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Black

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PAID THE PENALTY.

C. J. Black Executed for the Murder of Mrs. Cunningham.

Last Friday C. J. Black paid with his life the penalty fixed by the law as a punishment for such a crime as he was convicted of committing. He succeeded to perfection in nerving himself to such an extent as to convey the idea of a bravado, and walked with a steady step to the gallows. Even while standing upon the scaffold he seemed oblivious to his fate, and from appearances did not realize the enormity of the crime for the commission of which his life was about to be taken. At 10:07 o'clock the trap was sprung and C. J. Black was jerked into eternity with a broken neck.

Cabler

John

22 Nov 1894 p8

A Fatal Accident.

Kootenai Herald.

A fatal accident occurred on Kootenai lake, just below the mouth of the Kootenai, last Thursday, by which John Cabler, a Slocan prospector, lost his life. Cabler and a friend were out on a hunting trip. In attempting to pull his gun out of the boat, Cabler received an accidental discharge from the weapon. The gun was loaded with shot and the load struck him in the leg just above the knee, shattering the bone and the shot glancing off and lacerating the limb in a frightful manner. His friend started for Rykert's, the nearest settlement, with the wounded man, but night overtook them before they got into the river, and becoming bewildered they drifted on the lake all night, the poor man suffering untold pain. It was late next day before they reached the camp of the Kootenay Reclamation Works, where they were picked up in the evening by the Nelson and brought to Bonner's Ferry.

Dr. Barker was called in, but he found the man beyond the reach of surgical aid. The limb had swollen frightfully and mortification had set in. Cabler died at 5 o'clock Saturday morning.

GHASTLY MURDER.

**Mrs. Cunningham of Columbia Falls
Beaten to Death With a
Coupling Pin.**

Last Saturday evening about 6:30 o'clock the people of Columbia Falls were startled by the report of the finding of the mutilated body of Mrs. J. Cunningham, who, with her husband and four children, resided on a ranch about two miles north of that place.

Mrs. Cunningham had walked to town that afternoon to attend to some business, her husband and children remaining at home. She expected to receive \$75 in that day's mail, and it is supposed the motive of the murder was robbery, and that the crime was committed by some one aware of the fact that she expected the money.

She failed to receive the money, but before going home did some trading. She was in Main's store at 5:30 making purchases, after which she started for her home north of the town and on the other side of the railroad track. The next seen of her by others than her assassin was in a lonely part of the road just a short distance within the timber which begins beyond the railroad. A Mr. Miller whose ranch is there observed his cattle in the road, acting excited and uttering the unusual sounds made by those animals when scenting blood. He went up to them and saw signs of a struggle in the road and a trail of blood leading off into the timber. He traced the gory trail to a brush heap, back of which he discovered the body of Mrs. Cunningham, her head pounded to a jelly, the blood and brains oozing out of the wounds. When discovered she was still breathing but unconscious.

Mr. Miller at once ran to the house of Mr. Cunningham and told him of the fate that had met his wife. Mr. Cunningham ran to the scene and then hastened to town and called Justice Sully and a physician. A telegram was at once sent to Sheriff Gangner at KallsPELL.

A warrant for the murderer was sworn out before Justice Gray, and the sheriff and deputies at once started for the scene, for the purpose of capturing the guilty one if possible. A telegram was sent to Governor Richards, and later handbills signed by him and the county attorney, were issued offering a reward of \$300 to be paid by the state for the apprehension of the party who did the killing.

It seems that the wounds on the woman's head were made by a coupling pin taken from the railroad track. There is evidence that five blows were struck each of them breaking the skull. It is thought that the motive of the crime was robbery, but that the criminal was scared away by the early appearance of Mr. Miller, as the money she had upon her person when leaving town—two dollars—was found in her pocket. That the body was found very soon after the crime was committed, is proven by the time. She left Main's store at 5:30, and allowing 20 minutes for walking to where she met her death would bring the time up very nearly to the times she was found, 6:10. A man's heavy tracks led from the body to the river, where the murderer had evidently gone to wash himself, and again from the river to town. The heeltracks showed that a notch had been cut in the heels of a man's shoes for fitting on skates.

On Monday Sheriff Gangner arrested a man named Black, a painter and hunter and trapper, a resident of the Falls, and brought him to KallsPELL that evening. Black played in the ball game at the Falls Saturday afternoon, but does not give a satisfactory account of his whereabouts from five o'clock until shortly after six, when he appeared at a saloon and took a drink. His shoes fit the tracks found by the body, and there are stains upon his clothing which may be blood, but which he says were made by red paint, and not blood, and he denies all knowledge of the crime.

LATER: At the coroner's inquest held the first of the week it was developed that the dead woman had been assaulted before being murdered.

C. E. Depew and wife seem to be having much more than their share of misfortune recently. Scarcely was their babe buried last Monday, when their remaining child, a bright and handsome boy about eighteen months old, was stricken with pneumonia, from which he died Wednesday night. The funeral was held today at 2 p.m. Mr. Depew and his wife have the sincere sympathy of the community, and kind friends are doing all possible to assuage the grief of the bereaved parents.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Depew and wife last Saturday, but only survived a few hours. Its tiny form was laid to rest Monday.

Dodds W S 12 Jan 1894 p8

W. S. Dodds died from an attack of pneumonia, last Wednesday morning and was buried on Thursday. Rev. Mintzer preached his funeral. Mr. Dodds was highly respected by all who knew him. His family have the warmest sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Gaylord D N 23 Mar 1894 p8

DIED: Mr. D. N. Gaylord who held a position as salesman in the KallsPELL Mercantile store for a long time and was retained in the same capacity by Mr. Jas. Conlon, died to-day (Friday) at about 12 o'clock after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Gaylord formerly lived in Miles City, but has been a resident of KallsPELL since the city was established.

Grubb Mrs G H 26 Jan 1894 p8

Death of Mrs. G. H. Grubb.
After a week's painful illness Mrs. G. H. Grubb died at her home in this city early on the morning of the 22nd of January, 1894. On Tuesday afternoon, after some appropriate and very impressive services held at the residence, witnessed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, her remains were taken to the cemetery, there to rest in peace.

Hamlin Mrs 15 Nov 1894 p8

The sad news has been received that Mrs. Hamlin died within 24 hours after arriving at home.

Haynes Mattie B 26 Jul 1894 p1

DIED Mrs. Mattie B. Haynes at her home near Holt July 20th, 1894, and was buried in the cemetery near Fair View last Monday. She leaves a husband and little boy 5 years old.

Lloyd Mrs John 4 Oct 1894 p8

DIED.—Mrs. John Lloyd died last Sunday after an illness of only a few days.

Owens man 16 Aug 1894 p2

CRUSHED

Underneath a Mass of Lumber and Freight Cars.

Last Thursday morning the east-bound freight train, which left Kalispell after the passenger train, was wrecked about two miles east of town, just after passing the bridges over the Stillwater and Whitefish rivers, and a man named Owens was crushed under a car loaded with lumber.

The train was going along at a rapid rate when it became uncoupled about the middle, drew apart and then came together again with terrific force. Eight cars loaded with lumber, piles and shingles were piled up in a confused heap on the track and on either side.

When the wreck was looked over the arm of a man was seen protruding from a pile of debris. He was removed to town and an inquest held that evening. There were no papers on him to prove his identity or where his people lived. There were four other men in the car with him when the crash came but they all escaped without serious injury.

Purcell Mrs W G Aug 30 1894 p1

Mrs. W. G. Purcell, of Pleasant Valley, died last Tuesday. Her remains were taken to Collonode, Ont., for burial.

Shehan Martin 29 Nov 1894 p8

Martin Shehan, a railroad brakeman known to many here, fell off a freight train on the Montana Central near Silver last Saturday night and was killed, his neck being broken.

St Peter child of Archie 30 Mar 1894 p1

DIED: The 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Archie St. Peter, at the home of Mrs. St. Peter's brother, Mr. Munker, of the lower east side, on Sunday, the 25th; it was buried at Fairview cemetery on the 26th.

Tieran James 2 Feb 1894 p8

Conductor James Tierman was killed at the switchback in the Cascades last Saturday. Mr. Tierman was a conductor for a long time on the Montana Central, and also had the run between Great Falls and Glasgow. He was well known all along the line and had many warm friends.

Walters Fred 9 Aug 1894 p8

Tired of Life.

Fred Walters of Cayuse prairie committed suicide last night.

His body was discovered this morning at 7 o'clock. It seems that he was deliberate about it for he dressed himself, laid down and crossed his hands over his breast. Whether he took poison or killed himself by other means is not yet known. No blood was discovered. A coroner's inquest will be held to-day. Judge W. E. Boston will officiate.