

SAYS HE IS A MURDERER.

A Man Who Confesses That He Killed Ex-Mayor Bowman, of East St. Louis.

TELLING HOW HE COMMITTED THE CRIME.

Implementing the Vice-President of a Highway in the Dead—The Price Field Miss.

A St. Louis, Mo., despatch says: A special despatch from Covington, Tipton county, Tenn., states that there is a man who is supposed to be the assassin of the late ex-Mayor Bowman, of East St. Louis. The man was arrested about two weeks ago at Covington for some trivial misdemeanor and was fined and imprisoned. While locked up it is alleged that he confessed to the murder he committed in East St. Louis. Sheriff Carter concluded to investigate the man and his statements.

A reporter went over to East St. Louis to ascertain what truth there is in the statements of the man.

The man's name is Arthur Athribus, alias A. L. Pittman, alias Charles Walker, alias A. Person.

It has been learned that the sheriff has sent the confession to the East St. Louis authorities, and it is, in substance as follows:

"During the early part of the month of November, 1885, I was visiting in East St. Louis, and while walking in the outskirts of the town about dusk one evening I was approached by a well dressed man of middle age, who stopped and conversed with me. After awhile he asked me if I wanted to make money.

I told him yes, and he said he had money ready to do almost anything. He said there was a man in East St. Louis whom he wanted to put out of the way. I told him the arrangements to kidnap his victim. He said he didn't want him kidnaped, but put out of the way. I said I would murder the man for him, and he said he would give me \$500 if I was going to do it. I said I would sell myself for a decent amount. He didn't intend to commit murder, however, I meant to kidnap the man and keep him in an asylum.

I took money from my captive and my principal at the same time.

I made an appointment to meet him again, and at this meeting he interviewed a Vice-President of a railroad company and a resident of St. Louis. The final arrangements were then made and I agreed to do the job for \$500.

"I started immediately for New York and while there made arrangements with a man named Dandy Jim and a British Charley Blake to assist me in the job of November 1st, 1885. I went back to East St. Louis and there called the details of my scheme. I bought a bull-dog revolver, a five-shot 44 calibre pistol and two long hunting knives. I went to a drug store and purchased a quantity of morphine, but only bought the weapons to defend myself, if he should resist my attempt to kidnap him.

Met the railroad Vice-President by appointment, and while we were talking together Mr. Bowman passed by. There is the man, said my companion, that I want you to put out of the way.

"I gave him his photograph so that I could make it mistake. On the next night my plans were complete, except that my accomplice had not yet shown a black mare named Brown's horse, in which it was my intention to drive him to an asylum, where I had made arrangements for his confinement.

Mr. Bowman's house was waiting in front of Mr. Bowman's house and waiting. I soon perceived the gentleman walking in my direction, and when he came opposite me I sprang out from the bushes and commanded my pistol before his face and commanded him to halt. He seized my hand and I told him to let go that I was not going to take his money. He dropped my hand and stepped away a foot or two and called, 'Police!' In order to quiet him I raised my revolver and fired.

"I had intended, I did not even then comprehend that I had killed him. I only intended to disable him, place him in the carriage and take him to the asylum. He walked up to his body and found that he was dead. I then started to escape and had gone but a short distance when I met my accomplice, and he took me to his house in St. Louis and spent the remainder of the night. Early in the morning, disguised as a woman, I took the first train for Springfield. He took the first train for Springfield. He took the first train for Springfield.

"The confession then details his travels through the south and his final arrival at Covington, Tenn., and his subsequent arrest.

FRENCHMEN ON A HIGH SEAS. Trouble brewing in the New Hebrides between the natives and French-British Missionaries. Ask Help from the

FRENCH AND SPANARDS. Quarrelling over a Slice of the West Coast of Africa. A telegram from Elabaya, on the west coast of Africa, reports trouble between Spaniards and Frenchmen, owing to the hoisting of the French flag alongside the Spanish flag on the same coast. The authorities of Elabaya have advised the natives on the left bank of the Muni River, opposite Fernando Po, to hoist the Spanish flag, and a Spanish garrison was sent to protect it. The authorities of the French colony of Gabon thereupon also dispatched a garrison to the spot, the Spanish having instructions to claim the territory as French. The Frenchmen wanted to hoist the French flag, but the Spaniards announced that they would fight before they would allow the French colors to be raised. The formal protest against the action of the Spaniards.

The Fashion in Hats. The Country Gentleman asserts that the hats of women-kind are less spherical than they were, and the style of pagoda is being replaced by the style of Bonnets and hats are coming down quickly, and in a little while we may hope to see the crowns upon the crowns. The roll of the crown is becoming more and more modest. The hat of women is growing slowly but steadily in favor, and will keep its popularity for a long time. The tendency of woman's hair is to swing down the back.

CANADIAN HOUSE FIRES.

Thrilling Experiences in the Miramichi District, N. B.

A Newcastle, N. B., despatch says: During Wednesday and Thursday of last week numerous forest fires were raging in the woods along the Miramichi. The long drought and the hot sun have made the forest susceptible to the least spark, but this did not seem to affect the carelessness of the different parties clearing land, who are culpable in every case of the destructive fires can be attributed. In many instances the fires swept down on villages and settlements, terrifying the inhabitants and causing much destruction to property. In some places the owners of houses had removed everything from their dwellings and spent one day and night in the woods in the woods at the upper end, and though blowing upon the town was beaten back with difficulty.

THE FIRE HAD STARTED. At Jones' crossing and is supposed to have been caused by a spark from an engine or from a chimney, and from the engine through a growth of dry underbrush, and in less than thirty minutes had reached some open fields a mile away. Along the track a second fire broke out about the same time and burned fields, crops, barns, and even a valuable store with its stock. Nelson village had a narrow escape, and a second fire broke out all day at Rogersville throwing earth on the flames. Many thrilling experiences are recorded, but a single story named Charles Flesher.

THE MOST INTERESTING. He is a driver of the Fredericton stage, and was on the road above Blackville. He had two passengers with him when he met the fire, and told them not to be afraid, that it was only smoke. As he proceeded the smoke became denser. He urged on his horses, but before he was aware he was in the centre of a forest of trees and stretching across the road, a perfect archway of fire. It was too late to turn back. The smoke was so thick that he could see nothing. The two passengers threw themselves on the bottom of the wagon and wrapped themselves up in coverings. A bundle of wool on the rear of the wagon was blowing away through the air a perfect ball of fire. The horses, which the driver could not see, began to rear and plunge, and could not be controlled by the reins. Fortunately they got through all right, the passengers badly scathed and Flesher's clothes badly burned.

A NATION OF SHOEKEEPERS. To Get Relief from Long Hours by Act of Parliament. A London cable says: Sir John Lubbock's proposed Shop Hours Bill has been taken up by the House of Commons. It is a bill to regulate the hours of labor of shopkeepers, and is intended to be introduced in the House of Commons on Monday next. It is a bill to regulate the hours of labor of shopkeepers, and is intended to be introduced in the House of Commons on Monday next.

THE SLAVE IS NOT FOUND. What is said in Silver Creek about it—The Injured Dead Well. A Silver Creek, N. Y., despatch says: The injured ones here are doing as well as possible. Coburn and Zimmmerman, who were the only survivors, were rescued from the wreck of the train.

ONE AT THE MARRIAGE. On this side the Atlantic is not certainly known, but it seems reasonable to suppose so, inasmuch as the marriage was without his consent. The wedding took place in a private house in a foreign land, and the bride was the daughter of a foreign nobleman.

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FIRST WEDDING A SECRET ONE.

George Gould and Miss Kingdon Married in London.

NEW YORK'S DIPLOMAT IS HIS RESULT.

A New York special despatch, dated Sept. 15th, says: Mr. George Gould was not married for the first time last evening. Not that he is a widower, or the divorced husband of some injured woman, or any such thing, but that he is, and has been since his first marriage, the husband of the one Miss Edith Kingdon. The preliminary and really conclusive wedding took place in London upward of two months ago. It all came about in this way. Nearly a year ago Mr. Gould's attention was attracted to Miss Kingdon, a beautiful young girl, who had been introduced to him at a social gathering in London. He was struck by her beauty and her sweet nature, and he began to pay her attention. She was a young woman of about twenty years of age, and she was very beautiful. He was very much attracted to her, and he began to pay her attention.

HIS WIFE WAS WILLING. Marrying Two Girls Within Ten Days—A Strikeman's Signaler. A Rochester, N.Y., despatch says: George Traverser, aged 40, was married for the second time on Sunday last. He is a signaller, and he was married to a young girl named Mary. He was married to her within ten days of his divorce from his first wife. He was very much attracted to her, and he began to pay her attention. She was a young woman of about twenty years of age, and she was very beautiful.

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WATER TO PURIFY HIS MIND.

When the Rev. Chinese Father Chow Ju Tin broke the moon cake last evening at a Chinese banquet given in his honor he sate a piece of meat sticking out of the cake, and immediately dropped it, as if it had been his finger, and then called for his assistant to wash his hands and purify his mind.

This has somewhat staggered the philanthropic Chinese merchants in their over anxiety to treat and feast the distinguished visitor, and to appear to be of the same religion as he. He had probably been too long in association with Christians and other profane Occidentals to know that there are certain cases and even in this wicked world, in order to get into the kingdom of heaven, refuse to eat meat.

"O mei to! O mei to! dal wantou!" and then resumed his conversation, but with rather a flushed face, as if he had eaten something. The master of ceremonies, Mr. Kwong, apologized for the blunder of the waiter, and everything then proceeded smoothly.

Women's Right to Hold Office. Mr. Thomas Hodgkin, Q.C., in his Manual of Voters Lists, just published, touches upon the legal rights of women in England and Canada, as to voting and holding office. The authority for each statement is quoted in the Manual, and altogether an interesting array of judgments, rulings and precedents is furnished. It may interest our readers of both sexes that whereas woman has no common law right to vote at elections of members of Parliament, and is still ineligible for the mayoralty, she appears to be capable of holding many public offices in the British Empire. Of course she may be Queen; Queen regnant is she who holds the crown. Her crown right, as the great champion and champion of England, Anne, Countess of Pembroke, held the office of hereditary baron of Westminster, and exercised it in person. As the assize of appley also sat with the judges on the bench. Lucy, Countess of Kent, was returning officer, and signed the indenture and returns of the members of the county of York in 1412. And in 1415 Margaret, widow of Sir E. Vauseur, also acted and signed a similar indenture. So Lady Elizabeth Grey-Copley made the return of the borough of Ganton in 1553, and again in 1555. Dame Dorothy Packington also acted as returning officer, and made the return of the two members of the county of Dorset in 1428. The return of a member for Ganton was made by Mrs. Copley, *et omnes inhabitantes*. Widows and spinners were burgesses (electors) of Lynton and Ilminster, in the county of Devon, in 1273. And in 1274 the Countess of Devon, daughter of the Earl of Cornwall, was a member of the county of Devon. And in 1274 the Countess of Devon, daughter of the Earl of Cornwall, was a member of the county of Devon.

Great Men. It was never known what a foolish world it is till the smaller journals took to relating the opinions of their readers on the merits of men whom no sensible human being would ever think of uttering. The latest instance of this kind is a series of these curious miscellaneous papers, has been to describe who are the "twenty greatest men since 1600." The list is headed by Napoleon, and the Duke of Wellington is a long way higher up the list than Cromwell or Newton. William Gladstone is only the ninth greatest man since 1600. Perhaps there is some ground here. Spensation is almost exactly four times as great as Carlyle, and Ruskin, Thackeray and Dickens together are only one thirty-third as great as George Washington. There is some ground here. Spensation is almost exactly four times as great as Carlyle, and Ruskin, Thackeray and Dickens together are only one thirty-third as great as George Washington. There is some ground here.

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