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## A. WOLTER MUST DIE

### ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR MURDERER OF MISS WHEELER.

**Defendant Remains Stolid and Indifferent to Last and Refuses to Comment—Found Asleep in His Cell When Called Upon to Hear Fate.**

Albert Wolter, a degenerate youth of 19 years, who gloated over lewd pictures and was "crazy" about women, must die in the electric chair for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a pretty 15-year-old stenographer of New York. After only one hour and fifty minutes of deliberation a jury in the court of special sessions found him guilty of murder in the first degree at 10:30 o'clock Friday night, bringing to a close a trial marked by its swift movement and its testimony of horror.

His counsel said with eloquence that Wolter was too tender hearted to hurt a cat, but twelve men decided that he had strangled Ruth Wheeler and thrust her, while yet alive, in his fireplace, where, soaked with oil, her crumpled body writhed and burned.

With the same wax-faced indifference that he had shown throughout the trial, Wolter evinced no emotion when the verdict was announced. With almost inhuman complacency he had been found asleep in his cell while the jury was deliberating. He will be sentenced on Wednesday.

The jurors themselves showed emotion, while the boy who must die showed none. When asked if they had found a verdict William V. Kulp, foreman, answered "a shaking voice, 'We have,'" and announced that they had found Wolter guilty of murder in the first degree.

No relatives of the murderer were in court to hear the verdict. His aged parents were in court during the afternoon. Wolter refused to talk. "I don't want to talk tonight, I'm tired, and I want to get a good sleep first."

### COTTON FRAUD IS DISCOVERED.

#### Forged Bills of Lading Are Sent to England.

A severe shock has been experienced in the Liverpool cotton market, according to Friday's Shipping Gazette, in the discovery of forged bills of lading for cotton purporting to have been shipped from the United States. The quantity involved is said to be between 15,000 and 20,000 bales. According to the Gazette it is difficult to ascertain which bills of lading are bona fide and which are fraudulent, and this point will be determined only upon the arrival of the vessels and discharge of their cargoes.

The paper adds that some eighteen local cotton firms may be involved.

### FORTUNE FOR SWEETHEART.

#### Iowan's Wealth Reverts to Girl He Loved Years Ago.

In 1857 a dentist of Franklin, N. H., named Steven Bailey fell in love with a pretty little girl named Etty Burbank. He was crossed in love and went west and settled in Iowa. Last winter he was found frozen to death at Juniper Springs, Colo. In all these 53 years he had not forgotten Pretty Etty Burbank and when his will was probated a few days ago it was found he had left her 40 acres of land and a dwelling house near Mason City, Ia., and thousands of dollars.

Etty Burbank is married now and is Mrs. Osgood, of Brookline, Mass. Her brother is Alonzo Burbank, president of the International Paper company, of New York.

### NEARLY A SCORE LOSE LIVES

#### A Disastrous Explosion in an Ohio Mine.

Eighteen of a night force of 25 machine men employed in the mine of the Youghioheny and Ohio Coal company, near Amsterdam, O., are thought to be dead as a result of an explosion in the mine late Thursday night.

So far six bodies have been recovered. Seven were taken from the shaft in an unconscious condition. Twelve men are missing.

It is thought that the explosion was caused by coal gas being ignited by the lights on the helmets of the miners.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$7.50. Top hogs, \$9.15.

### Russian Minister Retires.

M. de Vollant, Russian minister to Mexico, has been retired because of ill health and will be succeeded by Dr. A. de Stavelsky, at present secretary to the Russian legation at Berne.

### Carmen Granted an Increase.

Increases of 31 1-2 cents per day have been granted to the Southern railways to its 1,400 carmen.

### MARK TWAIN IS DEAD.

#### Career of Samuel L. Clemens Comes to an End.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) died painlessly at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night at Redding, Conn., of angina pectoris. He lapsed into coma at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and never recovered consciousness. It was the end of a man worn out by grief and acute agony of body.

Wednesday was a bad day for the little knot of anxious watchers at the bedside. For long hours the gray, aquiline features lay molded in the inertia of death, while the pulse sank steadily, but late at night Mark Twain passed from a stupor into the first natural sleep he had known since he returned from Bermuda, and Thursday morning he awoke refreshed, even faintly cheerful, and in full possession of his faculties.

He recognized his daughter, Clara, (Mrs. Ossia Gabriowitsch), spoke a rational word or two, and feeling himself unequal to conversation, wrote out in pencil: "Give me my glasses." They were his last words. Laying them aside he sank first into a reverie and later into final unconsciousness.

Angina pectoris is a paroxysmal affection of the chest of baffling and obscure origin, characterized by severe pain, faintness and depression of the spirits. The pain is severe and of an oppressive, crushing or stabbing character. The attacks progress in frequency and severity, with uncertain intermissions, sometimes of long duration, to a fatal termination.

Mark Twain did not die in anguish. Sedatives soother his pain, but his moments of consciousness aggravated the mental depression. On the way up from Bermuda he said to Albert Bigelow Paine, who had been his constant companion in illness: "This is a bad job; we'll never pull through with it."

### RIOTS RECURRING IN CHINA.

#### Lawless Natives Engage in Serious Disturbances.

The lawlessness of the natives which began at Chang Sha, the capital of Hunan province, China, is reported to be spreading. Advances received at Pekin state that riots have occurred at Ning Slang, the site of a Protestant mission, about thirty miles west of Chang Sha. A mission school at Yi Yang, twenty miles north of Ning Slang, has been burned. The foreigners are said to have escaped harm.

Foreign residents at Yo Chow were preparing to leave that place last night. These reports were coupled with the statement that a wholesale desertion of the troops has taken place.

One hundred Chinese from the Chinese cruiser that recently arrived at Chang Sha are guarding the foreign settlement there.

### HEIRS LOSE THEIR SUIT.

#### Chicago Doctor Awarded \$100,000 of the McVicker Estate.

Dr. L. C. H. Zeigler, of Chicago, by a supreme court decision rendered Thursday, is entitled to \$100,000 from the estate of Mrs. James E. McVicker, as provided by the contract he held to render her medical attendance during her life. Dr. Zeigler lived up to his part of the contract for five years, when Mrs. McVicker died. Her heirs attacked the contract and won in the lower court, but this decision was reversed by the Illinois supreme court at Springfield today.

### President of Guatemala.

Manuel Estrada Cabrera was re-elected president of Guatemala in the elections ended Tuesday, according to a government cable message received at the Guatemalan consulate in New York. The election was tranquil and Senator Cabrera was chosen by "an overwhelming majority," the dispatch states.

### Coal Lands Withdrawn.

Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior has withdrawn from entry at approximately thirteen and a half million acres of coal lands in southeastern Montana, believed to contain valuable deposits, pending examination and classification as to their values.

### Antelope Is New Specimen.

Edmund Heller, the zoologist, of Riverside, Cal., who accompanied Mr. Roosevelt on his African hunting trip, has decided that the sable antelope killed by Kermit Roosevelt, is a new species peculiar to the Mombasa region and not heretofore described. It will be named the Roosevelt.

### Players for Omaha.

President Johnson of the American Baseball league Thursday announced the following releases: By St. Louis to Omaha, B. E. Shotten, J. M. Corridon.

### Shoots Wife and Self.

Phillip Berry, of Bloomington, Ill., aged 43, shot his 21-year-old wife and himself Thursday. Both will die. Recently the couple quarreled and separated.

### Diamond Ornament Stolen.

During Wednesday night a diamond ornament was stolen from the greatly revered image of the Virgin in the Uspenski cathedral in the Kremlin, at Moscow, Russia, and many precious stones were cut out of the frames of the pictures of the saints.

Sir John William Schroeder, of London, head of J. H. Schroeder & Co., bankers, died Thursday. He was born in 1825.

### SITS UNMOVED AND CALM.

#### Hostile Array of Facts are Faced by Wolter.

No prisoner on trial for his life in the New York courts is ever remembered to have faced such an array of hostile facts and heartrending testimony with stolid indifference as did Albert Wolter Wednesday when confronted with the charred fragment of the body that once was Ruth Wheeler whom he is charged with luring to her death in his flat not a month ago.

Phillip O'Hanlon, a coroner's physician, testified that Ruth Wheeler had been attacked before she was murdered and that there was still life in her body when it was soaked with kerosene, jammed up the chimney of Wolter's flat and set afire. He had found human hair not her own adhering to the burned fingers. Therefore he knew she had fought for her honor. There was soot in the lungs. A corpse does not breathe. Therefore he knew a living and still sentient body had inhaled smoke and flames.

During this testimony, which made the jurors fidget in their chairs, Wolter sat listlessly scanning the jurors the grewsome exhibits themselves and his lawyers. He gave no sign of emotion when Adelaide Wheeler, 19 years old, and said to be an extraordinary resemblance to her sister, took the stand.

With perfect poise the girl identified a braid of artificial hair that had been her sister's, bits of underclothing that she knew by their texture jewelry Ruth had worn, and lastly which came as a surprise to the defense, a seal ring engraved with Ruth Wheeler's initials and which was found on the body. The prosecution will contend that this clinches beyond doubt the previous identification which it had been thought the defense would attempt to overthrow.

### ART SWINDLE UNCOVERED.

#### Hundreds of Americans Have Been Duped.

The revelations made in the case of Count de Gagny, who, with the countess, is being examined at Tours, France, on a charge of having misrepresented the origin of paintings and the antiquity of furniture purchased by Mrs. Chas. H. Paine, of Paris, but formerly of Boston, have caused a profound impression in the world of art and served to open up the whole question of the many sided traffic in shant paintings, other works of art and antique furniture.

Although the declarations of Henri Rochefort, editor of the Patrie, regarding the Rembrandts may constitute a satirical exaggeration, it is the general opinion that there is some truth in his assertion that celebrated collections in hundreds of homes in America and elsewhere contain spurious Rembrandts, as well as copies of other masters.

M. Rochefort has said that 80 per cent of the "Rembrandts" owned in America were forgeries. "I have seen so many 'Turners,'" said M. Rochefort, "that I have almost decided that Turner never existed. He could not have turned out the works attributed to him, if he had lived 200 years. It is the same with the Rembrandts."

### AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH.

#### Nearly \$20,000 Raised for Work in the Past Year.

Nearly \$20,000 was raised for the work of the African Methodist Episcopal church in the fiscal year just ended, according to a report made to the financial board in session in Washington Wednesday. Bishop Grant, of Kansas City, is presiding.

Rev. John Hurst, financial secretary, reported that after reservations for educational purposes, church extension, superannuation of ministers and provisions for their widows and children, nearly \$100,000 was reserved for the general treasury of the church for payment of salaries of bishops general officers and denominational needs.

### Crew Is Rescued.

The crew of the British Indian Navigation company's steamer Satara which went ashore on the shoal rocks near Newcastle, N. S. W., Wednesday were rescued by the steamer Arara and landed Thursday.

### Trans-Andine Tunnel Opened.

The Trans-Andine railway tunnel was formally opened Tuesday. The tunnel is 12,000 feet above sea level and links the republics of Chile and Argentina commercially.

### Once Rich; Now Penniless.

Edward M. Field, son of Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic cable fame, is in Bellevue hospital, New York, penniless and suffering from neuritis.

### Revalce Gets Life Sentence.

Charles Revalce pleaded guilty at Richmond, Ind., Wednesday to the murder of Mrs. Frank Allison and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

### Gotch in Training.

Frank Gotch said Wednesday that arrangements had not been completed for his championship contest with Zbyszko. Gotch is training at Minneapolis and declares himself in excellent form.

### Vanderbilt's Horse Second.

W. K. Vanderbilt's Defender finished second in the prix Ru Blas, which was run at Tremblay, France, Wednesday.

News of the Week	<b>Nebraska State News</b>	In Concise Form
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### ACCUSED OF KIDNAPING CHILD.

#### Two Men of Hildreth Arrested and Bound Over.

Jeff Current and L. L. Bever of Hildreth, were arrested Tuesday evening, charged with kidnaping a child, the son of E. Current, brother of Jeff Current. Hugo Ohms has been subpoenaed as a witness. Tuesday morning Mr. Current came in on the passenger train and went to the home of his brother, stating that his wife, from whom he has been separated about two years, had written to him, desiring that he come for the child, a boy of six. He requested his brother to go for the child, who was with his mother at Upland. Current's automobile was out of order, so he hired T. L. Bever to take him over to Upland.

They took the child to Jeff Current's three miles east of Hildreth, where the father had remained.

The following day Mr. Steinke, the boy's grandfather, swore out warrants for the arrest of Mr. Current and Mr. Bever on the charge of kidnaping.

Mrs. E. Current has a suit for divorce pending, charging non-support and desertion. Mr. Current is contesting the suit, presenting as evidence a receipt for fifty dollars paid recently.

### PROPERTY LOSS \$150,000.

#### Burlington Railway Yards at Lincoln Guttered by Fire.

With the wind blowing a gale, a spectacular fire raged for hours in the yards of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad at Lincoln Thursday night. An estimate of the loss is between \$125,000 and \$150,000. Starting in the old roundhouse, which has been used as a storehouse, the fire spread to the material yards, the large ice house and coal sheds. Nearly a dozen railroad buildings with their contents were burned, together with 38 cars, some of them filled with lumber and merchandise. The high wind carried sparks and brands nearly half a mile, threatening the Burlington passenger station and business houses near. The fire was under control shortly before 11 o'clock.

### Cribs and Warehouses Burn.

Five originating at Clarks Thursday supposedly from the sparks from a passing engine, consumed the big cribs of the Hord & Shonsey elevator, the implement warehouse of M. Koker and four large barns before it was finally gotten under control by the fire department.

### Raid on Eagles.

Persons who voted for a dry Lincoln under the implied promises that the clubs would not be disturbed, were rudely awakened when the police raided the Eagles' lodge and carted out some sixty cases of beer and a lot of whisky and deposited the find at the police station.

### Traveler Declared Insane.

Monday an Italian named Andrew Gerreta, left the train at York with a ticket from Leavenworth, Kan., to Helena, Mont. He was picked up by the police and turned over to the county authorities. He was examined by the insanity board and declared insane.

### Elevator at Hendley Burns.

The elevator belonging to the Central Garbaries company at Hendley burned to the ground Thursday afternoon. The fire started in the dome of the elevator, under the eaves, and in a few minutes the entire building was in flames.

### Shot and Killed.

Henry Swanson, member of a charitable party which was celebrating the wedding of a young couple on a farm near Bertrand late Thursday night, was shot and instantly killed by someone not yet known.

### Open Air Entertainments.

The entertainment committee of the Wymore Boosters' club is engaged in raising \$1,000 to be spent in open air entertainments on the downtown streets during the summer.

### Pollard May Not Run.

Information was brought to Lincoln Thursday that E. M. Pollard would not be a candidate for congress this year. His business in Hayti will require all his time.

### Druggists to Meet in June.

The annual convention of the Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association will be held June 15 to 17 at the Rome hotel, Omaha.

### Fruit and Gardens Suffer.

The winter weather of last week destroyed practically all of the early fruit around Albion, much of which was in full bloom. The damage to garden truck was not extensive, as there had been little gardening done.

### Penitentiary for Chicken Thief.

Sheriff Sweet, of York, took Frank Gano, the chicken thief, to the penitentiary Thursday, where he will serve a one-year sentence.

### GETS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE.

#### McMichael Pleads Guilty to Grand Larceny Charge.

James M. McMichael pleaded guilty before the district court at Plattsmouth Saturday to the charge of grand larceny and was given a sentence of five years in the penitentiary. McMichael by a trick worked J. B. Mikelson, a jeweler of Nebraska City out of a diamond ring valued at \$145. McMichael appeared a few days ago at the Nebraska City store and ordered the ring sent to a fictitious friend "Marsh" at Mynard, Neb. The ring was to be sent by express subject to the approval of his friend. The man then went to Omaha, and picking out a cheap imitation stone, had it mounted to resemble the real stone. He also had a real diamond set in a solid gold mounting, and an exact duplicate made with a paste stone. He gave his name at the Omaha store as "Jackson."

Going to Mynard, he presented himself as "Marsh" and asked for the ring, and while examining it made the substitution. He refused to accept the ring and safely made his getaway, coming to Plattsmouth, where he tried to dispose of the valuable stone and was arrested. He had nine rings in a purse when searched.

### LEAVES WITH THEIR COIN.

#### Clairvoyant Reaps a Harvest at Hastings, Neb.

More than 100 of the members of the "swell set" of Hastings are anxious to find Mme. Della Ionidos, a clairvoyant, who has suddenly left for parts unknown. Mme. Della had arranged to give a "spiritual" party, at which she was to permit the exclusive ones to discourse, with their dead friends and relatives. She had hired the largest hall in the town, and in order to get into communication with the "spirits" she had demanded and collected \$5 to \$10 from each of the parties who were to attend. All went well until the night of the "spirit" party. Then those who were to meet the departed ones were on hand, but the madame failed to appear. It was later learned that she had taken with her both "spirits" and cash.

### SIGNS PLEDGE; GETS BABY.

#### Omaha Father and Mother to Let Strong Drink Alone.

"No baby unless you sign a pledge to cut out drinking." That was the order of Judge Sutton of the juvenile court, issued to Martin and Anna Volaski, of Omaha, whose 2-year-old baby had been taken away from them by Probation Officer Bernstein.

In court the father and mother signed a pledge to abstain from drinking for one year, and the child was returned to their custody. As they left the court room Judge Sutton informed them that if they failed to keep the pledge the child would be taken away and that they would never have it again.

### MRS VAN ORSDOL IS DEAD.

#### Steele City Woman Succumbs to Her Injuries.

Mrs. Cora Van Orsdol died shortly after 9 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home at Steele City, from a self-inflicted wound. Mrs. Van Orsdol, while temporarily insane last Thursday night, murdered her 2-year-old daughter, Janette, by beating her over the head with a hammer and then cutting her throat with a razor. She then secured a butcher knife from the kitchen and cut her own throat. At first some hopes for her recovery were entertained. The woman, though badly injured, was able to write answers to questions asked her on paper. She said that she had committed the deed herself while temporarily insane. Mrs. Cora Van Orsdol is the widow of the late W. S. Van Orsdol, who died about a year ago.

### EIGHT WANT LICENSES.

#### Increase of Cost in Beatrice Makes Little Difference.

In spite of the fact that the city council has increased the license for saloons to \$1,800 a year and has also passed a drastic anti-treating ordinance, there are eight applications for saloon license now on file at Beatrice with the city clerk.

Owing to the fact that the council is on record as favoring but six saloons, two of this number will not be able to secure licenses. Just which of the two will be turned down is the subject of much speculation at the present time, as all of the applicants are residents of Beatrice.

### Editors Meet.

The Cass county editor's association met in Plattsmouth Tuesday, and in the evening the members were entertained at a banquet given by the commercial club.

### Four Days of Snow.

After snowing for four successive days and with two freezes with a wind blowing almost a hurricane, the fruit prospect around Greeley is blasted.

## U. S. CONVICTS MAKE MAD TRY FOR LIBERTY

Five Flee the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, but Two Are Recaptured.

### STEAL AN ENGINE TO ESCAPE.

After Wild Run Three Are Surrounded in the Woods—Siren Calls Aid from Many Farms.

Five train robbers, serving life sentences, escaped from the federal prison near Leavenworth, Kan., early the other day. Within a short time two were recaptured. At 11 o'clock the three others were surrounded in the brush within a short distance of the prison and it was believed all would be taken. The men recaptured were Bob Clark, sent up from Tyler, Texas, and John Gideon, of Moscow. The three others were Thomas A. Kating, from Allen, Okla.; Arthur Hewett, from Caddo, Okla., and Frank Grigware, one of the men who held up a Union Pacific mail near Omaha last fall.

The break for liberty was made about 8 o'clock, and was the result of a clever plot on the part of the convicts. Its execution was most daring. Two men were at work in the carpenter shop and the others were in the tailor shop. A Union Pacific switch engine had backed into the prison yard, and at the sound of the whistle the men dashed into the yard and made for the engine. Leveling dummy guns at the engineer they climbed into the cab and compelled him to reverse his engine. The engine, with the convicts aboard, rushed through the west gate into the open country and soon was speeding toward the woods.

When the escape became known a few minutes later the siren whistle at the prison was sounded as a warning to farmers to be on the lookout. The whistle can be heard for miles and its sound caused consternation. At the time heavily armed guards were thrown around the gates to prevent any further attempt to escape, while others started in pursuit. When the engine had reached a point half a mile from the prison the five men jumped to the ground and made for the woods. Clark and Gideon separated from the others and soon were captured. Then every available guard, led by Deputy Lemon, started after the other three. Half a mile farther on they were surrounded in the woods.

### THE PRESIDENT IS HISSED.

#### Women Disapprove of Speech by Taft at Suffrage Meet.

President Taft was hissed while delivering an address of welcome at the convention of the American Woman Suffrage Association in Washington. The manifestation of disapproval was not unanimous, but it was pronounced. It interrupted the President's speech, but did not disconcert him. He waited a few seconds for the feminine sibilant of reproach to subside and then finished what he had to say.

The President was describing the two conditions he would impose in granting suffrage to any class. "One is," he said, "that the class should be intelligent enough to know its own interests. The theory that Hottentots or any uneducated, altogether unintelligent class is prepared for self-government at once, or should immediately take part in self-government, is a theory I wholly dissent from—but that is not applicable to the present situation. The other qualification is that the class should care enough for their own interests to take part in the exercise of political power if it is conferred upon them. If they do not, then it seems to me that the danger is that the power conferred may be exercised by that part of the class least desirable."

### DEATH ENTERS DR. HYDE TRIAL.

#### G. T. Twyman, Important Witness for State Passes Away Suddenly.

Death has entered the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde, who is charged with having by the use of poison killed Colonel Thomas Swope in Kansas City. It was just after City Attorney James A. Reed had concluded the opening statement for the State when the announcement was made that Dr. G. T. Twyman, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution, had died. Dr. Twyman was taken ill Saturday and it has been announced that he probably would be the first witness to be called by the State. His death was attributed to acute diverticulitis.

The opening of the case was marked by a sharp clash between counsel for the State and defense, the latter objecting strenuously to Mr. Reed, as special counsel, making the opening statement. The objection was overruled.

### Drexel-Gould Wedding.

In St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, Miss Marjorie Gwynne Gould, daughter of George J. Gould, and Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., of Philadelphia, were married Tuesday.

### Fire Nearly Wipes Out Hamlet.

The hamlet of Orleans, N. Y., was nearly wiped out by fire. Twenty-two buildings, including the church and schoolhouse, were destroyed.