

THREE ON ONE SCAFFOLD.

Oliphant Train Robbers Hung Off at Newport, Ark.

St. Louis, April 7.—A special to The Post Dispatch from Newport, Ark., says: The three train robbers, J. L. Wyrick, Thomas Brady and Albert Mansker, who killed Conductor W. P. McNally at Oliphant, Ark., Nov. 3 last, were hanged here. The drop fell at 7:55 a. m., and the men were pronounced dead at 8:05. All three necks were broken.

They Killed the Conductor.

The crime for which these men suffered death was committed on the night of Nov. 3, 1893. About 10 o'clock that night passenger train No. 81, on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, was held up at Oliphant, a lonely flag station in Independence county, by seven masked men, who looted the express and passenger coaches. The robbers kept up a fusillade of firing all the time the robbery was being committed, and Conductor W. P. McNally, who bravely attempted to defend his train, was killed by a rifle bullet. About two weeks previous to the robbery, half a dozen young farmers disappeared from their homes near Bettonville. They rode ponies and were heavily armed. To their friends they said they were going to the Indian territory to buy cattle. The names of these farmers were Albert Mansker, James L. Wyrick, George Padgett, O. L. Truman and Pennyweight Powell and his younger brother Sam. Under the leadership of Thomas Brady, a whisky peddler from the Indian territory, these agriculturists left their farms, families and friends to become train robbers. Brady, Mansker, Wyrick and Padgett were arrested not long after the hold up. Padgett turned state's evidence and is now in jail awaiting trial at the spring term of the Jackson county circuit court. His three companions were tried in February and convicted of McNally's murder. Pennyweight Powell was captured in Denver about a month ago and is now in prison awaiting trial. O. L. Truman and Sam Powell are still fugitives from justice.