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John Clarence Guilty of Murder

In the Second Degree Was the
Verdict of the Jury.

At the conclusion of the evidence Tuesday at 10:45 a. m. the arguments of the attorneys were commenced. County Attorney Ramsey opened the argument for the State. At considerable length he reviewed the evidence for the prosecution and pointed out the defects in the evidence for the defence. There was nothing unusual or brilliant in the argument, but it was clear and lucid.

Attorney Byron Clark made the argument for the defense. Mr. Clark makes no claim to great oratorical powers, but it was the universal comment of those who heard the argument, that he made a great speech. It was a great oration without the usual flourishes of the Fourth of July orators. His speech was clear, concise, logical and forceful, even pronounced by many to be a powerful piece of forensic oratory.

Matthew Gering made the closing argument on behalf of the state. His voice was in good condition, and he entered upon his argument full of hope and confidence. Piece by piece he took up the various portions of the evidence and with the skill of a master he showed the inevitable effect of the evidence. His appeals to the jury for a vindication of the law and a bereaved family were touching and emotional.

Those who listened to the giving of the instructions of the court, have but a single comment, and that is that the instructions were eminently fair. Judge Harvey D. Travis throughout the long trial maintained the highest dignity of the court, and convinced all the vast crowd that he was impartial and un-

moved by outside feeling and comment, and this is one of the highest duties of a court.

At 6:30 on Tuesday evening the case was given to the jury. It had been a long and wearisome trial and the jury had been very patient. Each juror seemed to fully realize his great responsibility and great duty. After being in the jury room all night considering the case, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree, and recommended leniency of the court. This marks the ending of the murder case where John Clarence shot and killed John P. Thacker, near Union in Cass county. A motion for a new trial will be filed and sentence must await the determination of this motion.

Two hundred and fifty-one pulp mills in the United States used 3,346,196 cords of wood and made 2,118,947 tons of pulp last year. Spruce has always been the leading pulp wood and it furnished 64 per cent of the total quantity used. The rapid development of the wood-pulp industry in the last ten years has rendered the domestic supply of spruce insufficient to meet the demands upon it, and consequently importations from Canada have been heavy.

Next to spruce, the most important pulp wood is hemlock; 569,173 cords of it were converted into pulp last year. Poplar comes third.

The wood used by the pulp mills last year cost them a little more than \$28,000,000, or an average of \$8.39 per cord against an average of \$8.21 in 1907. The high price of wood causes the manufacturers to be constantly on the lookout for cheaper raw material, and one of the most encouraging developments has been the increased use of slab wood and other sawmill waste.

These statements are based upon a preliminary report issued by the bureau of the census.

Drainage Badly Needed

Old Resident Makes Suggestion
Which He Claims Would
Give Relief.

Geo. Stander, who owns many acres of fine farming land in the vicinity of Oreapolis came in to do some trading Wednesday. Mr. Stander has lived in this community for a long time but he states he had never seen as much water on the bottoms as fell in so short a time during the storm of Sunday night.

Mr. Stander thinks the C. B. & Q. railroad company should dig a ditch along its track for about 2 miles toward the east from the elevator at Oreapolis, and also make some outlets under the track so the surplus water could run away. He claims there are many acres of growing crops spoiled each year from the fact that the railroad grade has dammed up the water courses and the farmers have suffered heavy losses for many years when a trifling expense would give relief. He thinks it is time the matter was agitated for the purpose of forcing the company to do what is necessary to afford relief.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Divine service at 11 a. m. Subject "God the Preserver of Man."
Mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
Church is located on Sixth street, two blocks south of Main street. The public is cordially invited to all services. The reading room in the Coates block is open ever Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Base Ball at Greenwood

Ancient Rivals on the Diamond
Enjoy Another Game.

Special Correspondence.

In years gone by Greenwood and Springfield were bitter rivals on the diamond and the latter town usually had the best of the argument. For the first time in several seasons the two teams met in conflict last Saturday afternoon; the game being played on Springfield's home ground, and the story of the conflict is one of sweet revenge for the visiting team. With Gotch in the box for the home team, the Springfield rooters expected a decisive victory for their favorites. But "there is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." The way those Greenwood batters landed on the much-touted Sarpy county twirler certainly made that gentleman sit up and take notice, and the loyal Springfield fans kept pinching themselves to be sure it was not a nightmare. A total of thirteen luscious swats made life seem one long dreary grind for the big twirler who poses as champion wrestler; and to make his downfall all the more bitter, Howard, the opposing stab artist with errorless support behind him, had the heavy hitters who faced him, at his mercy all the way, not a single hit being made off his delivery and of the twenty-nine men who faced him only three reached first base, two on passes and one on a force play at second. A forecast of the result came in the first inning when Hansen first up, hit the first ball pitched for a single and the succeeding batters mingled enough hits with some wabbling fielding to send three runs clattering across the pan. One more run was received in the fourth and one in the sixth and then the real storm broke loose. A succession of one base hits and two baggers made the base lines look like the course of a marathon, six runners registering at the home plate and two men facing the pitcher before the third out could be made. The eighth inning was simply a repetition of the seventh another half dozen runs counting. In the mean time it was goose eggs for Springfield and when the smoke cleared away the score stood 17 to 0, for the visitors across the Platte.

	R.	H.	E.
Greenwood	3	0	10
Springfield	0	0	0
Two Base hits—	Craig, Howard, Kelly, Burks.	Strike out—	Howard 6, Gotch 6.
Base on Balls—	Howard 2, Gotch 1.	Batteries—	Howard and Hansen, Gotch, Bates, Piling and Coaster.

The Misses Hoham gave a china shower last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Ina Kimberly, an event enjoyed by quite a number of the girl friends of that young lady. A number of useful gifts were received by the coming bride, well representing the esteem in which she is held by her associates. A dainty luncheon was served and every one enjoyed the occasion. Those present were, the Misses Belle Dyer, Margaret Dyer, Alice Dyer, Frankie, Rhoda, and Lulu Carnes, Lillian Stradley, Edith Howard, Hazel Axmaker, Edna Gullion, Georgia Fels, Elsie and Ina Kimberly. The hostesses the Mayme Deborah and Gussie Hoham.

The electrical storm which visited this community Sunday night was one of the worst for many months, being of the longest duration of any for a number of years. The barn on the J. Stewart farm north of Greenwood, occupied by Frank Stewart was struck and totally destroyed by the resultant fire. The entire contents of the building, including four horses, about five hundred bushels of grain, a new buggy, several sets of harness and quite a quantity of hay, were destroyed. The insurance will only partially cover the loss.

At the noon hour Wednesday, June 9, a number of invited guests and friends assembled at the home of Mrs. William Kimberly to witness the marriage of her daughter, Miss Ina, to Mulone L. Blair, our local drug store proprietor. Delayed train service made the postponement of the ceremony necessary as the Rev. Utterback, one of the bride's former pastors, who had been engaged did not arrive until near three o'clock p. m. the wedding taking place immediately upon his arrival. Miss Kimberly is a young lady held high in the esteem of all who know her. Her efficient work as a teacher in the local schools for the last few years winning her many friends. Mr. Blair is one of

Greenwood's most promising young business men, and everything points to success for the newly wedded pair. Many beautiful as well as useful gifts attest to the esteem in which both parties are held by their friends, and all join in wishing them a long and prosperous life. Mr. and Mrs. Blair departed on the evening train for the west where they will visit Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and the exposition at Seattle, expecting to be gone about sixty days.

A sad accident occurred here last Sunday afternoon when Jacob Rayles, Jr., the fourteen year old son of Jacob Rayles, was drowned in Salt Creek. Young Rayles with a number of other boys were wading in the stream he being unable to swim. Getting beyond his depth he called for help and as soon as danger was apprehended an attempt was made to rescue him, one of his playmates almost succeeding in getting him to the bank but had to abandon the task in order to save himself. Before other help could reach the drowning boy he went down for the last time. A crowd gathered at the spot and the body secured by dragging the stream at the point where the youth was last seen. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Interment in the local cemetery.

At an adjourned meeting of the Village Board last Monday night the contract for building new crossings and culverts of concrete construction was awarded to Gus Brockhaga. A committee was named to decide on where the new work shall be put in. It is contemplated that \$300 to \$350 will be used for such improvements during the coming season. This will be practically the same amount used last year.

Hugh Armstrong held a sale at his residence last Saturday afternoon disposing of his household effects and some other personal property. He expects to start soon on an extended camping and sight seeing trip, with his family and making a tour of the Western states by team and wagon.

The Plattsmouth Telephone Co. has installed its public booth in the Post Office lobby and has had it equipped with an automatic coin receiver, doing away with the necessity of having an attendant for toll call from the booth. T. H. Dalbey of Tabor, Iowa, came in Sunday evening for a few days visit with his brother, M. Dalbey, of this place, making the trip overland with his family in his Reo automobile.

Dr. E. C. Stevenson of Gothenberg, Neb., came Tuesday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stevenson of the South East Country-side.

Mr. Hansen of Omaha, a retired grocery man of that city, spent Sunday here with his brother-in-law, Peter A. Smith, of this place.

Daniel Kitty, who has had a serious attack of pneumonia is getting considerably better, his recovery now being practically assured.

A company of Nebraska University cadets passed through Greenwood, last week enroute to their camp at Ashland.

D. W. Ream sprained an ankle a few days ago and has been walking like a man with the gout since the accident.

C. H. Meeker of McCook, Neb., came in Sunday evening for an over night's stay with his brother, N. H.

G. W. Meeker of Lincoln, called on his brother, M. H., of this place last Friday.

They were dismissed at this point for a short rest from their march.

A Delightful Party.

A most pleasant gathering occurred recently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cook in honor of Miss Nellie and Master Raymond. Music and games were indulged in and refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake.

Those present were Misses Florence Phem and Robin Richardson, Vera and Loretta Propst, of Mynard, Emma and Ella Tschierren, Master Ray, Elmer and Alice Tschierren, Barbara and Eddie Bulin, Marjorie and Lela Vallery and Mrs. Glen Vallery, Mrs. S. O. Cole and daughter Opal, Lillian and Jacob Adams, Jennie and Helen Livingston, Lillie, Nellie, Herschel Petty, Mattie and Oscar Gopen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook and two children Nita and Francis and Mrs. Halmas, Nellie and Raymond Cook.

Some lovely birthday presents were received.

Let us figure with you on anything in the line of job printing. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Louisville Gleanings

Special Correspondence.

Mrs. Geo. Myers was in Omaha Tuesday.

Fred Bronkon of Wahoo, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Hazen Sundayed in Omaha.

Mrs. C. A. Mayfield went to Omaha Wednesday.

Wm. Diers and wife were in Omaha Wednesday.

Watch for total eclipse of the sun, Thursday, June 17.

Tom Williams of Oklahoma, is a guest of M. Williams and family.

Wm. Hoover left Sunday for Des Moines, Iowa, on a business trip.

Edward Pankonin and wife are visiting in Antelope county this week.

Clarence Mayfield returned to Plattsmouth Monday to serve on the jury.

W. A. Cleghorn and daughter, Mary, attended the show in Omaha Monday.

Chas. Twiss of Maywood, Neb., came Saturday to visit E. C. Twiss and family.

A new iron bridge is being built over the creek east of the B. & M. semaphore.

Mrs. Stevenson went to Omaha to meet her sister from Minneapolis, Minn. Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert McCarty spent a few days the latter part of the week visiting in Omaha.

Miss Sylvia Sutor returned from Gove City, Kan., where she has spent part of the winter.

The guests of Ernest Paritsch left Tuesday for Wisconsin after a week's visit with relatives.

Chas. Calhoun and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been visiting relatives in South Dakota.

Mrs. Mike Tritsch and children are visiting Mrs. Hennings and family in the country this week.

Much interest is being taken on the part of the citizens to prepare for the Fourth of July celebration.

The Louisville ball team went to Seward Monday to play ball. The game scored 5 to 0 in favor of Seward.

The Baptist Sunday School hold special Children's Day exercises at their church Sunday evening, June 13.

The Woman's Club hold their annual picnic at Elmhurst Friday. Each member is privileged two guests and a day is anticipated.

Wm. Stohmann and wife celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary Sunday at their farm home south of Louisville. About one hundred and fifty guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Stohmann were the recipients of many beautiful china pieces.

**From the
Iowa Side**

Some Newsy Correspondence Relating to the Doings at Pacific Junction.

J. W. Mulica and wife and baby visited in Omaha yesterday.

August Johnson has moved back to the Junction from Stanton, Ia.

M. Lee, who is employed with the B. & M. bridge gang, is home on a visit.

Gus Johnson is taking a layoff this week and making a visit with his folks at Creston.

Mrs. Ballard and daughter, Vina, left Monday for a visit with friends in Draper, S. D.

John and Carl Johnson have returned to their home in Colorado after a pleasant visit with their cousin, Albert Croon, in this city.

Rush Robertson has had some new signs placed on the windows of his pool hall, which materially add to the attractiveness of his place of business.

A few days ago fire completely destroyed the home of Mrs. Henton of this city, though the neighbors succeeded in removing most of the household goods. We understand that about \$175 in money was also destroyed. This most estimable lady seems to be having more than her share of misfortune, as this is the third time in the past two years that she has suffered from fire.

Wet Weather Essentials

These goods are fully up to the standard of everything else we carry and every article has our unqualified guarantee to be exactly as represented, or your money will be cheerfully refunded.

Lot 1, \$7.50 You have never heard of or seen rain coat values like these. Do not confuse them with the common ordinary McIntosh coat. They are stylish well tailored coats. Are made of gray mixtures, dark worsteds and slate colors. 52 inches long. You cannot afford to be without one at this price.

Lot 2, \$10 In this lot we offer you a variety of styles, including the new automobile collar in black thibet cloth or black unfinished goods. A beautiful piece of goods for a light overcoat and remember it is cravanetted so as to turn the water.

Lot 3, \$12.50 In this lot we show you some of the most stylish garment you ever looked at. Light English grays, browns and fancy mixtures, all full 52 inches long with full sweep, broad shoulders, self-collar and shape retaining front. You'll see the in many stores at \$18. Yours here and now if you ask for lot 3. \$12.50.

We have 3 absolutely new things in umbrellas. The first is a gossmer-lined umbrella, absolutely waterproof **\$1.50**.

Second. A silk umbrella with a handle that folds up so you can put it in a 26 inch suit case. Price **\$3**.

Third. A 26 inch umbrella that folds up so you can put it in a hand bag. Enclosed in waterproof case. Price **\$3**.

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