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## FRANK WELTON, CONVICTED OF WIFE MURDER, DISCHARGED

### Supreme Court Reverses Decision In Case of Teresita Man Charged With Implication With Common Law Wife.

West Plains (Mo.) Daily Quill: The supreme court of Missouri yesterday reversed the decision of the Carter county circuit court in the case of Frank Welton, farmer of Teresita, Mo., charged with being implicated in the murder of his young wife, Pearl Welton, at Teresita in January, 1919, for whose murder Carrie Hofland Welton of O'Neill, Neb., Frank Welton's former common law wife, is now serving a ten-year sentence in the Missouri penitentiary.

When Welton was tried at Van Buren last April, the Hofland woman, confessed murder of Welton's wife, testified that Welton helped her in the murder. Welton was convicted of complicity in the crime, and his punishment fixed at fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The supreme court yesterday found that there was no substantial evidence to show that Welton had any part in the murder, and not only reversed the decision, but ordered Welton discharged from the custody of the law, which frees him forever from the charge.

The murder of Welton's young wife at their Teresita home in Shannon county, three miles northeast of Mt. View in Howell county, was one of the most sensational ever committed in this section of the Ozarks.

The woman was choked to death and thrown in the cistern. When neighbors and officers arrived on the scene Welton and Mrs. Hofland were present. They said that the woman had committed suicide by jumping into the cistern with her three-months-old baby in her arms. Mrs. Hofland, who had come to the Welton home from Nebraska only a few days prior to the murder, was introduced as Welton's sister.

Later, however, it developed that Mrs. Welton had lived with Welton thirteen years as his common law wife at O'Neill, Neb., and that she had followed him to Teresita. To conceal his past life Welton told his wife that the Nebraska woman was his sister.

When placed under arrest the day following the murder Mrs. Hofland suffered a nervous collapse and made a confession in which she said that while Welton was absent from his home cutting wood in the timber, she had informed his wife that she (Carrie Hofland) was Welton's wife, whereupon she and the young wife engaged in a quarrel, during which she choked Mrs. Welton to death. She said she then took Mrs. Welton's body and threw it in the cistern, and that a little later when the baby kept crying she took it and dropped it in the cistern also. When Welton came to the house a moment later, she told him his wife had committed suicide by jumping in the cistern with her baby. Welton rescued the baby before it drowned.

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There was a strong feeling against the Nebraska woman among the people round Teresita following her confession. She was removed to the Shannon county jail at Eminence, but later was brought to West Plains for safe keeping in the jail here while awaiting trial.

Mrs. Hofland was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Welton when she was tried at Eminence in June, 1919. She changed her story of the murder more than once, finally declaring at Welton's trial that she had nothing whatever to do with the crime. She said that she left the house after the quarrel with Mrs. Welton and when she returned a short time later Mrs. Welton's body was in the cistern and that she helped Welton get it out. She said she did not know how the young woman came to her death.

Welton was indicted on a charge of complicity in his wife's murder by a Shannon county grand jury just after Mrs. Hofland's trial. He was granted a change of venue to Carter county, where he was tried first in November, 1919, when the jury failed to agree on a verdict.

Welton, who has been at liberty on bond, has been living on his Teresita farm at Mt. View. He is now under arrest in Howell county for an alleged felonious assault on James Kerby, a West Plains insurance man, whom he attacked during a dispute which took place when the two men met in Mt. View a few months ago. He will be given a hearing at the December term

### (First publication Dec. 16.) CHATTEL MORTGAGE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated May 3, 1920, and duly filed to record in the office of the county clerk, of Holt County, Nebraska, given by George C. Peters to George W. Bradt, upon the following described chattel property to-wit: One gray mule, 5 years old; one bay mule, 5 years old; one Jack, 11 years old; one Jersey cow, 6 years old; one bull calf, 11 months old; one new set double Concord harness; one John Deere lister; one steel Moline harrow with 3 sections and one Moline disc, to secure the payment of one promissory note of even date given by the said George C. Peters to the said George W. Bradt, for the sum of \$455.00 payable December 1, 1920, with 10 per cent interest from date, upon which there is now due the sum of \$483.00; the undersigned mortgagee will sell at public auction the said chattel property at the Barn and Feed Yards of J. B. Ryan, situated near the corner of Fifth and Douglas Streets, in the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, on Saturday, January 8, 1920, at the Hour of 2 P. M., to satisfy said debt, interest and costs of sale.

Dated O'Neill, Nebraska, this 16th day of December, 1920.  
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of Howell county circuit court, which convenes in West Plains next Monday. Welton was defended on the murder

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charge by former Circuit Judge W. N. Evans of West Plains, who also will represent him at the hearing here next week.

### HIS FAITH.

Cincinnati Enquirer: "A man should not put his trust in riches,"

advised the pastor. "I know it," agreed Old Moneybags. "But he should have sense enough to put his riches in trusts."

### THE CRUCIAL TEST.

"George proposed to me last night." "Did you accept him?"

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