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John Phair Murder Case- 1874.

This story, as reported to the Rutland Daily Globe, is about the murder of Anne Freese, a citizen of Rutland who was described as "a widow whose character was not of the best." She lived at 92 Forest St. in a part of town known as "the swamp." The subsequent investigation finds John Phair, a ne'er do well from Vergennes as the main suspect. Evidently, Phair robbed, stabbed, and set fire to the house of Anne Freese in hopes of covering up the crime. He proclaimed his innocence throughout the trial, but was found guilty and hanged on April 10th, 1879. The article includes photographs and engravings of all the principle people involved in the case.