

Man Slays Wife, Shoots Self in Christmas Row

Daughter, 12, Witnesses Tragedy Caused by Quarrel Over Contents of Gift Package.

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The trigger. Three shots went wild into the wall. Another struck his wife in the abdomen. Two others struck her in the back as she turned and tried to escape into her daughter's bedroom. She fell on the threshold between the two rooms.

Without a glance at the dying woman, her husband went back to his own room, and the daughter heard him reloading the gun.

The mother moaned, "Kiss me, Luella! I'm dying; run for help."
The girl ran to the door, and met her stepfather as he came from his room. He had the gun pointed to his chest, and pulled the trigger twice. One bullet entered his lungs, the second penetrated his heart. He dropped almost at the child's feet.

Wed Last January.
As she ran screaming from the house, the girl met Harvey Nelson, proprietor of another grocery store next door to Lang's, and W. D. Moore and his son, Floyd, neighbors. They rushed into the house and found Lang dead and his wife dying. They called police, who notified the sheriff's office. The woman died before officers could arrive with a physician.

According to neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Lang had quarreled almost constantly since they were married last January in Wichita, Kan., where he had lived.

Her Fourth Husband.

Less than a week ago, according to Mrs. Yetta Clark, a neighbor, Mrs. Lang had threatened to divorce him. "You'll do it over by dead body," Lang replied, according to Mrs. Clark. Other neighbors said that Lang had threatened to kill his wife on several occasions.

The wife, Mrs. Bessie Hammond Lang, 47, had been married three times before she married Lang. She first married a Mr. Hammond, but divorced him and remarried a Mr. Trumbull. After a short time she divorced him, remarried Hammond and then divorced him. She then married Lang.

She had six children. All except Mrs. Solonsky, to whom was addressed the package which opened the fatal argument, live in Council Bluffs. They are Luella, 12, and Harold, 19, who lived at the Lang home; Wallace, 1913 Seventh avenue; Charles, 25; Laura, 21, and Mrs. A. D. Zolonsky, Webster City, Ia.
The daughter, Luella, was taken to the home of her brother, Wallace, after officers took charge of her parents' bodies.

Four More Snowstorms This Winter Predicted by O'Neill Prognosticator

O'Neill, Dec. 16.—North Nebraska and southern South Dakota will have but four more snow storms this winter, according to announcement made by Charles Cole of O'Neill. Mr. Cole is a veteran weather prognosticator and his predictions are respected by the old timers. Years ago he was the observer when a weather bureau was located at O'Neill. Mr. Cole's rule for telling how many snows we are going to have is very simple.

"When the first snow falls upon the first day of the new moon," says Mr. Cole, "the number of snows will exactly equal the day of the month upon which the first snow falls. This year the first snow fell upon October 10, which also was the day of the new moon. This assures us of only 10 snows during the winter and six already have fallen. Consequently we can have but four more."

Mr. Cole's prognostication was made on Sunday, December 14, and the four more snows must fall after that date.

TWO CAVEMEN GET PRISON SENTENCES

Center, Dec. 16.—With a long record of wild west depredations, jail breaking and playing hide and seek with officers of the law which they had been making for several years, Christian and Jerry Denny, Indian quarter-breeds of Knox county, were sentenced to the penitentiary, having been captured by Sheriff Kellogg on the Dakota side of the Missouri river in a cave. Christian received a sentence of two years and Jerry one to 10.

Christian broke jail here twice, in 1920 and 1922, and Jerry once in 1922. For two years they eluded the officers by playing hide and seek along the northern border of the state. They lived in caves when the officers got hot on their trails, one of these hiding places being in South Dakota and the other in Nebraska.

Sheriff Kellogg found both caves and the quarter-breeds claimed that a "fence" tipped them off when it was time to move from one to the other.

Hartington Legion Post to Make Membership Drive

Hartington, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the Hartington post, American Legion, newly elected officers were installed as follows: Harvey B. Sorenson, commander; Lester Samuelson, first vice commander; Barney J. Lamme, financial officer; Fern Jordan, chaplain; R. C. Peterson, historian; R. V. Fletcher, sergeant-at-arms.

The post is planning a joint social with the women's auxiliary and a drive to increase its membership will be made.
At the close of the business session, Dr. L. Stark gave an address on rehabilitation, outlining the work done for the wounded and disabled war veterans.

New Building Opened at Feeble-Minded Institute

Beatrice, Dec. 16.—The new administration building at the feeble-minded institute east of the city was formally opened Monday. The first floor will be occupied by Dr. Sidwell, superintendent, and Dr. Skinner, physician, with their offices, and the second and third floor with children and their attendants. The building, which was constructed of brick, concrete and steel, cost approximately \$110,000.

Crew Proposed for Place on State Board of Control

Creighton, Dec. 16.—L. C. Crew, republican, who for 11 years has been a member of the Knox county board of supervisors, is being boosted by his friends for a place on the state board of control which has the management of the state institutions. A vacancy occurs on the state board of control July 1, which must be filled by a republican from the Third district, the nomination being made by the state senate.

Stromsburg.—Modern Woodmen here are active in a special drive for new members. The campaign will last until January 1.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.
Pray don't another underrate. For doing this in temperate. —Old Mother Nature.

Lightfoot Plays a Simple Trick.

Now that Lightfoot the Deer had discovered that there was a hunter looking for him he wasn't as frightened as you might suppose he would have been. You see it was a relief to know just where that hunter was. Lightfoot knew that the hunter hadn't seen him. He made no sound as he stole out of his hiding place, and as he ran he took great care to keep that little clump of trees he had just left between him and the



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hunter. When he felt it was safe to do so he made a wide circle and came around to the last place you would have expected him to visit. It was the very place where he had seen the hunter.

It was a simple trick, but that very fact made it a good trick. He was now behind the hunter. That means the hunter was down wind. That means that he was in the direction from which the Merry Little Breezes were coming. Of course they brought his scent, and so Lightfoot could tell just where he was.

As long as the Merry Little Breezes brought the hunter's scent to him Lightfoot remained standing perfectly still. The scent grew fainter and fainter. That meant that the hunter was going farther and farther away. Lightfoot moved forward a little. He kept moving forward a little. So at length he came to the very hiding place he had left so short a time before. There he stood looking and listening for some time. Then he once more lay down, facing the direction from which the Merry Little Breezes were coming.

"That hunter probably found little trees where Lightfoot had been where I had been lying down," thought Lightfoot. "He probably knows now that I was hiding here among these little trees. But it won't enter his head that I could come straight back here. No, sir, I don't believe I'll have to worry about him again today. There is nothing like using your wits in time of danger."

But though Lightfoot felt so safe he didn't allow his feelings to make him any less watchful. He still tested every Merry Little Breeze, and he still kept those big ears of his moving about to catch every little sound. Now that the hunter was smarter than Lightfoot thought. He had hunted deer for many years. He knew just how clever some of them are, and he knew many of the tricks they use to fool hunters. He was an honest hunter. He was a hunter who believed in true sportsmanship. He would have scorned to use dogs to

drive Lightfoot. He wanted to kill Lightfoot, of course. Otherwise he wouldn't have been hunting him. But he wanted to get him fairly by matching his wits against Lightfoot's wits.

When he entered the thicket of Little trees where Lightfoot had been lying in. He felt of it. The leaves were still warm. He knew then that Lightfoot had been gone but a few minutes. He knew right away that Lightfoot had either heard or seen him. "It was that Jay that gave him warning!" muttered the hunter. "Now the question is, what will Lightfoot do? I have an idea that he will simply circle around to get my mind, and then as likely as not he'll come right back here. He thinks he is clever, but I'll show him that there are others quite as clever."

The next story: "Lightfoot and the Hunter."

Boy Hurls Chunk of Coal; Cutting Affray Follows

Nebraska City, Dec. 16.—Ed Bell, a teamster, was arrested on a charge of assaulting William Leckenby, a neighbor, with a corn knife and inflicting severe cuts. One thumb, two fingers and the upper part of Leckenby's arm were horribly slashed. Trouble started when one of Bell's sons had thrown a chunk of coal through a window of the Leckenby home. Bell was released on bonds for his appearance in county court, December 20.

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RANDOLPH PASTOR ADMITTED TO BAR

Randolph, Dec. 16.—Recently having passed the state examination for admission to the bar, Rev. F. A. Carmony, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been sworn in as an attorney and licensed to practice law in the courts of Nebraska.
Mr. Carmony does not intend to give up the ministry at present, but has studied law for the purpose of perfecting himself as a sermonizer and public speaker and to be prepared in another vocation should he give up the ministry later.

100 Christmas Trees Used in Fairbury Decoration

Fairbury, Dec. 16.—The sidewalks and the public square have been beautified for the holiday season with over 100 Christmas trees brilliantly lighted with colored electric bulbs. Arrangements have been made by the Associated Charities to care for unfortunate children at Christmas time.

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