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FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

LAMPHERE TOLD ALL

CRIMES OF MRS. GUNNESS CARED BEFORE HIS DEATH.

Convicted Slayer of Woman and Three Children Declares They Met Death by Accident, Although He Had Chloroformed Them.

In a copyrighted story Thursday the St. Louis Post-Dispatch publishes what is claimed to be the confession of Ray Lamphere, who died a few days ago in the Indiana penitentiary at Michigan City, while serving a sentence for setting fire to the home of Mrs. Belle Guinness, near Laporte, Ind. It is known that the Rev. Dr. E. A. Schell, formerly of Laporte, heard Lamphere's confession.

The confession shows that Mrs. Guinness and three children were chloroformed by Lamphere, who was robbing the house with a woman accomplice; that Jennie Olson was not killed by Mrs. Guinness; that the chloroform used by Lamphere was part of that bought for Mrs. Guinness to kill three men, one of whom was Andrew Helgelien, the others probably Ole Budsgard and Tomnes Peterson Lien, and that one of these men, probably Lien, was the third husband of Mrs. Guinness.

STRANGLER BY BURGLARS.

A young woman known as Sarah Bryner, a nurse in the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Compton, was strangled to death by burglars Thursday in her bed in the Compton mansion at Millbrook, N. Y.

The house was robbed of a quantity of silverware. The burglary and murder took place while Mr. and Mrs. Compton were in New York City and the house was in the care of servants. It was learned Thursday that the murdered woman was the wife of Clarence Morse, of Togus, Mo.

The nurse and a small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Compton occupied a sleeping piazza on the upper floor. Other servants in another part of the house were awakened by the burglars, but were unable to offer any resistance.

After the burglars had departed, servants found the body of the nurse in her bed with marks on her throat, indicating that she had been strangled. The little Compton girl had not been awakened by the struggle.

Banker to Prison.

One to five years in state prison was the sentence given Robert D. Muir, of New Haven, Conn., late treasurer of the Peoples Bank and Trust company, on his plea of guilty Thursday of having converted to his own use \$100,000 worth of the bank's securities.

Holdup Man Killed.

Bernard Szelowski, an alleged holdup man, was shot and killed by Police Officer Frank Madden in Chicago Thursday. Szelowski and four companions are said to have attempted to hold up a pedestrian and when Madden appeared they attempted to escape.

Seek to Avert Scandal.

The royal family, with the exception of Princess Louise, daughter of the late King Leopold, have arranged to do everything possible to avert lawsuits and scandal in connection with the distribution of Leopold's fortune.

Favors Pinchot's Policy.

Prof. Henry S. Graves, of Yale, newly appointed national forester, Thursday expressed himself in favor of the policy pursued by Mr. Pinchot as chief of the forestry service. So far as he knew there would be no reorganization of the service.

Fire at an early hour Friday morning almost destroyed the six-story building occupied by the Chicago Row Hide company. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux city live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$5.50. Top hogs, \$5.45.

Tramps Burn to Death.

Five unidentified tramps were burned to death in a wreck on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, ten miles east of Wister, Okla., Thursday night.

Holland for Permanent Court.

A dispatch to the London Daily Telegraph from The Hague says that Holland will strongly support the American proposal for a permanently sitting court of arbitration.

SHIP A TOTAL WRECK.

Thirty-One Lives Said to Be Lost on the Czarina.

The Southern Pacific Railway company's steamer Czarina, which left Marshfield, Ore., Wednesday for San Francisco, lies a total wreck on the north spit of the Coos bay bar, and 31 lives are believed to have been lost. Only one member of the crew, J. C. H. Kentzell, first assistant engineer, reached shore alive. The steamer left port in a gale. Tremendous seas were breaking over the bar as the Czarina attempted to pass into the ocean. Those on the shore who had gathered to watch the departure of the boat were suddenly startled to see the Czarina sweeping toward the north spit. Her engines apparently had been disabled. The heavy seas seemed almost to envelop the steamer, and she drifted rapidly on the spit at a point about two miles above the jetty.

G. J. Mills, manager of the steamship company, whose son was on board the vessel, was compelled to stand idly by and see man after man washed overboard. So rough was the sea that all efforts of the life saving crew to launch a boat were in vain. Attempts to shoot a life line across the vessel also failed. The distance was too great.

As darkness fell only a few of the crew were still seen to be clinging to the wreck.

The Czarina carried a crew of nine officers and twenty-one men.

POISON FOUND IN STOMACH.

Case Has Suspicious Aspects Which Have Not Been Cleared Up.

The stomach of W. H. Niederheilmann, of Helman, of Terre Haute, Ind., contained 53 grains of potassium cyanide, according to a chemist's report submitted to the coroner's jury. As Helman must have died ten minutes after he swallowed this poison the coroner will immediately recommend that the charge of murder against Effie Sellsberry and Henry Corcoran, held by the police of New Orleans, be dismissed.

Helman, who was found dead in his room at a hotel at Terre Haute, Ind., left a note saying Effie Sellsberry had poisoned him.

The prosecutor, despite the coroner's decision, refused to recall his deputy, who had left for New Orleans with warrants for the Sellsberry woman and Corcoran. He said that the case has several suspicious aspects which he desired to clear up.

WORSE THAN THE GALLOWS.

Judge Wants Man to Be Hanged by Walls of Baby He Killed.

Judge G. A. Crow, of the circuit court of St. Clair county, Ill., Wednesday sentenced James Pullman, murderer of his 13-month-old child, to live rather than die, so that he might suffer a lifetime haunted by the walls of the dying infant.

"I will not sentence Pullman to the gallows," said the judge, "but to the penitentiary for life. It will be punishment more terrible than death for him to hear daily the cries of his murdered child. His crime was the most atrocious I have ever heard of. He strangled the life out of the child with his heel."

Pullman had pleaded guilty. He killed the child after he and his mother had failed to find a home for her.

DEAL ON BY LAWSON.

Boston Man Plans to Take Over Burley Tobacco Company.

That a \$50,000,000 tobacco manufacturing concern, to take over the entire holdings of the Burley Tobacco society, is to be formed by Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, and his associates, was announced by W. W. Davies, of Louisville, Lawson's attorney, after the departure of the latter from that city Wednesday, at the end of a series of conferences with executive officers of the Burley society.

Mr. Davies said a deal for the Lawson corporation to take over the Burley crop, amounting to 118,000,000 pounds, had been virtually agreed upon.

Earthquakes in Utah.

Numerous earth shocks have occurred at Richfield, Utah, Monday and Tuesday. Monday window panes were broken and schools were dismissed to insure the safety of the pupils. The last disturbance occurred Tuesday morning. Slight quakes are very common there, but those of this week were so violent as to cause general alarm. They were confined to a small area, however.

Unknown Airship Cited.

An unknown airship passed over Chattanooga, Tenn., at a great altitude, Thursday. The chugging of the engine could be heard. A dispatch from Huntsville, Ala., said the airship passed over that city. The machine came out of the northwest.

Topoka is Chosen.

A committee appointed by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, in session at Des Moines, Ia., Thursday selected Topoka, Kan., for the national convention of the Young People's union of that church. The dates were set for August 3 to 7.

Death Claims Gen. Rhodes.

Gen. Rufus N. Rhodes, president and editor of the Birmingham, Ala., News, and a director of the Associated Press, died Wednesday at his home in Birmingham, Ala., of Bright's disease and arterial trouble.

Three persons, two of them children, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed several of the smaller buildings on the Jamestown exposition grounds Wednesday.

FITZGERALD CHOSEN MAYOR.

Boston Voters Name Him Under the "Plan."

Boston Tuesday, in the first party-less election held under a new charter, chose former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald to again fill the mayor's chair, this time for a four-year term, giving him 48,968 votes and a plurality of 1,223 over his nearest opponent, James J. Storrow, banker, former president of the chamber of commerce and former chairman of the board of education.

The most remarkable feature of the election to many was the small vote of 1,782 given to the present mayor, George A. Hibbard, who received 28,000 votes two years ago, being elected on a "reform" ticket over Fitzgerald.

Mr. Fitzgerald was elected in spite of the fact that not one of the daily newspapers of the city advocated his election. He based his campaign on a plea for vindication, his previous term having been conspicuous for the exposure by the finance committee of graft among a number of his subordinates in the city hall. Like Mr. Storrow, he is a democrat in national politics and has been a democrat also heretofore in local politics.

Under the provisions of the new charter the ballots bore no party designations, but only the candidates names and street addresses.

Mr. Storrow, who resigned the presidency of the chamber of commerce to enter the campaign, made a determined fight to gain the chief executive ship of the city, promising the citizen a progressive business administration.

The campaign was probably the costliest ever waged in Boston. Page after page in the newspapers was bought for signed advertisements lauding the various candidates, and the city was plastered with posters. Scores of halls were hired for rallies and expensive headquarters were maintained by the leading candidates in each of the 25 wards.

Celebrations by Fitzgerald adherents were held Tuesday night in many sections of the city, and the headquarters of the "little general" on School street, next door to the city hall, was a center of rejoicing, which extended to thousands of enthusiastic supporters in the street until a late hour.

The city went for license by a majority of 27,122. Last year the majority for license was 11,958.

GIRL STRIKERS HELD.

When Officers Come to Aid of Non-union Girls They Are Bombed.

Fourteen girls, striking shirt waist makers of Philadelphia, were held in jail Tuesday on charges arising out of disturbances Monday night in the neighborhood of factories which are being operated with non-union workers. Several were charged with inciting to riot.

When policemen came to the aid of the non-union girls they were bombarded with snow balls and other missiles by the strikers. Details of policemen were sent to all of the factories Tuesday and any of the girls at work who ask for protection will be escorted home tonight.

Miss Fannie Travis Cochran, a society girl, who was acting as a strike picket Monday, was arrested. She was detained at a station house for a short time and then released.

SOLDIER TO BE HANGED.

Charles O'Neill Found Guilty of Murder of Minnie Scharbora.

Charles O'Neill, a private in the Fourteenth United States infantry, on trial for the murder of Minnie Scharbora at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., July 26 last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the federal court in Kansas City, Kan., Tuesday, and his punishment fixed by Judge Pollock at death by hanging.

The crime was committed on the government reservation and therefore the Kansas constitution of not inflicting capital punishment does not apply.

The murder grew out of the jealousy of O'Neill in his love for Miss Scharbora, a servant in the household of Capt. Charles Murphy.

Once Greeley's Office Boy.

R. D. Kelly, editor of the Uchling Times, died in Fremont, aged 79 years. For nearly forty years he had been actively in the newspaper business, most of the time in Nebraska. He began his newspaper career in New York City, and was at one time Horace Greeley's office boy.

Laborer Fatally Burned.

Krhaim Skukuele, a Greek laborer employed as member of a construction gang, was probably fatally burned at Seward. He lit the fire in the stove in the bank car with kerosene. The can exploded, scattering burning oil over his clothing and the car.

Fight for Postmaster.

There are two aspirants in Blair for the postmastership, W. J. Cook, the present postmaster, and J. P. White, present county treasurer. Cook has served twelve years as postmaster.

New Press Association.

Editors of six of the seven papers published in the county met in Seward and formed the Seward County Press association.

May Drop Corn Show.

Omaha may not have another National Corn exposition. The last exposition did not pay out because of unfavorable weather conditions which greatly impaired the gate receipts and at the same time added to the cost of operating the exposition. If the attendance in 1909 had equaled that of 1908 the exposition would have been a financial success, but the cold and stormy weather cut the receipts to one-fourth less than the year before.

Provide Millions for Army.

Carrying an appropriation of \$96,200,000 for the maintenance of the army for the fiscal year of 1911, the army appropriation bill passed the house Tuesday by a vote of 183 to 106.

Pension Mrs. Cleveland.

A pension of \$5,000 a year is due Mrs. Grover Cleveland, according to precedent, and Secretary Root Tuesday presented the senate a bill making the grant.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

CHADRON GETS THE NORMAL.

State Board Decides to Give it to Dawes County.

Chadron gets the new normal school. The normal board in executive session at Lincoln Saturday afternoon selected the Dawes county town on the fifteenth ballot.

On different ballots each kept received three votes, which was the highest number that town received. The votes were all cast under the Australian ballot system and each town competing for the school on various ballots received some votes. On the fourteenth ballot Chadron received five votes and then the location was made unanimous.

Chadron agreed to donate to the state eighty acres of land adjoining the town, and which runs back into the buttes, and according to Treasurer Brian is an ideal location for the school. In the center of the tract is the Chadron academy, an institution conducted by the Congregational church. This building will be donated to the state, though the board said this was no inducement to the selection of Chadron for the school. Chadron is on the Northwestern railroad, and is in the extreme northwestern county of the state. The state appropriated \$32,000 for the school.

WOMAN NOT ELIGIBLE?

Test Case in Nebraska Will Be Carried to Supreme Court.

F. E. Quibble, county treasurer of Cherry county, has refused to turn over the office to Miss Gertrude Jordan, who was elected to be treasurer in last fall's election, on the ground that a woman is not eligible to hold a county office, and the case will be carried to the supreme court at once, this being the first test as to whether a woman is eligible to hold a county office under the constitution of the state of Nebraska.

The supreme court Saturday gave leave to docket the case of Jordan against Quibble from Cherry county to settle whether a woman elected treasurer of Cherry county may hold the office. The answer day is set for January 21.

WARNER IS REAPPOINTED.

Dakota City Man to Hold Federal Marshalship.

Dispatches from Washington state that Senators Burkett and Brown have recommended F. S. Howell, of Omaha, to succeed District Attorney Goss.

United States Marshal W. P. Warner, of Dakota City, has been recommended for reappointment.

Boy Struck in Sled.

Samuel Behrens, aged 13, was mysteriously attacked in a bobbed Wednesday night and left bleeding and unconscious in the outskirts of Hastings. He was on his way home from the Young Men's Christian association when a bobbed party hailed him at a street crossing and asked him if he wanted a ride. The unsuspecting boy climbed into the vehicle and a moment later he was violently struck. He cannot give a description of the occupants of the bobbed.

Additions to Packing Plant.

The Cudahy packing plant in South Omaha is to be increased and improved by the erection of four new buildings, two of which are to be started at once. Construction will soon begin on a five-story office building and a new hog abattoir of four stories. The buildings will be built of latest feature evolved by architectural and engineering science.

James Ferrier Robbed.

James F. Ferrier, who came to Ashland from Louisville several months ago and embarked in the livery business, later selling out and engaging in the restaurant business, was the victim of a burglar Tuesday night. When he awoke in the morning he found that a pillow, in which he had placed \$120 in bills, was ripped open and the contents strewn about the floor, but the money was gone.

First White Woman Settler.

Mrs. Mathilda Bartelt, the first white woman to settle in Harlan county, Nebraska, in 1870, and for twenty years before that a resident of Fort Madison, Wis., died at the home of her son, Herman Bartelt, near Mount Hope, Spokane county, Wash., 77 years of age.

Installation of Telephones.

The railway commission has issued an order against the Missouri Pacific railroad company to install a telephone company in its offices at Morray and Schuyler, before January 21 or by January 29 show cause why this has not been done.

Court Makes Money.

County Judge Leslie has turned over to the Douglas county treasurer the sum of \$5,100 as the last proceeds of the office of the county judge. This office has cleared \$8,000 in the two-year term above all expenses, including salaries for the two years, amounting to \$19,519.92.

Illness Leads to Suicide.

Despondent over continued illness and the fact that his wife has had to work to support him and their little boy, Sanford C. Hoult, 28 years old, killed himself at his home in Omaha by shooting.

Walks Barefoot in Snow.

A walk through the snow with both shoes off, and one foot even bare, was the act of a drunken man at Grand Island. It is feared that he will lose one foot. The other foot, covered by the sock, did not fare as badly.

Fremont Citizens Shiver.

The government thermometer dropped to 19 below at Fremont Thursday morning, which is the lowest point reached in five years.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Dakota City, Neb., Jan. 10, 1910. The board met to conclude their settlement with the county treasurer. Present, John Sierk, chairman; Nelson Feauto, Ed Morgan, and W. L. Ross, county clerk.

The settlement shows that on July 1, 1909, there was a balance on hand of \$34,971.95. The total collections since July 1, 1909, are \$55,931.78. The credits as shown by vouchers are \$47,819.73, leaving a balance on hand January 2, 1910, of \$43,084.01.

Board adjourned.

STATE VS. HARRY JOYCE.

Alleged Hadar Bank Robber Will Be Tried in February.

The first term of court for the Ninth judicial district for the new year will be held at Pierce on the 7th of February. Several important cases will be tried at this term, the most important being that of the state vs. Harry Joyce, who is now in the county jail charged with burglarizing the Farmers' State bank at Hadar last January. Joyce is supposed to be an accomplice of James Morrison, who was convicted of this crime in the November term of court and sentenced by Judge Welch to the penitentiary at Lincoln for a term of thirty years at hard labor. The evidence in the Morrison trial was entirely circumstantial, but the state wove so strong a chain about the accused that no one had any doubt of his guilt.

Another case of importance that will come up at this term of court will be that in which the Nye, Schneider, Fowler company, a corporation engaged in the grain business at Hadar, is accused of discriminating in prices and violating the anti-trust law of the state.

NINETEEN STUDENTS SUSPENDED.

Committee Takes Measures to Enforce Stodious Habits.

Nineteen students—sixteen boys and three girls—have been suspended from the University of Nebraska because of delinquency.

These nineteen students, with a few others, were placed on the probation list before the Christmas holidays when they began slipping behind in their studies, but since their period of trial began they have failed to improve their work, and accordingly they were dropped from the university rolls last week.

This action in dropping the delinquents was taken by the committee of the senate, having supervision over the futures and conditions, and it will prevent the suspended students from again registering in the university until after the close of the present semester.

CANNOT DELIVER BEER.

Nebraska Supreme Court Upholds Lincoln's Excise Board.

The supreme court of Nebraska has filed an opinion upholding the rule of the excise board of Lincoln against the delivery of liquor in Lincoln by common carriers, except at their stated places of business.

A suburban stryman delivered a case of beer in Lincoln, which is "dry." He was arrested, the city claiming that he could not deliver the beer except at the regular business place of his firm. This decision confines express and freight shipments to the consignee must call in person for his goods.

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John H. Ream, publishing commissioner proceedings, etc. 120.00

George Wilkins, salary and transcript 56.00
Klopp & Hartlett Co., supplies 57.29
Nebraska institute feeble minded, care of Joyce and Bayers 152.17
William Blarman, salary 40.00
J. P. Rockwell, salary 91.66
John Sierk, salary 62.50
W. L. Ross, salary, freight, etc. 129.36
Sophia Blarman, boarding 60.00
Dakota City Pharmacy, mdse. 6.25
H. C. Lindsay, fee in case of Ochander 10.00

The following claims were allowed on the county road fund:
A. H. Andersen, road work 532.75
Charley Andersen, work 11.25
Fred Andersen, work 9.75
Mike Logue, work 3.00
Chris Christensen, work 3.00
John Mahon, work 3.00
George Mongar, work 7.50
Michael Hynes, work 6.00
James Casey, work 3.00
John P. Walsh, work 4.50
Dennis Hoennan, work 1.50
John Heenan, work 1.50
John Rush, work 6.00
Harney McCormally, work 9.00
John Trampler, work 6.00
Chris Jensen, work 3.00
Emil Hinz, work 3.00
Peder Nichols, work 6.00
Ed Fricken, work 7.00
Geo. O. Warner, work 32.00

The following claims were allowed on the road district fund:
Luther Heikes, road work district No. 19 5.00
P. J. Gill, road work district No. 7 8.00
J. C. Underhill, road work district No. 8 2.00
M. J. Beacom, road work district No. 18 4.00
R. O. Hileman, road work district No. 19 35.00
Chris Fey, road work district No. 17 3.50
Chris Miller, road work district No. 17 3.00
Price Bros., repairing road grader, district No. 18 2.00
Roy Armour, road work district No. 9 4.50
Ream & Green, repairing grader district No. 9 9.16
E. H. Loomis, road work district No. 6 35.00
Frank Loomis, road work district No. 6 17.50
William Rockwell, road work district No. 6 3.50
Ed Goetsch, road work district No. 1 3.50
Phillip Van Cleve, road work district No. 1 8.75
Ed Fricken, road work district No. 9 8.75
Board adjourned to meet January 29, 1910.

W. L. ROSS, County Clerk.

TRAVEL IN RHODESIA.

Extremely slow and special types of wagons are required.

The method of transportation is extremely slow, as the oxen do not average much more than two miles an hour. With a wagon and a good span of oxen one can go anywhere, whether there is a road or not.

The hills are pretty steep and the wagons are fitted with a brake which is worked from the rear of the wagon. In going down the steeper hills this brake is screwed up tight, so that the wheels do not revolve at all. The wagon then slides down the hill, with many bumps.

As the wagons are not made with any springs, it is not exactly a comfortable sort of traveling, but there is nothing that a good healthy boy enjoys more than a trip by ox wagon. As the heat in the middle of the day is often intense, it is the custom on long journeys to "outspan"; that is to say, to unhitch the oxen by the side of the road during the middle of the day and to resume the journey at night, especially when the moon is shining.

The typical Boer wagon is covered at the rear with a canvas tent, and here the family ride and sleep by night, a writer in the Springfield (Mass.) Republican says. There is usually a spring bed in the wagon, made of leather thongs stretched over a wooden frame. Traveling by ox wagon is called by the Boers trekking, and hence that term came to mean in South Africa any kind of travel.

The first settlers in the country came from the Transvaal by wagon, and they settled at Salisbury. There are a few road bridges, and the streams all have to be forded. As the banks are generally pretty steep, it is not an uncommon sight to see a wagon stalled in attempting to climb out of the river bed.

In a case like that another span of oxen is attached, and sometimes it is even necessary to use three complete spans to get the wagon