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A TRUST HAS BEEN FORMED

By the Silver Barons of the West and a 10 Per Cent Advance is Expected.

Topeka, March 23.—John T. Graham of Denver, who owns extensive gold and silver mines in Colorado and New Mexico, and copper mines in Utah, passed through Topeka today on his way home. Graham operates smelting plants at various mines and has been in New York in attendance at a meeting of smelter operators which resulted in the perfection of a gigantic trust with a capital of $56,-000 000.

While in this city Graham made the statement that the first step made by the new trust would be to advance the price of silver 10 per cent.

FIGHT IN PANAY

The Details of the Battle of a Few Days Ago.

VEYY SMALL AMERICAN LOSS

General Miller Thinks the Rebels Lost Fifty Killed and 100 Wounded.

Manila, March 23.—Details of the fighting at Iloilo March 16 show the four hundred rebel riflemen form Panay were met by seven companies of Eighteenth regiment of United States infantry and a battilion of Tennessee volunteers. As support those troops had three two-inch Hotchkiss guns, under General Miller, north of Jaro, across the river.

The Americans met with a heavy fire. One man was killed and fifteen wounded of the Eighteenth regiment and there were several cases of sunstroke. Miller estimates that fifty rebels were killed and 100 wounded.

BRENNOR IS DEAD.

The Kansas Manufacturer of Wine has Passed Away.

Atchison, Kan., March 23.—George Brennor, who has been in the wine business in Doniphan since 1870, died this morning of pneumonia, aged 55.

He came to Kansas from Bavaria, Germany, in the early days, to establish the wine industry in the west, and demonstrated the excellence of the Kansas soil for wine growing. The Brennor vineyard at Doniphan is one of the largest in the west.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, March 23.—[Forecast till 8 p. m. Friday.]—For Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; warmer tonight; southerly winds.

THE FULL CONFESSION MADE BY JOHN MOORE

The Story of His Wretched Failure of a Life is Told.

Subject to "Spells" When Everything Seemed Black, and He Had Become Completely Discouraged.

THE MURDER A FEARFUL DREAM

Which He Cannot Recollect—Would Rather His Children Were Dead Than With His Wife's Folks.

Moore Brought to Hutchinson This Morning and Waived His Preliminary Examination—He Has Broken Down in Appearance as Well as in Words.

The sworn confession of John A. Moore is now in the hands of County Attorney Carr W. Taylor. The confession was not necessary to prove that Moore murdered his children and then set fire to the building. It was believed here from the start by the officers that Moore would confess the first time that he was severely cross examined. No attempt was made to break him down at the inquest as the proofs were conclusive and it was desired not to have him make a public confession, at least not until the excitement had died down. That the authorities at McPherson would permit Moore to be cross examined was wholly unexpected and unexplainable. His confession, which is given in full in this issue of the NEWS, does not state positively that he killed the children. It shows plainly, however, that Moore knows he did the awful deed.

He says that he has a recollection of going through a struggle, and that it seems like a dream that he did something to the children. He maintains that he does not remember using the knife or the hatchet. His protestations that he loved his children, although so utterly out of keeping with the act which caused their death, yet agrees with his former conduct toward them. His constant worry, from all reports gained here and in Lyon county where he formerly lived, was that he might fail to educate and bring up his children so that they might lead brighter lives than this. That Moore was subject to epileptic fits is true. The Franklins say that he was helpless and [illegible] when these spells were on, and that he had awful headaches after their passing. From his former actions when under the influence of these spells it would seem hardly probable that he had one upon that awful night, yet such may have been the case. It is no more than natural in any case that these attacks have more or less affected his mind.

One thing the confession reveals, as predicted by the News. That is that there had been trouble between Franklin, Mrs. Moore and Moore the day before the tragedy. Moore says he had not quarreled with his wife but that he told her he was going away. He says that he had difficulty with his father-in-law, M. W. Franklin, that day and that Franklin refused to take care of the children while the Moore's worked out. This, if true, shows that Franklin must have known on the morning of the fire that it was probably the work of the father.

The confession agrees with the story told by Moore's former neighbors that Moore was discouraged on account of the bad standing of his wife's family. Moore is extremely ignorant and cannot read or write. He has never been in the habit of talking with others, except with his wife. He seems to have started out in life without friends or or hope and to have labored willingly and hard with little expectation of any reward. His physical affliction has doubtless worn his wretched being into a still worse state. There has been nothing in his life to bring him much above the brute standard except his wife and children, and the latter had become the greatest worry of all. There is no doubt in his brute way he loved them, and just

JOHN A. MOORE WHO MURDERED HIS FIVE CHILDREN. FROM A PICTURE TAKEN OF HIM IN THE RENO COUNTY JAIL.

how the hopelessness of his life and the combination of untoward circumstances contrived to bring about such an awful result is a difficult question to answer. If he had taken his own life with the rest, it could be more easily understood. Whatever sort of wretch or coward he may be, it is certain that his history is a pitiful one, and that his character is woefully warped and his mind badly balanced. His confession, made in the McPherson jail last night is as follows:

McPherson, Kan., March 22, 1899.
State of Kansas, McPherson County, ss.

I, John Moore, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath, make the following statement in relation to myself, and the circumstances surrounding the death of my children at Hutchinson, Kansas, on Sunday last: I am 35 years old, and was born in Paris, Edger county, Illinois. My father ran off and left me when I was small, and I have never heard of him since, and I have no other relative. I have lived around the best I could from place to place till I was about 17 years old, and then went to Kansas with Lafe Ketner. In two or three years after I was married to my present wife, the daughter of Wright Franklin, I was a farm renter around Emporia until last spring, and in the summer I was down in the Indian Territory, leaving my family in Emporia. In the territory I worked in the Osage Nation, and returned to Emporia in October. I did not have much work, and I left Emporia a month ago this afternoon, and drove overland to Hutchinson, and rented the small house where the death of the children occurred. My father-in-law's folks lived there. I moved there contrary to my wishes, but did so on account of my wife who wished to live there, and she rented the house. I did not have any work, and only $15 in money, and was $10.50 in debt for a stove. I did not wish to move there on account of my wife's folks because they were a hard set. The old man has been in trouble a good many times, and one of the boys, Mit Franklin, is now in the Reformatory at Hutchinson, sent up from Emporia for stealing alfalfa. He is my wife's brother, and my mother-in-law's brother, Jim Pense, is in the Kansas penitentiary, sent from Emporia for the same offense, and my wife's brother, Charlie, was in the Emporia jail for stealing chickens, and my father-in-law was in the Emporia jail for a term for being in a cutting scrape. This was a good many years ago. He was drunk while in this cutting scrape. For all these reasons I did not want to live near them, but went there to please my wife, and I have wished a thousand times I had not done so. The world looked awful black to me and I was completely discouraged, and did not know what to do. I have been having bad spells for seven or eight years and Doctor Morrison of Emporia has been doctoring me for them. When they began to come on I feel a numbness down my body and my legs and my heart will thump and flutter, my head will begin to ache and pain. I have a ringing in my head nearly all the time, my head would get heavy and everything would swim before me and at these times I did not know anything. Before these spells came on my water would become red, and I would feel like I did not care to live. During the period that I had these spells I would keel over. The first one I had was on 141 creek, about eighteen miles north of Emporia. I was currying the horses and fell over and did not know anything till after I got to the house, and my wife told me afterward that when she saw me she thought that I was crazy. I often have these spells. Each time I had one of them it seemed to be worse than the other. I never could tell much about when these would come on, but they generally followed when I felt bad. I had been feeling pretty bad for two or three days before Sunday, and I also felt pretty badly discouraged. My father-in-law was over there Sunday afternoon, and he and my wife went away about 4 o'clock. This has been an awful hard winter on me and I wanted my father-in-law to take the children and let me and my wife work out and he would not do it. Three of his children were over there eating off of me, and I told him I wanted to pay the $10.50, and if I did I would not have anything to live on. I always paid my debts. I thought we could move into the same house and he could look after the children and then we work out, and that would of kind of help along a little and the children would be looked after, but he would not agree to any of these things. This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. My wife went to stay over night with a Mrs Walker, with whom she had been working for two or three days. After this I went to my brother-in-laws, Lee Ensley, and I staid there until about 9 o'clock and the children staid at home. I got supper for the children, and we all ate together. I felt pretty blue and discouraged, and the children were all in bed when I came back, and were asleep. They were all five on the floor in the one bed. When I came in I turned the lamp down and went to bed. I then had one of my worst spells, and my head hurt me awfully and everything seemed floating before me and the next thing that I remember after this, was, in trying to get out of the house myself. The whole thing seemed to be an awful night mare to me. I didn't talk any to the children. I do not recollect anything about the hatchet or the knife. If I done that I don't have any recollection of it. I told my wife that I was going to leave and it looked that I had to leave, and she told me to leave, and I could not bear to leave my children and leave them with that family. I could not bear to think of leaving them to live like the Franklin children. My 13-year-old boy could read and write and could figure pretty well. I told my wife that all I wanted to live for was to see what my children would come to, and these things kind of drove me to despair, and when I came in and these things looked so black to me I seemed to lose my reason. I have no recollection after this of killing the children. I then recollect of going over to the neighbors when the house was burning and the children were in there. It seems as though I had a fearful dream in which the children were there, and I hardly know how it was. I have a recollection of going through a struggle like a dream that I half remember. All the recollection that I have about this is, that I would rather see my children dead than for me to leave them in the hands of those people. I mean by that, my wife's people. It seems like a dream to me now, and that I done something to the children, but I do not recollect using the knife or the hatchet. I loved my children, and I lived for them, and would have had them educated if it took every cent that I had and everything that I could have made. That is one thing I lacked. My wife was the best one of the Franklin family, and I loved her. She was a good, virtuous and true woman, and no man can say a word against her. JOHN MOORE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, 1899.

ALEX S. HENDRY,
[SEAL.] Notary Public.
My commission expires February 3d, 1903.

MOORE BROUGHT BACK

And Waived His Preliminary Examination at Noon Today.

John A. Moore was brought back from McPherson this morning by Under Sheriff Ed Metz. Moore looks greatly broken as though he had passed through intense suffering.

His appearance is much changed, as though his flesh had suddenly shrunken, and he has more the look of a corpse than a living man. His demeanor would almost suggest that he had in fact committed the horrible deed while insane, and was now suffering from the awful knowledge that he must have done it, were it not that his actions directly after the fire and his testimony at the inquest were against this conclusion.

Just at noon today Moore was brought before Justice Campbell. County Attorney Taylor was present and Moore was asked if he wanted a hearing or preferred to waive the preliminary. "I want to waive it," was all he said. He was then taken back to the jail. During the trip to and from the jail Moore was not handcuffed. He walked beside Sheriff Long, with his hands in his pockets and made no attempt to hang back or to get away. While at the justice court he signed a copy of the confession which he made yesterday.

Stop Talk of Trouble.

The confession made by Moore corroborates all that the NEWS has said about him. He is a wretched failure of a man. He has no friends. He does not even have a lawyer to tell him to keep his mouth shut. District court meets in a couple of weeks and he will be convicted without opposition. For the good name of Hutchinson any exciting talk of lynching should cease. Such a crime committed by a mob would be worse for the reputation of our city than anything else that could happen.

BOUND TO DIE.

Cyrus Taylor Determined to End His Existence for Love of Miss Dealy.

Cyrus Taylor, who tried to poison himself last week because Helen Dealy would not marry him, made another attempt on his life last night which came near being successful. He had arranged to go to Leavenworth today to enlist in the regular army. At 10 o'clock last night Sheriff Long was called to Cary's ice plant and found Taylor stretched on a bench apparently lifeless. He was taken to Mrs. Reed's hospital and physicians summoned. The poison was taken from his stomach and at noon today he was able to talk and joke with his brother, who is guarding him.

GILBERT PLEADS GUILTY.

The Clay Center Model for the Hutchinson Horror.

Topeka, March 23.—A special to the State Journal from Clay Center, Kan.: John Gilbert, charged with the murder of his wife and four children was arraigned in court yesterday and pleaded not guilty, but today he weakened and entered a plea of guilty.

TO FIGHT FRIDAY.

McCoy Favorite Over Choynski—Sullivan Will Referee.

San Francisco, March 23.—John L. Sullivan has been chosen to referee the McCoy and Choynski fight Friday night. The advance sale of seats already amounts to $15,000. The betting favors McCoy.

DEMOCRATS DIFFER

As to Which is the Real Jefferson Banquet

Mr. Bryan Will Go to New York to Talk to the Chicago Platform People.

MR. CROKER VERY SORRY

But He Hopes the Fight Will Make More Democrats.

Ex-Senator Gorman Will Be the Main Guy of the Belmont Crowd.

New York, March 23.—The Jefferson banquet of the Chicago platform Democrats of this city will take place on the night of April 19. Colonel W. J. Bryan has given positive assurance that he will be present. It is expected he will make a notable speech, stating the stand which he believes the Democratic party should take in the nation's campaign of next year. It is planned to have the labor unions take a very prominent part in the dinner.

Eugene V. Brewster, who is managing the Bryan dinner, said last night: "Some confusion has arisen over the name of the dinner. It was decided first not to call it a dinner of Chicago Platform Democrats, because of Governor Pingree and others who are Republicans. We arranged that matter in committee all right, however, and sent the invitation in the name of the Chicago Platform people. We have such financial backing that we will be able to give a dollar dinner such as has never been held before. Applications have come from places in Florida, from Duluth and from Boston. I wired to the Grand Central Palace as soon as I heard from Mr. Bryan tonight and engaged it. Because of the confusion no invitations were sent to anybody but Mr. Bryan. We have, however, learned from Governor Pingree, Mr. Altgeld and Chairman Jones that they could come any day after April 18."

Richard Croker said tonight: "I don't care to say anything about Mr. Bryan's letter of declaration. I am sorry he cannot understand a difference of opinion. As to the fact that he will go to the one-dollar dinner—well I hope he will help the cause of Democracy. The more big dinners there are in New York the better for the working people."

The promoters of the Bryan dinner take it for granted that Governor Pingree will be one of their guests. Ex-Senator Gorman, it is understood, will attend the Croker banquet.

THE YOUNGERS

May Yet Be Released from the Minnesota Prison.

A PAROLE MADE POSSIBLE

For Life Prisoners After 20 Years Good Behavior, Provided the Board Approves.

St. Paul, March 23.—The prospects of the Younger boys being released from state's prison are much brighter today. The bill which permits the parole of life prisoners after twenty years' imprisonment with uninterrupted good behaivor was yesterday defeated in the senate but today, after an amendment was adopted requiring the approval of the board of pardons of such paroles by the board of prison managers, the bill passed by a vote of 48 to 5. The board of pardons has heretofore strongly opposed a pardon for the Youngers, but their friends hope for more favorable disposition towards the proposal to parole the prisoners.

THE STOCK YARDS BILL

Is Finally Killed by the Missouri Legislature by a Vote of 56 to 65.

Jefferson City, March 23.—In the house this morning an effort was made to reconsider the vote by which the stock yards bill was killed yesterday. By a vote of 56 to 65 the house refused and killed the bill.

SHERMAN IMPROVES.

The Old Man is Going to Fool the Croakers Once Again.

Santiago, March 23.—Mr. Sherman passed a satisfactory night. He is now better than at any time since he was taken sick. His recovery is confidently expected.

At the Parlor Grocery

You Will Always Find the Best Goods In the Market - - - -

...oss Patent Flour	$1 00	2 cans Vienna Sausage	25c
...ack Graham Flour	25	1 can Choice Plums	10c
... lbs Oat Flake	25	2 cans Fancy Peas	25
... lbs Beans	25	3 cans Fancy Pumpkin	25
... bars Clairette Soap	25	1 gallon can Apples	30

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