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INFANTICIDE

MRS. ELVA LYNN CONFESSES MURDERING HER NEW BORN CHILD

George Ross Held as an Accomplice

Corpse Found in Outhouse

Some of the neighbors of Mrs. Elva Linn became possessed of the idea that everything was not as it should be around her home and notified Sheriff Layport who, with Coroner Lewis, made a search of the premises Sunday afternoon and found the body of a new born boy concealed under some ashes in the outhouse. The coroner took charge of the remains and the sheriff awaited the return of Mrs. Lynn, who was spending the afternoon with her parents at the Fort, and arrested her as she alighted from the stage. At first she denied the charge but later on confessed that the child was born about 8 o'clock Friday morning and she gave the unwelcome visitor every opportunity to bleed to death but he didn't take kindly to the idea and she then smothered him and placed the body where it was afterward found and did a large washing during the day.

George Ross, who was known to have been at her house Thursday night, was arrested as an accomplice on a warrant issued by the coroner. He had taken lodging at the Valentine house and was expecting to leave town Monday morning. He refused to unlock the door when the sheriff demanded admittance and the door was broken open. When arrested he produced the following statement written by him Saturday evening and signed by Mrs. Lynn as proof of his innocence:

Valentine Neb. 26th
I hereby swear that I am all right & have not had anything the matter with me. As God is my Judge this a true statement George Ross never had any intimacy with me whatever.
Signed MRS. ELVA LYNN.

When arrested the woman first denied the crime but afterward confessed her guilt and told the whole story with but little show of feeling of regret for the deed.

An inquest was held Sunday evening and the jury rendered the following verdict:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss
CHERRY COUNTY, }

At an inquisition holden in Valentine, in Cherry county, on the 27th day of July, 1902, before me Alfred Lewis, coroner of said county, upon the body of an infant child of Elva Linn, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that the said infant died on July 25, 1902, from suffocation at the hands of Elva Linn and George Ross with felonious intent upon

the part of said Elva Linn and George Ross.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of July, 1902.

GEO. H. HORNBY,
CHAS. G. ANDERSON,
GEO. G. HARDIN,
ROBERT ROBINSON,
M. G. HOUSE,

Attest: JOB WHIPPLE,
ALFRED LEWIS, Coroner.

The unfortunate woman in the case comes from respectable parents. She is not considered very bright mentally. She was married in 1898 at the age of 18 to a soldier at the Fort and it is said that her little girl was born on her wedding day. Her preliminary hearing will probably be held when Judge Towne returns.

LATER.

Ross' preliminary hearing was held Tuesday forenoon before Justice Morey. Mrs. Lynn testified that the child was born at 8 o'clock last Friday morning and that Sergeant Pierce was the father. That Ross came to her house Thursday evening but that she was alone at the time of the birth of the child which lived but a few minutes. This testimony cleared Ross of participating in the murder and the prosecuting attorney moved that he be discharged. Mrs. Lynn was not ready for a hearing and she is still in the custody of the sheriff.

Rev. McLean preached his farewell sermon Sunday.

Since the recent rains the farmers feeling more hopeful.

O. W. Morey had business in Deadwood the first of the week.

A fashionable society function is stiffer than a printing office towel.

Geo. Bakewell, of Wood Lake, had business at the county seat Monday.

Miss Etta Brown went to Fremont and Omaha, Tuesday, on business.

J. A. Hitt called Tuesday and had his measure taken for the DEMOCRAT.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sparks went to Omaha, Tuesday, to purchase furniture for their new residence.

To "see ourselves as others see us" would not be half as bad as to have others see us as we really are.

A horse ran over Blacksmith Breuklander, Sunday, throwing him down and hurting his left shoulder.

We wish someone who has a pull with this administration could induce the weather department to give us more rain.

There is strong talk of moving the Kearney cotton mill to Omaha. It was built during the boom, and opened with great ceremony and closed with a mortgage.

Frank Brayton started Tuesday morning for a visit to his old home in Wisconsin. His wife, who has been visiting in Iowa for some time, will join him at Cedar Rapids.

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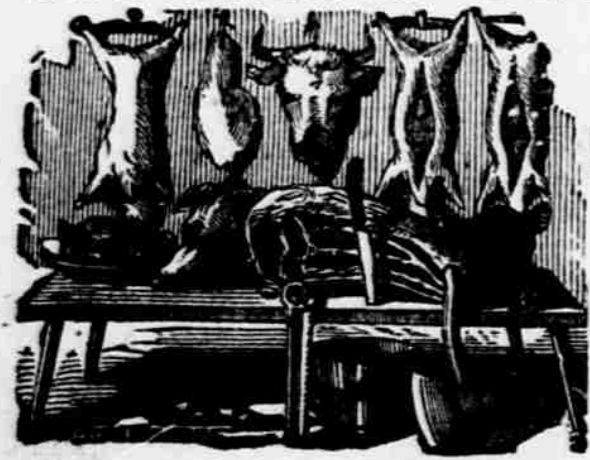
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