Slayer," Is Plea of Hahne to Police

"It's Beal Who's Crazy," He Screams in First Show of Excitement; Laughs at Examination.

He had just been told that County Acacia, at 2214 D street. Attorney Henry Beal would file a war-

Hahne last Friday.

innocent, as God is my judge."

First Excitement. It was one of the few times that said he was just going home then.

In the face of continued question the house. ing regarding the crime and examinations of his mental condition he has insistent on his innocence.

The authorities are making a mistake. They are keeping an innocent man in jail, and are making no attempt to find the real slayer.

Let Me Help. He asked what defense he would

innocent," he said. "They cannot convict me of this crime. They haven't lot of noise with the furnace. got a tiring on me. I'm innocent until I'm preven guilty. Isn't that right?" day of Dr. G. A. Young's two-hour

examination of his mental condition

"Two Stumped Me." wards. "There were two of them that stumped me for a while, but I

thought of the answers after the doc-'Are you in your right mind now?'

in jail. I remember every word of ing and remarked: every etatement I have made."

Planned Trip Abroad. Haline declared Monday that he and his wife had been planning recently to make a trip to Europe. "That's why it's so ridiculous to

think that I should want to kill her. "You see, I have an income of \$400 or \$500 a month from my real estate properties, and I was going to put all my interests in the hands of an agent while we went over to Germany for a visit."

LEIGH FARM SOLD AT \$232.50 AN ACRE

Columbus, Jan. 5 .- John Asche, Leigh New, sold 160 acres of land at killing, the week's close to Otto Loeseke for "Don \$232.50 an acre, a redord for land are fewer murders in countries where that tops boom prices in this locality. death is the sure penalty?"

Daughter Dies Two Weeks

held Sunday at the home, Rev. W. H. tion. Lot of people do, though." Riley, pastor of the Federated church,

McCook's Growth Reflected in Larger Postal Receipts

receipts. In 1923 in round numbers forever." the total receipts were \$28,000 and in

Nebraska News Nubbins

York .- Judge George F. Corcoran, for the past 17 years district judge in this district, and A. P. Sprague, court reporter, have entered into law partnership and will open a law office when Judge Corcoran's term expires January 7. Pawnee City.—William Malone, 27, of Summerfield, Kan., died at the

Pawnes City hospital of pneumonia.

Beatrice.—Funeral services for Claude Pethoud were held at the Dunkard church northeast of Pickrell. Petroud was 58 years of age and leaves his wife and two children. Broken Bow.-The C. W. Esher stock of goods, sold at bankrupt sale, was purchased by Messrs. Possehl

and Peterson, owners of the Empire Shoe store for \$875. Lodgepole.-William Miller, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Miller,

narrowly escaped death Saturday when a pully used for loading ice alipped, striking him on the head, and by servering his car. Several stitches were necessary to put his ear in place but upon examination it was found the skull was not frac-

Columbus .- Mrs. Ella Baily, 65 Decatur, Ill., and mother of Mrs. C. A. Wise, whose husband is Y. M. C. A. secretary here, died of pneu-monia yesterday. The body was taken to Mrs. Bally's home at Decatur, Ill., for burial.

Tecunisch.-George Foster, a Lincoln atterney, who visited his sister, last week, will soon move his family from Lincoln to Los Angeles, to take a udsition with a corporation there, of. Persons under 16 will not be per- deen, who was the original captain Mr. Poster's mother, Mrs. Mary E. mitted to attend unless accompanied of Company A. but two men are Foster, lives at Sterling.

the home of his aunt, Mrs. Clyde Dei- halls. ter, after a year's serious illness with

in 1925 was for Lawrence W. Dela-motte of Litchfield, and Miss Alma ted to make trips downtown, he re-secretary here for the last three eyes. Aluminum eye cup free. Sher Moense application in Pawnee county Beethe of Steinauer.

"Let Me Help Find Story of Girl, 12, Contradicts That of Ax Slayer Suspect; Difference in Time May Aid in Sending Hahne to Chair for Slain Woman;

A little girl's story may help to send John Warran Hahne to the elec-

The little girl is one whom Hahne used to call "honey" and "dearie. He used to give her candy, and she still thinks he is "an awfully nice man," though police believe he killed his wife with a hatchet. She is little Margaret Hedges, 12 "I'm as sane as any man in this daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George city," cried John Warren Hahne Mon- Hedges, who are tenants in one of Hahne's apartment houses, the

She told a story to police Sunday rant charging him with insanity, in which discredits Hahne's stories of connection with the killing of Mrs. his activities after he found the body of his wife, cut and battered with "It's Henry Beal who is crazy," he an ax, lying at the foot of the basescreamed. "He's crazy if he says I ment stairs of their home last Frikilled my wife. Anybody who says day afternoon. Hahne says that he that is crazy. I didn't kill her. I'm found the body of his wife at 2:15 p. m. The girl says she talked to him at her apartment house at 2:30,

he has become excited since his arrest last Friday night. Only the di-Her story also indicates that Mrs.
Her story also indicates that Mrs.
Hahne died before 10:15 a. m. Hahne rest last Friday higher rect accusation of the slaying of his says she was killed sometime between wife arouses him from his calmness. 10 and 2:15, while he was away from

and tha the was much perturbed and

"I went to Mrs. Hahne's house at exactly 10:15 that morning," the litremained self controlled, but firmly tle girl said. "I know just what time ion to ask before I went over. Mrs. Hahne had told me not to come over too early. I was going to copy some notes she had taken on a book.

"No one answered when I knocked "I wish they would let me out; I at the door, so I went back home. would help them find the man who Then I heard Mr. Hahne firing the furnace in our basement. I went down to ask where Mrs. Hahne was. and he said she had gone after some "I have only one defense: I am rabbits. He seemed excited about something, because he was making a

> one came to the door. "At 2:30 I heard Mr. Hahne firing 'dearie' and things like that.

He used to call me 'honey' and

"I went back to the Hahne home very cross, and I couldn't understand him outside, and they were going to at 11:30, and again at 1:30, but no that, because he was always so nice. fix some leaks at his house. "That was at 2:30; I know, because I asked my father when I went up-

Margaret Hedges

"I knew the answers to all his Darrow, in Omaha, Brands Capital Punishment Failure; Says Ex-Clients, Loeb, Leopold Will Never Be Freed

awyer, attorney for Leopold and torted to his questioner. "I am cer- Leeb in the celebrated case, slouched tainly in my right mind, and have down in a red plush divan in the been allathe time that I have been Hotel Fontenelle lobby Monday morn-

"So you've had an ax murder here too? Well, well!" Being told the details of the death of Mrs. Mae Hahne last Friday with a dozen ax cuts in her skull. Darrow re-

Maybe he did just what other hus bands have felt like doing." He chuckled, for he had just bade an affectionate adieu to the charming young Mrs. Darrow who went up to their rooms after their breakfast. Some believe Hahne is insane," the

marked with a twinkling eye:

"All right. Then hang him because he's insane," remarked the great criminal layer with sarcasm. "You evidently don't believe in capital punishment."

"Certainly not. Don't believe in "Don't statistics show that there

Noose Failure in England. PNo. In England they used to hang

After Death of Mother for 170-odd crimes. They didn't stop Columbus, Jan. 5.—Funeral serv. crime that way. Hanged a man for ices for Mrs. Melvin Farlee, 36, who ploking pockets. Big crowd gathered died here exactly two weeks after the to see the fun. More pockets were death of her mother, Mrs. H. Hem. picked in that crowd. I don't get any mingston, at Primrose, Neb., were kick out of a hanging or electrocu-"How about the indeterminate sen-

"Best kind of law." "But isn't it abused by misguided,

soft-hearted folks?" "No," he shot back. "It's abused McCook, Jan. 5 .- The growth of Mc by-cold-blooded people who want to Cook is reflected in the total postal keep the convicted persons in prison

Darrow declared the worst crim-1924 they were slightly in excess of inals are the so-called "petty" ones. "How long do you think Loeb and Leopold will remain in prison?" Darrow looked for a time at his stern black shoes and then remarked

"They'll never get out. Probably smile. worse. If they don't die, they'll still heartily at this one. be in prison 25 years from now."



"A party was drinking in one of the bridge of his nose and tore away

both be dead in 10 years. Suffering "I only do that when I laugh at my charged with the murder of Mae from dementia praecox. Getting own jokes," said Darrow, and laughed Hahne, The photographer asked him to "look J. Warren Hahne over" and chuckled.

"If you'll have him call at my

Alleged Hatchet Slayer "Hard Customer," Omahans Say; Carried Dagger in Walking Stick; Always Well Dressed

The party repaired to another bar.

"He always had plenty of nerve." Year's night of either 1914 or 1913. Preceived the injury which broke down That epitomizes opinion of those "A party was drinking in one of the bridge of his nose and tore away who personally knew J. Warren the uptown bars," said the narrator, part of the nostril which never grew Hahne, alleged hatchet slayer, held "Something went wrong, a stranger back. or the death of his wife. missed a watch or something and one

Holders of many names familiar to of the brothers was accused. The Omaha as proprietors of uptown bars other two took it up. A luil came he received the nose scar, smiles con which were the mecca for the "good when the proprietor of the har an sciously and says: fellow," recall the alleged slayer and nounced it was 8 p. m., closing time. his brothers, George and Wirt.

Warren was always the cool, flash where closing hours were not rigor sociates as a "hard customer," and y-dressed one of the trio. He habitu- ously observed. The argument re- none will say he ever showed "yelilly wore spats, gloves and carried a sumed. Doors were locked and a free low." The attitude he has toward his walking stick. The trio was friendly for all fight ensued, in which Warren present danger was always characterwith none. If left alone the brothers clicked open his walking stick and istic of him, they say. were harmless, but if crossed they drew out a dagger from the shaft. were "hard," recited one who knew Revolvers, fists and bottles came never whimper and he'll never tell into the combat and it is there, one any more than he has," say all who

Specifically, they all recall New of the narrators declares, that Hahne knew him.

York City Council Adopts

passed at its last regular meeting an

Danbaum Still Patient.

Battle of Wounded Knee Dance Hall Regulations

Recalled by York Survivors York, Jan. 5 .- York men recalled York, Jan. 5.-York city council Saturday that just 34 years had ordinance aimed to control more rig. clapsed since Company A of the Ne idly conduct in public dance halls, braska militia started for Rushville. The chief of police is made official near Pine Ridge, where the Indians supervisor and in case he cannot be had engaged the soldiers of the Sev present he is appoint a deputy. Super- enth cavalry in the battle of Wounded visors are to be paid by the hour by Knee. The 50 men in the company dance hall proprietors. A license started away without overcoats of must be obtained from the city at blankets and with mercury 20 degree a cost of \$25 a year or fraction there- below zero. Besides Captain Lun by parents or guardians. Smoking now living in York who were mem Frankin .- Paul Donovan died at will not be permitted in the dance bers of the company. They are Wi liam Chapman and Martin Stafford.

York "Y" Secretary Chosen. simple camphor, witchhazel, hydras Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum

ler of Leavenworth, Kan., to fill the

Hard Customer.

Hahne was known to all former a

"If he goes to the chair, he wil

"Hahne, when questioned as to how

WOAW Program

Tuesday, January 6. P. M.—Advice to Lovelorn period, con ed by Cynthia Grey, editor of "Pleas Me" column of the Omaha Dail P. M. Ta be announced ADVERTISEMENT.

Camphor Wate For Eyes York, Jan. 5.-York Y. M. C. A. tis, etc., as mixed in Lavoptic eye is still a patient at Nicholas Senn hos board of directors has accepted the wash. One small bottle Lavoptic mains at the hospital for treatment. | years, and has elected R. Blair Bass | man & McConnell Drug Storea

500 Attend Rites Sister Hysterical

Down When He Meets Wife's Relatives; They Stand by Him.

(Centinued From Page One.) inquired about his mother. He was told that she was very sick in Minne-"Then this will probably kill her,"

e sobbed, and was seized by another Hahne's pleas to be allowed to atto see his wife's body for the last

"How I wish it could have been I," Police will attempt to have an ad ministrator for Mrs. Hahne's estate appointed Monday afternoon in order that a safety deposit box may be searched for the missing diamonds. John Warren Hahne's one blg chance for escape from the electric chair is an insanity plea.

He will get this chance before he s charged with the murder of his wife, whose ax-battered body was found Friday at the foot of the cellar because, should Hahne be judged sane Then he found that this thing that airs at their home. Henry Beal, county attorney, an-

ounced this Monday morning, and will file an insanity warrant against Hahne Monday afternoon. "I can easily convict Hahne of first degree murder if he is found 2,000 BONUS sane," Beal asserted.

"More evidence pours in every hour to prove that he killed his wife in a fight which began while they

his opportunity before filing charges,

Mr. Beal indicated that preliminary is \$1. The average, Hough says, is examinations indicated that Hahne's around \$900. mentality might have been affected by a disease of which he has been a ictim for more than 15 years.

Week of Observation. Dr. G. A. Young, alienist, spent wo hours Sunday in examining Hahne's mental condition, but did not report his findings to Beal. He stated that he would require at least a week of observation before making a final report and the hearing on the insanity warrant will probably not be held ntil after this period of observation

Evidence which was gathered Sun

large blood stains on the rug beside Beal says, and the floor beneath had fern & Ellenberger last been wiped, but the blood remained goods valued at \$1,800. in the fabric of the rug. Beal believes that this was done in a carefully-planned attempt to make

been the result of a fall on the cellar 40 men. The ice is about 18 inches Beal directed an autopsy Sunday evening on the body of Mrs. Hahne, Robins From Wooded Glens which showed that there was no food on the woman's stomach. This proves,

according to Beal, that she was killed Hahne had asserted

his breakfast, Beal declared. One of Hahne's actions which led food.

Beal to file the insanity warrant was the report that he had accused one of his tenants, Mrs. Peter Riley, of "being a spy from his old gang." He terrified her by rapping on floors and valls until she was compelled to leave he apartments, Beal is informed.

Beal conferred Sunday with three relatives of the slain woman, who had ome to Omaha to be present at her Husband of Ax Victim Breaks funeral. They were Mrs. Charles La Croix, a sister, and Mrs. Verna Johnson, a niece, both of Denver, and a brother, Ed Schaffer, of Tulsa, Okla. They told Beal what they knew of Hahne's character and past behavior, but did not contribute much to the store of evidence against him, Emperal Services.

Mr. Beal has not yet heard any word from Hahne's relatives, he said Monday, though Hahne has said that he expects them to assist him in his fight for freedom

as yet from New York police, who before I will be leaving them and go tuberculosis, which caused his death. end his wife's funeral Monday after. are considering sending an officer to noon were denied, but he was taken Omaha to question Hahne in a reopening of the inquiry into the death time at the undertaking establish. of his first wife, who was reported to have killed herself in New York 13 years ago. New York police now believe that the suicide verdict may have been erroneous.

Hahne's relatives, a brother, a sister and a cousin, obtained permits to see the prisoner from the county attorney and left for central station

Perhaps the Police. County Attorney Beal amended at noon his first announcement that he would file insanity charges against Hahne. He said the charges would be filed, but not by him or his office and the murder trial take place, Hahne's defense would be apt to bring up with frequency the fact that charged Hahne with insanity.

ion insurance policies with face is waiting for me right under m values of about \$1,900,000 have been nose. received in Omaha by ex-service "This evidence would be useless, men, being part of 600,000 such bonhowever . If Hahne is found to be in uses mailed out from Washington to the foolish young Ofter entered the sane, and the county would have all parts of the country New Year's little pen of sticks through the nar wasted thousands of dollars on the eve, according to Adj. Harry Hough row opening, his eyes shining as he rial. Therefore I intend to give him of the local American Legion post. can receive is \$1,520.62. The lowest

> Wilmer Blackett, first sergeant of he Nebraska recruiting district, received one for \$1,219, being for 500

amount. The amount granted depends on period of service, age and whether

Columbus Legion Post

Plans Membership Drive water. If it should succeed in holding Columbus, Jan. 5.-Hartman post him down there he would drown. My, day indicates, according to Beal, that No. 84. American Legion, with a pres how he did thrash and struggle! Even Hahne killed his wife as she was ent membership of 160, will launch a yet he didn't know what it was that seated at the breakfast table, that he membership drive this month, setting was holding him. then carried her to the foot of the the goal at 250. The local post will be By and by he had to stop strugbasement stairs and returned to finish host to the state convention next gling in order to get his breath. His

Peru Store Looted.

Ice Harvesting Begins. Lodgepole, Jan. 5 .- Ice harvesting

the woman's death appear to have began here yesterday, with a force of that very morning:

Swarming Into Columbus before she had eaten breakfast, and Columbus, Jan. 5 .- Flocks of robins not after eating a hearty meal, as that make their usual winter homes

in wooded glens along the Loup river Plates and food at Hahne's place at have been driven into the residential the table indicated that he had eaten section of the city, where they struggle among snowdrifts searching for

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

By pain and fright is wisdom bought, And thus respect for elders taught. —Old Mother Nature.

A Suddenly Lost Appetite. Little Joe Otter's foolish young son,

who had found a dead fish at the back of a little pen of sticks on the edge of the water, remembered the warning to leave dead fish alone. But he was hungry, and it wouldn't take but a second to get that fish.

"Father and mother were just trying to scare us," said the young Otter to himself. "I guess they don't Franklin, died at his home last week. realize that I am big enough to take He was a world war veteran and excare of myself. It won't take long posure during the war brought on



had him by the toe didn't pull

self anyway. Then I'll have to depend on my own judgment. This fish is just waiting for me. I don't know how it happened to be here, but that POLICIES HERE doesn't make any difference. I would be a silly fellow to waste time hunt Two thousand adjusted compensa- ing for a live fish when a dead one

reached for the dead fish at the back And more are coming in with every of the pen. And then something hap The largest policy any man pened! Yes, indeed, something happened. Something grabbed the foolish young Otter by one of the toes. Yes. sir, it grabbed him and it grabbed him tight. What it was he hadn't the least idea. But whatever it was t hurt dreadfully

Each policy is made out on the 20-year payment plan. If the holder the full He twisted around and plunged for the full But the young Otter suffered more the deep water, but he was brought up short. The thing that had grabbed him by the toe was holding on. He struppled with all his might, but he was held fast. The dreadful thing was pulling him down under the

foot ached dreadfully. Without really thinking of what he was doing he swam toward the shore. Then he Mrs. Hahne's customary chair at the Peru, Jan. 5.—Burglars robbed the found that this thing had him by the table. The blood had been sopped up, general merchandise store of Red toe didn't pull him under water. He night of twisted around to see what it was that was holding him, It was a cruel steel trap. He knew what it was as soon as he saw it, for his father, Little Joe Otter, had shown him one

> rouble. The young Otter didn't even tions of the genuine "Phillips. gry a few minutes before, had lost ties, contain directions-any drug is appetite. Yes, sir, he had lost his store.

felt as if he didn't care to ever eat again. All he wanted was to get away from that dreadful trap. He bit at it. But this only hurt his teeth, It held him as tightly as ever. He remembered what Little Joe Ottes had told him about how if he should be caught in a trap that dreadful two-legged creature would come and kill him. Once more he began to struggle. He pulled with all his might. It hurt but he kept on pulling. But for all his pulling he was held fast

The next story: "The Price of Free

World War Veteran Dies. Franklin, Jan. 5.-Robert Brew, oung farmer living southwest of

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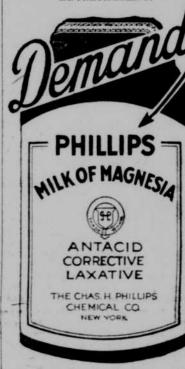
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