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DEATH OF A LION.

THE STRANGE EXECUTION OF OLD EMPEROR AT THE ST. LOUIS ZOO.

"Emperor" is dead, and the hundreds of thousands of people who have admired his tawny majesty at the Zoological garden for nearly fourteen years will miss the noble beast, says the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*. On Sunday afternoon, March 16th, he was painlessly executed by Superintendent Bellaire and keeper Crowley in the interest of simple humanity. Chloroform was used in the act, and in less than five minutes the grand old brute had passed over to the celestial forest.

"Emperor" was close on to 20 years of age, and of late months has been quite feeble. He was partially paralyzed as to his hind limbs and a month ago, in the language of his keeper, went "clean off his feed."

Superintendent Bellaire, loth to lose the old fellow, who in his feeble old age was as grand and awe-inspiring as ever, made every effort to nurse the royal invalid back into health. For two weeks he has fed him on warm bullock's blood only, but on Saturday it became apparent that even kings must die. He merely tasted the blood, and then laid down with his tongue lolling out.

The royal consort, empress, had, since the illness of her spouse, shown the utmost solicitude. She would be near him for hours, purring gently, if a lioness may be said to purr, and then she would get up and pare the cushion of the cell restlessly as if in mental worry, returning to her post by her liege and renewing her affectionate attention.

On Sunday morning it was agreed that it would be cruelty to let the Emperor linger longer. A suggestion to shoot him was at once rejected. It is not an easy matter to kill a lion outright. Four or five bullets might have been put into the tawny old carcass, and death not occur for a week. In the morning the Empress was separated from her consort for the first time in ten years. The latter resented the act, and it was with difficulty that she was driven back to another cage. Then she showed her anger by roaring and lung, and threw herself incessantly against the bars of her prison house. The sliding door separating the winter from the summer cage was elevated, and the Emperor was driven into the latter for his last view of the sunshine in which he has disported for thirteen summers. A man was at the Zoo the other day who knew the Emperor for fifteen years before he passed into the hands of the Fair Association.

Captain Bellaire had made all his preparations, and had instructed Keeper Crowley as to his duty. Joseph L. Mullery, acting secretary of the Fair Association, was on hand to act as timekeeper, and a half-dozen ladies and gentlemen, casual visitors to the garden, witnessed the royal removal.

Five pounds of chloroform had been secured for the purpose. A sack about eight inches in length and perhaps twelve inches in circumference had been made and this was filled with hay. From telegraph wire a sort of muzzle had been made, into which the usual tag was placed. A handle three feet long was attached to the muzzle.

"Emperor" was lying near the outer bars with his head between his massive paws. He looked old and gray and feeble, and his beard was as white as snow, but he was majestic in all his feebleness, and the little group of spectators viewed with mixed admiration and alarm the intrepid keeper as he entered the cage. There seemed to be in the massive paws all of the old-time force, and even an old and dying lion does not seem to be a safe creature to meet alone.

As Crawley entered the cage, the Empress, shut out from a view of the scene, seemed by instinct to divine that something unusual was to happen. She roared in her anger, and the lashing of her tail and the concussion as she threw herself against the bars could be heard plainly on the outside of the carnivora house. The old lion answered her call in deep tones that were but a reminiscence of his old-time roar. The tigers, leopards and hyenas caught the excitement of the moment, and showed great sullenness as they hunched from side to side of their cages and growled and howled hideously and constantly. The elephant Duchess added her trumpeting to the din.

Keeper Crowley approached from behind and deftly put the muzzle and tag over the royal nose. One pound and a half of the chloroform had been poured in on the list. The action aroused the old fellow, who had, after removing his mate, seemed to drop into a doze. With his massive old jaws he tried to knock the muzzle away. It had been fairly placed over his upper jaw and nostrils.

And at the instant Mullery, who stood outside with the watch in his hand, said, "fourteen minutes to!" Crawley held the deadly anaesthetic in its strange receptacle over Emperor's nose for a minute and a half, being assisted by the old fellow involuntarily closing his lower jaw over it. At the minute and a half, by a blow of one of his paws, he knocked the contrivance off of his muzzle. Crawley pushed it up and walking to the bars with it handed it to Captain Bellaire, who measured out three-fourths of a pound more of the chloroform. Crawley then replaced the affair over the Emperor's nose. He struggled no longer. He rather seemed to like it. His eyes closed and his grizzled old features relaxed. At 2:31 the mighty frame shook with the first of a series of spasmodic convulsions. These followed in rapid succession, but grew feebler with each one. At 2:36 o'clock, just twelve minutes after the operation or execution commenced, a final shiver passed over the monstrous frame and old Emperor rolled over on his side. He was dead.

An examination of his teeth after death showed his great age. His teeth are nearly three inches long, and are deeply "capped," as the veterinarian would say. Captain Bellaire and Mr. Crawley agreed that he must have been all of 50 years old. The Fair Association has but an imperfect history of the dead lion. They only knew that away back in the days of Van Amburgh's show Emperor was considered the noblest specimen of the king of beasts on exhibition, and was valued at $25,000. He was born in captivity. The majesty of his appearance precluded any such idea, but he had found his way to England from Calcutta when 6 or 7 years of age. He was purchased by the Fair Association upon the opening of the Zoological Garden in 1876, and was always much admired. The noble carcass was yesterday skinned, and will be stuffed and mounted by M. J. Steinberg, and find a resting-place in the Fair Grounds Museum.

The "Empress" was given "the liberty of the summer cage for a few hours yesterday afternoon, but she seemed lost without her mate, refused her food and gave vent at intervals to long wailing cries.

Injured by a "Falling Star."

One of the most remarkable accidents recorded in history, says the St. Louis *Republic*, occurred near Marlborough House, London, recently. At about 5 p.m. a gentleman, a well-known public official, was passing from St. James' Park to Pall Mall, when he suddenly received a violent blow on his right shoulder, which caused him great pain and to stumble forward as he walked. He noted a cracking noise at the time, but had not the slightest idea of the cause of the shock he had experienced. Reaching home he disrobed and submitted to a critical examination, but nothing was discovered which in the least accounted for the great pain in both shoulders and arms. A servant sent to brush the gentleman's coat next morning discovered a scorched streak, about seven inches long and an inch wide, extending across the shoulder of the coat and down the back. The mysterious shock was explained: he had been struck by a meteor or falling star.

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This, according to the narrative of Judge Root, a resident of the place was the manner in which the town of Skipwith was saved. The judge is a levee inspector. He is a rosy-cheeked, gray-haired gentleman, who weighs about 300 pounds, and is a great talker.

As for the Skipwith of today, imagine a village 14 feet wide and 1000 feet long, a town of one street five feet in width, bordered on one side by a river eight miles wide, and on the other by a row of frame shanties of the rudest possible construction; a street thronged with buyers and sellers, with gayly dressed people free from care, and shabby and forlorn creatures with nothing left to them but the clothes on their backs, a mouthful of food and a trifle of furniture. This is the town of Skipwith, on top of the levee here recently. It is by all odds the most unique place in the whole Mississippi valley.

In its every-day appearance it is a pretty little town, with twenty-five houses, one church, one saloon, one assembly hall and three stores. It has, all told, 125 inhabitants, one-half of whom are white folk. When the break occurred, between 9 and 10 o'clock at night, it took the people by surprise, and they hurried to the levee with great hue and little ceremony. No lives were lost and only a half-dozen cabins were washed away. The white people, with the exception of about a dozen of the men, have gone to Vicksburg or Greenville. The top of the levee was the only dry spot, and so the colored people with their stock have camped out on it. They have built rude huts and ruder pens. They opened stores and rigged up a slaughter-house, and in a general way prepared to await the subsidence of the flood with the greatest possible good humor.—*St.*

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Levan	Niels Asgaard
Mona	John Kienke
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Nephi, 2nd Ward	David Udall
Wellington	Thomas Orgill P. E

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Johnson	W. D. Johnson, P.E.
Kanab	L. C. Mariger
Lee's Ferry	W. M. Johnson, P. E.
Moccasin	C. Heaton, P. E.
Mt. Carmel	H. B. M. Jolly
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Pahreah	
Graham (Ranch P. O.)	G. D. McDonald
Fredonia	

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Lehi	T. E. Jones
Mesa	E. Pomeroy
Payson (Lehi (P. O.)	Daniel P. Jones
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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
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Holden	David R. Stevens
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Leamington	Lars N. Christensen
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Oak Creek	Peter Anderson
Scipio	Thomas Yates

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Portage	Enoch Harris
Washakie	

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St. John	James P. Harrison

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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
First Ward	Joseph Warburton
Second Ward	Leonard G. Hardy
Third Ward	Jacob Weller
Fourth Ward	Harrison Sperry
Fifth Ward	Samuel M. T. Seddon
Sixth Ward	James C. Watson
Seventh Ward	William Thorn
Eighth Ward	Elijah F. Sheets
Ninth Ward	Samuel A. Woolley
Tenth Ward	Adam Speirs
Eleventh Ward	Alexander McRae
Twelfth Ward	Hiram B. Clawson
Thirteenth Ward	Milton Atwood
Fourteenth Ward	George H. Taylor
Fifteenth Ward	Silas Morris
Sixteenth Ward	Frederick Kesler
Seventeenth Ward	John Tingey
Eighteenth Ward	Orson F. Whitney
Nineteenth Ward	Isaac Barton
Twentieth Ward	George Romney
Twenty-first Ward	William L. N. Allen
Twenty-second Ward	Alfred Solomon

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Big Cottonwood (Brighton)	D. B. Brighton
Bluff Dale (Mountain View)	Lewis H. Mousley
Brighton	Frederick W. Schoenfeld
care E. Schoenfeld, Z.C.M.I., S.L. City	
Draper	Wm. C. Allen
East Mill Creek (Neff)	John Neff
Farmers (S.L.City)	Henry F. Barton
Granite (Butler)	Alvin Butler
Granger (Taylorsville)	Danl. McRae
Herriman	Robert Daniels
Hunter (S. L. City)	William Miller
Mill Creek	James C. Hamilton
Mountain Dell	William B. Hardy
North Point (S. L. City)	Levi W. Reid
Pleasant Green (S. L. C.)	L. N. Hardman
Riverton (Gale)	Orin P. Miller
Sugar House	Apollos G. Driggs
South Cottonwood	Jos. S. Rawlins
Sandy	Ezekiel Holman
South Jordan (Gale)	William A. Bills
Union	Ismael Phillips
North Jordan (Taylorsville)	
	Heber Bennion
West Jordan	Archibald Gardner

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Duncan	David B. Ott, P. E.
Fosters	Wm. Chadburn, P. E.
Glen Edwin	Edwin Hamblin, P. E.
Grafton	James M. Ballard
Gunlock	Franklin O. Holt
Hamblin	George A. Holt, P. E.
Harmony	Wilson D. Pace
Harrisburg	Orson B. Adams, P. E.
Hebron	Thomas S. Terry
Leeds	Brigham Y. McMullin
Middleton	Richard Prince
Mountain Dell	Wm. Isom P. E.
Pine Valley	Wm. Gardner
Pinto	Robert Knell
Rockville	C. N. Smith
Santa Clara	J. G. Hales
Shoonesburg	Oliver De Mill P.E
Springdale	Wm. R. Crawford
St. George, 1st Ward	Thomas Judd
St. George, 2nd Ward	Walter Granger
St. George, 3rd Ward	C. A. Terry
St. George, 4th Ward	Thos. P. Cottam
Toquerville