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A GREWSOME NARRATIVE

He Declares That He was Selected by the Arch-Fiend to Kill Pictzel, but Backed Out—Knew All About Holmes' Plans and Says Many Were Put to Death in the Castle at Chicago.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 19.—J. C. Allen, alias Caldwell, the convict serving a ten years' sentence here for horse stealing, has made a statement to Warden Moore in regard to H. H. Holmes and his operations. The warden believes the man knows a great deal more than he has told, but he had the statement put in writing, read to Allen and verified in every particular. He first met Holmes under the name of Pratt in Tennessee in the fall of 1892. About three weeks afterward Holmes, Pictzel, Minnie Williams and Allen met in St. Joseph and Minnie's Fort Worth property was deeded to Allen in the name of A. E. Bond. The deal was made with the understanding all around that it was to be a swindling operation. After making trips to Louisville and Denver they went to Fort Worth.

Pictzel's conduct at Fort Worth caused Holmes to send him to Kansas City. While in Kansas City Pictzel wrote several threatening letters to Holmes, in which he said that he would turn up all the rascality unless Holmes sent him money. Pictzel was furnished money three times sent by me at Holmes' request. Holmes visited Pictzel at Kansas City to get him to sign the necessary papers to secure a loan of \$10,000 on the Fort Worth property. While Pictzel was in Kansas City, Holmes and Parquin, who had joined us at Fort Worth a short time before we left that place, had several talks about putting Pictzel out of the way, because Holmes had become afraid of him on account of his drinking too much and knowing too much. (It was known to us all that Pictzel carried a \$10,000 life insurance policy). At our last talk upon this subject, three days before leaving Fort Worth, it was understood that Pictzel was to be killed. I was selected to assist Holmes in doing the job, but in what manner it was to be done was not definitely settled, only that Holmes remarked that he had something that would make the job easy, and a large trunk was purchased in Fort Worth in which to place Pictzel's body after being killed. At this point Holmes parted me on the back and said: "Masot, it is \$10,000 and a trip to Long Branch, and from there to California and more buildings. That night I advised Holmes to quit the business, as he had enough money not to resort to murder. He replied that he had been at the business so long that it had become perfectly natural to him, and he would not quit it.

The plan agreed upon to dispose of Pictzel was that we were to meet him in St. Louis and together go from there to Chicago, where he was to be "fixed." It was between Fort Worth and Denison that Holmes told me that I must have my life insured for \$10,000 in favor of my little niece. Remembering the large trunk bought for Pictzel's body, I determined to part company with Holmes, which I did at Denison, and I have never seen him since, but received as many as three letters from him.

The last time I saw Minnie Williams was at our meeting in St. Joseph. Holmes told her that she must leave the United States for a period of three or four years. India was agreed upon as the country to which she should go. I went to the depot with her, while Holmes bought her ticket and checked her baggage, but where to I did not know. While at Fort Worth I read three letters from Minnie Williams to Holmes. They purported to be from India, the place I have forgotten. If Minnie Williams is dead she has been put out of the way since this excitement was gotten up in regard to Holmes.

The building in Chicago known as the "Castle" was erected especially for a "death trap," and during my association with Holmes I was in it often, and in fact occupied a room there. A stranger to the city during the world's fair was decoyed into the castle and murdered for his money. He did not have as much money as Holmes thought—only \$3,700. A bright little boy was enticed into the castle during the fair and held in a room for five days for a reward for his recovery. No reward being offered they were afraid to turn him out and the gas was turned into his room at night and he was suffocated. I could mention other such cases of crime committed in the "castle" and discussed in my presence, but these are sufficient except one, and that was of Nannie Williams. The cause of her killing, as explained by Holmes, was that one of the girls must be put out of the way and that he could manage Minnie easier than he could Nannie. Minnie Williams was crazy in love with Holmes and she was jealous of her sister, as Holmes was paying her some attention too. He took particular pains to increase her jealousy by work her up to the point of putting Nannie out of the way.

Allen concluded by saying that every word in his statement was true and that he did not make it to secure a pardon; that he knew Governor Clarke too well to believe that he would issue a pardon unless the evidence would break Holmes' neck.

Tried to Follow His Family. CHICAGO. —Dudley B. Notson, 41 years old, attempted suicide yesterday at 274 West Randolph street by inhaling gas. He was found unconscious, but was resuscitated at the county hospital. His wife killed herself and two children about a year ago at Omaha by jumping into the Missouri river.

Harvest and Home Seekers' Excursion.

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MAY AROUSE FANATICISM. Missionaries in Mexico Attack the Belief in the Guadalupe Miracles.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 19.—There is some fear lest the recent circular of Protestant missionaries attacking the popular belief in the Virgin of Guadalupe may arouse the inherent fanaticism of the Indians, who will flock into the city in great numbers in October during the coronation festivities, the number estimated being from 75,000 to 100,000. Some Americans regret the action taken by the missionaries, who, however, defend their position as being already fully supported by eminent Catholic prelates of former centuries who protested against the adoration of the Virgin of Guadalupe, denouncing it as a gross imposture.

Tammany Makes a Call. New York, Sept. 19.—The executive committee of Tammany hall held a meeting last night at which resolutions were adopted inviting all Democratic organizations which supported the state ticket last November to vote at the Tammany primaries on the 24th of this month. Another meeting was held by the state Democratic leaders, who decided to take part in the Democratic primaries, but also resolved, on motion of Charles Fairchild, to continue their opposition to the state machine.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Notice to Teachers. Notice is hereby given that I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the public schools of this county, at Red Cloud on the third Saturday of each month. Special examinations will be held on the Friday preceding the 3d Saturday of each month. The standing desired for 2d and 3d grade certificates is the same—no grade below 70 per cent., average 80 per cent; for first grade certificate—no grade below 80 per cent., average 90 per cent. in all branches required by law. D. M. HUNTER, County Supt.

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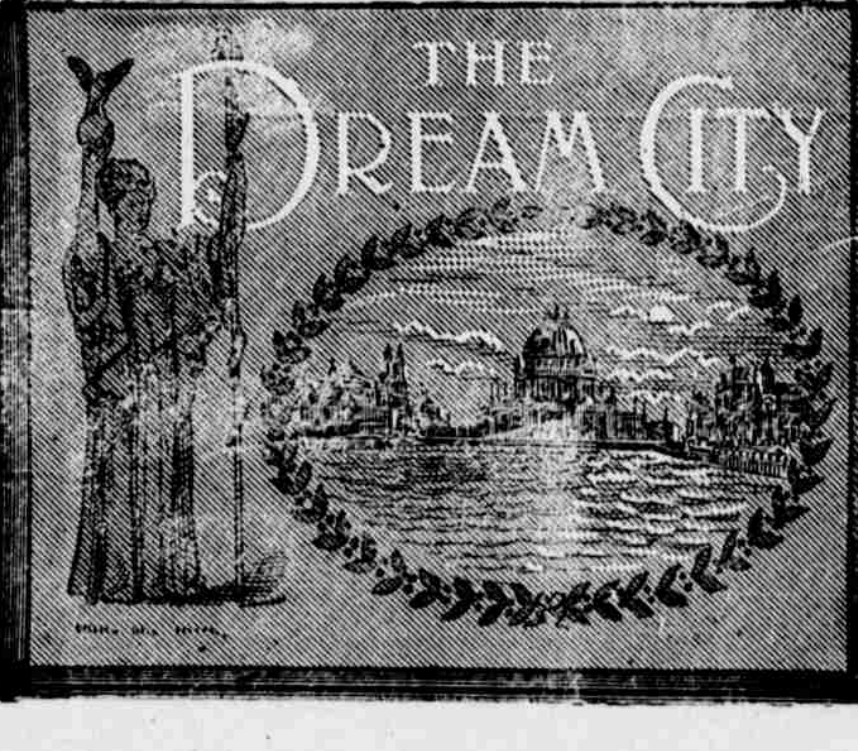
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CONGREGATIONAL Church—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. and Y. P. S. C. E. Juniors at 4 p. m.

METHODIST Church—Class Meeting at 10 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night. Parsonage first door north of the church.

BAPTIST Church—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Young People's Meeting at 8 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.—C. R. Weiden, pastor.

EPISCOPAL Church—Services every two weeks, by appointment.

LUTHERAN Church—Every third Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

CATHOLIC Church—Services every alternate Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school after morning services.—L. J. Harrington.

CHAPEL—Sunday school at 3 p. m. every Sunday.

SOCIETIES.

A O U W—Each alternate Tuesday evening.

D O F H—Red Cloud Lodge No. 100 meets every alternate Tuesday evening in A O U W hall. All are invited to attend.

BEN Adhem Lodge No 188; I O O F every Monday night.

CALANTHE Lodge No 29, Knights of Pythias Thursday evening.

RFD Cloud Lodge No 608, Modern Woodmen of America, alternate Wednesday evening.

VALLEY Lodge No 5, Fraternal Order of Elks, first and third Monday of each month.

CHARITY Lodge No 53 A F and A M each Friday evening on or before the full moon.

RED CLOUD Chapter No 19, R. A. M. alternate Thursday evening.

CYRENE Commandery No 14 alternate Thursday evening.

CHARITY Chapter Eastern Star No 47 meets first Friday evening after full moon.—Mrs. Brewer W. M.

GARFIELD Post No 80 G. A. R. Monday evening on or before the full moon.

GARFIELD W. R. C. No 14 meets alternate Saturday afternoon.

MARY SEERS McHENRY Tent No 11 Daughters of Veterans Monday evening.

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It is entitled "A New Empire" and contains 32 pages of information about Sheridan County and the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming, a veritable Land of Promise, towards which the eyes of thousands are now hopefully turned.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The State Democracy leaders had received notice that overtures might be made by Tammany hall and they held a meeting last night. An envoy was sent to them from Tammany with a copy of resolutions of harmony. When these had been read, Chairman Charles S. Fairchild, who presided, said that, although the resolutions were addressed to the State Democracy, they did not apply to that organization in any way, as no resolution pledging support to the candidates nominated by the Democratic state convention was adopted by the state Democracy county convention of 1894, nor did the county committee adopt such a resolution. The meeting instructed the secretary to acknowledge the receipt of the Tammany resolutions.

The question of the evening was as to the advisability of sending delegates to the state Democratic convention. It was decided to send a contesting delegation, the vote being 84 to 8 for that motion.

In the Tammany meeting the element known as the Young Democracy received a rebuff. Henry D. Parroy, its leader, offered five resolutions for the unification of local Democrats and the recognition of the younger element, and all of them were defeated. Then he left the wigwag, followed by twenty-two adherents. This is the first split in Tammany's councils since the recent reorganization.

An Illinois Leader Dies in Kansas. BLUE RAPIDS, Kan., Sept. 19.—James G. Strong, ex-state senator of Illinois, died this morning, aged 59. He located in Dwight, Ill., in 1859, and was director, secretary and treasurer of the Plymouth, Kankakee and Pacific railroad, and identified with the Kankakee River Improvement company. In 1870 he introduced the first bill for the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners in Illinois.

Girl Bicycle Rider Killed. CHICOPEE, Mass., Sept. 19.—Miss Carrie E. Stoddard of this city was struck by a horse while riding her bicycle last evening and fatally injured, dying a half hour later. The shaft of the sulky struck her in the side, forcing a corset steel into her heart.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES. Express companies are fighting the occupation tax at New London, Mo. Re-enforcements to the number of 1,300 arrived at Havana from Spain. Half twelve inches in circumference fell at New London, Ralls county, Mo. Louis Brennan was thrown from a train at Carrollton, Mo., and fatally hurt.

Utah women cannot vote till the territory becomes a state, say the courts. Ben Riser, jr., and his wife are in jail at Bloomington, Ill., for having stolen two horses.

The revenue statement shows that \$117,000 more revenue was received in July than in August.

Mrs. Alice Fleming of New York is under arrest on suspicion of having murdered her mother.

A bank has been organized at Neodesha, Kan., with \$25,000 capital and leading men as directors.

Dr. A. M. Hutchinson of Hutchinson, Kan., has been appointed head physician at the state reformatory.

It is announced that Sattoli, after being made cardinal, will remain in the United States as pro delegato apostolic.

Canadian cruisers are seizing all Newfoundland fishing schooners found in Canadian waters. A conflict is feared.

The Turks distributing scant relief to Armenians that they had plundered demanded a letter of thanks from each recipient.

Mabel Stanley, an American, confessed to stealing jewelry in London and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment.

The San Francisco board of health has appealed to the national authorities to take precautions against cholera in Japan and Hawaii.

Washouts north of Saltillo, Mexico, have caused the suspension of through traffic. It may be some days before the damage will be repaired.

The interior department has decided that the accretion lands at the mouth of the Illinois river belong to the state of Illinois, and not Uncle Sam.

Mary Jane Silberman and her husband were arrested at Pine Bluff, Mo., because they got married before Mrs. Silberman disposed of her former husband.

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