

# KANSAS NEGRO BURNED ALIVE.

Charged With Assaulting and  
Murdering White Girl.

## PROTESTED HIS INNOCENCE

He Did This to the Last—Sheriff Failed  
to Protect His Prisoner—Gov.  
Stanley Indignant.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 15.—Fred  
Forbes, the negro murderer of Pearl  
Forbes, who was attempted to  
murder Miss Eva Roth last  
Saturday night, surrounded by a  
fellow mob, his clothes torn, his face  
marked with his own blood, was dragged  
by his cell in the jail in the court  
room for fifteen minutes, was loaded  
on a wagon with Miss Forbes  
in the place where Miss Forbes  
was found, a dozen blocks from  
the center of the city, and burned at  
the stake. Eight thousand people witnessed  
the execution.

### TAKEN FROM PEN.

The negro was taken from his cell at  
3 o'clock this morning and taken to  
the state penitentiary at a back and  
afternoon session. Fifty deputy marshals  
surrounded him, and Deputy Sheriff  
Myers and Tom Brown sat in  
the back on either side of him. Just  
before the party left the penitentiary  
the warden requested and the  
warden gave the following receipt for  
the delivery of Alexander:

Received from J. L. Tomlinson, warden  
of the state penitentiary, the  
body of Fred Alexander, who has  
been in the custody of said warden  
since 10 p. m. January 12, 1901.  
I hereby certify that I have given  
the body of the said Alexander to the  
warden of the state penitentiary for  
the purpose of the same being  
executed against mob violence in the  
penitentiary.

PETER EVERHARDT, Sheriff.

### A LONG PROCESSION.

There were fifty huggies and wagons  
in the procession which followed the  
body of Alexander. The trip to town  
was made quickly, and there was no  
attempt to create a disturbance. When  
the body of the negro was reached  
the police who were in the back follow-  
ing the one in which Alexander was  
carried, jumped out and chased sev-  
eral negroes who were in the crowd.  
The crowd gathered around the body  
of Alexander was so large that the  
body of Alexander was covered with  
frantically drove to the county jail.

### IN HIS CELL.

Just as the mob reached the jail doors  
Alexander was locked in the first cell  
on the east side of the court house.  
All the doors of the jail were locked  
and the crowd first attempted to gain  
admission by peaceful means, but Sheriff  
Everhardt refused to deliver the negro  
to the mob. Then the crowd pushed its way  
to the door and using a battering ram  
the door was forced from its hinges. Then  
the crowd surged into the corridor by  
the door.

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## Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through  
your kidneys once every three minutes.  
The kidneys are your  
blood purifiers, they  
filter out the waste or  
impurities in the blood.  
If they are sick or out  
of order, they fail to do  
their work.

Pains, aches and rheu-  
matism come from ex-  
cess of uric acid in the  
blood, due to neglected  
kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or uneasy  
heart beats, and makes one feel as though  
they had heart trouble, because the heart is  
over-worked in pumping thick and kidney-  
poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary  
troubles were to be traced to the kidneys,  
but now modern science proves that nearly  
all constitutional diseases have their begin-  
ning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake  
by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild  
and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's  
Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is  
soon realized. It stands the highest test of  
its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases  
and is sold on its merits.

By all druggists in lifting the negro, and his  
crowd, carrying the great kidney remedy is  
one-dollar ailment and one-dollar ailment.  
You may have a  
simple bottle by mail.

Free also pamphlet telling you how to find  
out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.  
Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer &  
Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

could not be found, and while they  
waited Alexander was given another  
chance to confess.

"My God, men," he cried, in his  
agony, "I have told you that I'm in-  
nocent. I can't tell you any more. I  
did not do it."

### "BURN HIM," CRIED THE MOB.

"He lies, burn him," cried the mob.  
"Take him where he committed the  
murder," suggested one. The sugges-  
tion met with instant approval and the  
crowd, carrying the great kidney remedy is  
one-dollar ailment and one-dollar ailment.  
There were many wagons standing  
about and into one of these they threw  
him. As soon as all could get in the  
wagon was started off for the vicinity  
of Lawrence avenue and Spruce, fol-  
lowed on the run by the crowd.

### AT SCENE OF THE CRIME.

At a quarter past 5 o'clock Alexander  
was brought to the scene of the mur-  
der of Pearl Forbes, at the corner of  
Lawrence avenue and Spruce street.  
The exact spot where the murder was  
committed was pointed out by the  
warden, and there a semicircle  
was formed. Alexander was brought  
up in a wagon with a dozen men.  
The wagon was stopped in front of the  
ravine and surrounded by the crowd,  
the leaders of the men who had Alexan-  
der calling for silence.

### PROCLAIMS HIS INNOCENCE.

The rear ceased and Alexander was  
shoved forward for the crowd to gaze  
at. A howl went up which was quickly  
hushed as the prisoner raised his  
hands and began to speak.  
"You're going to kill me whatever  
I say," he said, "but you men are  
wrong. I want to tell you right now  
you've got the wrong man. I did not  
do that and some day you men here  
will run up against the man who did.  
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## NO REMEDY EQUALS PERUNA, SO THE WOMEN ALL SAY

QUESTIONS BY THE FATHER.

Before the match was applied John  
Forbes, the father of the murdered girl,  
stepped up to Alexander and said:  
"Are you guilty of murdering my  
daughter?"

"I don't know what you have me  
here for," said the doomed man.  
Forbes replied, "For killing my girl  
on this very spot."

"Mr. Forbes, if that's your name,  
you have the wrong man," "Burn  
him!" Burn him!" cried the crowd.

### CALLS FOR HIS MOTHER.

"Gentlemen, you have got lots of  
time," said Alexander. "You are  
burning an innocent man. You took ad-  
vantage of me. You gave me no show.  
Can I see my mother?"

From him the crowd called for the  
mother of the negro, but she was not in  
the crowd.

He then said: "Will you let me shake  
hands with all of my friends?"  
"You have no friends in this crowd,"  
you hear," said one of the men in  
charge of the negro. "If you have any-  
thing to say, do so in a hurry."

Another man then stepped up and  
said to Alexander, "Make your peace  
with your God, nigger, for you will  
surely die."

### COAL OIL APPLIED.

Coal oil was then applied for the sec-  
ond time and while it was being done  
Alexander called to friends in the  
crowd and bade them good-by. He did  
not seem to realize that he was to be  
burned at the stake and talked reason-  
ably until John Forbes, the father of the  
murdered girl, lit the match.

Alexander was asked to make a  
confession, but the negro replied that  
he had nothing to say.

### FLAMES LEAP ABOUT HIM.

As the flames leaped about him Alexan-  
der turned ghastly pale and then he  
realized that his death  
was near. He clasped his hands to-  
gether and began to swing them to and  
fro, while the crowd yelled, in less than  
five minutes he was hanging from a  
lifeline by the chains that bound him.  
The murder of Pearl Forbes was  
avenged.

As soon as the crowd saw that life  
was extinct, it began to slowly disperse.  
There were hundreds of the more mor-  
bid, however, who stayed to the last.  
Men kept piling on wood all the time  
until about 7 o'clock when the flames  
were allowed to die down.

From 6 to 8 there was a steady stream  
of people going to the scene of the burn-  
ing. There were persons who had been  
unable to get away from their work in  
the afternoon, but were determined not  
to miss seeing the awful spectacle.

### SCRAMBLE FOR RELICS.

When the fire had died down suffi-  
ciently to allow the crowd to approach  
what remained of Alexander, there was  
a wild scramble to obtain relics, bits of  
charred flesh, pieces of chain, scraps of  
wood—everything that could possibly  
serve as a souvenir was seized on with  
avidity by the eager people.

### SHERIFF STRICKEN DOWN.

The sheriff was taken sick during the  
excitement at the jail, and is now con-  
fined to his bed. Admittance to the  
room is denied and a statement from  
him tonight is unobtainable. The sher-  
iff asked the governor for the state mil-  
itia by telephone, and the governor re-  
plied that he would send the militia, but  
would require a written request or a  
telegram message. This, for some rea-  
son, was not done. There was no re-  
quest made for the protection of United  
States troops from Fort Leavenworth.

### GOV. STANLEY INCENSED.

Gov. Stanley was in telephone com-  
munication with Warden Tomlinson all  
day yesterday. The governor seemed  
very anxious to preserve the name of  
Kansas from any mob violence. It was  
understood that yesterday morning he  
instructed Warden Tomlinson to refuse  
to deliver Alexander to the sheriff, but  
to afford him proper protection. About  
3 o'clock the warden notified the gov-  
ernor that he had delivered the prisoner  
into the hands of the sheriff. The gov-  
ernor, it is said, was highly incensed at  
the warden's failure to obey instructions.

### THE ICIARIUM SEA MARS.

The announcement by Nikola Tesla that  
the people of Mars are trying to signal to  
us has been followed by the declara-  
tion of Professor A. E. Douglass that he  
had seen a series of bright lights projected  
on the Martian sea of Icarium. Pro-  
fessor Douglass is watching the planet from  
an observatory at Flagstaff, A. T. While  
many astronomers discredit the theory  
that the Martians are trying to commu-  
nicate with us, the curiosity and interest  
of the entire scientific world have been  
aroused.

## CODE OF HONOR AT WEST POINT.

Fourth Classmen Called Out to  
be Whipped.

CADET BARNES SO TESTIFIES

Congressman Driggs Calls It "Brutal  
Cowardice" — Fighting Could be  
Stopped by Oath.

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Cadet  
Joseph F. Barnes, of the District of  
Columbia, who was one of Cadet Kel-  
ler's seconds, and who seems to have  
more knowledge of the code of the corps  
in regard to fistic arguments than any  
other cadet at the West Point academy,  
continued his testimony before the con-  
gressional investigating committee  
when the hearing was resumed today.

Last night Barnes was sworn and ex-  
amined by Judge Smith, the congress-  
man from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the  
young man had quite a trying time.

Mr. Smith did not mince his words  
when he endeavored to show the wit-  
ness, who is practically on the eve of  
graduation, that the first classmen were  
arrogant, ignorant and conceited in ad-  
dition, when they as a class commended  
the West Point system of fighting  
against the better judgment of the mili-  
tary officers of the academy and in vi-  
olation of all rules and regulations gov-  
erning the institution.

Mr. Driggs, of Brooklyn, took the wit-  
ness in hand today, and asked him to  
tell about the Keller-Booz fight. While  
talking to Barnes' knowledge of the  
affair, the Brooklyn congressman  
interrupted the witness and asked him:  
"Under your infamously and unmanly  
code of fighting is it not understood that  
an upper classman is selected espe-  
cially for the purpose of administering  
a sound drubbing to the fourth  
classman who is called out?"

"Oh, so that's the code," said Mr.  
Driggs, as he shook his finger at the  
witness, while he arose in his seat be-  
side the chairman, then leaning towards  
the witness he shouted:

"Young man, this dishonorable prac-  
tice you have described would not be  
tolerated in any athletic club in the  
world. The upper classman who is a  
party to the calling out of a fourth  
classman for the purpose of having  
him thrashed is a coward and the  
fourth classman who is beaten is noth-  
ing else but a hero. This morning I re-  
ceived four letters from Kansas, Mas-  
sachusetts, New York and Brooklyn,  
in all of which the mode of fighting  
and hazing here is called brutal bully-  
ism. That is too mild a description. I  
call it brutal cowardice."

"Suppose that an oath were adminis-  
tered to a cadet when he receives his  
appointment as a cadet to this academy,  
the provisions of which provided  
fighting, do you think it would stop  
the practice?"

"Yes, sir, I presume it would, as I  
don't believe any man would break  
his oath. But, as for myself, I will  
say that if I had to go back to the  
time of my appointment and an oath  
were administered to me, I would not  
which would prevent me from resenting  
an insult. I would unhesitatingly re-  
fuse to take it and content myself in  
some civil occupation," replied the wit-  
ness.

"You expect to become an officer very  
soon, do you not?" inquired Col. Clay-  
ton.

"Yes, sir."

"Then, after you have become an of-  
ficer, would you in violation of your  
oath accept or send a challenge to a  
duel, fistic or otherwise?"

"If the provocation occurred in well  
defined terms I would not violate my  
oath, but such a challenge would be  
a challenge, in the event that I  
could not meet and shoot my man on  
sight."

Speaking of hazing, Mr. Wagner ad-  
dressed the witness, saying:

"Do you know that one William Mc-  
Kinley, now President of the United  
States, when a member of Congress,  
said that he would favor the abolition  
of the West Point military academy in  
case hazing could not be stopped  
there?"

"Yes, sir."

"And the late James G. Blaine had  
the same ideas," said Mr. Driggs.  
"And so also did Zachariah Taylor,"  
added Judge Smith.

The witness on the request of Judge  
Smith stood up.

### Admiral Dewey Better.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The condition  
of Admiral Dewey, who is ill with the  
grip, is reported at his home to be bet-  
ter today.

### Grip Epidemic in New York.

New York, Jan. 15.—Speaking of the  
grip epidemic in this city Dr. Cyrus  
Edison said last night:

"Fully one-sixth of New York's popu-  
lation have the grip. I believe the epi-  
demics is now at its height. It has  
been more severe and the cases have  
been more numerous than in any pre-  
vious epidemic. There are many cases  
of grip-phenomena, which is grip af-  
fecting the lungs. This is very dan-  
gerous. A characteristic of grip this year  
is that the temperature is always very  
high. The death rate so far has been  
enormously high—75 deaths in one week  
is unprecedented for grip."

### FREE TRADE IN PHILIPPINES.

Commissioner Passes Acts Instituting  
It With Jolo Group.

Manila, Jan. 15.—The Philippine com-  
missioner has passed acts giving, in do-  
mestic products, the Jolo archipelago  
free trade with all Philippine ports, and  
providing for the issuance of licenses to  
masters and mates of sea-going ves-  
sels.

Further hearing on the educational  
bill has been postponed until Monday  
in order to give the commissioners op-  
portunity to consider the measures.

The United States cable ship Burn-  
side has finished the work of laying the  
cable connecting the island of Negros  
with northern Mindanao, and Jolo will  
soon be connected.

H. P. Helps Wilmshurst, recently ap-  
pointed governor of the province of  
Benquet, reports that several towns in  
the province have held elections and or-  
ganized local governments.

### DISAPPOINTMENT IN PEKIN.

Over Non-Acceptance of Secy. Hay's  
Transfer Suggestion.

New York, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to the  
Herald from Peking says:

The news that the proposition made by  
Secretary Hay to transfer to a commis-  
sioner part of the negotiations had not  
been accepted by the other powers  
caused disappointment and pessimistic  
criticism among the legations and  
nearly everywhere the end of ex-  
isting conditions is desired.

Japan's objection is notoriously ex-  
traneous, because Sir Robert Hart, who

is charged with matters under the com-  
mercial treaties pertaining to indemnities,  
would represent China in the con-  
ference. If the Chinese envoys make  
good their promise to deliver to the leg-  
ations on Wednesday copies of the  
joint note with the Japanese, the  
meeting between the plenipotentiaries  
and ministers cannot be postponed.  
The ministers granted Prince  
Ching's request for a meeting for the  
purpose of discussing the conditions.  
The subjects to be brought up pre-  
viously submitted in writing.

Prince Ching answered:  
"I would like to ask when the powers  
will stop sending out plenipotentiaries  
and ministers cannot be postponed.  
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viously submitted in writing."

Should a meeting take place the ir-  
reconcilable differences among the pow-  
ers will be apparent, and the concert  
will be completely disrupted, as his now  
fact, upon the interpretation of nearly  
every important demand.

### ROCKHILL RECALLED.

Wanted in Washington to Advise  
With the President.

New York, Jan. 16.—A special to the  
Herald from Washington says:

W. W. Rockhill, special commissioner  
from the United States to China, has  
been recalled.

Mr. Rockhill's withdrawal is due to  
the desire of the administration to have  
him in Washington, where he will be  
able to advise the President and Sec-  
retary Hay on the eastern problem. He  
will leave Peking for the United States  
as soon as navigation opens.

### DANISH WEST INDIES.

Report on Negotiations for their  
Sale to United States.

Copenhagen, Jan. 15.—The Danish  
government has sent to the finance  
committee of the Folketing the rig-  
estag a report of the negotiations be-  
tween the United States and Denmark  
regarding the sale of the Danish West  
Indies and also a petition, signed by  
seventeen business men of Copenhagen,  
asking for government assistance to  
make the islands profitable to Danish  
capital.

The syndicate proposes, if their pe-  
tition is favorably entertained, to ex-  
pend money in improvements and in de-  
veloping the islands. The proposition  
may delay the sale, but it is not likely  
that the rigstag will make further sacri-  
fices.

### GRAFTERS TAKEN IN.

Sheets and Janney Laud Alleged Sure-  
thing Men.

Last night Detectives Sheets and  
Janney arrested a couple of men whom  
they believe to be grafters of the worst  
type. While the officers do not have  
sufficient evidence to convict the men  
of turning any tricks here, they think  
that the arrest was timely. The men  
gave their names as J. T. Davis and  
C. Mayer. Each man had \$50 when they  
were arrested.

### A PRIVILEGE

Thrown Away Entirely.

It is curious to observe how hard it  
is for some people to give up coffee,  
at drinking after they have become  
accustomed to it, that it is the cause  
of their ill health, but it becomes an  
easy task to give it up when one takes  
Postum Food Coffee in its place. Pro-  
viding, of course, that Postum is made  
according to directions, for then it has  
the rich, beautiful color, and a sat-  
isfying taste, while the rapid improve-  
ment in health clinches the argument.

A young lady at Cambridgeport,  
Mass., says: "When it was shown to  
me plainly that my ill health and ex-  
cessive nervousness was largely due to  
the coffee habit, I realized that I must  
give it up, but it was next to impos-  
sible to do so. However, I made the  
trial and took Postum Food Coffee with  
the mental reservation of the Privi-  
lege, as I termed it, of drinking cof-  
fee once a week."

"Little do I dream what a true  
friend Postum was destined to become  
to me. The old stomach trouble left,  
the nervousness vanished, and good,  
natural, healthy sleep came to my re-  
lief. In less than six months I felt  
like another person. I was as well and  
happy."

The "reserve privilege" in regard to  
using regular coffee was thrust to the  
winds. I have not the slightest de-  
sire for it; in fact, I very much prefer  
my Postum to any coffee."

## REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS

PUBLIC AUCTION, Exposition Grounds, Thursday,  
January 17th, 10 a.m. Sharp.

Two Carloads of Colorado Raised Hereford Bulls,  
Twelve to Eighteen Months Old.

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