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## THE NEGRO CONFESSES

Sam Payne Says That He Murdered Maud Rubel.

## ATTEMPT ROBBERY AT WABASH

Burglars Blow the Safe in the Wabash Postoffice, but are Frightened Away—One of the Burglars is Captured—Other Items.

## Sam Payne Confesses.

The mystery of the Maud Rubel murder at Omaha has at last been cleared by the confession of Sam Payne, colored, last week, to newspaper reporters and the officers in charge of the police station. Payne admits killing the girl and clears "Dr." Brown, who has been under arrest twelve days for the crime. Sam Payne frankly and freely admits that he killed Maud Rubel Sunday morning in the McHugh building by knocking her on the head with a board after having been criminally intimate with her. In relating the murder he referred to it as "that business." He frequently broke into hysterical laughs.

He said: "I had been down to see 'Sugar Lump' Clark (his mistress) Sunday morning and on my way to mother's house I met Maud Rubel very close to the railroad tracks. My former acquaintance with her was such that I had no hesitancy in asking her to go into the vacant building, 810 south Tenth street, with me, because I had been on intimate terms with her for nearly two years. She readily assented and we entered the building together and repaired to one of the vacant rooms. After remaining a short time I was about to leave when Maud asked me for \$2. I refused, and she threatened to call the police. I was afraid of being arrested and told her that I had no money. She demanded money, and started to walk to the stairway. I seized a piece of board and struck her with it back of the left ear on the neck. She fell with no other outcry than 'Oh.' I hurried out of the building and did not return again until 6 o'clock at night, when I robbed the body."

## Attempted Postoffice Robbery at Wabash.

An attempt was made Tuesday night to rob the postoffice at Wabash, and it has developed that Wm. May, who is now lying here in the county jail, charged with the burglary of the M. P. depot at Elmwood, was mixed up in the affair. Several men have been loafing around there lately and suspicion was directed toward them. Several business men of the town kept watch and at about 12:30 six men entered the postoffice, returning to the open street in about an hour when fire was opened on them by the watchers. At the same time the explosion of the postoffice safe was heard. The thieves made for the woods, firing as they ran. One of the robbers is thought to have been hit. Early Wednesday morning a man was seen to emerge from the elevator, where he had been in hiding, and was arrested. He proved to be the man who broke open the depot at Elmwood on Monday night, as several of the things taken were found in his possession. May was to have had his preliminary examination before Justice Archer Wednesday of last week, but waived the same and was accordingly held to the district court.

## A Second Confession.

Sam Payne, the negro who confessed Wednesday to the cold-blooded, deliberate murder of Maud Rubel at Omaha, was taken to Lincoln Thursday for safe keeping. Thursday threats of a mob reached the Douglas county sheriff and at 6:30 he took Payne in a hack and boarded the B. & M. train for Lincoln, arriving at his destination at 8:30. He was met at the depot by Sheriff Miller and Payne was soon behind the penitentiary walls, and he seemed very glad of it. Sheriff Drexel was accompanied by three deputies, but the prisoner at no time was handcuffed or chained. He seemed to think that the sheriff was a pretty good man to stay with. The threats in Omaha against the negro were heard on every hand, and it is asserted that Payne would have undoubtedly been lynched Thursday night had he been left in Omaha, and it is believed the mob would have lynched two others confined at the same jail, one a murderer.

The most startling part of the affair was a second confession made by the burly negro while on his way to Lincoln to Sheriff Drexel. He stated that he had been hired to kill the girl by Dr. Brown and was to get \$20 for the work; that he was to have met Brown at the scene of the crime at 11 o'clock at night, but that he grew afraid and did not dare go back after he had gone and robbed the body. Payne told the sheriff that he was not certain of his confessions, but intended to tell the story of Brown's confession.

## OF LITTLE CONCERN.

S Says Matt Gering as to the Motion to Dismiss Hill's Appeal.

## TO BE ARGUED NEXT WEEK.

Mr. Gering Will Be There, But Anticipates That the Appeal Must Stand—Laborers in Demand on the B. & M. Extension.

## The Small-Pox Scourge.

John A. Crook, clerk of Platteville township of Mills county, Iowa, has made an official report of the small-pox epidemic to the board of health of that township. This report shows that eighteen cases have developed, and the case reported Friday in the family of C. B. Ault at Bethlehem was not included in the report. Thus far four cases have resulted fatally. Wm. Sherman, Mrs. Oliver King, Frank Templeton and Mrs. S. F. Hunter. The report says:

"On Monday, April 30th, 1894, my attention as mayor of the incorporated town of Pacific Junction, was called to the rumored existence of small-pox in the family of L. A. Sherman. Inspection of the cases by Dr. L. B. Bacon as health officer of the town revealed two cases of varioloid, and his diagnosis of these two cases was subsequently confirmed by Drs. DeWitt of Glenwood and Hall of Plattsmouth. The Sherman family was at once legally quarantined, as was also the families of Mrs. Alph and Mrs. Hunter, satisfactory evidence of exposure being given in each case.

"On Tuesday, May 8th, a case was reported in the family of Joseph Bacus, of Bethlehem. This case being under the jurisdiction of the township board of health, I immediately notified the members thereof, and their action is, of course, a matter of record already. Constable Isaac Ballard visited Bethlehem, quarantined the family of Joseph Bacus, where the disease was found, and the families who were known to have been exposed to infection from the case existing. Mrs. Bacus is known to have been infected from visiting the Sherman family before the nature of their disease had been discovered.

"On Monday, May 14th, by my order as township clerk, Dr. Bacon visited the family of W. G. Templeton at Pacific City and reported a case of small-pox, Frank Templeton being the patient. Quarantine was at once established over this family and premises."

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## The Maximum Rate Case.

Argument in the celebrated maximum rate case before Judge Dundy of the United States circuit court, sitting with Justice Brewer at Omaha was resumed Friday morning. Mr. J. L. Webster taking the floor made an oral argument for the state board of transportation. Mr. Woolworth, representing the railroads and especially the Union Pacific, has filed a written brief setting out the contention of his clients. The prayer of his petition in the case is that the court may decree the law unconstitutional and it is asked that all companies be restrained from observing its provisions. A vigorous plea is made against the right of the Nebraska legislature to establish "reasonable rates" at all, and the question of reasonable rates having received full discussion, as a result of his investigation Mr. Woolworth holds that under present depressed conditions Nebraska railroads are not beginning to earn enough to support themselves.

## Grave Robbing in Southern Nebraska.

Several years ago Tina Newbury, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Newbury, now living in Colorado, died at Hubbell, down in southern Nebraska, after a short illness, lasting less than a fortnight, and was interred in the Maple grove cemetery, five miles southeast of that town. The occasion was a sad one, as she had made for herself a large acquaintance. On Decoration day, a little more than two weeks ago, while the 1,000 people were gathered at the pretty grove at Ida to witness the exercises of the day, Samuel Newbury, a brother to the dead girl, in company with a friend from Hubbell, visited the grave, and to their astonishment the appearances showed traces of fresh ground and signs of a disturbance, as though some one had been tampering with it. The thought struck the young men at once that the grave had been robbed, and immediately procuring a spade, with which to probe the matter to the bottom, they began a search after the body. After digging for some time they reached the casket. Opening it, they found it to be empty, the body having been removed. The robbery is alleged to have been made by procuring skeleton.

Two of Otoe county's old settlers went to their last home Saturday. John T. Martin, who had lived in Wyoming precinct since 1856, died very suddenly from heart failure. He had not been feeling well during the day, and a physician was summoned. He soon rallied and escorted the doctor over his grounds, pointing out numerous improvements. A few hours after the doctor's departure Mr. Martin suddenly expired. Mrs. Polly Huckins of Nebraska City was the second to expire. Mrs. Huckins went to that city in 1869, where she resided up to her death. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and universally admired and respected.

## COLLEGE HILL NOTES.

Plenty of rain and everybody is happy.

## Cherry picking and cherry pie is the order of the day.

John Osenkop is building a fine picket fence around his house. Mrs. Julia Frampton of Lincoln is spending a few days with her parents, helping them pick cherries.

## August Osenkop has had his house, barn and every building painted.

Thos. Williams is also painting his house. Our university boy, Henry Lehnhoff, jr., is spending his vacation at home, handling the cultivator, instead of reading Caesar. William Wegener is again digging for water. He went to China once before to get it, but failed. We hope he will meet with better success this time. Louisville has a fine trade. The reason is the people support home, not Omaha. Why don't the people of Plattsmouth do the same? Try for once. Farmers held a great deal of corn for fear of a failure, but the prospects for a big corn crop is good, and the old corn will be sold. This means better times. Our young neighbor friend, Fred Stollman, is seriously thinking of soon visiting Judge Ramsey to ask his advice about getting married to a Miss Kopke, residing near Murdock. College Hill school closed last Friday with a picnic, and our teacher, John Current, will take a trip to Europe California, Denver, Beaver Valley and land in Alaska before coming home. Talk of hard times! It looks like it here! Everybody is improving their homes. Henry Lehnhoff is building a dog pen and wagon shed, and will have his house, barn and every building on the place painted. Some western people, who left Chase county on account of the drouth there, bitterly complained of the way they were treated at Waverly. They were told that they were nothing but vagabonds, and were refused water for themselves and horses. And these people at Waverly pretend to be God's people—good Christians! Shame on them! Hell is full of such people.

## Death of a Former Cass County Citizen.

One of Nebraska's earliest settlers, Mr. William Dorrill, died at the home of his son, J. W. Dorrill, of Prairie Home, Lancaster county, June 12, 1894, aged seventy-one years. The deceased was born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, April 4, 1823, where he resided until 1863, when he removed to Nebraska and settled in Cass county, near Weeping Water. He joined the M. E. church while a young man and was a devout christian and an earnest worker in the church. He leaves a wife, four sons and three daughters, together with a host of friends, to mourn his loss.

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## Has Little Hope.

An Omaha paper quotes Lawyer Matt Gering as saying as follows regarding the appealed case of Murderer Harry Hill: "I suppose that Hill will hang, probably some time in September. Of course, we did the best we could to save him, but it is such an open case that I can really see no logical reason for expecting anything but a decision adversely to Hill. Perhaps it would make no difference how the court decided, for I believe there are people enough who would not hesitate to lynch the man if any delays were interposed." It never fails—Gering's Blackberry Cordial for summer complaint.

## Miss Maury Wins Another Medal.

Miss Maud Maury of this city, the winner of the silver medal in the local Demorest contest June 5th, scored another victory at Murray Thursday by winning the gold medal in the contest open to Cass county. The affair was held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and the attendance was large and the program interesting. Miss Maury is earning quite a name as a declaimer and her friends feel proud of her record.

## Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vandeventer are called upon to mourn the loss of their baby, aged thirteen months, who died Wednesday of summer complaint.

The funeral will take place from the residence on Platte bottom at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. The news that the Plattsmouth school board reduced the salaries of teachers for next year has at last reached the sleepy town of Ashland. It is now a certainty that the reduction is known all over the state, as Ashland is about the last town in Nebraska to learn what is going on in the world. Dr. Schidknecht was called over to Pacific Junction on Tuesday night to attend a child in the family of L. A. Sherman. The doctor found the child in a very critical condition, suffering from an abscess near the heart, and decided that the only chance to save the little one's life was through a surgical operation. The operation was performed, and at the last account the condition of the child was somewhat improved.

## Judge Archer is attending the democratic silver conference in Omaha today, as one of the Cass county delegates, consequently there was no session of police or justice court today at his department of justice.

## Charged With Cruelty.

A sensational story, in which the charge of cruel treatment of an inmate of Lincoln hospital for the insane has been going the rounds in a quiet way for some time, was published by the Lincoln Call yesterday. The charge is that Eugene Montgomery of Omaha, who was a patient at the hospital last January, was starved and beaten by the attendants, and this being found out by his brother-in-law, J. A. Buckstaff of this city, he was removed in a wretched plight, sore and bruised from beatings and nearly exhausted by the cold and neglect to give him proper food.

## Superintendent J. F. Hay, who is in charge of Lincoln Hospital for the Insane, when asked about the case, said: "I do not believe there is any truth in the statement made as to cruel treatment. Montgomery was only in the hospital two weeks, and during that time he received treatment as other patients, and perhaps a little better than the usual, if any difference was made. He was only visited once by his relatives. I have the utmost confidence in the employes and do not believe that there are any of them who would neglect or maltreat a patient as is charged. I do not understand the animus of this story of mistreatment of a patient. If there is anything of the kind why is an investigation board not demanded? I believe the story is made out of whole cloth."

## "The sisters at St. Elizabeth hospital, where Montgomery was taken when removed from this place, said to me that there were no evidences of his having been mistreated. At least that was the report of their talk. The subordinates, in whom I have the utmost confidence, tell me there was nothing of the kind."

## Dr. Hay was appointed superintendent in 1893 and succeeded Dr. Bowman in that position. He has been connected with the asylum for twelve or fourteen years in the capacity of assistant and physician.

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Men's Jeans Pants	1.25	Men's Wool Hats	1.50
Children's Pants	.85	Men's Straw Hats	2.00
Men's Merino Underwear	.75	Men's working Gloves	.75
Men's working Shirts	.50	Men's Black Shoes	.65
Men's Dress Shirts	1.25	Men's Fur Hats	1.25
Men's Fur Hats	1.50	Men's Wool Hats	1.50
Men's Wool Hats	2.00	Men's Straw Hats	2.00
Men's working Gloves	.75	Men's working Gloves	.75
Men's Black Shoes	.65	Men's Black Shoes	.65
Men's Fur Hats	1.25	Men's Fur Hats	1.25
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