

"Some days after I killed Simplicio and invited Francisco and several who were dying of starvation, to help me eat him. When Simplicio's flesh was finished, and I being without any means of satisfying my hunger, Francisco told me to kill her two children for us to eat, which I did. Two weeks after, in the same straits, Basilio killed Francisco for the same purpose. Afterward I found that Basilio had stolen a shirt from me, and I killed him when he was unsuspectingly gathering roots for supper. I only ate a little of him for I was arrested two days after killing him. This was the last one I killed."

The police found a part of Basilio salted down, and the cannibal eating the calves of the victim's legs with a good appetite.

"Does human flesh have an agreeable taste?"

THE BEST PART OF IT.

"No, it is rather sweetish. The best things I have found in those I killed were the brains (tongue and marrow. I suffered slightly from diarrhoea while I was eating people's flesh."

"How did you prepare the flesh for eating?"

"We ate it roasted or boiled with a good deal of pepper."

"Did not the remains of your victims inspire you with fear?"

"When I looked at them I felt a slight tremor."

"Do you sleep well?"

"Perfectly quiet."

"Have you no remorse for having practiced such abominable and wicked crimes?"

"I no longer remember having done such acts."—*Denver News.*

EDMUNDS LAW PROSECUTIONS.

Benjamin Franklin Knowlton plead guilty to an indictment found by the grand jury charging him with unlawful cohabitation.

Mr. Moyle said the defendant would waive time for sentence.

Mr. Varian intimated that there were three or four other cases of the same character if the Court thought fit to take the pleas now.

Charles J. Lusty was then called and plead guilty to an indictment for unlawful cohabitation. Next came Thomas Beard, Thomas Copley and John W. Simister.

In the case of Knowlton, Judge Zane asked the defendant as to his purpose in the future—whether he intended to obey the law.

Defendant promptly replied that he did.

Judge Zane—What is your belief now? Would it be right or wrong to enter into polygamy or practice unlawful cohabitation?

Defendant—I think it is wrong for a man to break the law of the land.

Judge Zane—Has that always been your conviction?

Defendant answered not always.

Judge Zane—When did you change your mind?

Defendant—I made up my mind at the time of the action of the Church at the last October Conference that it was proper for me to conform to that manifesto.

Judge Zane—As a member of the Church, do you think it your duty to conform to that manifesto and resolution?

Defendant—Yes, sir.

Judge Zane—You understand that that resolution and manifesto, taken together, forbid you from entering into polygamy or unlawful cohabitation?

Defendant—Yes, sir, certainly.

Judge Zane—And you state that you will obey the law in future?

Defendant—Yes, sir, that is my intention.

Mr. Moyle informed his Honor that the defendant was a small farmer, but not possessed of any considerable means.

Judge Zane, to defendant—In view of your statements and promises to obey the law, hereafter, I will not sentence you to imprisonment, but I must impose a fine of \$150 and the costs of the prosecution. You will stand committed until the fine and costs are paid.

Charles J. Lusty next came forward.

Mr. Moyle said the defendant had written a short note to the Court. In this he stated that he had not placed any obstacle in the way of the government or the law. On the contrary, he had helped in every way he could by furnishing the evidence required in this case. He had a large family to support and for a long time had been out of employment. More than two years had now elapsed since he ceased to live with his plural wife, and he intended to obey the law in future.

In answer to the Judge, defendant said he would adhere strictly to his promise. As to his means, he stated that all the property he possessed was the house in which he lived at Coalville, Summit County, worth about \$1000. He had nine children dependent upon him for support, the youngest four years old.

A fine of \$100 and costs was inflicted.

Thomas Beard, of Coalville, promised to obey the law in the future. He said he had no money.

Mr. Moyle—The circumstances of the defendant are such that he would not be able to pay any fine without great hardship. I trust the Court will take that into consideration.

The fine imposed was \$75 and costs.

Thomas Copley gave the required assurance of his intention to henceforward obey the law. He is sixty-four years of age and without money.

Fine, \$100 and costs.

John W. Simister of Coalville, having given the promise asked of him, was also fined \$100 and costs.

In the Third District Court yesterday afternoon, before Judge Zane, the case of John Beck, charged with unlawful cohabitation, was called on. The indictment alleged that the offense was committed between March 1, 1889, and November 25, 1889, with Sarah Beck, Martha Goss Beck and Louisa Goss Beck. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and his attorney, Arthur Brown, announced that he was ready for trial.

Mr. Varian said there were four witnesses whom the prosecution had been unable to find, and he could not proceed with the trial without them. But one witness for the prosecution was in attendance, and he asked that the case be continued over the term.

Mr. Brown said that at the time the indictment was found Mr. Beck was in Germany. Hearing of the indictment he came home and gave himself up. If the prosecution was unable to find witnesses, it was not attributable to the defendant, and he demanded that the trial be proceeded with.

Mr. Varian insisted on his motion for a continuance and the case was continued for the term.

COAL MINE EXPLOSION.

SPRING HILL, N. S., Feb. 21.—An explosion occurred in the East Slope coal mine this afternoon. Already five dead bodies have been taken out. The rescuing party is now putting up brattice for the purpose of restoring ventilation in the mine. It is feared many more were killed, but the rescuers will not be able to get near the imprisoned men until some of the pile of debris caused by the fall of the roof is cleared away. Thirty men and boys are still in the mine. Some men have been taken out badly injured, and report that many horses were killed. To add to the horror of the situation, the deadly black damp has made its appearance in the mine.

Later.—It is feared tonight that seventy men and boys are dead. Twenty-nine bodies have been recovered. The work of recovering the bodies is being pushed forward. Many of the bodies taken out are almost unrecognizable. The dead are being identified by sorrowing friends and relatives, amid heartrending scenes.

The injured are being cared for and everything possible is being done for them. Doctors from Parrishboro, Amherst and Oxford were telegraphed for and arrived promptly to render the necessary aid for alleviation of suffering. Many of those wounded are badly burned.

Only a partial list of the injured is obtainable. The death of most of those brought up is attributed to fire damp. Many are not disfigured. Many of the dead and those missing leave large families.

The explosion occurred in the east side of Eastham. The cause is unknown. After a thorough examination of all the pits a few days ago the workmen's committee expressed themselves as satisfied with the excellent condition of the workings. The inspector yesterday found no indication of gas. Manager Swift is among the missing.

All hope of saving the lives of those in the mine is abandoned. Inquiries are pouring in from all quarters from anxious relatives of those employed.

SPRING HILL MINES, N. S., Feb. 22.—Today the effect of yesterday's disaster is felt more acutely. Grief is depicted on every face. A searching party entered the mine late last night, and a number of bodies were taken up, and today the work has been going on steadily. It is expected the most of the dead will be out of the pits today except those who are buried beneath the falls of the roof. The total number of dead is now placed at 117. Two of those injured died last night. To several families the affliction is very great. Reid Carter and two sons, Clarence and Willard, are all dead. Jesse