

## JOHN M. WILSON HANGED.

### A Crime Which Nearly Led to the Hanging of Another Man for Murder.

The Singular Circumstances Connected with Wilson's Arrest and Conviction.

[Norristown (Pa.) special.]

John M. Wilson was hanged in the jail-yard here, on Thursday, for the murder of Anthony W. Dealy, in February, 1885, in Montgomery County, near the Philadelphia city line. Wilson read a speech from the scaffold. He confessed his guilt, and said his death in expiation of the crime should be a warning to all persons who had become victims to strong drink. His body was cut down and handed over to a physician to whom he had willed it.

The history of the crime for which John M. Wilson paid the extreme penalty, and the manner of his conviction, are probably without parallel in the annals of criminal history. But for a confession, which the murderer afterward denied, the death of Anthony Dealy would never have been accounted for, and probably another and an innocent man would have been hanged for another crime which is most curiously interwoven with that for which Wilson suffered.

In October, 1885, Frederick Stahl, a butcher who worked for Albert Dieterle at No. 305 Moore street, Philadelphia, suddenly dropped off of sight. He had lived with Adolph Scheuringer, a saloon-keeper, at No. 307 Vine street, with whom he had deposited \$700 for safe-keeping. Weeks passed, and Stahl was not heard from. Then Scheuringer said that Stahl had been murdered, and accused Albert Dieterle (who owed Stahl money) of the crime. In the following March the headless and dismembered trunk of a human being was found floating in the Wissahickon Creek, in Fairmount Park. A further search was made, and one leg and one arm were found. Scheuringer's charge that Dieterle had murdered his employee was renewed, and when at the inquest the body was identified as that of Stahl, Dieterle was arrested.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, 1885, a peculiar-looking man walked into the West Twelfth Street Station in Chicago, and said that he was a murderer. He said he had killed a man named Anthony Dealy near Philadelphia in January, and after sewing the body in sacks had thrown it in the Wissahickon Creek. The next day he repeated the same story, but in more detail. He said he had been employed by one Anthony Dealy for several months on a farm near Philadelphia. He quarreled with Dealy about \$30 which was due him, and then, picking up a cleaver, struck the man on the head, killing him instantly. He then cut off the victim's head and hid it between two feather-beds, dragged the body to the barn, and, cutting off the legs and arms, hid them in a feed-box. Then he went to the creek and selected a place in which to throw the dissected body. That night he put the head in a bag along with a lot of stones. The body and limbs were placed in other sacks, and, with the aid of a sleigh and horse, Wilson took his ghastly load to the place selected and threw it overboard. He then went to Philadelphia, and, after spending his money for drink, returned to the house and set it on fire. It was entirely destroyed, and he said Dealy's family supposed he was burned up in it.

The trial, which was begun March 8 last, lasted several days and was very sensational in its character. Stahl's brother, his friend, Scheuringer, and others who knew Stahl well still swore that the body found in the river was that of the missing butcher. A score of others swore that it was that of Anthony Dealy. They related the burning of the house and the disappearance of Wilson, who was known to them as "Sailor Jack," the day of the fire, and when the police found the watch which had belonged to Dealy and proved that it had been taken from Wilson while drunk a few days after the fire the evidence was complete. Conviction quickly followed.

The whereabouts of Frederick Stahl are still a mystery. The resemblance of the two men, Stahl and Dealy, was remarkable. They wore the same size hat, both were left-handed, both had their right shoulders higher than the left, both were of medium height, both had scars on the right hand, both had small mustaches, red hair, and bald spots on the top of their heads. Had not Wilson's confession been corroborated in every particular his conviction could hardly have been had, in view of the remarkable resemblance of the missing butcher.

## PRINCE NICHOLAS.

One of the Aspirants to the Bulgarian Throne.

Prince Nicholas of Mingrelia, whose name has been conspicuously mentioned in connection with the Bulgarian throne, is



an ex-Caucasian Chief, who for twenty years has been a dependant upon the Russian Court. Born on Dec. 23, 1846, he inherited the quasi-sovereignty of the Principality of Mingrelia, a district now included in Russian Transcaucasia, and lying between the Black Sea on the west and the Caucasus on the north.

## INDIANA STATE NEWS.

The Bohemian oats and red-line wheat swindlers successfully practiced their game upon eight or ten of the wealthiest farmers in Deer and Pipe Creek townships, Miami County. Some time ago a pleasant-appearing and voluble talker, accompanied by an elderly man, and, to all appearances, a Dunkard, approached the farmers and sold them the oats at \$40 and wheat at \$20 a bushel, taking their notes for the same. The farmers, becoming suspicious, went to Fern, and consulted with their attorneys, only to realize the fact that they were out about \$5,000. The notes mature in September. It is extremely probable that later developments will show new victims.

The Morton Club, of Fort Wayne, has elected the following officers: President, Gilbert E. Bursley; First Vice President, Augustus A. Chapin; Second Vice President, Frederick Beach; Third Vice President, James H. Simonson; Fourth Vice President, Henry J. Ash; Recording Secretary, Ed L. Cray; Financial Secretary, George W. Mullen; Treasurer, Allen H. Dougall; Directors, Joe W. Bell, James B. Harper, David N. Foster, F. H. Barnard, Dr. A. J. Laubach.

At Strawtown, the wife of W. W. Morris went to call on a neighbor lady, who is suffering with a broken arm, and left her 3-year-old daughter in the house alone. When she returned she found the child lying on the floor, dead, with its clothes burned off and the body burned. It is supposed the child's clothing caught fire from the hot stove in the room. Mrs. Morris was almost completely prostrated with grief on learning the sad fate that had befallen her little daughter.

The eleventh annual exhibition of the Northern Indiana Poultry Association will be held in the city of Fort Wayne Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. It is believed that this will prove to be one of the most successful exhibitions of the season, as a very large number of entries of fine birds have already been made. Farmers and fanciers will find this an excellent means of gaining information on a subject of rapidly increasing importance.

Fred Kuklehaun, a wealthy farmer in Root Township, Adams County, and a breeder of fine cattle, was perhaps fatally gored by a Holstein bull, a late Illinois purchase. He went into a lot inclosure when the bull attacked him, running its horn through his thigh and giving him serious internal injuries. Help arrived in time to save him from immediate death, and there is yet a chance for his recovery.

It is understood that Mrs. Emma P. Ewing, of the Ames Agricultural College, in Iowa, has accepted the appointment to, and will take charge of, the Department of Domestic Economy to be opened at Purdue University. Mrs. Ewing has been delivering a series of lectures throughout the country on "Domestic Economy as it Should be Practiced in the Kitchen."

The pipes leading to the large range in the Bramble House, at Lafayette, exploded, the report being very loud and the force sufficient to awaken the guests, who leaped from their beds under the impression that a good-sized earthquake had come in with the blizzard. Oscar Harris, the colored cook, was severely scalded on the arms and side.

A most distressing accident occurred at Lafayette, at the funeral of Mrs. George W. Cook, wife of Mayor Cook, of Leadville. As the casket was being lowered the strap gave way and the body was precipitated into the grave head foremost. The casket had to be taken out, the lid removed, and the body rearranged.

The other day two drunken tramps were arrested at North Vernon. Toward midnight a crowd of men and boys visited the jail, broke open the door, and escorted the tramps to the suburbs of the city. They then tied them up to a tree, whipped them severely and admonished them from visiting the city again.

At Killertown, Harrison County, Charles Greene assaulted a Miss Briles. It seems that the lady had charged Greene with her seduction and he had fled, but he returned and attempted to take the life of Miss Briles by assaulting her with a club, breaking her left arm and otherwise injuring her.

An unknown man who was stealing a ride on a west-bound Big Four freight train was instantly killed near Hazlerigg Station by falling between the cars. His head was severed and his clothing all stripped from his body, and when found by the trainmen was lying naked in the snow.

The two-story frame farm residence of Richard Gelling, situated two and a half miles North of Pendleton, was totally destroyed by fire. Only part of the contents was saved. Cause, defective flue. Loss, \$1,200; insured in the Continental, of New York, for \$600.

The Bohemian Oats Company, that sold hundreds of bushels of oats in Wells County, have brought suit to collect their notes given for Bohemian oats at \$10 per bushel. Forty of the former victims have organized to resist the payment.

The largest tree ever cut in Montgomery County was on the farm of John Demaree, near Waveland. It was poplar, and made one saw-log ten feet long and seven and a half feet thick, and four logs fourteen feet in length.

Wabash College has just received \$10,000 by the will of the late Preserve Smith, of Dayton, O. This amount goes to general endowment, as does also the \$50,000 just received by the will of Mr. Sabin, of LaPorte.

The Delphi Oil and Natural Gas Company has been organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. Enough stock has already been taken to warrant an experiment, and operations will soon be begun.

## OBITUARY.

Death at New York of John Roach, the Well-Known Ship-Building.

Alice Oates, the Comic Opera Singer, Passes Away After a Long Illness.

Judge Rogers, of Chicago, Stricken Down While Standing in a Dry-Goods Store.

John Roach.

John Roach, the great ship-builder, died in this city on Monday morning. Mr. Roach was in great pain from the cancerous growth with which he suffered, and he was kept under the influence of morphia. He had brief intervals of consciousness, during which he spoke to his son Garrett, who was constant in his attendance at the bedside. Only a few intimate friends of the family were admitted to the house, and nobody



other than the nurses and the physicians were allowed to see the patient. The dying man sank rapidly, and when he passed away it was without a struggle. At his bedside were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. McPherson, of Philadelphia, John B. Roach, Garrett N. Roach, Stephen W. Roach, Miss Emeline Roach, John Walton, a nephew, Mrs. Roach, and three grandchildren.

John Roach was born in County Cork, Ireland, but was reared in America in the city of New York. Prior to his starting in business on his own account he was a common workman in the Allaire works. At this place he soon advanced himself through his adaptability to business to the position of foreman, after which he established himself with a very small capital, but his old employers' recommendations assisted him to a moderate credit, and his natural force soon gave him prominence. In 1857 he was able to purchase the Morgan Iron Works for about \$400,000 and in 1868 the Neptune works for \$150,000, and two years later the Franklin forge for \$125,000, and also a large property at Chester, Pa., where he subsequently put in operation the extensive works known as the Delaware River Iron Ship-Building and Engine Works, of which corporation Mr. Roach was the President and owner. He was the builder of numbers of vessels for the United States Government, having been given the contract for the ships Dolphin, Boston, Atlanta, and Chicago. The Boston was finished in August, 1886, and the unfortunate Dolphin—which caused John Roach so much trouble by having been rejected under the Cleveland administration—was at last transferred to the Government through negotiations between Mr. Roach and Secretary Whitney.

Alice Oates.

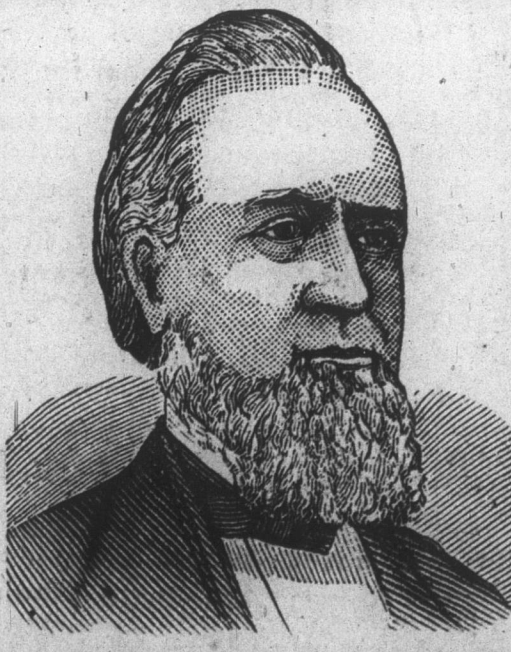
[Philadelphia dispatch.] Alice Oates, the well-known comic-opera singer, died at the residence of her husband, in this city, on Monday.



Alice Oates in 1870. 1861, when she was 20 years of age. Her voice gained her the part of Earl Darnley in the burlesque of "The Field of the Cloth of Gold." Her success was instantaneous, and after the first week she was billed as a star. She played a long time in Chicago without a change of bill, and then brought the burlesque to this city, where it ran at the Chestnut Street Theater over two hundred nights. This was her first and last appearance in burlesque. Afterward she devoted her talents to comic opera. Her husband died of consumption in 1870, and in 1872 the widow married Tracy W. Titus, from whom, however, she was soon divorced. Mrs. Oates sang and acted with success in New York. ALICE OATES in 1886, and all over the United States. She became best known through her performance in connection with the Oates Comic Opera Company, of which she was both directress and prima donna.

John G. Rogers.

[Chicago special.] John G. Rogers, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County, fell dead in a dry goods store on State street Monday. Up to that moment he appeared to be in perfect health.



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MAJOR S. B. ABBOTT (Springfield, Mo.), in 1871 was afflicted with lame back, Rheumatism, and Kidney trouble. Consulted the very best physicians in San Francisco, and visited all the mineral springs there. Took a health trip to the New England States, but for seven years suffered constantly from his malady, which had resulted in Bright's disease. After using a couple dozen bottles of Warner's SAFE Cure and two of SAFE Pills, he wrote: "My back and kidneys are without pain, and, thank God, I owe it all to Warner's SAFE Remedies."

Bal. of New Eng., - - 441,753

MRS. J. T. RITCHEY (563 4th Ave., Louisville, Ky.) was a confirmed invalid for eleven years, just living, and hourly expecting death. Was confined to bed ten months each year. Was attended by the best physicians. Her left side was paralyzed. Could neither eat, sleep, nor enjoy life. The doctors said she was troubled with female complaints; but she was satisfied her kidneys were affected. Under the operation of Warner's SAFE Cure she passed a large stone or calculus, and in November, 1885, reported: "Am to-day as well as when a girl."

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GEN. H. D. WALLIN (144 Madison Ave., New York), scarcely able to walk two blocks without exhaustion, and, having lost flesh heavily, began the use of Warner's SAFE Cure, and says: "I was much benefited by it."

Bal. Ohio (State), - 633,158

COL. JOSEPH H. THORNTON (Cincinnati, O.) in 1885 reported that his daughter was very much prostrated; had palpitation of the heart, intense pain in the head, nervous disorder and catarrh of the bladder. She lost fifty-five pounds. Other remedies failing, they began the use of Warner's SAFE Cure, SAFE Pills, and SAFE Nerveine, and within three months she had gained fifty pounds in weight and was restored to good health. That was three years ago, and she is still in as good health as ever in her life. Col. Thornton, himself, was cured of Chronic Diarrhea of eighteen years' standing, in 1881, by Warner's SAFE Cure.

Southern States, - 3,534,017

C. H. ALLEN (Leavenworth, Kan.), son Edwin, two years of age, afflicted with extreme case of Bright's disease, and the doctors gave him up. By the advice of the doctor's wife, began the use of Warner's SAFE Cure, and after taking seven bottles he is perfectly well and has had no relapse.

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