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Death of Jos. Nejedley, an Old **Resident Here**

Was Resident Here for Many Years fendant guilty and assessed a fine of Crea Brown, 18, and Sister, Mrs. -Has Been Living on a Farm Near Creighton.

From Monday's Dally-

The death of Joseph Nejedley, for of the ownership of the moonshine many years a resident of this city whisky found was in dispute, the Weeping Water, and her sister, Mrs. tened to the scene. He ordered the and who has for several years been defendant Lahoda contending that Waldo Resso, 3546 South Firty-first engaged in farming near Creighton, the "hootch" was the property of street, Omaha, were victims of the home. Nebraska, occurred on Saturday af- Spicka but was found in the house most terrible crime that has darkenternoon at 5 o'clock at the Meth- occupied by the defendant and caus-ed the pages of the police history of the county commissioners to offer a Men's club of that place and which the past month the patient has been undergoing treatment and two operations

Mr. Nejedley has suffered for some Jury Holds reached a stage where it was necessary to operate to give him relief and since the second of the operations he has been gradually growingw orse, ureamic poisoning developing and which it was impossible to check.

of age and came to Plattsmouth when a very young man and was for years in the employe of the Burlington in the local shops, and while a resident here was married and the family continued to make their home in this city until some twenty years ago when they removed to Creighat that place. Mrs. Nejedley preceded her husband in death sixteen husband has made his home with yesterday afternoon. the children.

There is left to mourn the passing of this good man four sons and two daughters, Albert and Joseph, re-

charged with drunkenness and drew a fine for the offense and the matter Crea Brown, 18-year-old daughter session.

Young Man on

FINED FOR POSSESSION

In the county court Saturday af-

ternoon the hearing of the complaint

filed against Claude Laboda on the

charge of possession of intoxicating

liquor was heard before Judge A. H.

Duxbury and after the presentation

of the case the court found the de-

\$100 and costs. This case is one in

which Charles Spicka of Omaha was

arrested at the Lahoda home and

From Monday's Dally-

The deceased was sixty-five years Case of State vs. Harlan Baker Decided Against Defendant; Len-

From Tuesday's Datty-

lay the body of Crea Brown. Mrs. The case of the State of Nebraska Resso had apparently been choked vs. Harlan Baker, charged with as- and then hacked, probably with an sault on Frank Konfrst, Jr., a ten year ax, while Miss Brown had been gagton and have since made their home old minor, by striking the boy with ged and then beaten to death. his car while driving on Main street Both women had evidently been between Twelfth and Thirteenth aroused from their beds by the fiend years ago and since that time the street, was given to the jury late and killed before they had a chance for life, the nightrobes that the two After a short deliberation the jury had been wearing being stripped a brother of the girl, had visited at place at the banquet,

returned a verdict finding the de- from their bodies. fendant guilty of an assault and bat- Both women were alive at 4 a. m tery by reason of the car of the de- when Mr. Resso started out on his daughters, Albert and Joseph, re-siding in Colorado, Raymond of Creighton and Stanley, the youngest of the family who resides with his aunt, Mrs. William Holly at Omaha, aunt, Mrs. William Holly at Omaha, Miss Catherine, nurse at the Meth-the defendant in the sentence of the ily remaining in bed as Mr. Resso downtown department store until last mong the pioneer towns and have a firm, has not announced just what his

tives

and we never expected anything to Plattsmouth A basement window had been forced open, but the earth around it was not disturbed. A front window was open when the husband return-Victims of Fiend ed. It had been closed when he left. The lights in the downstairs bedroom ed. It had been closed when he left. were still burning. The shades were drawn. Resso said they were up

when he left home. Detectives searched the entire immediate neighborhood for the weapon used by the killer. Nine or ten blows were dealt, six

falling on the girl. From Tuesday's Dally-County Attorney Beal, accompanied of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown, of near by Deputy Bryce Crawford, Jr., has-

bearing some twenty-five of the business and professional men of this bodies removed to the arkin Funeral city journeyed up to our neighboring

suitable reward for clues leading to proved a real event in every way The two women were discovered the solution of the murders. and one that was attended by 200 of "I don't know what to think about their heads battered in, their bodies it now," said Beal. "It is without the Bellevue men and their guests stripped of all clothing and violated question the foulest murder I have by the fiend who had carried out this ever come in contact with in my 10 prepared a very fine menu and was

served in exquisite manner by the ladies and in the decorations the fall season was emphasized, large shocks

Men Visit with

Five Pay Visit to Bellevue-

Judge Begley Speaker

After Danbaum had made his in- of corn being placed around the hall route for the Roberts dairy, com- spection of the premises, he imme- of the community building, while on diately ordered a check made of all the tables the decorations of the only to find the front door of the nearby hospitals for the insane for pumpkins and squash were very cleverly arranved and made a fine "Without a doubt," said Danbaum, setting for the event.

"these murders were committed by a fiend of the worst type. singing of "America" and the song "I wish people of Omaha would was followed by an invocation by give the police their co-operation. If Rev. Marshall, pastor of the Bellevue anyone is noticed who appears the church.

In the course of the program the least suspicious, the police should be various delegations were stood up and notified. Miss Brown was engaged to wed Lawrence Little of Weeping Water. this respect the Plattsmouth dele been effected in the past few days. The young man and Deforest Brown gation was the largest from any one the Resso home Sunday, leaving for!

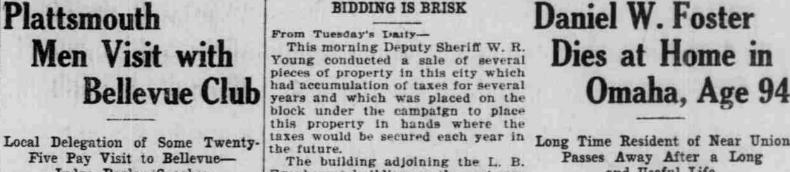
home at midnight.

to work until nearly 4 o'clock.

basement and rifled.

Will Check Asylums

Larimore Home Robbed Miss Brown came to Omaha from Sarpy county and who gave a fine of Raymond F. Berger and will in the historical sketch of the early settle future be associated with Fred Smith She had been a clerk in a Plattsmouth and Nebraska City were Mr. Berger, retiring member of the



Egenberger building on the east was purchased by Mr. Egenberger for \$750 while that on the west of the From Tuesday's Dally-Egenberger building was purchased Last evening a caravan of autor

for \$175. Mayor John P. Sattler for \$500 to death coming as the result of the incover the taxes.

half of the building at Third and reaching his ninety-fifth year. Main streets and the lots on Chicago clearing house.

Changes in the **Chevrolet Sales** Agency Here

The banquet was opened by the Harry Platte Purchases Interest of R. F. Berger-Will Operate Own Shop in the Future.

From Monday's Dally-

Several changes in the Chevrolet greeted by the Bellevue club and in sales agency in Plattsmouth have Harry Platte, who was foreman of the Plattsmouth Motor Co's, shop for Perhaps one of the most interesting several months and an employee of features of the banquet was the ad- Smith & Berger Chevrolet Co. for the dress of S. W. Gramlich, a pioneer of past year, has purchased the interest

Miss Catherine, nurse at the Meth-odist hospital at Omaha and Miss Helen, residing at the home at Creighton. Two sisters, Mrs. J. J. The murder apparently was com- upon all of the members, while in ment which has heretofore been op-Smith of the repair shop and equipmitted in the early hours of the the musical line R. Newell led the erated independently of the sales end morning, as the hashand did not go men in the singing of a number of erated independently of the sales end songs that were very much enjoyed of the business, by Fred Wynn, who The Larimore home had been ran- by all of the large party. pects to locate elsewhere within the sacked about 1 o'clock in the morn- The members enjoyed a short talk next few weeks ing. Trousers belonging to Everett by D. F. Stouffer, president of the In addition to the well equipped Larimore, 21, and his brother, Da- Bellevue club and in which he exshop acquired from Mr. Wynn, the mon, 16, had been carried to the tended the greetings and welcome new owners are installing some addito the visitors of the evening. tional machinery in order to be able Marks on the basement floor in-One of the fine musical offerings to serve their patrons more efficientdicated the prowler remained in the was the cornet solo given by Glenn ly than ever. Woodring of the Bellevue club and Messrs. Smith and Platte are very Danbaum believes this same burg- which was of much artistle beauty enthusiastic about the new Chevrolet Six that will be on the market the first of the year, and although the weapon. If a hatchet were used, the burning in the front room and base- joyed to the utmost. sales force broke all previous records in the sale of Chevrolet cars during The Plattsmouth Rotary quarter 1928, they expect to again go over the composed of Fronk Cloidt, Demmis top this year. They have just receiv-They also told police they thought Hiatt, H. G. McClusky, and R. W ed a bunch of descriptive literature Foster was very prominent in the the army and navy, but also gives the this city were at the cemetery at at-the army and navy, but also gives the tend the last services of their old and are loud in the isoret in the Plattsmouth songsters were compell. praise of its powerful six-cylinder Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell, ed to give three numbers before the valve-in-head motor. The change gives the sales and service ends of the business in the same hands and should result in building his community. and in which the gobs also have a ley and so buttery of thick and w. J. Vallery of the skull and piercing the brain with forthcoming tour is being looked fortive son of Sarpy county and now the owners of Chevrolet cars. Resso's sister, Delores, 16, living the presiding judge of the judicla! Co-incident with their taking over Those attending the servicese from home of Mrs. Viola Larimore, who with the Campbells, failed to note district that includes Cass, and Sarpy of the inauguration of a cash policy william Holly and daughters, Bessie ives across the street. The home anything unusual about the house counties. The subject of the address of the inauguration of a cash policy. The many friends house interview. and Elizabeth Holly and Mrs. Mark Logsdon of Omaha, Mrs. J. J. But-o'clock Monday morning. The hatchet By the statement of the boy, Rob-"Individual Responsibility to the business men the country over are W. P. Sitzman will be pleased to By the statement of the boy, Rob- "Individual Responsibility to the business men the country over are W. P. Sitzman will be pleased to tery and children, John, Harley and weighing seven pounds, police believe he witness-Community." In his remarks Judge coming to this policy and in numer-learn that this estimable lady has so Joseph and Miss Helen Buttery of the two women er's life. He usually slept with Creda many responsibilities that the indi have organized "cash only" plans of recent operation that she was able doing business in order to cut down yesterday to leave the hospital and go vidual citizen has in his community the fact that the community life de- the expense of doing business, elimi- to the home of her daughter. Mrs The child has made different state- pends on just how much each citizen nate credit losses and save the cost of Floyd Sealock, where she will recup-Nejedley of Omaha, Miss Helen vestigation, said the murders were ments to detectives. On one point he puts into his work for civic progress bookkeeping. the most atrocious he had ever been was emphatic, however, that Creda and the results of the community is was taken direct to the First Method and Mrs. W. J. Vallery and son, Ger-ist church. The services at the church and Mrs. W. J. Vallery and son, Ger-called upon to investigate. He said was killed first. "He hit Aunt Creda the reflection of the efforts of their WILL DEPART FOR CALIFORNIA rate of improvement continues. ist church. The services at the church ald of Havelock, Mr. and Mrs. Mike he could see no connection between first, and then came downstairs to warga, Jr., of Havelock, Frank F the murder of J. W. Blackman early mamma," the lad said. Aspland Methodist church, and whe gave to the bereaved family and the Tefft of Ompha Poter L Vallerr of Mrs. D. C. Morgan and daughter, Miss Gertrude, are to leave on Thursday for San Diego, California, where From Monday's Dallyin which they may be achieved by undoubtedly the work of a degener- The two children are being cared the united efforts of the individual they are planning to spend the win-

Daniel W. Foster Dies at Home in Omaha, Age 94

NO. 84

Passes Away After a Long and Useful Life.

This morning at the home in Omaha where he has resided for the past The lots on which the Alfa- several years, Daniel W. Foster, long Maize building is located was sold to time resident of Union, passed away,

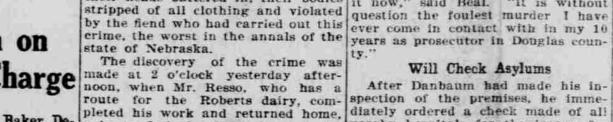
firmaties of his very advanced age Byron Golding purchased the west as he lacked but two months of

Mr. Foster has been making his avenue occupied by the Cotner auto home with his daughter, Miss Mary E. Foster, of the Omaha city schools since the death of his wife last year.

The deceased was for many years one of the best known residents of Cass county and was active in the community life at Union where he located in the early seventies and made his home up until the time the family rtmoved to Omaha and where

Mrs. Foster passed away in 1927. Daniel W. Foster was born in Washington county, Illinois, January 11, 1834, and spent his younger years in that state, locating later in the state of Ohio in 1853 where he took a mechanical course in the Smith college at Cincinatti and also at the schools at Granville, Ohio. He completed his education in Fayette county, Ohio, and took up his work as a carpenter, followed it for some years. On July 20, 1861, Mr. Foster responded to the call of his country and enlisted in the Union army in Pickaway county as a member of Co. A 27th Ohio infantry. He took part in a number of most severe engagements of the war, was at Cornith and at the fall of Atlanta with the army of General W. T. Sherman. He was raised to the rank of corporal and on August 17, 1864, after

county and where he was married to Miss Letisha McKinley, a school day friend. The family settled in Pickaway county for several years and then joined the tide of settlers flowing westward and after locating in several places in the west came to southern Cass county where Mr. Foster and his family settled on the farm southeast of where the present town of Union is located and which farm is now occupied by the son of the deceased. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Foster, five of whom have preceded the parents in death, Andrew W., Alma, an infant, Fred, and Mrs. Nettle Stanton. The living children are Miss Mary E. Foster of Omaha and Ruben E. Foster of Union. In his residence in this county Mr. councils of the democratic party and his ability and leadership was valuable in the affairs of his community and county and his splendid character made him a strong figure in



iency Recommended.

Monday afternoon at the Resso home.

The discovery of the crime was Assault Charge made at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Resso, who has a

Weeping Water

Girl and Sister

Waldo Resso Murdered at Om-

aha-Crime is Startling

home open and the mangled body of a possible escape of a maniac. his wife in one of the rooms of the lower floor, while in an upstair room

a recommendation for leniency, will where the mother lay dead and mur-Holly of Omaha also survive. The deceased was an uncle of W. R. probably cause the penalty in the dered. Donald, two years old, was case to be a fine. Holly of this city.

ON PRESIDENT'S SHIP

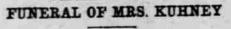
JOSEPH NEJEDLEY AT REST

From Tuesday's Daffy-Donald Tompkins, son of Mr. and The funeral of the late Joseph Mrs. R. B. Tompkins, residing in the south portion of the city, is one of the crew of the battleship Maryland noon at 4 o'clock at the Oak Hill yesterday afternoon. and which war craft has been design- cemetery in this city, the services and which war crait has been design-ated to convoy President-elect Hoover being held earlier in the afternoon sexual pervert-a sadist, one of the basement for some time. on his South American tour. Donald at the Brailey-Dorrance chapel at worst types," said Dr. McCleneghan. in a letter to his parents a few days ago stated the battleship crew was ing to this city where the interment I doubt it. It looks to me like a Two neighbors-Mrs. Earl Thomas tertainment of the evening with a elated that their vessel had been was made in the family lot at Oak brick, wrapped in cloth, was the and Mrs. Larimore-noticed lights very clever chalk talk that all endesignated to serve as the craft to Hill cemetery.

At the grave here a short prayer take the new president to the south. The event not only gives the Mary- service was held by Rev. H. E. Sortor, land the honor of being the vessel of pastor of the First Methodist church. the coming commander in chief of and a number of the old friends in officers and crew the opportunity of time neighbor visiting the many intersting cities of time neighbor.

The pall bearers were six of the the South American continent which will be visited by the Hoover party nephews of the deceased, John, Harand in which the gobs also have r ley and Joe Buttery of Lincoln, Mike and a half inches long, shattering thing unusual about the Resso home The address of the evening was ward to with a great deal of interest city.

by Donald Tompkins and who anticipates seeing many places of interest before the battleship returns to the home station on the Pacific coast.



From Tuesday's Daily-

of Sheridan, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. The body of the late Mrs. Harry Raymond Nejedley of Creighton, Miss Kunney was brought to this city yes. Catherine Nejedley and Stanley who took personal charge of the inpassed away on Sunday and the body Nejedley of Bridgeport, Nebraska, Mr. was taken direct to the First Method-Tefft of Omaha, Peter J. Vallery of large number of the old friensd gath-Havelock. ered at the church words of comfort. A tribute was given to the departed

RETURNS FROM SAD MISSION lady whose life had been spent in the service of others and to many of whom the departed lady had been as From Monday's Datty-

a mother and a comforting friend in Kuhney is buried.

Mrs. Roy Mayfield and family of Ashland, Fred H. Speck and daughters mother has been poorly for some few blocks of the Belt Line." Violet and Hazel of Columbus.

STEEL LAYING CREW HERE

From Monday's Daily-

be arranged.

of action.

for the side tracks that will be John Laughlin, celebrated their golplaced for the unloading of material den wedding anniversary on Thursfor the new auto bridge over the day, November 15th, 1927, a year but with a heavy blunt instrument. Missouri river, arrived yesterday and to the day when the wife and moththe crew is located in their bunk er passed away.

cars south of the railroad station here and are taken to and from the sites of the track on their gas rars. surviving the passing of the mother. his work at the Roberts dairy.

The work requires a large force as it is being rushed to completion as fast as possible, the bridge contract- From Monday's Dailyors wishing to be on the job as Miss Lorene Windham of Omaha, sister-in-law, Miss Brown. He ran rapidly as the preliminary work can former Plattsmouth girl, was oper- upstairs, where he found her body.

Logsdon of Omaha, Mrs. J. J. But-

slept and without a struggle in the opinions of Dr. Samuel McCleneghan and Dr. James J. O'Tearn, who made Nejedley was held yesterday after the post-mortem examination late

"This crime was committed by a Omaha and the funeral cortage driv- "He may have used a hand ax, but lar killed the women.

at Weeping Water with the rela-

Both women were killed as they

women were struck with the blunt ment of the Resso home at 6 a. m. end." when they arose. Although police see no connection between this slaying and the unsolv- something was wrong because Mrs. Knorr, with Hilt Wescott tickling the

each case were identical. The weapon

used inflicted a rather jagged lacera- Resso's stepfather and mother, who banquet party would permit their retion from two and a half to three live next door, did not notice any- suming their seats.

A hatchet is missing from the Lincoln, Jose and Albert Nejedley the two women.

Whole Force on Case upstairs.

Inspector of Detectives Danbaum,

the two women twenty-four hours the father found them and they had of the community and the manner later. The South side killings were been without food all day.

for by Mrs. C. A. Guthrie, who re- citizens. ate, he said. "Every member of the detective sides nearby and to whom the father bureau is assigned to work on this carried them upon discovering the Mrs. F. E. Scott, residing south case day and night until it is cleared tragedy. Melvin, who is just recover-

the trials of life. The interment was of this city, returned home last even- up." Inspector Danbaum said Monday ing from a severe attack of pneuat the Oak Hill cemetery where Mr. ing from Coleman, South Dakota, night. "In addition we have enlist- monia, has suffered a relapse, it is where she has been for several weeks ed the help of railroad special offi- feared. When found, virtually un- tober 16th at Dallas, Oregon, of Miss Among those attending the funeral at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. cery who will give special attention dressed, he was suffering of cold and Zelah Bartholemew of Covallis, Orefrom out of the city were Mr. and Addie Laughlin and whose death to the vicinity of the Belt Line. Both later developed a fever.

An uncle of the two women, occurred on last Thursday. The these murders took place within a J. Philpot, of Nehawka, was in the time and the daughter with the oth- In the Blackman case, Danbaum Omaha stockyards transacting busi- Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Twitchell, forer members of the family have done pointed out, robbery apparently was ness when he learned of the slaying mer residents of this city. The groom From Tuesday's Danyall possible to care for and comfort the motive. At Resso's there was no of his nieces. He went to the scene was a very young lad when the fam-

> Mrs. Resso and Miss Brown were First National bank of Weeping family,

Believe Child Saw It

Water and director of six others. Creda graduated from high school last spring. The parents and Lawrence Little, the girl's sweetheart, were notified and came to Omaha im-

mediately.

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the many friends over Cass county for their fine support given me in the recent American I most gratefully appreciate their generous expression .--- Miss Eleanor O'Brien.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

MARRIED IN OREGON

The announcement has been received here of the marriage on Ocgon, and Ralph Twitchell, who is a W

student at the Oregon state agricul-RETURNS TO KENTUCKY tural college at Covallis and a son of

Miss Ethel Hughes, who has been

ily left this city for the west coast here for the past two weeks visiting From Tuesday's Dailyand has spent his lifetime in that at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. G. daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lee country. The many old time friends McClusky, departed today for St The two, the inspector said, ap- Brown, well-to-do farmers, of near of the family in this city will be Joseph, Missouri, where she will visit the case of Joseph E. Cook vs. Mable Weeping Water. Their grandfather, pleased to learn of the happy event at the home of another sister. Mrs. Cook, the defendant defaulting in Charles Philpot, is president of the that has occurred in the Twitchell R. B. Elliott and family and will then the case and on the hearing to the

WILL RETURN HOME

the central part of the country. brom Tuesday's Daily-Everett Fulton, seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton of south of this city, who has been at

Eighty-nine members of the senior the Immanuel hospital at Omaha for the past four weeks will be able to class at Nebraska Wesleyan Univer-

WINS HIGH HONORS

return home in the next few days sity will be presented to Chancellor Appreciating as I do the many acts word from the hospital states, the I. B. Schreckengast for formal recog- of assistance given me in the popularyoung man having shown much im- nition at the annual Senior Recog- ity contest of the American Legion provement and while he was detained nition Day services, to be held at Harvest Festival, I take this means a few days for fear of complications Wesleyan on Friday, November 23. of returning my deep appreciation in his case he is now doing so well Helen Wescott of Plattsmouth, a to the kind friends and whose work that it is thought that he can return senior, is a member of Theta Alpha made is possible for me to secure the home and recuperate there under the Phi, national honorary dramatic fra- first prize, the handsome diamond

ternity. care of the family.

LEAVES THE HOSPITAL

erate for a few days and it is hoped that on Saturday she will be able to return home to this city if her present

JOHN CORY VERY LOW

John Cory, old time resident of ter months and while there will this city, who has been in failing be guests at the home of Mr. and health for some months past, is very Mrs. Clarence Atkinson. Miss Mor- low at his home at the Hotel Per gon has been entertained at several kins and the condition of the patient farewell social gatherings in the gives but little hope of his recovery. past two weeks, given by the friends Mr. and Mrs. George Cory, Harvey here and to bid her and her mother Cory and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Luft of a pleasant journe yto the west and Sac City, Iowa, arrived here today the most delightful outing possible. called by the illness of Mr. Cory George and Harvey Cory are brothers and Mrs. Luft a neice of John Cory.

DISTRICT COURT HAPPENINGS

In the district court a decree of divorce was granted the plaintiff in return to Outlook, Kentucky, where court the decree as prayed for was she is engaged as a nurse in the U.S. granted.

Veterans hospital at that place, one In the case of Stull vs. Ed Marof the largest Veteran hospitals in shall, et al. the case was tried to the court and findings for the plaintiff entered in the settlement of the case.

CARD OF THANKS

ring .- Miss Florence Terryberry.

The aged husband, five sons and Waldo Resso, 22, husband of Mrs. the one daughter, Mrs. Scott, are Resso, when he returned home from

ated on the last of the week at the He went to the door and cried for The side tracks will be placed Methodist hospital for an attack of help. The whimpering of his two on both this and the lows side of appendicitis. The many friends of sons in their crib next attracted his the river so that there will be plenty this young lady in Platsmouth will aftention. He picked them up and Legion Festival and assure them that of sidings for the unloading of the be pleased to learn that she is do- ran to a neighbor. material which will represent some ing very nicely and that her condi- "They are dead," he gasped, and

fourteen train loads of material tion is the best and points to a fainted. when it is all hauled onto the scene speedy recovery from the illness and "We never locked our doors," said the operation. Resso.

"Everyone was honest here,

the mother in her last days. indication of robbery as the motive. at once. The deceased lady was seventy Mrs. Resso's purse was found, un-The force of men to lay the steel years of age and with her husband, touched. It contained some change,

parently were killed not with an ax. Husband Finds Bodies The bodies were discovered by

Stunned at the sight which greet-UNDERGOES OPERATION ed him in his wife's bedroom, Resso ran through the house calling for the

