

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Cornor's Jury in Smith Case Re-turns Expected Verdict

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Father Wants It Public at Workman Temple and Mrs. Van Cleave Wants It From Her Home

A coroner's jury heard the testimony of two witnesses in the Frank Smith shooting case yesterday afternoon and returned a verdict to the effect that Mary and Ray Smith came to their death through being shot by Frank Smith, and that the latter died by his own hand.

Mrs. Van Cleave and Mrs. Bosak were the only witnesses examined aside from the chief of police. The women had nothing to tell in addition to the accounts printed in the newspapers. They said Smith called at the house and asked to see his wife. He was directed to her room. The next thing noticed was a pistol shot. This was followed by a second and a third shot. When neighbors rushed in all three were found dead. No one witnessed the shooting. As nothing new was learned from the witnesses or from the chief of police the jury was out only a few minutes.

When on the stand Chief Briggs produced a letter which was found among Smith's effects. It was addressed to Mrs. J. W. Tiffany, Hiawatha, Kan. This letter was dated March 2 and had not been mailed. This is the letter which Mrs. Tiffany will write and tell you some sad news. Mary and I have quit. She thought that she was not getting treated good enough, so she went. I want you to see if there is any family down there that would take Ray and keep him. I do not want to let Mary have him, but if you will be good enough to let me have him, I will be glad to let you keep him. Answer as quick as you can. In a postscript the writer asks that the answer be sent to the Union stock yards here, and urges an immediate answer. From the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Smith did not separate until May 2 it is inferred that the date of March 2 should read May 2.

Doxens of people called at Brewer's morgue yesterday but at the request of Matthew Smith, the father of the dead man, Undertaker Brewer posted a notice at the morgue that no one would be permitted to see the remains in spite of the notices people gathered about the morgue all day and stood looking at the building, hoping that possibly they might get in.

There is a quiet little fight on about the funeral arrangements. The father of the dead man secured the auditorium of the Workman temple for the funeral to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Last night Mrs. Van Cleave entered a protest, and wanted the funeral held at her home where the shooting occurred. As Mr. Smith had completed the arrangements for a public funeral, it is presumed that the announcement made in the Bee of last night regarding the funeral arrangements will be carried out. Interment is to be at Laurel Hill cemetery.

As the deceased was a member of the Stock Yards Relief association a request was made for twelve pall bearers. Assistant Superintendent Walters designated twelve men for the duty to serve this afternoon, no matter where the funeral is held.

A called meeting of the city council was held last evening. All members were present and the mayor occupied the chair. The call was for the purpose of passing the ordinance relating to the issuing of bonds for the grading and paving of Railroad avenue. The ordinance was passed and was immediately signed by the mayor. Publication will be made today of these bonds, which are for the issuing of general indebtedness bonds to the sum of \$50,000. These bonds to run twenty years at the rate of 6 per cent interest. The usual option clause was included in the ordinance. Within a day or two the city authorities will advertise for bids for these bonds. When the securities are sold the work of paving South Twenty-fourth street and Railroad avenue will commence.

Letter Carriers' Convention. Branch No. 982 of the National Association of Letter Carriers held a meeting last night and elected delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Lincoln on May 30. These delegates were chosen: W. E. Dertyschke, Charles Hrdlicka, C. L. G. Gove. The alternates are J. F. Flynn, P. O. Spear and F. W. Black.

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FACTS OF THE GEARY STORY

Erroneous Report of Death Given by Man Impersonating Father Fitzpatrick

FATHER GANNON RECEIVED BY THE YARK

Both Priests Keenly Hurt at Gross Impostitions and Father Geary Lives to Deny the Report

A series of very remarkable circumstances caused the unfortunate announcement Wednesday in the Bee that Father Edward Geary, associate pastor of the Holy Family Catholic church, Eighteenth and Izard streets, had succumbed to the injuries inflicted Monday night by two thugs who assaulted him in the parish yard. The venerable father, who is past 70 years of age, though painfully injured by the assault, is not dead, and, on the contrary, is so far improved in his condition as to be able to go about his daily affairs as usual. The erroneous announcement of his death came about in this way:

Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Bee was informed over telephone by Father Gannon, editor of the True Voice, that Father Geary had died. Father Gannon said Father Fitzpatrick, pastor of the Holy Family church, was his informant. There was no time to lose and the Bee had a brief story of the supposed death hastily written and rushed into the form, from which another story stating that Father Geary was up and getting better was quickly removed. All this was done in just a very few minutes, as the utmost speed was necessary in order to get the paper to press on time.

Personates Father Fitzpatrick. In the meantime, however, some individual called up, saying he was Father Fitzpatrick and asked if the Bee had called him by telephone. Prior to this Father Fitzpatrick had been called by the Bee, but could not be reached. This person then said it was true that Father Geary was dead, but that he had tried to reach the Bee office, but failing had told Father Gannon about it and that he had come to the Bee. However, the impostor was urged to give the information and then proceeded very flippantly to relate the circumstances of Father Geary's death, and gave a detailed sketch of his life and work.

This individual then announced the plans for the funeral, saying it would be held Saturday morning and that Bishop Scannell had been communicated with out in the state by telephone and promised to be here in time for the funeral. He then went into details of the assault, impersonating all the time Father Fitzpatrick, who, it will be remembered, appeared on the scene of the assault just in time to give chase to the culprits.

After the evening paper was out a reporter for the Bee called at the home of Father Fitzpatrick and Geary in reference to the supposed funeral. Then it was the Bee learned of this gross deception. Father Fitzpatrick was dumfounded and Father Geary able to shake hands with the reporter who had called to get data for his obituary.

"I expect to eat the hen that scratches the grass on my grave," jokingly remarked the venerable priest. It developed on inquiry that this person who took it on himself to perform this piece of work had furnished possible details of his plan by first calling up Father Gannon, of the True Voice and informing him he was Father Fitzpatrick and telling him of the death of the aged Father Geary. Father Gannon had no reason whatever to question matters, knowing full well Father Fitzpatrick was at the home with Father Geary and would know. Father Fitzpatrick and Father Gannon were keenly hurt when they learned how grossly they had been imposed upon and for what sinister purposes.

World's Fair. Via the WABASH RAILROAD. \$1.50 St. Louis and return on sale daily. Wabash City Ticket Office, 1401 Farnam St., Omaha.

May party at Child Saving Institute Friday, May 6.

CO-OPERATIVE HOME BUILDING. Progress of the Omaha Association. Noted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Omaha Loan and Building association was held in the association office, Bee building, last evening. Three directors were balloted for, resulting in the re-election of John H. Butler, E. E. Bryson and George M. Nutting.

Marriage Licenses. Up to noon May 5 the following couples have been licensed to wed: Name and Residence. Age. Fred Helbold, Omaha, 23. Anna M. Bloom, Omaha, 22. Loyal Y. McPherson, Omaha, 22. Hans C. Hansen, Omaha, 22. Louis Nelson, Omaha, 22. Timothy Sullivan, Hamburg, Ia., 22. Della M. York, Hamburg, Ia., 22. John C. Kahre, Omaha, 20. Alice Kinsey, Omaha, 20. Mary C. Peterson, Omaha, 20.

15-K Wedding Rings. Edholm, Jeweler.

FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Daniel K. Williams, Formerly of Omaha, on Trial in Oregon

ACCUSED OF KILLING TWO NESBIT WOMEN

Supposed Victims Were From Omaha and Trouble Arose Over Land Frauds Laid to Williams

Daniel Norman Williams, who resided in Omaha for several years, during most of which time he was in the employ of Johnson Bros. as a teamster, has been arraigned before Judge Bradshaw at The Dalles, Ore., on the charge of murder. The crime with which Williams is charged is that of killing Alma Nesbit, March 3, 1900, near The Dalles. Williams' wife died in Omaha and he left here during 1900 and went to Oregon, according to the best information obtainable. He was followed there shortly thereafter by Alma Nesbit and her mother, Louisa J. Nesbit. It seems after his arrival in the west Williams became interested in securing homesteads to settle on government lands in Oregon. The charge was made that he was implicated in the wholesale land frauds which were practiced upon the government several years ago, and that his part of the business was to secure settlers from the east to file upon the lands, giving them a small consideration for turning the property over to his accomplices after the filing had been made.

Last Seen of Women. When the two Nesbit women arrived in Oregon, it is alleged, Williams, after having the papers drawn up preparatory to their settling upon their claims, took them in a buggy to visit the property. This is said to have been the last seen of the two women by any one with the exception of Williams.

All of the parties being strangers in the vicinity, no attention was paid to the matter until the investigation of land frauds was made about one year ago by the government. At that time the two women were looked up by secret service officers and could not be located. In hunting them the fact that they had been driven into the country by Williams several years before and had not been seen since came to light and the arrest of Williams followed. He is now called upon to explain what became of them. It is said Alma Nesbit and Williams were great friends while the two lived in this city. Several brothers of Miss Nesbit were employed at the same place as Williams and it is said he was a frequent caller at the Nesbit home.

Williams' case will come up for trial in the circuit court, convening in The Dalles May 22. It is said when Williams was taken into court for his preliminary hearing he appeared self-possessed and was neatly dressed and shaven. He listened to the charge without comment.

The Nickel Plate Road. Will sell tickets to Cleveland, O., and return, account of National Baptist Anniversary, on May 16th, 17th and 18th, at rate of one fare for the round trip, plus 25 cents. Tickets good going date of sale. By depositing same extended return limit of June 15th may be secured. Through service to New York City, Boston and other eastern points. No excess fare charged on any train on the Nickel Plate Road. Meals on American club meal plan, ranging in price from 50c to \$1.00; also service à la carte. Chicago depot, La Salle and Van Buren streets, the only passenger station in Chicago on the elevated loop. Chicago city ticket office, 111 Adams St. and Auditorium Annex. Phone Central 267.

One Fare for the Round Trip. Plus 25 cents to Cleveland, O., and return via Nickel Plate road. May 16th, 17th and 18th. Tickets good going date of sale and returning to and including June 15th by depositing same. Three through daily express trains to Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, New York, Boston and New England points, carrying vestibule sleeping cars. Meals served in Nickel Plate dining cars on American club meal plan, ranging in price from 50c to \$1.00; also service à la carte. Chicago depot, La Salle and Van Buren streets. No excess fare charged on any train on the Nickel Plate road. Chicago ticket office, 111 Adams St. and Auditorium Annex. Phone Central 267.

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SOLICITOUS FOR JOHN DOYLE

Brother, Cousin and Friend Want to Become Guardian to Indifferent Old Heir

Joseph Yousem, 4326 Jackson street, has filed a petition in the probate court that he be appointed guardian of James Doyle, who has lived with him for some years and who recently fell heir to the sum of \$100,000.

Michael Doyle, a brother of Neilson, has filed a petition that he, instead of Yousem, be appointed, and John Doyle of Illinois, a cousin, has filed still another petition that he, instead of either of the other two, be appointed. The matter has been set for hearing May 17.

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TO PREVENT MOVING OF HOUSES. Mayor Contemplates Ordinance to Stop Business Said to Injure Streets.

Mayor Moore says he intends to have an ordinance introduced prohibiting the moving of old buildings from one part of the city to another. He is governed in this step by the damage done to the pavements by the frequent moving of buildings. The mayor has written letters to the city engineer, building inspector and Hollenbeck Brothers, the moving firm.

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Nebraska Clothing Co. Bargain Friday. In our Ladies' Furnishing Goods Department. Ladies' Hose Worth 15c for 8c. Ladies' 35c Belts for 9c. Ladies' 25c Vests for 10c. Ladies' 50c Hose for 25c. Corset Covers Worth 50c for 19c.

The Bee Will Give 100 More Trips to the World's Fair at St. Louis. The 'elections' which have just closed, by which The Bee will send sixty of its readers to St. Louis at its expense, has met with such great success, has aroused such an interest and enthusiasm, that it has been decided to send one hundred more of its readers. The method of choosing the fortunate ones, as before, will be left to The Bee's readers.

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