

HELPED TO KILL THEM

Confession of Chicago Man on Deathbed.

Bodies Dropped Through a Trap Door in the Floor--Many Victims Slain.

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The Bender murders in the shanty near Cheryvale, Kan., in 1873, have been equaled only by the Guinness murders brought to light last May on a farm near Laporte, Ind.

The Benders, husband and wife, one son and a daughter, Kate, ran the shanty near Cheryvale as an inn. Kate was known also as Johanna. She is believed to have been the director of all the murders.

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swinging downward. It covered a well six feet deep and five feet in diameter. Investigation showed that it had been used as a vault for dead bodies. The walls of the well were coated with human blood, but there were no bodies.

A search of the field around the shanty was made, and although it was panned, a sounding rod soon revealed a soft spot, and from a grave four feet deep was taken the body of Dr. York. It was easily identified.

The first news of this wholesale murder reached the east on May 1st, 1873, through a brief despatch to the Times. It was followed, on May 12th, with a long account by way of Kansas City.

Those who answered Kate's advertisement and wayfarers who passed at the shanty for food and shelter were the victims. It is believed that Kate herself wielded the iron hammer which crushed the skulls of her victims and then cut their throats, leaving the other members of the family to dispose of the bodies.

In April, 1873, the Bender family suddenly abandoned their little farm. The old man sold his mules, a scotch and a lot of clothing, supposed to have been taken from victims murdered in the shanty, and bought tickets at Thayer for Humboldt, a distant town.

Prior to the departure of the Benders, the disappearance of Dr. William H. York, brother of a state senator who lived in the neighborhood of Cheryvale, was reported. In a search for him his buggy was found wedged between two trees, the horse, still held fast by the traces, and newly harnessed for want of food and water.

Under a bed was found a trap-door leading to a vault. In the vault were found the bodies of the Bender family. The bodies were found in a vault under a bed.

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The new proprietors of the Times newspaper include Lord Rothschild, Lord Cromer, and Lord Northcliffe, the last named having a controlling interest.

CRAZY LOVE SUICIDE PACT.

He Shoots Himself and Girl and Both Are Dying.

New York, July 15.—Sweethearts from childhood Veronica Mehan, eight years old, and William Wild, twenty-two, lie dying to-day in Bellevue hospital as the result of a suicide pact.

The girl was shot twice in the head by Wild, who then turned the revolver on himself. He fell unconscious ten feet from his dying sweetheart.

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A Fortune For Her. Pittsburg, Pa., July 15.—Mrs. Dora Bullus, whose husband, Charles, was murdered near Seattle, Wash., in 1904, has just received word from Hooper & Taylor, attorneys, of Birmingham, England, that her dead husband was the sole heir of a fortune amounting to about \$50,000.

Dynamited Residence. San Francisco, July 15.—John Claudianes, a Greek, twenty-three years of age, confessed that he had dynamited the residence of James L. Gallagher in Oakland and afterwards wrecked with dynamite two houses owned by Gallagher, which were unoccupied.

Boys' wash suits, Livingston's sale. Brockville, July 15.—A sensation was caused here by the arrest of two young men for breaking into G.T.R. cars. The G.T.R. complain that about \$300 of goods have been stolen.

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HAD A DUEL.

Portugal Leaders Fought, Over Hot Remarks.

Lisbon, July 15.—There was a violent scene in the House of Peers, yesterday, during the consideration of the advances of money to the members of the royal house, which finally resulted in a duel. Alfonso Cost, the republican leader, charged it was impossible to probe the scandals to the bottom, so long as certain ministers who had been compromised in the past, were sitting as judges.

CAUSED HAVOC. Santander, Spain, July 15.—Heavy gales have caused havoc among the fishing fleet along the coast. Three fishing vessels are reported wrecked and more than thirty men drowned.

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Probabilities Toronto, July 15.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence 10 a.m.—Moderate to fresh north west winds, fine. Thursday, moderate winds, fine and comparatively cool.

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Count Venzel Kaunitz, a minister of Bohemia, married last week on his sixty-first birthday to a beautiful peasant girl of twenty, has presented his mansion in Brunn, valued at \$32,000, to the University of Prague. The count and his bride have decided to live the simple life. The democrats will accept no contributions to the presidential campaign fund from corporations and no contributions of over \$10,000 from any source. A youth in New York shot his sweetheart and himself because the girl's mother opposed their marriage.