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## MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Such is Charge on Which Edward Slattery is Being Tried.

## SPECTATORS CROWD COURT-ROOM

Many Witnesses Are Examined and Much Interest is Manifest in the Case.

There is a scene of activity in and around the court-house these cold January days and men that have nothing else to do are holding down a seat in the court-room, leaning over the seat just in front and turning an attentive ear toward the official precincts behind the railing.

The second trial of Edward Slattery for killing Henry Shaw last March is in progress and attracts much attention. The case is being tried on a charge of murder in the first degree, as was also the first case in which the jury disagreed. There was a long combat between the attorneys for the defense and prosecution as whether the defendant would be tried for murder or manslaughter. The case finally came to trial on a charge of murder in the first degree.

The following is the jury:

- George Horton of Inglis.
- William Hewet of Dustin.
- L. M. Rhodes of Stuart.
- S. S. Wymore of Stuart.
- W. L. West of Atkinson.
- Fred Wefso of Dustin.
- John Hart of Dustin.
- R. Oppenheimer of Stuart.
- P. H. Crosner of Dustin.
- S. R. Murphy of Dustin.
- L. Thurlow of Stuart.
- Ernest Cracher of Ewing.

A long string of witnesses for both defense and prosecution have been called and the entire week has been spent in taking testimony. At this writing, Wednesday afternoon, the defense is still calling witnesses.

Judge Jackson of Neligh is assisting County Attorney Mullen and R. R. Dickson in the prosecution. M. F. Harrington conducts the defense.

The defendant, a young man of nineteen years, sits between his white-haired father, Michael Slattery, and his attorney betraying no signs of concern at the outcome of the trial and apparently oblivious to the gravity of the crime with which he is charged. His mother, two sisters and two brothers have also been in attendance at the trial and have given in testimony.

A hard fight is being made on both sides and all the details of the tragic and sad affair thoroughly sifted. It is not denied that the shooting was done but the defense are endeavoring to show that Shaw had been a quarrelsome and obnoxious man and had provoked the defendant to the use of his gun.

Frontier readers are already conversant with the history of this case and a rehearsal of the same is therefore not necessary.

## Father Nugent Injured.

Council Bluffs item in Omaha Bee: Rev. J. E. Nugent, pastor of the Church of the Visitation in this city, is lying at his home dangerously ill from a fall he received on the ice. He was making a sick call on a parishioner and fell on the walk as he stepped from the carriage. He is one of the best known priests of Iowa, has been pastor here for many years and is also known all over the country as a lecturer of ability. His lecture work has taken him into nearly every part of the west and he is regarded as the most eloquent man in the church in Iowa.

Father Nugent is an uncle of D. A. Doyle of this city.

## Important Notice.

Office of County Treasurer, O'Neill, Nebraska, December 30, 1903.—To Whom It May Concern: All delinquent personal taxes for 1903 and all prior years must be collected by distress after the 1st day of February, 1904. Under the provisions of the new revenue law, I have no discretion. Distress warrants must issue unless poverty affidavits are filed. Please look over your receipts and see that all your personal taxes for 1903 and all prior years have been paid. If in doubt write the office. Prompt payment will save costs.

27-4 D. J. Cronin, County Treasurer.

The Frontier regrets to learn that A. H. Farnsworth, druggist of Page, has been compelled to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The assignment was made to the sheriff, Tuesday, and it is believed the assets will bring enough to pay all creditors in full, the amount involved being between seven and eight hundred dollars.

Frank Martin has been looking after the water plant for some days owing to the illness of his father, who is now able to be out again.

# Special Sale

**A**FTER my inventory sale, which was quite successful for both myself and customers, I make this announcement. I still have some items left that will be closed out at from 20 to 50 per cent off of the regular price, such as ladies' cloaks and suits, odd skirts, shirt waists, shirt waist patterns, fur coats, overcoats, boys' and men's clothing and odd pants.

Ladies' Wrappers

**50c**

worth \$1.25 to \$2.00

Large stock lined mittens and gloves, pair

**\$1.50**

Shoes—to close from

**1.00 to 2.80**

Remarkable bargains

Men's and boy's caps, my entire line of underwear which must be sold, furs, collarettes, muffs, scarfs, children's sets, night robes in all sizes. I have a large stock of groceries in the basement where you can always find what you want at bottom prices. I have received a large shipment of men's fine shoes, some new and nobby styles; Pingree made means the best shoes, shoes that fit, look well, wear well and give comfort.

## O'Neill P. J. McMANUS Nebr.

## HOLD-UPS ARE HELD UP

Gamblers Undertake to Run the Dewey House but Encounter Snag.

## LANDLORD PULLS A SIXSHOOTER

They Then Beg Him Not to Shoot and Make Departure.—Clerk Gets Blow Which Floors Him.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock on Wednesday night of last week a pair of professional gamblers walked into the Dewey hotel with the ostensible purpose of putting Landlord Lapham and his clerk out of business and taking possession of the hotel. They greatly over estimated their ability for such a job and formed an erroneous opinion of the man with whom they had to deal.

Walt Palmer was alone in the office at the time. Stepping in from the cold night air the men closed the door and turned the spring lock, informing Walt that they had come to take possession and wanted a room. They started to go up stairs to make their own selection for a night's repose when the clerk interposed and received a blow on the jaw that landed him prone upon the floor. Landlord Lapham was in the dining room about ready to repair for bed and hearing an undue commotion in the office he grabbed a sixshooter which lay near at hand and rushed into the office. Walt lay on his back on the floor with his feet pointing to the ceiling and the two gambling gentlemen were making themselves at home. "What's the matter, here?" shouted Ira as he stepped upon the scene.

"We're running this place for awhile," responded one of the chaps. "The h—l you are," said Ira as he flashed a gun at them. "I'll give you to understand that I am running this place."

"For God's sake, don't shoot!" appealed the frightened holdups. Ira didn't shoot, but he undid the door and they got out just as fast as their trembling limbs could convey them, but not, however, until Walt regained his feet and landed straight from the shoulder on the solar plexus of the chap who had floored him.

One of the chaps had been around O'Neill for some time; the other belongs to one of the towns west of us, but neither of them has been seen around here since, and Ira thinks they will not call at the Dewey again. Warrants have been issued for their arrest, which may be served any time within a year.

## Obituary.

Died, at her home in this city on Friday, at 5:30 a. m., January 26, 1904, Charity Hicks, wife of E. P. Hicks. Mrs. Hicks was born at Aterly, Devonshire, England, on January 8, 1846. Moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Weekes, from England to Ontario, Canada, in 1847.

She was united in marriage to Ezekiel P. Hicks on May 1, 1863, at Waterloo, Iowa, from which happy union there were born three children, two of which still survive her—Stephen Hicks of this county and Mrs. Mary DeYarman of Springfield, Mo. Besides her husband and two children there survive her two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Maryann Berry of Springfield, Ohio, Mrs. Muriel Spadding of Ontario, Canada, James Weekes of California and Stephen and John Weekes of North Dakota.

She resided with her husband in this county since 1879; united with the Presbyterian church in 1888, with which denomination she has since affiliated. Mrs. Hicks had been afflicted with a cancer for the past five or six years, from which her death resulted. Every assistance that medical aid could give was rendered her, but to no avail. The life of the deceased can be expressed in one sentence—"a good woman, the noblest work of God." A devoted wife and loving mother. Kindness, sympathy, patience and cheerfulness were the precious jewels in the crown of her superb character. Her long months of intense pain and suffering she bore with fortitude and courage, uncomplainingly.

To the bereaved husband and stricken children goes out the unfeigned sympathy of the people of the community.

Funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church on Friday at 2 p. m.

## For Sale

We have a standard bred Hambletonian Stallion, record of 2:26, for sale or trade for stock. Call at office and see pedigree.

30-tf Cowperthwaite & Son  
Money to loan on improved farms.  
16-tf F. J. Dishner.

## WEATHER GROWS COLD

Mercury Shoots Down to Twenty Degrees Below.

## WINTER RESORT IS FROSTED

Week of Pretty Stiff Weather, the Kind that Makes the Ice and Coal Man Smile.

Nebraska reputation as a winter resort suffered a severe shock the first few days of this week, beginning with Saturday of last. From weather condition that would permit the thrifty husbandman to turn the mellow ground with a plow there was a sudden transition to conditions eternally hovering about the frozen zone.

As early as last Friday there was a declension in temperature, with a tremendous drop on Saturday night, when mercury reach to 18 below. Nor did it reach up very far any time during the 23d, the highest point being 5 below. The 24th brought a still lower range, mercury chasing down the tube to 20 below. The 25th showed a change for the better. The lowest point on that date was twelve degrees warmer than the day previous and there has been a warning up tendency since. About an inch of snow fell during the period and on Tuesday the eves began to drip.

Wednesday more snow fell so that today a blanket of the "beautiful" covers the earth. The temperature also declined a little last night but by the middle of the forenoon today mercury was at zero.

## George Foster Weds.

Married at the residence of the groom's sister, Mrs. C. F. Heywood, Central City, Nebr., Mr. George L. Foster, of Gresham and Miss Grace Worden, of Douglas county, Nebraska, Rev. C. F. Heywood officiating. The ceremony was performed at eleven o'clock a. m., Tuesday, January 19. A few friends and neighbors were present as guests and after luncheon the happy pair took the 1:40 p. m. train on the B. & M. for Waco, thence by team to Gresham, their future home. The bride is an old friend of Mrs. Heywood's of long standing, a perfect lady in every respect and will be quite an addition to Gresham society. We bespeak for her a generous welcome.

The foregoing is found in a copy of the Gresham Gazette sent The Frontier. The groom is an old Holt county man and resided in O'Neill some eight or ten years ago. The Frontier is glad to see this case of bachelorhood of long standing broken, and extends congratulations.

I have started a bakery and can furnish you with bread, pies and cakes, home made; call and see me, three doors north of P. O.—G. C. Hatfield. 28-tf

## LOCAL MATTERS.

Dr. Perrigo is coming Saturday, Feb. 6.

George Butler and J. Race were up from Ewing last evening.

The reliable Ophthalmologist, Dr. Perrigo, at Evans Hotel, Feb. 6.

Miss Julia Sullivan, who has been attending school at Fremont, is home.

Walter and Will Laviollette go to Stuart tomorrow to furnish music for a dance.

I have a car of fresh buckwheat flour that I am selling at cost.—S. F. McNichols. 20-tf

Dr. Corbett will be in his dental office and gallery from the 23d to 30th of each month. 17-tf

For sale, at 50 each, large full blood Plymouth Rock roosters.—Mrs. Mary McAllister, Agee, Neb.

Cross eyes straightened without the use of the knife. See Dr. Perrigo about it, Evans Hotel, Feb. 6.

Our call for a copy of The Frontier of May 3, 1900, has been responded to by a reader at O'Neill and one at Pontiac, Mich., so we have two copies and no need of any more. The Frontier is very grateful for these papers.

Editor and Postmaster Cronin made a flying trip to Lincoln Saturday, accompanying his brother-in-law, Mr. Lorge, who was enroute to Arizona. Tuesday Mr. Cronin again went to Lincoln to attend the state press association meeting.

County Assessor Cooper is in town shaping things in connection with his office for the proper administration of the same. There will be an assessor for each township appointed by him to be confirmed by the county board. The appointments have not yet been made.

Mike Kirwin was over from Boyd county Tuesday to attend the funeral of Peter Grutsch. Mike says he has a good farm near Gross that he has recently been able to clear from all indebtedness and claim as his own. He is looking well, which indicates that rural life is agreeing with him.

A. H. Backus was down from Atkinson Monday. Arthur has matured to manhood since he performed the duties of devil on the Independent in O'Neill three or four years ago. He published a paper at Lindsay for a year previous to going to Atkinson in November, and is now connected with the Graphic.

The flag floated over Hotel Evans for several days last week and this. Lieutenant Mapes of Ft. Niobrara was here on a recruiting mission for three of the several days, and Wes says it was too cold to make the necessary aerial ascent to remove old glory with the mercury monkeying around the twenty mark. There were no army enlistments. 28-tf

Attorney M. J. Abbott of Page was in the city Tuesday on business, making The Frontier a business and fraternal call. Besides being a lawyer, Mr. Abbott is an old time newspaper man. He came to Page a few months ago from the western part of the state on a visit to his daughter and decided to hang up a legal shingle in that thriving little village.

Dan Harrington, formerly in Mann's store but lately of South Omaha, has been spending the week with relatives and friends in the city. Dan says he has been traveling in Oklahoma and Indian Territory until recently for an Omaha shoe company. He will remain here until the last of the week, when he goes to Humphrey to work in a store.

The recent order from Northwestern headquarters prohibiting engineers from exceeding the speed provided by the schedule is having its effect on the arrival of trains. Trains from both directions have been unusually late several times this week. Under the new order a train that starts late is allowed to make up no time and hence is late all along the run.

The real estate belonging to the estate of M. D. Long, deceased, was disposed of at the court-house yesterday. John J. Kelly bought the southeast quarter of 8-24-11 for \$1,600, M. R. Sullivan the south half of southwest quarter of 3 and east half of southwest quarter of 4 for \$800. Frank Phillips a quarter section in the Star country and a number of town lots were disposed of to various buyers.

O'Neill maids that have reached the limit of matrimonial prospects and find no relief since the advent of leap year should try it in Arizona. That unhappy state is literally crying aloud for women. A gentleman who speaks for her says: "Thousands of cattle are standing knee-deep in alfalfa, the land is rich, and the young men are thrifty and prosperous. But they can't get wives. There are not women enough to go round."

Peter Grutsch died Sunday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. McMillin, at the age of forty-four years. Catarrh of the stomach and rheumatism are given as the cause of death. He was a native of Ontario, Canada, but had made his home in O'Neill and vicinity for many years. The funeral occurred Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Bowen. The deceased leaves a mother, brother and three sisters, Mrs. McMillin and Mrs. Catherine Smith of O'Neill, his brother John, mother and a sister living in the county. Interment was made in the Protestant cemetery here.

Dr. Bilger, veterinary and dentist, will be in O'Neill again on Feb. 15.

## RAILWAYS EVERYWHERE

North Nebraska to be Made a Veritable Gridiron.

## ELECTRIC LINE JUMPS NIOBRARA

Gasoline Locomotives Will Bound Over Prairies, "Unless All Plans Fail."

Yesterday's Norfolk News contained a heated air tale from O'Neill that would give the reader the impression that north Nebraska is to be tracked to death with railroads, electric lines, and railroads propelled by gasoline engines the coming summer.

The story starts with another reliable rumor of Great Northern extensions and then goes on to say that an electric line will be built from Springview, the county seat of Keya Paha county, to Carens in the same county and thence across the Niobrara river to Basset. Flouring mills, factories and many other enterprises are, of course, going to spring up upon the vacant prairies.

Another line is to be from O'Neill to Chambers and Amelia. This is to be run with gasoline engines. "Owing to the topography of the country between Chambers and O'Neill it will not cost much to build this road."

"Unless," this story concludes, "there is a serious hitch in the plans articles of incorporation for both lines will be filed within the next sixty days and as soon thereafter as the preliminary surveys can be made work will begin. It is the hope of the promoters to have both lines ready to handle passengers and freight by fall."

This great and good scheme is imputed to M. F. Harrington of O'Neill and C. E. Lear and A. C. Ripley of Keya Paha county.

## Sell Some of Ryan Estate.

Columbus Journal: F. T. Walker bought at guardian's sale, the property on Olive street where he now has his office. The place belonged to Mrs. Wm. Ryan of O'Neill, and brought at the sale \$1650. There was considerable interest in the bidding, parties owning the lots north of this lot being anxious to procure it. The lot bought by Mr. Walker is eighty feet long with a twenty two foot to the east. He expects to build a two story brick office building as soon as arrangements for the work can be completed. Mrs. Ryan was down from O'Neill and her son Eugene of Omaha were both here at the sale.

Headaches, nervousness, dyspepsia, insomnia, dizziness, styes, etc., cured by Dr. Perrigo at Evans Hotel, Feb. 6.