

MRS. CLAYTON HAS NEW STORY NOW

SAYS ROY ROBERTS SHOT AND KILLED CONNETT WITH A .38 REVOLVER.

The two men were sparring and Roberts became angry and pulling a gun shot Connett in the side, killing him instantly.

"Roy shot Connett with a .38-calibre revolver, killing him instantly," is the testimony given Tuesday in the office of County Attorney Gibbs by Mrs. Charles Clayton when testifying against her son, Roy Roberts.

Mrs. Clayton was called to make affidavit of the facts of the killing of Vernon Connett on Sunday afternoon, August 2d, and told an entirely different story than that told by her husband last Friday and which at that time she corroborated by signing her name. She stated that the former testimony of her husband and herself was untrue, and that they had told it because they were frightened. Tuesday Mrs. Clayton came through with a clean story and her testimony was corroborated by that of her husband Charles Clayton which was taken later. Both volunteered the testimony and were given no show to communicate with one another between times, so that they could each tell their own story.

Mrs. Clayton relates the tragedy as follows:

"Roy came to the Sund place with Connett and they were staying together. Mrs. Connett was sent home Saturday and they returned to the ranch and on Sunday afternoon they were engaged in a sparring match near the wagon. Suddenly Roy got mad and pulled his gun and shot Connett in the left side. I heard the shot and looked out just in time to see Connett fall to the ground. He never said another word that I could hear.

"Charlie (Clayton) then went out and Roy told him to get something to wrap Connett in and help him carry the body away. 'If you don't you'll get the same thing, you and your wife both. I've got two shells left and I'll kill you both and cut Nellie's throat,' he said. Charlie got a beef sack and they wrapped him in it and carried him over in the weeds."

The rest of the testimony about the disposition of the body is very much the same as formerly. Mrs. Clayton said they did not see Roy again until he came back from Lincoln. He then told Clayton what he had done with the body and he showed them a new automatic pistol and told them that if they ever said a word he would "fix" them and the little girl too. He also cautioned the little girl about saying anything.

Mrs. Clayton testified that the gun was "the kind that breaks over." Roy had brought it to the house in his suit case and had left it in her room. She was afraid to examine it, but he told her it was a .38. Sunday morning he went to the room and got the gun and put it in his pocket.

She emphatically denied that she and Clayton had anything to do with the murder. She stated that Clayton had remonstrated with Roy and had warned him to be careful. "You have been in the penitentiary once, and if you're not careful you'll be there again," she heard her husband tell him.

Connett went to Attorney Gibbs' office and testified to about the same story, differing only in a few details. He stated that he had tried to argue with Roy but that it did no good. He said that both he and Mrs. Clayton and the little girl all saw the tragedy.

Miss Maymie McMullen returned this week from Polney where she spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stamp and little daughter leave today for Council Bluffs where they will spend Christmas visiting relatives.

Steele Holcomb came to this city Tuesday from Lincoln where he is attending the state university. He left Wednesday morning for his home in the Maxwell vicinity.

W. D. Spurrier and wife, of Hamilton, Mont., arrived in the city Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. Spurrier's father, N. B. Spurrier and family residing west of the city.

Roy Roberts Pleads Not Guilty to Murder.

Roy Roberts was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Judge Grant on the charge of murder with malicious intent of Vernon Connett on August 2d last, and entered a plea of not guilty. He asked for a few days to get ready for preliminary hearing.

Word that the preliminary hearing would be held got about and the county court room was packed to hear the evidence. Only one witness Charles Clayton was called and before any testimony was taken Roberts made known his desire to have the preliminary postponed for a few days. He stated that he wished to get his brother, Otto Roberts formerly of this city, whom he thought was now at Wood River, and that he wanted an attorney from Lexington. The court granted him a time and set the hearing for Monday, December 28th, at nine o'clock.

Roberts entered the court room shackled to Sheriff Salisbury. He showed his usual iron nerve and spoke in a calm voice. He, however, did not raise his head when he spoke and took only furtive glances about the room. He is a young man barely of age and seems either not to realize the enormity of the crime with which he is charged or to have no misgivings as to the outcome. The crowd of morbidly curious was much disappointed when the court announced that hearing would not be held today.

Methodist Choir to Give Concert.
An elaborate program is announced for Sunday evening at the Methodist church in the nature of a sacred Christmas concert. The choir under the leadership of Miss Esther Antonides has been preparing some beautiful music and they will present it to the public Sunday evening.

The program will consist of ten numbers of music. There will be solos, duets and anthems. It is a program that will appeal to all lovers of music and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Sunday morning service will be in charge of Rev. O. O. Wood. Rev. and Mrs. Cram are visiting in the eastern part of the state and will not be back until next week. Mr. Wood is well known in this city and his ability as a missionary and as a speaker will undoubtedly draw a crowd to the morning services.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We wish you all a merry Christmas, and thank you for the generous patronage during the year just closing and assure you that it will continue to be our aim to please you in the future. Our business has greatly increased during the past year, and we feel that this is due to the confidence you have in us in our efforts to give you a square deal.

THE BLOCK STORE.

Anxious to Work, But—
In doing the good samaritan act last evening C. C. Hupfer, proprietor of the Vienna Cafe was poorly paid for his trouble. A young man stepped into the cafe and asked if he might work to earn something to eat. Mr. Hupfer put him to work around the dining room and all at once missed him. He also missed several sets of silverware.

The officers were at once notified and started on search for the young scoundrel. They traced him to the Cover restaurant on east Front street where they found that he had sold the silverware, but they could find no trace of the man.

The silverware was recovered and the officers are now searching for the man.

Two Weddings Yesterday

Two wedding were solemnized yesterday afternoon at the court house in which Judge Grant officiated. They were Fred E. Hornish, 2644 North Platte, and Miss Antonia Bickel, 25, of Huston, and Gus Widstrand, 24, and Miss Florence Sherman, 24, both of the Hershey vicinity. The first named couple will make their home here where the groom is engaged as a mason. Mr. and Mrs. Widstrand will make their home in the Hershey vicinity on the groom's farm.

Knights Templar Attention.

Christmas observance will be held at Masonic Temple eleven a. m. Christmas day. All members and visiting Sir Knights are urged to be present.

J. F. CHABAUGH, Recorder.

Frank Boyer, formerly of this city, but now employed on the Hershey Times, arrived in the city yesterday to visit friends and relatives over Christmas.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Earl Brownfield, the banker from Hershey, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Will Hunter, residing south of the city, was reported on the sick list yesterday morning.

For Rent—Five room house at 715 west Second St. Modern except heat. Inquire of J. C. Hollman. 97-4f

Mrs. Mary Nier leaves today for Council Bluffs where she will visit relatives over the holidays.

Miss Ruth Patterson, of Omaha, is spending this week with relatives in town, having arrived Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Tarkington and two children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Tarkington parents in Sidney.

L. L. Woodward, the sign painter from Ogalalla, was in the city yesterday on business.

M. H. Rehhausen and Henry Rehhausen will spend Sunday in Kearney as the guest of their sister Mrs. Wernert.

Miss Pearl Frank, stenographer in the Hoagland & Hoagland law office, left Tuesday evening for her home in Kansas for a ten-days vacation.

For Rent—2 bedrooms for sleeping. \$1.25 per week each. Monroe, 320 east Fifth. 96-2*

Jess Vernon is spending the holidays visiting his parents in Julesburg, Col. Jess is a student in the high school.

W. L. Selby, of Omaha, an extensive land owner in Lincoln county, arrived in the city yesterday to visit for a short time.

Mrs. Frank Ottman returned this week to her home in Cheyenne after visiting in the city for a few days with friends.

Attorney James T. Keefe left Tuesday evening for Sioux City to spend Christmas and New Year's Day with his parents. He will return after the first of the year.

A Merry Christmas to each one; may you wake tomorrow with a smile; may your dinner be fine, your digestion good and may the day be the happiest of your life is the sincere wish from THE TRIBUNE

Mrs. B. L. McMullen and Miss Katherine Foster, of Omaha will spend Christmas visiting in the city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foster. They arrived today.

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