

ONE OF A BAND OF ASSASSINS.

James Belton, of the Mob Which
Killed the Prophets.

ALSO IN THE REBEL ARMY.

Bel of one Who Engaged in the
Murderous Work at Carthage.
His, June 27, 1844.

Special Correspondence.

Mr. A. N. C. Nov. 29th, 1900.—I send herewith an account of the death, and some of the past history, of Mr. James Belton, who was connected with the mob that assassinated the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum. Joseph Smith has made the statement (while under the influence of liquor) that he fired the ball that killed the Prophet. He also requested a statement to be made at his funeral that he had helped make at the "Mormon" Elder. He has suffered much for his transgressions. The scene enacted at Carthage, Ill., has haunted him through the latter part of his life. Whenever he was questioned regarding the martyrdom of the Prophet, it would cause him to jerk and shake in an unnatural manner.

For the past ten or twelve years Belton has been afflicted with a severe ailment on his face, which destroyed the sight of one eye, and almost destroyed the other. This caused him much suffering. On one occasion, when asked by one of his sisters how he was, he replied that he was still here, but would not be if he could get some arsenic. He was one of the band of assassins that shed the blood of one of God's greatest Prophets, and his punishment was not withheld (if the hereafter).

Elder N. Wilford Georgeon, and myself are visiting the people of Mr. A. N. C. and these facts coming under our observation, we thought they would interest the readers of the "News." We are always glad to receive the "News" from our mountain home. Much prejudice is being allayed through perusing it. Many people that will not accept our literature are quite anxious to hear something from the "Mormons" through the papers.

W. G. ATKIN.

Here is the account referred to in the foregoing, taken from the Mt. A. N. C. News. Mr. Belton was also one who fought against the Union, in the civil war.

James Belton was born in Rockingham county, N. C., March the 4th, 1811. When just entering young manhood he left North Carolina and went west, spending a number of years in the States of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. A part of the time he was engaged in boating on the Mississippi river, and was employed on the famous "Robert Fulton." Later he joined in with the citizens of the State of Illinois to rid the State of the "Mormons" who, at that time, were very troublesome, holding the belief that all things should be held in common, appropriating live stock and other property of the citizens to their own use, besides other dangerous practices and teachings.

He was present when Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, was killed; saw him when the ball struck him directly in the forehead—after he leaped from the prison window in Carthage, Ill. He has only one first white man to settle in the State of Iowa.

In 1858 he returned to Surry county, N. C., and married Miss Julia Belton. He enlisted in one of the first volunteer companies formed in the county and was elected first corporal. After serving about fifteen months in the Twenty-first N. C. regiment, he was honorably discharged and returned home. He soon after enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Virginia Battalion of cavalry, from which he was again returned home, where he remained until the surrender. He had on the most of the time since as a quiet citizen of Mt. A. N. C. He was for a short time an inmate of the Soldiers' Home in Raleigh, but being unhappy away from his family, he returned home, where he died Nov. 4th, 1900, aged 89 years, 7 months and 29 days. He was considered a brave soldier and an uncompromising Southerner. He prided himself upon the fact that he never was cited before a court, even as a witness. He was a member of Surry County Camp, U. C. V., No. 737. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and while he did not boast of piety in youth and middle age, yet, during his long and sore affliction, he drew near to God and the Spirit of the Master abode with him. So perfect was his faith during the last few years, he often prayed his Father to take him home.

WANTS HIS LIBERTY.
A. W. Dunyon, a State Prisoner, Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Abia W. Dunyon, convicted in the Fourth Judicial district court of the crime of rape, and sentenced last September to seven years in the State prison, has petitioned the Third district court for a writ of habeas corpus. The ground of the application is that information against the prisoner was signed by the district attorney, when according to the recent Supreme Court decision that matter should have been attended to by the county attorney of Wasatch. Judge Cherry recently refused the petition of Connel James W. Beddo. His application was based on similar grounds.

THE COLORADO GAME CRY.
What a Resident of the Centennial State Has to Say.

Following is a letter to the Denver Post from John H. Walze, of Debeque, Colorado, regarding recent game killing extension which the Colorado wardens have been raising because some Indians killed a few deer for food:

"I see by the Sunday edition of your paper that Game Warden Johnson is going to Rio Blanco county to drive the Indians out.

"Pray tell me why all this fuss? The Indians have killed all the deer they want and are going back to Utah of their own accord. Now, where have Mr. Johnson and his wardens been all summer? Why did they not prevent the Indians from coming into the State to hunt?

"If it is unlawful for Indians to kill the game out of season, then it is also unlawful for white men to murder the game as I have seen it done this past summer and fall.

"I wrote to Governor Thomas and informed him that the game was being murdered for the sake of sealing it die. Governor Thomas sent Billie Lee, game warden, out to investigate and he (Lee) came as far as Marysville Lodge in a buggy, where he met me and I gave him the names of several offenders and also gave him the names of men who saw these people with game out of

LETTER FROM ROY HODGERT.

Tells How Young Gussie Lawson
Got the Worst of It.

THEY DOPED HIS MACHINE.

As a Result, Downing Wins a Race—
Outside Riders Discriminated
Against in Los Angeles.

Special Correspondence.

Los Angeles, December 5, 1900.—Last night's races were very poor and there was a very poor horse to see them. The first was a professional handicap, which was run off in two heats. The first was won by A. B. Stone, of Denver, and the second by Jack Burros, in which heat I rode, but was fouled by Burros and had a nice little slide. In the final Stone got first, Bell second, Newkirk third, and Burros fourth.

The one mile amateur handicap was won by John Lake, Hoffman second, and Florence third. Eddie Smith got third place in his heat, but they gave it to Hoffman, and seem to give the local boys the best of it always.

The other race was a fifteen mile race between Lawson and Downing, and was a very rank affair. Gus Lawson has been riding very fast of late and Downing can not stand a 140 clip to save his neck, while the little Swede can stand a 135 clip all the way through. So there was no chance for Lawson to win, and he was forced to give up. Downing was very fast, but after nine miles had been made, the Swede, who had led all the way, called for faster pace, and Dyer tried to open up the motor, but it would not go any faster, and on the 13th mile Downing went around very easy and began getting away from the Swede, who was calling for more pace all the time, and when he found out something was wrong, he left his machine and tried to win without pace, but Downing won. After the race, the motor was examined and the gasoline tank was found to contain water, which had been put in for the purpose of defeating Gus Lawson.

The referee here is a very poor excuse for a man to oversee a race, as he is afraid to speak up, and never takes any notice of the race until it is finished. In short, he seems to be only a boy of about eighteen, and don't act a bit older.

There is about a dozen men here from the East, who are with Prince, and they all train together, and an outsider has all he wants to do to beat them out, but I intend to skin the bunch, and do it good too.

Jack Prince leaves for San Diego tomorrow to start a saucer track there; so we will soon have a circuit to work on. Yours,

ROY HODGERT.

416 So. Main, Los Angeles.

GAME IS POSTPONED.

On Account of the Illness of Center
Worthen of the High School.

On account of the illness of Worthen, the High School team center, the game scheduled for Saturday with the University, has been postponed indefinitely. Now that the date is left open, it is likely that the Y. M. C. A. will decide to meet the Theater Hustlers.

SIGNED ARTICLES AGAIN.

Francis and Christy Will Meet Tuesday Evening the 18th.

Last evening Jim Francis and John Christy signed articles for the second time for a match. The date agreed upon is Tuesday evening, December 18th. The men will fight at catch weights, the winner to take 75 per cent of the receipts and the loser 25 per cent. Both men are now in training, and the bout will undoubtedly be a lively one.

SILK STOCKINGS WON.

University Buckers Meet a Hard Proposition on the Campus.

On the University campus yesterday afternoon, two teams composed of "Varsity students, known as the Silk Stockings and University Buckers, played an interesting football game. The game was a hard fought one, and the Silk Stockings won by a score of 13 to 0, and are now anxious to meet any 120 pounders in the State.

OUTSIDE EVENTS.

DOUBLE UMPIRE SYSTEM.

Old Mode Likely to be Adopted by
National Baseball League.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—President Hart of the Chicago base ball club of the National league will leave probably tomorrow for the East to be present at the league meeting next week. He intends going first to Sanbright, home of A. G. Spang, to confer with the former president of the Chicago club, before going on to New York. Most of the questions which have been discussed since the playing season closed, such as the reduction of the number of players for each club, return to the double umpire system, and change in players' contracts will come up before the meeting. A conference between a league committee and a committee from the players' association will be had some time during the week, when the wants of the new union will be presented and discussed.

In discussing the future of the American league, President Hart said: "It looks as if the American League intended to go it alone after this. And I think it will make a mistake if it does." President Johnson and his associates have been very successful and have developed rapidly during the last two seasons, but it has been under organized base ball. As soon as they step out from under the agreement, matters will change.

"You will find that without the protection of the National agreement the National league will get the best players, just the same and without paying the price for drafting. So long as we pay the best salaries we can get the best players. I think the American league have been a little hasty in stepping out from the agreement. It is not the National league's business to urge them to sign the instrument."

NEW HARNESS RACING.

Barney Demarest Anxious to Have
a Track for Sleighs.

New York, Dec. 6.—A novel form of harness racing is planned by the New Jersey Trotting Turfman "Barney" Demarest, to be held on the half-mile track at Morrisstown, N. J., as soon as the weather is opportune. Demarest's intention is to take advantage of the dust snow that falls in sufficient quantity and convert his half-mile course into a race track for sleighs, the racing to be continued as long as the snow and ice lasts. A grand program of purses will be offered. The idea was borrowed from the Canadian custom of holding trotting races on the



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RESULTS AT OAKLAND.
The Track is in Excellent Condition — Three Favorites Win Out.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Three favorites won at Oakland today and two of the other events went to well-played horses. The weather was fine and the track fast. O'Connor carried off the riding honors, scoring three wins. The defeat of Andratius in the fifth was the surprise of the day. The coat was a fine one, and he made a miserable showing. Trainer Dyer was suspended pending investigation and Andratius and Silverstone, entered for tomorrow, were ordered scratched by the judges. Louis Ewell sold for \$20,000. The race to Maurice Eppinger for \$200, Results:

First race, six furlongs—Vantline, 102 (Mounce), 9 to 5, won; Letiger, 103 (O'Connor), 2 to 1, second; Ting A Ling, 114 (J. Woods), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.

Second race, one mile and a sixteenth—Dr. Bernays, 109 (O'Connor), 11 to 5, won; Goldene, 103 (Dominick), 9 to 1, second; Wax, 103 (Coburn), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

Third race, six furlongs—Sea Lion, 112 (J. Miller), 7 to 5, won; Besse, 109 (Coburn), 10 to 1, second; Tiburon, 112 (N. Turner), 35 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 1/4.

Fourth, seven furlongs—Janet, 120 (Coburn), 5 to 1, won; Golden Age, 120 (Coburn), 8 to 5, second; Kingstall, 80 (J. Walsh), 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:24 1/4.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Sad Sam, 105 (J. Martin), 4 1/2 to 1, won; Merida, 103 (Buchanan), 50 to 1, second; Sea Lion, 112 (N. Turner), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:06.

Sixth race, one mile—Specio, 107 (O'Connor), 6 to 5, won; Asian, 102 (Mounce), 4 to 1, second; Vulcan, 112 (Coburn), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:39 1/4.

TODAY'S ENTRANCES.

First race, Futurity course, two-year-olds, purse—Rio De Alvar, Platterer, Articulate, Selde, 108; Tab, Tennybelle, Homage, Abba L and Bard of Avon, 105.

Second race, one mile three-year-olds and up, selling—Jennie Reid, Anjou, Imperious, 107; High Flying, 111; Seaside, 107; High Ho, 102; Heron, 104; Trevathan, McNamara, 92.

Third race, five and a half furlongs, handicaps, two-year-olds and up—Hawthorne, 118; Aluminum, 107; Meehan, Gold Or, 125; Frank Bell, 126; St. Rica, Gold Badge, 100; Midlow, Goodhope, 114; Marengo, 109.

Fourth race, one mile, for all ages, 110; Wootter Boy, 114; Diderot, 80; May, 105; Formoso, 108; Kenilworth, Olinthus, Grand Sachem, 109.

Fifth race, six furlongs, three-year-olds and up, selling—Jedidiah, 107; High Ho, 102; Heron, 104; Trevathan, McNamara, 92.

Sixth race, one mile and an eighth, three-year-olds and up, selling—Edgardo, Owensboro, 98; Klekumboth, Spring, 92; Keonig, Loochee, Uarda, El Mido, 104; The Bobby, Opponent, Castlake, 101; Cue, 99.

The Commoner Sold.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—The Commoner, ch. h., 8, by Hanover, a big stake winner and sire, owned by William A. Waller of this city, was sold at Woodward & Shanklin's thoroughbred sale to Hinde and Baker, Galesburg, Ill., for \$3,025.

During to sale 322 thoroughbreds were sold at an average of \$266.

THE TRIP POSTPONED.

Columbia Team Will Not Go to
California.

New York, Dec. 6.—The proposed trip of the Columbia University football team to California, which was to have taken place during the Christmas holidays, has been abandoned. The permission of the faculty of the University had been obtained but Manager Shoemaker received a telegram from the managers of the University of California eleven, at whose invitation the trip was to have been taken, declining to guarantee the sum which Mr. Shoemaker considered requisite to cover the expenses of the trip. Mr. Shoemaker therefore, decided to call the negotiations off.

DIDN'T SAW THE WOOD.

An Episode in North Salt Lake Recited
to the Police.

It was reported to the police last night that two men giving their names as Hazard and Davis drove up to the home of a Mr. Hutchins in North Salt Lake, last night, and proceeded to load Hutchins' sleighing wood. Into their hands, without the formality of asking him for the chance, Hutchins consented the oversight and called upon the gentlemen to desert. But one of them was not named Hazard, for nothing, and so it is said, forgot to desert until the wagon was full of Hutchins' wood. The absent minded beggars then climbed into the wagon and drove away. Before they had got very far

along the pike, Mr. Hutchins overtook them, and he had a gun in his hands and a bad look on his face. At the instance therefore of the wrathly countenance and the gun which Hutchins handled in an awkward manner, Messrs. Hazard and Davis unhitched their horses and left the wagon and the wood to the mercy of the man with the gun. They then hastened to police headquarters, to relate their thrilling adventure, but while amid breathless silence they were reciting the tragic story to the startled policeman there assembled, Hutchins wrung the telephone and explained the whole affair. Hazard and Davis then fled from the station.

INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK.

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