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COMMUNICATION.

The trial of John Dahman for the murder of Frederick Nolte, commenced on Monday the 14th day of this month, on the 14th day of this month. The prisoner was charged with the indictment with having on the 29th day of May last, feloniously, unlawfully, and of malice aforethought, killed and murdered the deceased by a blow with an ax in and upon the left temple of his head, and also by cutting the throat with a razor. Of these two charges the prisoner, on his arraignment pled NOT GUILTY.

A case, perhaps, is rarely to be found in the annals of jurisprudence, where so much excitement has been carried to a pitch, or public indignation so high, as in the case of the crime has been so widely and generally expressed, the prisoner being an alien availed himself of the right to a jury de medietate regie. Not more than one or two of the regular panel of jurors, returned by the sheriff, were found upon examination to be impartial men, having previously expressed their belief in the guilt of the prisoner; and before the trial was filled near fifty talesmen, citizens and foreigners, were examined, who on their oaths declared they were confirmed in their beliefs or had decidedly expressed, their opinion of the guilt of the prisoner.

The evidence against the prisoner was clear and explicit, consisting of a full and voluntary confession, corroborated by strong and flagrant circumstances.

Two days after the arrest and commitment of the prisoner, (the 5th of the last) he, in the presence and hearing of two or three magistrates, and other citizens, unable to withstand the positive and pointed circumstances, at seemed to thicken around him, & speaking under the burden of his guilt, made a full and ample disclosure of the horrid transaction. He declared that on Wednesday the 24th of May, last past, he fell in company with

Nolte in Shippingport, Kentucky, that being a unit yamen, and having come to America together, some years before, he at the friendly request of Nolte accompanied him to New Albany, where Nolte then carried on the baking business; that they merely passed away the night till a late hour, when Nolte having made the necessary preparation for baking in the morning laid himself down on a buffalo robe on a bench, and fell asleep. "Then it was," said he, "that the devil put it into my heart to murder him!" He promptly followed the diabolical suggestion, took an ax, and approached his defenceless, unsuspecting, sleeping victim. The horror of the dreadful deed at first appalled his fiend-like heart—he seems to relent—he yet withholds the fatal blow—he retires for a moment; but it is too late—he dares a heart, by being familiar with crime, already more odorous than adamant. Here he accuses himself of cowardice—of being a pitiful patron—daring not forever blot the expectations and hopes of a fellow man—a friend and he asleep! At length, it is decided and fortified in his hellish principles, he again approached the unfortunate man—he raises the ax, and directs a blow upon his forehead! Nolte utters a groan and rolls from the bench—that blow the prisoner confessed would have been sufficient to despatch him; but the scene of horror was not yet complete; from mere wantonness, and, as he expressed it, to see the blood flow, he seizes a razor and cuts from ear to ear the throat of slaughtered Nolte. He then sowed the body in a bed sack, bound it upon a plank, and drew it a distance of sixty rods to the river, put it on board a skiff, rowed it to the middle of the river and cast it over—he returned to the shop, wiped up the blood with rags, threw the floor on the floor, took every necessary precaution to elude detection, and retreated across the river to Shippingport. The next day he boldly showed himself in town, takes possession of Nolte's shop, and when interrogated of him, he replies that Nolte was owing him a sum of money, which he was unable to pay, that he had at last concluded to give up his shop and business to him, and had gone, as he declared to some, to Shippingport, to others to Louisville, and again to others, down the river. Thus he full of suspicion by an unheard of boldness, while he should arrange the affairs of Nolte, and make good his retreat, which he did on the Monday following. Such was the stupid and hardened boldness of the wretch, that suspicion yet slept, and perhaps forever would, had not the body of the unfortunate, murdered Nolte been found, floating in the river several days after, by some fishermen, two or three miles below New Albany. This aroused suspicion; the shop, the scene of desolation and death of Nolte was examined, and here was discovered but too sad a proof of the fate of that inoffensive unfortunate, butchered man. Circumstances irresistibly attached the crime to the stranger, who had in a mysterious manner obtained possession of the dead shop. Pursuit was soon resolved upon. Three or four efficient resolute citizens, with the sheriff of the county, immediately proceeded down the river, as that was found to be the direction the culprit had taken; but the hardened monster fled no farther, than about 16 miles below New Albany, where his family then was on a small plantation, which he had a short time previous rented. Here he was soon after discovered, having in his possession the goods of Nolte, his watch, his purse of small change, the buffalo robe besmeared with blood, and various other articles, the most minute and

trifling. He was arrested, brought to New Albany, examined, and committed to await his trial at the September term, previous to which he found means to escape and fled to the province of Upper Canada, where he was taken some time in March last, and brought back to this place to meet the punishment due to his crime.

The Jury retired late on Friday night, and on Saturday morning returned a verdict of GUILTY.

The presiding judge in a solemn and impressive manner pronounced against the prisoner the awful sentence of the law, which he received with an indifference bordering on madness, the ebullitions of his hellish spirit, bursting forth in frequent and repeated curses and imprecations upon the court, the witnesses and himself.

The prosecution was learnedly and skilfully conducted by M. C. Fitch, esquire, prosecuting attorney for the Third circuit court; And the prisoner was zealously and ably defended by R. Kidder, Wm. P. Thomasson and John N. Dunbar, Esqrs.

There had been another indictment found against the prisoner for the murder of John Jenzer, a German. Dahman, at the time he made his confession of the murder of Nolte, declared that he also killed Jenzer, whose body was found about that time floating in the river. He said, that when he returned home with the property he had taken from Nolte, he persuaded Jenzer to go with him; as they proceeded down the river, he, to pass away the time that the shades of night might cover the perpetration of his foul and wicked purpose from mortal view, took the victim of his depravity on shore, to make, as he told him a little hunting excursion. Darkness coming on he told Jenzer, that it would be impossible to reach his house that night, and their only alternative was to strike up a fire and camp out.—They did so; and as Jenzer sat by the fire, his head inclined, and resting upon his hand, Dahman from the opposite side of the fire, aimed his rifle and shot him through the head. He then beat in his skull with an ax, dragged the body to the river, made it fast to his skiff, towed it some distance from shore, and cut it afloat. The fruit of this murder consisted in about 40 English cap watches, a rifle, some cash and several notes of hand, all which were found buried in a stable near his house.

WOOL CARDING.

THE subscriber informs his old customers of Clark county, and the public in general, that his

Wool Carding Machines

at his well known stand on Beargrass, Jefferson county, Kentucky, are in complete order for business, being provided with new Cards, unusually fine and of a superior quality. For the convenience of the public the house of JOHN MILLER, Esq. of Utica, is appointed to receive wool; where he will attend to receive and return the same in rolls, every two weeks during the season from the 1st Saturday in June. Wool must be well prepared, free from burrs, &c. One pound of grease to eight pounds of Wool is required, which will be furnished by the subscriber on moderate terms, if required. Carding will be done at the customary prices of the county. Customers may rely on strict and correct attention being paid to the stands. His long experience in the business, together with the complete order of his Machines, will, he hopes, enable him to give general satisfaction to those who may please to favor him with their custom.

JOHN HIKES.

Utica, Clark county, May 24, 1821.

Sheriff's Sales.

There will be exposed at Public Sale to the highest bidder, on the 22d instant, on the public square in Charlestown, between the hours of 9 & 11 in the morning, the use of one Lot in said town, known by No. 57, for seven years or a less term—taken as the property of Alexander C. Craig, to satisfy an execution in favour of John Huffnagle, against Samuel C. Tate and Alexander C. Craig.

ALSO,

There will be exposed at Public Sale to the highest bidder, on the 25th instant, on the public square in Charlestown, the use of one Lot in said town, No. 31, for seven years if a less term of time will not satisfy the demand, &c. taken as the property of Daniel P. Faulkner to satisfy an execution issued from the Clark Circuit court against Jonathan Wadkins and Daniel P. Faulkner, in favor of Samuel Chambers.

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ALSO,

There will be exposed at public sale, to the highest bidder, on the 25th inst, on the public square, in Charlestown, the use of one Lot in said town, known on the plan thereof by No. 212, for seven years or a less term—taken as the property of Thomas Todd to satisfy an execution in favor of John Todd and Nathaniel Hawkins against said Thomas Todd and William Booen.

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ALSO,

There will be exposed at Public Sale to the highest bidder, for ready money, on the 22d inst, at the dwelling house of Moses Wooten, one Mare, thirty head of Hogs, four Cows and three Calves, six head of young Cattle, two Bedsteads, Beds & Bedding, one Plough, one ten gallon Kettle, one Saddle, one Loom, and twenty six Geese. Taken to satisfy two Fee Bills and one writ of Firefacias, in favour of Fetter & Hughs, against Moses Wooten.

ALSO,

There will be exposed at Public Sale to the highest bidder for ready money, on the 23d inst, on the premises, 163 acres of Land, part of Lot No. 149. Taken as the property of Daniel P. Faulkner, by virtue of a writ of Firefacias, issued from the Clark circuit court, in favour of Lapeyre Farrovilh, against said Faulkner.

ALSO,

There will be exposed at Public Sale to the highest bidder for ready money, on the 23d inst, on the premises, 172 acres of Land, part of Lot No. 149. Taken as the property of John Conner, to satisfy two writs of Firefacias, issued from the Clark circuit court, against said Conner, and in favour of Levi A. Nugent.

ALSO,

BY virtue of a writ of F. F. A. there will be offered for sale at the house of William Montgomery, on the 26th inst, 20 acres of Land, in range 9 east, section 30, town 2 north, the well side of the south west quarter; taken as the property of William Montgomery, to satisfy said f. f. a. in favour of Jacob Thomas.

James Currey, sh'ff. c. c.

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MASONIC NOTICE.

The brethren of Blazing-Star Lodge, No. 3, will celebrate Monday the 26th instant, the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. All transient brethren are requested to attend.

By order of the Lodge,

P. G. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

Charlestown, June 13, A. L. 5821.