neighbors, a quarter of a mile away. After he had struck Hattie down the murderer returned to Emma's room and struck her on the head, leaving her unconscious. Then he tried the door to the room in which Hattie had left her younger sister Flora when she jumped out of the window. Finding the door locked he battered it down. Finding only Flora in the room he asked where the other girl was. When told that she had gone for help he hastily left the house and made his escape.

Neighbors Go to the House.

Hattie, with the blood streaming from the wound in her head, managed to reach the neighbor's house, told her story and then fainted. After she had been put to bed, the neighbor, calling for help, went to the Stone house. There the evidences of the butchery were discovered. The only person in the house who was able to speak was Flora Stone, aged 16, and she was so badly frightened that she could tell nothing about the murder, except that the man who committed it wore a mask over his face.

Object Not Robbery.

The crime is a mystery. There is no possible motive for the murder, so far as can be learned. Certainly the murderer was not bent on robbery, for in the bureau drawer in Mr. Stone's room were two gold watches and some money and nothing had been taken apparently.

The sheriff of Summit county was called to the scene of the murder yesterday morning, and with a posse of men he searched all day for clues to the murderer. Nothing has been discovered. One man has been found who says he saw a buggy pass his house late Saturday night going in the direction of the Stone house, and the same horse is believed to have been found in the streets of Kent, a few miles east of Tallmadge, yesterday morning. Ira Stillson, the hired man, and Emma and Hattie Stone, have not yet recovered consciousness and it is feared that Stillson at least will die, while the chances for the recovery of the two girls are very small.

IOWA LAUNCHED.

America's Most Powerful Fighting Vessel Now Afloat.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—The battleship Iowa was launched from Cramp's shipyard Saturday afternoon. When she slipped from her cradle and dipped her keel in the waters of the Delaware, Uncle Sam's new navy received the most powerful fighting vessel afloat. Federal, state and municipal governments were represented by high dignitaries. Miss Mary Lord Drake, daughter of the governor of Iowa, named the big naval baby. The bottle she broke on its great iron prow contained champagne, and not water from either the Des Moines or the Schuykill rivers, which some Hawkeye state Prohibitionists wanted used.

Alabama Journalist Dead.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 30.—J. W. Withers Clay, Sr., the nestor of Alabama journalism, died yesterday after a long illness from a stroke of paralysis received soon after President Cleveland's first election while addressing a public meeting of celebration. Mr. Clay was about 60 years old, a graduate of Yale and a brother of the late Senator C. C. Clay.

Dies While on a Pleasure Trip.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The steamship *Madison* arrived yesterday from an excursion trip to the West Indies. On March 24 B. Smith, a saloon passenger, died of pneumonia. He was 48 years of age and a well-known druggist of Monroe, Ills. The body was brought to port in a sealed casket.

Postponed Until Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The trial of the alleged Cuban filibusters, Bernardo J. Bueno, Captain Samuel Hughen, John D. Hart, Captain Lawrence Brazenon and Benjamin Guerra, accused of violating the neutrality laws in connection with the steamer *Bermuda*, which was set down for yesterday in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court, was adjourned until tomorrow by consent of counsel.

Serious Complication.

GUTHRIE, O. T., March 31.—The supreme court yesterday refused to recognize Greer county, just added to Oklahoma by the United States supreme court, as a county and attached it to Oklahoma county, 200 miles away, for judicial purposes. This leaves the new county as an organized territory with 20 murderers applying for writs of habeas corpus.

Visited Franklin College.

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 31.—President Andrews of Brown University, Providence, R. I., was a visitor at the chapel exercises at Franklin college yesterday and spoke to the students at some length. President Andrews will be connected with the summer school of Chicago University during the coming session.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Charles.

LONDON, March 31.—The Times announces the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Charles, author of many historical novels, characterized by a deep religious feeling, among them being "The Draytons and Davantees," and "Chronicles of the Schomberg-Cotta Family."

Weather.

Indiana—Fair, followed by increasing cloudiness. Illinois—Cloudy and threatening.

JACKSON'S DEFENSE

Alleged Murderer Will Endeavor to Prove an Alibi.

SHERIFF SECURING EVIDENCE.

Large Number of Witnesses to Be Summoned for the Trial, Which Is to Be Called One Week From Today—Both Sides Are Busy—Visitors at the Jail Were Numerous.

NEWPORT, Ky., March 31.—Just one week from today Scott Jackson's trial will begin and 12 good men will determine whether he is guilty of the murder of Pearl Bryan.

The real hard work of Sheriff Jule Plummer in the case is now on. He is busy with the attorneys for the prosecution, working out a line of prosecution. He will put in several days selecting the witnesses whom he will call in the Jackson case. This requires fine discrimination, for when the case was being worked up the witnesses examined were all asked to tell their stories with reference to both of the men. They were not asked to confine their testimony to either, and as a consequence their statements will now have to be sifted.

Sheriff Plummer's Task.

The sheriff will have to go carefully over all the statements and note those which he considers valuable. Most of this testimony was taken either in the office of Chief Deitsch or Mayor Caldwell at Cincinnati by a stenographer. It took the stenographer over a week to transcribe and arrange the evidence given.

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Crowds at the Jail.

It is expected that an alibi will be in order, and to all appearances Jackson will try to prove that by the lady who keeps the Ninth street house where the two women roomed.

If this is attempted the prosecution may set up a claim that the presence of Jackson in his room part of the fatal Friday night was a preliminary to an alibi he was preparing in anticipation of arrest.

Big crowds called at the jail yesterday, but very few got in to see the men, however. All who did get to see them were greeted cordially by the prisoners, who seemed to be glad to have callers to relieve the dreary monotony of jail life.

Refused to Give Up Their Money.

DUQUESNE, Ills., March 31.—Two farmers, named Charles Ecklein and Frank Dennis, were held up about four miles east of here. They had been to town with some hogs, for which they had received considerable money. When they refused to give up their money the highwaymen shot Ecklein and he will likely die. The robbers escaped without getting any money and there is no clue to their identity.

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THE GIANTS OF OLD.

PREVIOUS AGES SUPPLY US WITH ENORMOUS FOSSIL BONES.

Lizards Three Times the Size of the Largest Elephant and a Turtle Whose Shell Looked Like a Hut—Marine Giant and the Remarkable Plated Lizard.

The belief in a race of giants was once almost universal and held until recent years. Even today large skeletons when found are sometimes reported as being those of giant human beings. This was especially true of the period about the tenth and eleventh centuries, and in the latter most amazing discovery was reported, which threw the scientific world of the time into great excitement. It was said that the body of Palas, the son of Evander, had been discovered beneath the tomb of the emperor Henry III. The bones were enormous, and it is unnecessary to state, proved to have belonged to a huge fossil elephant. As late as the fifteenth century a war of words was waged over a find of large bones, one party claiming that they belonged to the giant Teutoboccus. In 1857 a giant was discovered in Switzerland. The council of Lucerne requested a learned scientific man, Professor Felix Plater of Basel, to report upon it, and he not only announced the bones as part of a human giant, but made a complete restoration, showing the man 20 feet high, which the proud city adopted as an ancestor in the arms of the commonwealth. The design and some of the bones can still be seen in the college of Jesuits at Lucerne. Unfortunately for the theory and much to the discomfiture of the people who had raised to a high pinnacle this mighty ancestor, it was found to be the remains of an elephant.

Nearly all the mastodon finds in this country were attributed to giants, but there is no evidence that a human giant ever existed over 8 feet in height, and it is extremely doubtful if this height was ever attained.

Giants other than human are very common in all branches of the animal kingdom—giants in every sense when compared to their pygmy representatives of today. Some years ago some laborers in the Senalik hills of India were engaged upon a government work when they came upon the remains of a turtle that proved beyond question that these animals had their giants in the days of old. The shell which the men exposed might have been used as a shelter for several men, and at first, before its bony nature was observed, it was thought by the natives to be a hut of some kind. Fortunately the bones were uninjured, and they were taken out and removed to the British museum, where a complete restoration of the animal may be seen. The length of the turtle was 10 feet, its horizontal circumference 25 feet, and its girth 15 feet, but it was estimated by scientists that this was not an adult, and that when fully grown this huge creature would display a domelike back 8 or 9 feet high, giving a total length of 20 feet.

One of the common animals in equatorial South America and in Central America is the lizard, iguana, which attains a length of 4 or 5 feet and is considered a large lizard, but it was a pygmy when compared to an ancestor that once wandered over England and various portions of the world. A number of years ago some workmen were excavating and blasting in a quarry near Maidstone, England, when some bones were uncovered that caused profound astonishment on the part of the finders. The skeleton was perfect, and as it was lifted out, bone by bone, their amazement increased, and the news was spread all over the country, attracting large numbers of people. When the bones were placed in their proper position, they were found to be the skeleton of a gigantic lizard that when alive must have been three times as bulky as the largest living elephant and stood upon its hind legs like a kangaroo, tearing down branches from the highest trees. Such an animal was a slow mover, and sluggish and must have fallen an easy prey to the human hunters, if they existed.

The marine iguana were even more bizarre and remarkable than the land forms. If we can imagine the little iguana lengthened out to 30 feet, its back spines changed to broad finlike objects, we form some idea of the appearance of one of the small dinosaurs, *Stegosaurus ungulatus*, one of the most uncanny and remarkable creatures ever found. It is called the plated lizard, and the best skeleton was found on the eastern flank of the Rocky Mountains. Some of the plates with which this armored lizard were protected were two or three feet in diameter and the spines over two feet in length. From the fact that the hind limbs were the largest, it is evident that this strange creature could lift up and sit like a kangaroo, resting upon its powerful tail, which, with its enormous spines, must have been a terrible weapon.

A giant from America had a skull that measured eight feet in length. Almost over the eyes were two large horns, a third placed over the nose. The great length of the skull was given by a huge crest that was protected by a ridge of long plates. The mouth of the triceratops was protected by a horny beak. In life it must have presented a formidable appearance, with a body clumsy and low like that of a hippopotamus, a long tail like an alligator's, its head calling to mind the rhinoceros. This monster was 25 feet in length and must have been one of the strangest animals of its time. —Philadelphia Press.

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No Hope For Higher Wages.

DANVILLE, Ills., March 27.—President O'Conner, of the Illinois miners, and President Purcell, of the Indiana miners, arrived here and held a conference with President Kelly, of the Kellyville Coal company and the superintendent of the Consolidated Coal company in reference to a raise in wages. Mr. Kelly informed them wages were more likely to drop. Messrs. O'Conner and Purcell will probably remain here for two weeks and will form a complete organization of all the miners in this locality.

Gratitude For Speaker Reed.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The general offices of the National W. C. T. U., have addressed a letter to Speaker Reed at Washington, expressing gratitude for the speaker's action in enforcing the rule against smoking in the house of representatives. The letter also expressed the hope that it at no distant day the sale of liquor will also be banned from the national capitol.

There is a very large attendance at the North Indiana M. E. conference, now in session at Richmond.

BODY IN THE TRUNK

Decomposed Remains Found In an Auction Purchase.

POLICEMEN TAKE UP THE MATTER

On the Top of the Box Was Written "G. M. Morgan, 166 Jefferson Court, Chicago"—Member of the Warehouse Firm Tells What He Knows of the Baggage. Very Poor Chance of Identification.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The badly decomposed body of an unknown man was found yesterday in a trunk bought at an auction in Waken & McLaughlin's warehouse at 504 North Water street.

The auction was the regular disposal of unneeded property and many curious purchasers were on hand.

Giant lizards were on hand. The sale was almost over when a large rough box was dragged out and offered. Bids were made and the box was knocked down to two men from the suburb of Austin—Philip Grief and Charles Haas. Inside was a square trunk, which was broken open and a gory sight was disclosed. The trunk contained the badly decomposed body of a man, without any clue of identification.

As soon as the discovery was made the men commenced to search for something that would indicate where the body had come from or by whom it had been owned. On the top was written