

JIM JOHNSON MADE FULL CONFESSION

ADMITTED HE TIED MULE TO THE RAILROAD TRACK.

Gave a Mortgage on Pair of Mules to Save His Brother-in-Law from the Penitentiary.

When it comes to the work of special detectives, Chas Pinkoson is the limit—that is, the limit of shrewdness, and whatever Officer Pinkoson cannot get in the way of information and confessions had just as well be left alone by others.

The Sun contained a notice two or three days ago of a number of arrests at Newberry, among whom were Jim Johnson and Jim Hunt, charged with tying a mule on the railroad track. Officer Pinkoson is a special agent in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line, and was assigned to this case, which was in his district. After causing the arrest of the men, he secured from Johnson a full confession.

Johnson stated in substance, so Officer Pinkoson says, that the reason he had for tying the mule on the track was that he had given a mortgage for his pair of mules to save his brother-in-law, Jim Hunt, from going to the penitentiary. The mortgage being due, he did not have the money to pay it, and Hunt not helping him, as he promised, advised him to take the sorry mule and tie it to the railroad track; that the train would come along and kill the mule, and he would get enough to pay the mortgage and save the other mule.

Johnson stated that at first he was afraid to do this, but Hunt told him it was "dead easy;" that six or seven years ago he tied an old horse to a railroad track, the animal was killed by the train, and he (Hunt) got good pay for it. Hunt told him to tie the mule on a short curve, and that it would be run over and killed before the engineer could have time to stop, and that all he would have to do was to pretend that he was in Newberry trading, and that the mule had gotten away from him.

It appears that Johnson acted upon the advice of Hunt, as the mule was tied to the rails at the point indicated, and was run down and killed. A fortunate circumstance which led to the discovery of fraud was that the animal's body became so thoroughly tangled up with the machinery of the locomotive that it became necessary to stop the train and pull it out, when it was discovered that the animal had been securely bound to the rails, the ropes being found about the neck and feet. This resulted in a search of the guilty parties, with the result that the negro Johnson was tracked to his home.

Officer Pinkoson now has in his possession the shoes worn by the negro, the ropes which were found upon the mule, and the switches which were used in driving the mule to the point, all of which will be introduced in evidence.

Jim Hunt was also arrested, and is in jail awaiting trial at the fall term of the circuit court.

ROCHELLE NEWS ITEMS.

ROCHELLE, Sept. 16.—Mrs. J. H. Rollins and children, Misses Eva, Will, Laura Bell and Master Oscar, have returned from their summer visit. While away they visited High Springs, Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

J. H. Perry, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Rochelle, departed for his home in Oxford on Monday. He was accompanied by W. P. Rollins and Miss Minnie Hall.

Friends of W. W. Roberts are glad to know that he is improving.

There was a picnic at Prairie Creek, two miles from Rochelle, last Thursday in honor of J. H. Perry.

Mrs. B. H. Rollins and little son, Master Norman, of Jacksonville, who have been visiting relatives at Rochelle and Central, departed for their home yesterday.

Mrs. Ed Zetrouer is visiting relatives at Tampa.

Messrs. Fendrick Morgan, Charlie and A. Beck of Micanopy were visiting friends in Rochelle last Sunday.

Charlie Myerse of High Springs is visiting in Rochelle. He came for the purpose of being present at the marriage of his brother, Edward J. Myerse.

There was a wedding in Rochelle

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on Wednesday at 3 o'clock, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward J. Myerse of this place and Miss Ruth E. Robbins of Micanopy. Justice J. A. Roberts performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. Little Miss Bertha Cameron of Boardman is visiting relatives at Rochelle.

Sweets Are Great Baby Savers.
The young, unspoiled human animal has a liking for sugar just as it has for sunlight, for fresh air, for play, for paddling in the surf and plunging in the stream or for food when it is hungry and sleep when it is tired and, subject, of course, to reasonable limitations, as wholesome as any of the others. This is precisely what our specialists in children's diseases and broad minded family physicians have been urging for decades past, and it would be safe to say that, next to the banishment of starchy foods, gruels and pups from the nursery and the substitution of pure, sweet milk, few things have done more to increase the vigor and happiness of modern children and to cut down our disgraceful infant mortality than the free and intelligent use in the nursery of sweet fruits, preserves, sugar, taffy and butterscotch.—Woods Hutchinson in Success Magazine.

Date Cake With Coffee Icing.
One-half cup of butter creamed, one and one-third cup of brown sugar added and beat together, two eggs well beaten, one-half teaspoonful cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful nutmeg, one and one-half teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-half cup sweet milk, one and three-quarter cups sifted flour, three-quarter cup dates, stones removed. Cut up fine and reserve a little of the flour to shake over them.

Icing.—Two tablespoonfuls strong, strained coffee and the same quantity of the white of an egg stirred together. Thicken with powdered sugar until stiff enough to spread. Allow the cake to cool before it is iced.—Boston Post.

Getting Down to Facts.
"I love you."
"I've heard that before."
"I worship you madly."
"Loose talk."
"I cannot live without your love."
"Get some new stuff."
"Will you marry me?"
"Well, now, there's some class to that."—Indianapolis News.

Just a Hint.
Mr. Staylate—Is that clock right?
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A SPIKED MOUNTAIN.

One of the Remarkable Geological Freaks of Mexico.

One of the most remarkable geological freaks in Mexico is a mountain situated on the outskirts of Pachuca which presents the appearance at a distance of being covered with spikes. The sides of the mountain are closely studded with stone columns or pillars. These columns are five to twelve feet long and as large around as an average man's body. It is a remarkable uplift of nature which has the appearance, however, of being the handiwork of human beings. One side of the mountain is almost perpendicular, and the stone columns protrude from the surface at right angles, forming an impressive picture.

Pachuca is one of the most noted mining districts in Mexico, and it is said by geologists that this remarkable spiked mountain is out of keeping with the remainder of the formation of the mineralized region. The stone is as hard as flint and has withstood the elements for ages. The spikes form a natural battlement that makes the mountain appear from a distance like some ancient fort. The mines of the Pachuca district are situated not far from this wonderful freak of nature, but the formation encountered in their respective underground workings is of an entirely different kind from that of the palisade outcropping—Pachuca (Mexico) Cor. Indianapolis News.

THE DANGER IN DUST.

A Medical Writer Who Says "Let Sleeping Germs Lie."

Did you ever realize what a dangerous thing it is to clean house in the spring? A writer in a London medical journal, the Lancet, insists that spring cleaning has many possibilities for evil if not properly conducted. Dirt and dust are full of disease breeding germs; but, however dangerous these creatures may be when lodged in the woodwork or comfortably settled under the hall carpet, they are much more ferocious, this writer insists, if stirred up and irritated and sent flying through the air. If we can't keep our houses clean as we go we had better let them stay dirty. This writer's rule is to "let sleeping germs lie."

What a house would look like after forty years of total abstinence from spring cleaning we leave to our women readers to judge. Yet we venture the assertion that there is one creature who would find the situation entirely satisfactory. It dislikes the annual cleaning ceremony, it hates to eat cold suppers off the kitchen table, and beating carpets is to it an abomination. It will doubtless make capital out of the Englishman's warning against the perils of housecleaning.

Book of the Dead.

The Book of the Dead is a most remarkable literary relic of ancient Egypt, of uncertain date and origin, but well known before the kings of the first dynasty. Probably the collected work of many minds in different ages, it was regarded as the work of the god Thoth and therefore of divine authority, dealing mainly with the dead and their future state. Some of its texts, prayers, hymns and ritual were used by the predynastic priests, and parts of the book are said to belong to a period fifty centuries before the Christian era. Copies of it were placed in the tombs, and texts from it were inscribed on coffins to preserve the dead from dangers and to direct them to the boat of Ra on their way to the hall of Osiris, which was the goal desired. The oldest existing papyrus copy of the book was written for "Nu, the son of the overseer of the house of the overseer of the seal Amenhetep and of the lady of the house Seneheb" and probably belongs to the early part of the eighteenth dynasty.

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