

SENTENCE OF DEATH

William Rhea Guilty of Murder in First Degree.

JURY AT FREMONT SO DECIDES

Demand for Extreme Penalty Causes Surprise—Condemned Man Shows No Emotion—Oxley Found Guilty of Murder in Second Degree.

A Fremont, Neb., Feb. 17 dispatch says: William Rhea, the murderer of Herman Zahn, will pay for his crime with his own life.

Shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and attached the death penalty.

The announcement came as a great surprise to these most intimately interested in the case as a life sentence was practically a foregone conclusion.

The jury was out for over twenty-one hours, and all forenoon it was pointed out that the home members must be hanging out against the death penalty. Several scores of people crowded into the court room this afternoon when it was learned that a verdict had been reached.

Judge Grimison was in the chair and Clerk Cruickshank was in his usual place.

Rhea was brought over from the county jail by Officer Chestnut, who has guarded him the past month.

When the verdict was read the prisoner showed not the least sign of emotion and appeared to have gotten what he expected. His father was in the room and showed signs of being deeply affected.

As Rhea was led back to the jail he seemed happy and perfectly free from care. As he entered the door there was a smile on his face.

"What did you get?" inquired Mrs. Kresler, wife of Sheriff Kresler.

"They gave me a chance to get out of town says," was the reply, made jokingly.

"Well, what was the verdict?" she inquired.

"They are going to give me a change soon," was his only response.

He was led to the cell, and immediately began to hum a tune and danced a jig. Even at that moment the gravity of the penalty apparently never entered his head. His mood would have fitted exactly had he been acquitted.

As yet no date for the execution has been set, and Judge Grimison has given no intimation as to when he will announce the time.

Sheriff Kresler is anxiously awaiting the action of the legislature in regard to the passage of the house roll introduced by Representative Loomis, providing that all executions shall take place at the state penitentiary.

An emergency clause has been attached to this bill, providing that it takes effect immediately, and in case of its passage execution will take place in Lincoln and not in Fremont.

The work of securing a jury for the trial of William Rhea was jointly with Rhea, has begun. It is understood that Attorney Gray will be unable to take part in his defense, and as yet who his counsel will be is uncertain.

The work of securing a jury will take even longer than in the Rhea trial, owing to the state of public opinion during the past week.

The fate of Gardner has depended largely upon the verdict of the Rhea trial, as public opinion has demanded that the same penalty be given to both men. The sentiment against William Darrell, the third man in the case, is not strong, and it is thought he will get off with a very light sentence, and possibly be freed.

A Broken Bow, Neb., dispatch says: The jury in the Pullhart murder case reached a decision at half-past three Sunday morning, finding William Oxley guilty in the second degree after being out nine hours.

FALLS INTO BAD COMPANY

New Yorker Drugged and Robbed at El Paso, Tex.

A special from El Paso, Tex., says: Drugged with knockout drops, seriously cut with a knife and robbed of all his ready cash, amounting to \$1,000 or more, was the fate which befell Dr. E. F. Meyer of New York, a physician who has been spending a week in the city with A. Movins, a millionaire patient.

The physician had ventured out alone at night. A half hour later he was brought back to his hotel bleeding profusely from half a dozen severe knife wounds, his clothing cut in many places and his money and watch gone. The attending physician said that the wounded man had been drugged.

KILLED BY A BENGAL TIGER

Fearful Fate of Keeper at Indianapolis Zoo.

Albert Neilson, aged fifteen years, employed as an animal keeper at the zoological garden in Indianapolis, Ind., was killed by a Bengal tiger. He entered the cage in which the tiger was confined and was attacked by the beast. A terrible struggle followed, in which Neilson was torn in a hundred places. Red-hot irons were thrust into the bloodthirsty animal, but not until several bullets had been fired into his body did it release its hold on the victim. Neilson was dragged from the cage more dead than alive and was hurried to the city hospital, where he died as he was being carried in. The tiger was not fatally wounded. Neilson lived at Piqua, O., and had been employed by the zoo company for three years. He was in charge of the lion cub and it is supposed opened the tiger's cage by mistake.

MURDEROUS WORK.

Negro Shoots His Stepdaughter at Nebraska City.

A Nebraska City, Feb. 17, dispatch says: At about 6 o'clock this evening occurred one of the most cold blooded deeds known here for years. Hall Faupont, a well known colored man, some forty-six years of age, had been drinking during the day and also had been quarreling with his wife at their home on Sixth avenue and Sixth street. He borrowed a shotgun, took it home and calling his wife, who was at a neighbor's, told her he was going to pack up and leave home, and asked her to come into the house. Being afraid of trouble she refused to comply and Faupont came out of the back door with the gun and shot at her, but missed the mark.

Ella Clark, a step-daughter of the couple, took the part of the mother, when Faupont turned on her, chased her about a block, shot her in the head and beat her brains out with the stock of the gun. The girl is alive, but cannot possibly survive. She is a bright girl of fifteen years.

Faupont was placed in the county jail and a strong guard placed over him, as there is much talk of lynching.

NEBRASKA'S EX-GOVERNORS

Invited to Meet Governor Dietrich on Washington's Birthday.

Governor Dietrich has invited all the ex-governors of the state to luncheon on Washington's birthday at the mansion. All the men who have held the office of governor since the state was admitted to the union are living with the exception of David Butler. The list is as follows: Robert W. Furness of Brownville, Silas Garber of Red Cloud, Albinus Nance of Chicago, James W. Dawes who is now in Havana, John M. Thayer of Lincoln, James E. Boyd of Omaha, Lorenzo Crouse of Calhoun, Silas A. Holcomb and William A. Poynter of Lincoln.

COMMONS DISCUSS WAR.

Somehow Justifies Conduct of the Boers.

A London dispatch says: In the house of commons in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament, the ranged from hospitals in South Africa to arsenicated beer. The special subject, however, was the government's war policy in South Africa. Many members spoke. Mr. Labouchere elicited some opposition on the remark:

"It is a noble determination on the part of the Boers to incur all risks rather than to submit to a foreign power and I honor them for it."

HOUSE IRRIGATION BILL.

The house committee on irrigation and arid lands voted to report with an amendment the Newlands bill providing a comprehensive plan of government aid in reclaiming the arid sections of the arid lands of the state. The aid is accomplished by devoting the receipts from public land sales in these states to the purposes of reclamation. These receipts amounted this year to about \$4,000,000. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare the bill in its final form with amendments. Considerable opposition was developed on the ground of the growing expenditures of the present congress on constitutional grounds.

New Sugar Refinery.

Adolph Segal, who has associated with him several wealthy capitalists, will build upon the Delaware river front, in Philadelphia, one of the largest sugar refineries in the United States. It is stated that the new refinery will be operated independently of the American Sugar Refining company, which controls practically all of the refineries now in operation. Several millions of dollars will, it is said, be expended upon the plant.

American Consul Inmate.

Max Adler, the vice consul at Kiel, Germany, has cabled the state department at Washington that the consul there, Alexander Wood, has become insane. He has been taken to the asylum at Strasburg, where physicians hope for his ultimate recovery.

Succumb to Gas Fumes.

A Pittsburg dispatch of Feb. 16 says: Mrs. Amelia Holmes, who with her husband, Raymond Holmes, and six weeks old child were overcome yesterday by fumes from a natural gas stove in the bed room, died today. The husband and baby are in a precarious condition and will likely die.

New York Horse Sale.

The Fasig-Tipton horse sale, held at New York, February 16, eighty-three head sold for \$14,685. During the week 363 head were sold for \$125,550, an average of \$346.

MRS. NATION IN JAIL

Sunday Joint-Smashing Ends Disastrously.

JUDGE SAYS THAT SHE IS INSANE

Scores Methods of Herself and Followers—Placed Under \$3,000 Bonds, Which She Refuses to Give—Court Proceedings Vary Interesting.

Mrs. Carrie Nation put in a busy Sunday in Topeka, and as a result the capital city has experienced more genuine excitement than can be remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Mrs. Nation literally crammed the day with thrilling episodes. She succeeded in having the contents of a notorious joint smashed; broke into a cold storage plant in search of liquor, ruined the mirrors and several bars found there and was arrested four times. The last time the law laid hands upon her was when she emerged from the church where the mass meeting had been held. She was followed by 500 determined hater-baiters, composed of Washburn college students, prominent business and professional men and ministers.

Mrs. Nation is now in the county jail at Topeka, Kan., as the result of her trial on a peace warrant before Judge Hazen today. The warrant was sworn to by the Mosser Cold Storage company whose plant Mrs. Nation entered yesterday morning. Mrs. Nation acted as her own attorney. Judge Hazen placed her under \$3,000 bonds to keep the peace and ordered her to appear before him at the next term of court. Mrs. Nation refused to give the bond, and said she would go to jail. She is now detained in the hospital room of the county jail, where she probably will remain for some time.

In the city court at Topeka arguments were given in the case brought against Mrs. Nation by the proprietor of the now wrecked "Senate" saloon. Judge McCabe said he would take the matter under advisement until Thursday morning.

It is not likely that Mrs. Nation will be able to give bond, because she declares that she will resume her smashing crusade against the joints immediately upon her release. Her friends have been advised that Judge Hazen will order her release only on promise to send her to her home at Medicine Lodge.

Judge Hazen has placed C. McDonald, Mrs. Ross Crist and Miss Madeline Southard under peace bonds. McDonald's bond is \$1,000, the others are \$500 each.

Mrs. Nation expressed the opinion that Mrs. Nation is insane and said those persons who encourage her methods of reform ought to be ashamed of themselves.

WOMAN FALLS INTO A WELL

Drowned at Council Bluffs Before Rescuers Appear.

Mrs. Nancy Stahl, seventy-six years of age, fell into a well at her home, 775 Madison avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sunday last, and was drowned. Mrs. Stahl was the wife of Bethuel Stahl, a fruit-grower. She went into the yard to clean a chicken, which she was preparing to cook for the family dinner. The well is close to the kitchen door and had been covered with boards which had become rotten. The accident was not witnessed by any one, but it is supposed Mrs. Stahl stepped on the boards over the well and that they gave way beneath her feet. When ropes were obtained C. Robinson, a neighbor, volunteered to go down, and he was lowered into the well, at the bottom of which he found the body of Mrs. Stahl, who had evidently been drowned, there being just water enough to cover the body. A rope was attached to the body and it was raised to the surface.

Sale of Island Declared Off.

"The Danish government," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the London Daily Mail, "has suddenly broken off all dealings with the United States regarding the sale of the Danish West Indies. This is due to a satisfactory offer made by the Danish East Asiatic Steamship company to aid in the future to administer the islands. The American government has been notified as to this decision."

Doctors Despair of Life.

A Chicago dispatch says: John T. McCutcheon, the well known Chicago artist and newspaper man, who spent two years in the Philippines, and who for several weeks has been seriously ill with pneumonia, will be taken to Asheville, N. C., in a short time.

The Doctors who have attended Mr. McCutcheon declare that the tropical fever has so infested his entire system that nothing but a change of climate can save him.

Family Sorely Afflicted.

Mrs. Wells, wife of the rector of Trinity church at Norfolk, Neb., died recently of pneumonia. Her aged mother, Mrs. C. M. Isbester, died the evening previous from an attack of grip. To add to the afflictions of the family, Mr. Wells himself has been dangerously ill, though now convalescent. Mrs. Wells, a married daughter visiting her parents is still dangerously ill, and May, another daughter, was taken sick. The family came to Norfolk several months ago from the state of New York.

FOUND DEAD ON THE FLOOR

Sad Ending of the Wife of a German Farmer.

Much talk has been aroused by the unusual features of the death of Mrs. Charles Byron, the wife of a German farmer living two miles south of Long Pine. When a friend, who had heard that the woman was sick, entered the house she found Mrs. Byron's dead body lying upon the floor amidst a scene of filth and confusion. Her husband said she had been mentally unbalanced for a week, and had just died. No physician had been called. During the day Byron bought some lumber in town with which to build a box to bury his wife in. Byron is a very eccentric old man, who claims to be a distant relative of Lord Byron, the English poet. He claims to be of noble lineage and to have been defrauded out of considerable wealth to which he was the rightful heir, in Germany. He is reputed to be the possessor of considerable wealth, as he is known to have received large sums of money from the fatherland at different times. No investigation of the affair has been made as yet, although there is some talk of calling the coroner.

TRUCE IN CONTROVERSY.

Temporary Peace in the Venezuelan Asphalt Dispute.

A Williamstadt, Island of Curacao, February 17, dispatch says: The asphalt controversy has been temporarily adjusted by the diplomacy of the United States minister to Venezuela, Mr. Francis B. Loomis, and the matter will doubtless go to the courts, as it is reported that the United States desired a formal adjudication as to the rival interests involved. It is understood that Mr. Loomis has conveyed a request to that effect to the Venezuelan government. Should the decision be against the Bermudez company then the question of intervention will be opened afresh. Trouble is feared at Piteh lake should an attempt to eject the Bermudez company be made before a decision has been reached by the courts.

Fire at David City.

The store building belonging to William Bunting, situated at the southwest corner of the square, at David City, was partly destroyed by fire. The stock of confectionary was entirely destroyed. It belonged to Charles Youngerman. The meat market in the adjoining storeroom suffered quite a heavy loss. The building and contents were partially insured.

Tris to Commit Suicide.

James H. Tettaton, condemned to hang on the 19th, at Poplar Bluff, Mo., for the murder of his step-mother and four children, attempted to commit suicide in his cell in the county jail at Kennett last night by gashing his wrists with a piece of glass. When found he was very weak from loss of blood and it is believed he will be hanged at the appointed time.

Girl Dies of Her Injuries.

Coroner Karstena held an inquest on Ella Clark, the colored girl killed by Hall Frampton, at Nebraska City. The jury after hearing the testimony, returned a verdict that she came to her death from the effects of wounds inflicted upon her head with a double-barreled shotgun in the hands of Frampton. Twelve witnesses were examined.

Preocious Boy.

Dr. A. A. Cotton of Vermillion, S. D., has a son who is remarkably precocious. The lad is but thirteen years of age and has graduated from the high school and is now a student at the state university. He is studying higher mathematics and seems to grasp difficult studies with as much understanding as boys much more advanced in years.

Senate Makes an Increase.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was reported to the senate with an increase of \$17,450 over the allowance of the house, making a total of \$1,865,228. The largest item of increase is \$20,000 for legation grounds at Peking, China, and \$5,000 for the student interpreters in China.

Invitation Stands.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the confederate reunion to be held at Memphis the resolution explaining why President McKinley was invited to be present on the occasion of the confederate reunion in May next was rescinded and the original resolution inviting the president to Memphis stands.

Hear From Belgian Minister.

The Belgian minister, Count Liekterade, has taken notice of the reported action of the treasury in applying the discriminatory duty to Belgian sugar; also upon the finding that this sugar is bounty-aided, and the state department has heard from him on the subject.

Killed in a Folding Bed.

James Stewart, a retired lumberman of Minneapolis, Minn., aged sixty, was killed at his home by the closing up of a folding bed. Mrs. Stewart narrowly escaped meeting the same fate, the edge of the bed striking her across the shoulders.

Grand Island Home Burns.

Fire, originating from a defective fuse, completely destroyed the residence and unroofed and gutted an adjoining building, both owned by Mr. Erickson, a plasterer, neither being insured. The total loss on the buildings will be about \$1,800.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The Merchants hotel at Fremont is to be remodeled and renovated.

The Nebraska Telephone company will put in an exchange at Crete.

SUSPECT IS IN JAIL

Omaha Policemen Think They Have a Kidnaper.

HE GIVES HIS NAME AS CALLAHAN

Identified by Young Cudahy as One of Trio—Is a Friend to Pat Crowe—Protests His Innocence—Will Not Turn State's Evidence.

James Callahan is a prisoner in the city jail at Omaha, Neb., charged with complicity in the Cudahy kidnaping case. Eddie Cudahy, the victim, has identified Callahan as the man who accosted him on the street and represented himself as the sheriff of Sarpy county. The boy also says he is the man who guarded him while he was a prisoner in the Melrose hill house.

Callahan was arrested at his home, Fifty-third street and Poppleton avenue, where he was living with his sister, Mrs. Kelly.

The arrest was made by Detectives Wyer and Dueberry. They took their prisoner direct to the chief, where a private inquiry was conducted. Callahan was then taken to the city jail where he has since been held pending further investigation.

Apprehensive that an injustice might be done to an innocent man, Chief Donahue kept the arrest secret. The positive identification which has now been made by the Cudahy boy seems to very the chain of circumstances which led the police department to suspect Callahan.

In addition to the identification made by Eddie Cudahy, the prisoner has also been identified by J. H. Burris of Nineteenth and Grand avenue. Burris says that Callahan is undoubtedly the man who called at his home several days before the abduction to look at the bay pony which has figured so extensively in the case.

Jim Callahan is an ex-convict. In 1903 he was sent from Omaha to the penitentiary at Lincoln to serve a five-year term for robbery. After serving a year and a half he was paroled, but was out only a few months when he was again arrested, this time on the charge of stealing a gold watch, and was sent back to serve the remainder of his term.

Last summer Callahan was employed in Cudahy's packing house in South Omaha, but was let out in July. Since then he has had no regular employment.

When Chief Donahue and his detectives interrogated Callahan in the official sweat box, he admitted that he was a close acquaintance of Pat Crowe and that they had been on terms of intimate friendship for several years, but strenuously denied all knowledge of the kidnaping.

"I had nothing at all to do with it," said Callahan, "and the first I knew when I read it in the newspapers."

Find Him Guilty at Last.

John N. Peyson, residing at Dakota City, Neb., who for over ten years past, it is charged, has defied the law relative to disposing of liquors, and who over fifty times has been arrested charged with violating the laws of the commonwealth and never found guilty of selling liquors illegally, the jury in the district court, after sitting on the case since Friday of last week, rendering such a verdict, after only one ballot in the jury room. Peyson was placed under \$350 bonds for his appearance on the 23rd inst., to receive sentence. As he is an alleged old and constant offender it is thought Judge Graves will impose a severe sentence.

Sustains a Broken Leg.

Fire Chief Clement suffered a broken leg in an accident that occurred at Eleventh and O, Lincoln. While going to a fire he was thrown from his wagon to the pavement. The wagon struck the front end of a street car and the shock threw him out. His left-leg was broken near the thigh. He was taken to the sanitarium where the broken bone was set. The doctors estimate that he will be confined to his room for at least two months and that he may not be able to use his left leg for three months. The break occurred at the neck of the femur, one of the worst places for a break to occur.

Heavy Snow at Long Pine.

One of the heaviest storms of the season fell at Long Pine, Neb., but without a breath of wind accompanying it. Every inch of ground will receive a wetting and the prospects for spring work are brighter than ever. The winter has been the mildest ever known there, and has consequently been very easy on cattle men.

New Case of Smallpox.

Mary Wozny, thirteen years old, living at the home of A. C. Bordwiak, at Columbus, Neb., has developed a very mild case of smallpox, and was put under quarantine. The three cases which have been in the pest house for two weeks are getting along nicely.

Given Five Year Sentence.

Mr. M. Flynn, a druggist of Muskegon, I. T., was sentenced by Judge Thomas to five years in prison for selling intoxicating liquors. Flynn was indicted last year for a similar crime and pleaded guilty, but was released by Judge Thomas on his promise to discontinue selling liquor.

Worked the Farmers.

Alleged poultry dealers near Plainview have swindled the farmers to the extent of several hundred dollars by promising fabulous prices for chickens.

CHAFFEE HELD BACK.

Cannot Join in the Movement Against Chinese.

General Chaffee, commanding the United States troops in China, informed the war department that he has been invited by Field Marshal Count von Waldersee to join in an expedition which is to be mobilized on a larger scale than anything attempted in China since the original march to Peking. It is the intention of Count von Waldersee to begin another offensive campaign.

General Chaffee will be told that he is not to take part in this campaign.

Another serious point under consideration is not whether Chaffee shall join the German movement, but whether it is not the duty of our government to exercise all proper efforts to dissuade the German government from undertaking this campaign. The Chinese government is unfortunately delaying the peace negotiations in an expending fashion, and is not responding in proper spirit to the efforts of the United States. Word has just come from Minister Conger which confirms the press advices relative to the Chinese declaration to a cede to the demands of the ministers in the matter of capital punishment of the leaders implicated in the boxer movement.

Have De Witt on the Run.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail who is with the British column pursuing De Witt says:

"General De Witt has failed to reach his objective, having been headed off in turn from Strydenburg and Hope-town, respectively, thirty-eight and fifty-five miles from the scene of Friday's fight. Last night a meeting of burghers was held in General De Witt's camp to protest against the indiscriminate flogging of men and half the force threatened to surrender. Eventually the malcontents decided to fight independently."

Sons and Daughters Win.

The Sons and Daughters of Protection have triumphed in their contention with the Bankers' Union. By stipulations filed yesterday the plaintiff order secures all it asked for. It is reestablished as an individual mutual beneficiary organization. The order now stands as it did before the attempt was made to transfer it to the Bankers' Union, with the exception that it is agreed that the new set of officers shall manage the order. It secures the reserve fund of \$1,712.76 and all its office furniture and fixtures and starts in anew without a debt.

No Evidence of Foul Play.

The death under peculiar circumstances of Mrs. Charles Byron of Long Pine, Neb., aroused so much excited talk among the people that the coroner was summoned from Ainsworth. He found nothing to indicate foul play, but the eccentric old German, whose wife the woman was, still has the body unburied, with the intention of keeping it in that condition for several weeks. It is thought that it may be necessary for a party of citizens to compliance with civilized methods.

Millions for Show.

Advice from Washington says: The bill to authorize the holding of the international exposition in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Louisiana purchase at St. Louis in 1903, and appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor, passed the house, under suspension of the rules, by a vote of 191 to 41. The opposition was hopelessly in the minority, and the struggle over the bill was brief. The question of closing the exposition on Sunday was not mentioned during the debate.

Freighter Goes Through Ice.

In attempting to cross the Missouri river at Niobrara on the ice with a load of hogs, a freighter by the name of Will Merritt broke through. He very fortunately escaped with the loss of one horse and two hogs. It is also reported that a peddler lost a horse and cart and his entire outfit while making the second attempt. This is probably the end of crossing on the ice this winter.

Given Five Year Sentence.

William Heavrin, who was convicted in district court of statutory rape on the person of Della Lee, a thirteen-year-old girl, was brought into court and sentenced by Judge Jensen to five years in the penitentiary at Nebraska City. Bud Brown was also convicted of burglary, and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Denies Newspaper Stories.

Word from Colorado Springs says that Vice-President-Elect Theo. Roosevelt denies the hair-raising stories of his prowess as a hunter of grizzly bears and mountain lions.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

F. B. Loomis, American Minister to Venezuela, is very ill at Caracas.

Every silk mill in the Lackawanna valley, Pennsylvania, is idle by reason of strikes.

Seven miners, including the superintendent, were killed at the Commerce mine, in Graham county, Ariz., by the explosion of the company's magazine.

Andrew Carnegie has given Centralia, Ill., \$15,000 for the erection of a public library.

President McKinley has declared an extra session of congress will be called as soon as the Cuban constitution is received.

The tin plant at Muskegon, Mich., recently bought by the American Tinplate company, will continue to be operated.

King Edward VII will visit his sister, the empress dowager of Germany. The trip will be of an exceptionally private character.