WOMAN SHOOTS A FOOTPAD

Would-Be Robber Later Picked Up by Police and Taken to Station.

IDENTITY OF PLUCKY WOMAN A MYSTERY

Several Who Saw the Affair Talk to Her and Learn All the Particulars Except Her Name and Residence.

A nervy but as yet unidentified woman shot and rather seriously wounded a negro footpad at Twentieth street and Capitol avenue about 10 o'clock last night, and then rode home in a Dodge street car in a self-possessed and unemotional manner, leaving the car at Twenty-seventh and Lake streets and going north, giving her name to none. Shortly after 10 o'clock a young negro, giving his name as George W. Williams, with place of residence at 1306 Chicago street, was arrested by Detective Heitfeld at Sixteenth and Davenport streets. He was found to have a bullet wound in the thigh just below the groin. Surgeons Hahn and Vance probed for the bullet, which they were unable to locate, it having struck the bone and deviated. The wound, unless some infection develops, is not dangerous.

The shooting occurred just as Dodge street car No. 4, in charge of Motorman W. M. Warren of 1103 North Eighteenth street, and Conductor Jerry Keane, living at Eighth and Hickory streets, was leaving the corner at Twentieth and Dodge streets on its way north.

"We stopped at the corner to let some passengers off," said Motorman Warren, "and as we stood there I saw a man and a woman in the middle of Twentieth street opposite the demolished church. The woman, I thought, tried to go down Capitol avenue and the man seemed to head her off. She then turned back across the street and the man closed on her. Then there was a shot and he turned and limped down Capitol avenue. I expected to see her fall, as I thought it was he who had fired, but she followed him to the curbing and watched him go."

Woman Tells Her Story.

"The woman got on the car to go home," said Conductor Keane. "She said that she had come up the avenue to take the car and did not notice a man who was following her until he demanded her money. She said: 'I told him that I had no money, and he said for me to dig up or he would see what I had. I said I'll give you something, and pulling the revolver from a paper bag I carry it in I shot him.' There were several passengers on the car and they all praised her up and asked her how she came to carry the gun. She said that she lived alone and had it for protection; had had it for a long time, but never used it before. She got off at Twenty-seventh and Lake and went north. Nobody seemed to know her."

Detective Heitfeld made the arrest of Williams without knowing of the shooting. He saw the negro limping along and questioned him. Williams said that he had been hurt and later added that he had been shot. He said it had been done nearby on the street. The detective scouted this assertion and his prisoner then said that it was in South Omaha, where he works in a packing house, that the shooting occurred, and that it was four hours earlier. The reason he laid to jealousy. At the police station it was found that the blood from the wound had not yet run down, showing that it was but recently received. The prisoner was charged with attempting highway robbery.

The woman is described as of about 30 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches in height and fairly heavy. She wore a light tan jacket and muffler about her ears. She is said to have been not at all nervous, and to seem rather proud of her achievement.

One-Way Rates

To many points in the state of California, Oregon and Washington.

Every day the Union Pacific will sell one way colonist tickets at the following rates from Missouri river terminals:

$25.00 to San Francisco, Los Angeles and many other California points. Tickets on sale February 15 to June 15, 1903.

$20.00 to Ogden and Salt Lake City.

$20.00 to Butte, Anaconda and Helena.

$22.50 to Spokane and Wanatchee, Wash.

$25.00 to Everett, Fairhaven and New Whatcom, via Huntington and Spokane.

$25.00 to Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

$25.00 to Ashland, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany and Salem, via Portland.

Tickets on sale February 15 to April 30, 1903. City ticket office, 1324 Farnam street. 'Phone 316.

Mortality Statistics.

The following births have been reported to the Board of Health:

Births—Olof Anderson, 2618 Lake, girl; James Lonardo, 1317 South Twentieth, boy; Louis Bonocci, 1247 South Twentieth, girl; Charles Allen, 814 South Seventh, girl; Henry Vevra, 1914 South Thirteenth, girl.

WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

At a meeting of the Woman's alliance of Unity church, held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in the church parlors, a number of social affairs were planned, among them a banquet and a card party, both to be given soon. The alliance is giving a dancing party this evening at Metropolitan club.

Mrs. C. S. Lobingier left on Thursday evening for Washington, D. C., where she will represent the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Continental Congress, to be held there the early part of the week. Mrs. Keyes, formerly Miss Dutcher, will be the other representative of the Omaha chapter.

Mrs. A. L. Mickel of South Tenth Street Methodist church will address the Sunday afternoon meeting at the Young Women's Christian association at 4:30 o'clock, "Methodist Missions" to be her subject.

Mrs. Byers, secretary of the association, is spending the month with friends in Iowa and Chicago. During her absence Miss Hallie Hood will have charge of the Bible classes and Miss Eton of the Quid Libet club.

Seventy-eight new members have come into the association since the first of February and there is general enthusiasm in all the departments of work. Two new basket ball training classes have been added to the schedule, one to meet at 4:30 on Friday and the other at 8 p. m. on Thursday. There are at present over 185 members in the gymnasium classes and there have been seventy-five visitors this month.

On Tuesday evening the Bible classes of South Branch, the Margaret F. Fuller literary and the gymnasium classes will have a social evening.

A fine bronze monument, typifying southern valor and endurance during the civil war, is being placed in Baltimore, Md., by the Daughters of the Confederacy and is soon to be unveiled. The group is nine feet high and weighs 5,000 pounds.

Mrs. Chester Coulter, president of the Utah Federation of Women's clubs, is a conspicuous member of the lower house of the Utah legislature, being chairman of the house judiciary committee and a member of the committees on art and education. Mrs. Coulter is a graduate of the law school of the University of Michigan and the women of Utah are justly proud of the part she has had in the legislature.

There was a meeting of the Home Queens' Circle on Wednesday afternoon at St. Catherine's academy, the hour being devoted to a cooking demonstration. There will be a suspension of meetings during Lent and a series of lectures have been planned in their stead.

At 8 o'clock this evening at the First Congregational church Mr. Marshall Darrach will present "Twelfth Night" for the benefit of the Omaha City Mission. The work of the mission is too well known to require explanation. The work has been more active than ever this winter and there are daily meetings being held of men and women who, attracted by the warmth and cheerfulness of the mission could not be induced to attend elsewhere. There is also an average attendance of 100 children each week, who are being given useful instruction in cooking, sewing, temperance and other things.

Sunday, March 1, will be Woman's Christian Temperance union pledge day and the workers are securing the co-operation of the Sunday schools and all interested friends. The pledge is one against the use of cigarettes.

Wednesday was guests' day with Dundee's Woman's club, each member being privileged to invite one guest. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Selby of 4808 Davenport street, and about twenty-five women were present. The early part of the session was given over to a discussion of current events under the leadership of Mrs. I. S. Leavitt. "Hawthorne and His Work" was the subject of the afternoon, Mrs. W. W. Keysor's paper on "The Scarlet Letter," from the State Federation Reciprocity bureau, being read by Mrs. D. L. Johnson, and Mrs. Taliaferro giving a biographical sketch of Hawthorne. A social hour with refreshments followed, the afternoon being most enjoyable.

The February meeting of the Visiting Nurses' association was held on Thursday afternoon in the parlor of the Paxton hotel. Twenty new members were reported as having joined the association since the last meeting, a month ago. Mrs. W. R. Adams, superintendent of nurses, reported seventy-two patients during the past month; special nurses required in six cases; 642 visits made; four patients sent to the hospital; four deaths and $79 spent in the work of relief.

Mr. Harry Lawrie addressed the members of the English Literature department on Thursday morning, "Abbotsford" being his subject. "The Bible in Art" was the subject of the morning's session in the Bible study department.

DIES SUDDENLY IN SALOON

Dennis Daly Found Dead in Chair After Having Taken Several Drinks.

Dennis Daly, aged 23 years, died in Neilsen's saloon, near Twentieth and Martha streets, Wednesday night. The deceased resided with his parents at 1815 Martha street, and was unmarried. Early in the evening Daly walked into the saloon while on his way home and ordered a glass of beer. After waiting some time he again walked to the bar and ordered a glass of whisky. Three times he called for that kind of liquor. Turning from the bar after the last drink, Daly walked into the wine room, where he sat down. A short time after he had gone into the wine room he was discovered in a sitting position, dead. Coroner Brailey was notified and took charge of the remains. An investigation showed kidney trouble to be the cause of the young man's demise. Daly is survived by a father, mother and four brothers.

Wanted in California.

Burt Wheeler, giving Palmer, Mass., as his home, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Drummy and Mitchell on telegraphic information from Sheriff George W. Voss of Marysville, Cal. The telegram asked that Wheeler be arrested and held pending the arrival of an officer from that state with requisition papers. He is wanted there for embezzlement. He was arrested on a Union Pacific train at the Union station. The prisoner says that he will go back without papers, but refuses to say anything in regard to his arrest.

Fights Shy of Court.

Henry Smith of 1124 Capitol avenue was arrested yesterday evening on a capias by Sergeant Dempsey. Smith was arrested several days ago on suspicion of having committed some minor misdemeanor and liberated on bonds. He did not appear at the time set for trial and the case was again set for another date, at which time also the prisoner failed to come to court.

PLUMBERS ARE INDEPENDENT

Some Refuse to Work for Less Than Seventy-Five Cents an Hour.

COLD WEATHER BRINGS BIG HARVEST

Demand for Men Makes it Necessary for the Bosses to Don Overalls and Take to Real Work Again.

A needle in a haystack is not half as hard to find as it is to secure the services of a plumber in Omaha just at present. The gentlemen of the craft are decidedly the most exalted artisans who have a lien on the public purse. They were so Thursday and will be during the remainder of the week. Some of them think so well of themselves that they have declined even to think of labor except at a price that makes the master plumbers' aorta threaten to undergo the same calamity that befell the water pipes.

Since Tuesday night there have been more bursted water pipes than there are happy homes in Omaha and there are not more than eighty-five journeymen plumbers to go around. The majority have been good and submitted to work at 50 cents an hour, the regular prices charged the bosses, who exact 75 cents an hour from their customers. The good plumbers have been called blessed and made to work night and day and each has cheerful visions of a pay envelope this week that will contain from $35 to $40 and even more.

Some "Bad" Plumbers.

But there are seven or eight other plumbers—and seven or eight plumbers are a good many in this weather—who are bad, and upon them have been bestowed curses and epithets and cajolery and pleadings, all of which have not yet accomplished any good for the water pipes. So it was that half a dozen master plumbers took down their tool kits yesterday, put on overalls and studied anew in practice the art of mending and thawing out water pipes.

Meanwhile the seven or eight bad plumbers reposed in great bodily comfort at Labor Temple, and, when their serenity was jarred by telephone calls, sent back the unvarying reply: "Seventy-five cents an hour or nothing. It's too cold to work for common wages." To further overtures they hung up the receiver with a bang and returned to social session with the radiator.

CASE INTERESTS MERCHANTS

Suit of William Richmond Against Business Men of Humboldt, Neb.

In the case of William Richmond against Wozat and seventeen other merchants of Humboldt, Neb., Judge Munger has decided that the complainant does not have to make his petition more specific. This case has considerable interest to the merchants of the state, as it is the outgrowth of an attempt on the part of merchants of Humboldt to bring punishment upon a man who was charged with selling goods direct to the consumer from wholesale stock.

The story does not appear in the petition, which briefly alleges that the plaintiff was arrested without legal right at the instance of the defendants and demands $15,000 damages. The story as told by the plaintiff is that he was engaged in selling goods to consumers in and around Humboldt by sample and delivering them at a later date, when he was arrested at the instance of the merchants of the city and later released. The merchants of the state, particularly the grocers, are much interested in the result of the case, as it is expected that they will wage war upon these peripatetic salesmen if this case is decided in favor of the merchants of Humboldt.

MRS. FARRELL BLOCKS ROAD

Secures Order Temporarily Restraining Missouri Pacific's Contemplated Condemnation Proceedings.

From Judge Day, Catherine Farrell has secured a temporary order restraining the Missouri Pacific Railroad company from securing condemnation of property she owns near where the road's line crosses Seventeenth street. She alleges that R. S. Berlin and C. F. Harrison, named by the county court as two of the six appraisers, are not disinterested parties; that Berlin is not even a freeholder and that Merriam & Holmquist, who own an adjacent elevator, are in conspiracy with the railroad company.

Giant Strides.

Connoisseurs, the fashionable world, those whose palates easily detect superiority in excellence, set the stamp of approval, and by general adoption are advancing the popular brand of Moet & Chandon "White Seal" champagne towards exclusive use at a very rapid pace. The increase in sales for the year 1902 over 1901 was 367,116 bottles, a record never before attained in the history of the champagne trade, marking a gain equal to 564 per cent greater than the combined increase of all other brands of champagne. Moet & Chandon White Seal is acknowledged as "The Acme of Perfection."

Announcements of the Theaters.

The kinodrome, showing pretty moving pictures of nursery tales, is proving the delight of children who attend the Orpheum this week, and there being no school Saturday afternoon the juveniles will undoubtedly be in evidence in unusually large numbers. The scenes includes such familiar favorites as "Old Mother Hubbard," "Hey Diddle Diddle," "Little Miss Muffet," "Little Jack Horner," "Old Mother Goose," "Four and Twenty Blackbirds" and others. The variety in this week's bill is well adjusted, and is giving excellent satisfaction. Miss Edith Helena, the high lyric soprano, is attracting the musical element in large numbers.

The well-known manager, Rudolph Aronson, arrived here yesterday from New York, preparatory to the first appearance at Boyd's theater next Monday afternoon of the distinguished Bohemian violin virtuoso, Kocian.

Manager Aronson was highly elated over Kocian's phenomenal success in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis and other cities, where he fairly electrified his audiences.

Kocian is the possessor of a number of fine violins, and on Monday afternoon at his recital will play on "his favorite," a magnificent "Guarnerius," valued at $25,000, and a gift from an ardent admirer.

Before returning to Europe to fulfill his engagements there, the young violinist will visit Fez, in Morocco, where a special invitation has been extended him to appear before Muley Abdul Aziz, sultan of Morocco.

"Barbara Frietchie," with Mary Elizabeth Forbes in the title role, will be opened at the Boyd Sunday matinee for an engagement that terminates Wednesday night. The production is the original one, and the one used by Julia Marlowe. Miss Forbes is said to handle the part very acceptably, her methods being similar to those of Miss Marlowe. She is said to be surrounded by a splendid company.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

"Floriana" by a Quartet.

The presentation of Arthur Whiting's song-cycle "Floriana" brought out a large-sized audience to St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church last night. The work is a musical setting, for soprano, contralto, tenor and bass soloists, of the poems by Oliver Herford, "Overheard in a Garden."

Mr. Whiting's writing suggests that he has studied harmony and has done many exercises, but it is not likely that "Floriana" will place its author in the list of the immortals. The quartet presenting the work consisted of Mrs. Thomas J. Kelly, Mrs. Allen P. Ely, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Charles S. Haverstock. The ensemble was, generally speaking, very effective, and the individual solo work was warmly applauded.

Miss Jessie Towne played the accompaniments with eloquence and discrimination. Several pretty tableaux were introduced, in which little children did some very clever posing. As a preface to the work a quartet, "The Water Lily," by Gade, was sung with good tone-balance and much style.

The musical part of the program was in the hands of Mrs. Ely.

SONS OF REVOLUTION TO MEET

Annual Meeting of Nebraska Society to Occur in Omaha Saturday Night.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution, will be held Saturday night at the Commercial club rooms. This is the Washington birthday anniversary, held one day ahead of time by reason of the anniversary falling on Sunday.

The principal feature will be the election of officers for the ensuing year, although the historical and literary portion of the program will not be neglected. The first number on the program will be the address of the retiring president, in which the work of the year will be reviewed. Then will come the address of the president elected at the meeting, followed by the address of the historian of the society, Carroll G. Pearse, who will sum up the results of the war of the revolution in the west, the war in that part of the country having been the subject of study during the year. Dr. W. H. Hanchett will present a paper on "Benjamin Franklin and His Work for the West." The songs on the program are "A Thousand Years" and "America."

J. H. Daniels, who represented Nebraska on the national board of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was appointed to prepare a fitting memorial for the late President McKinley, who was a member of the society, has received a proof of the memorial publication which soon will be issued. The proof shows an elegant specimen of engraving and letter press work upon vellum, the text illuminated, and an excellent likeness of the late president in steel engraving occupying one page. Attached to the memorial are facsimiles of the signatures of the members of the committee. Mr. Daniels has prepared a souvenir album of the proceedings of the meeting of the committee held at Canton, O., some weeks ago. The album contains a paper from the McKinley home, bearing the signatures of the members of the committee; a copy of the resolutions adopted and newspapers containing an account of the meeting, together with pictures of members of the committee which took a prominent part in the meeting.

RUBBER JOBBERS IN REVOLT

They Want the United States Company to Share Expense of Competition.

The wholesale market in rubber goods promises to show some change in the next month, but what that change will be is not foretold. The board of directors of the United States Rubber company is in session now and the reports received from the country, according to statements made by local jobbers, indicate that the trade generally desires some change in the existing method of doing business. The United States company controlled the situation up to a year ago, but the firms outside of the big company are now supplying nearly one-quarter of the total output of rubber goods. This season the old restrictive contract between the United States company and the wholesale dealers was abolished and jobbers were permitted to make any price they might desire, thus throwing the burden of the fight against the independent companies upon the jobbers. These merchants are now in a state of revolt and demand that the United States company take some action to place them in a position to fight the independent companies without sacrificing profits, indicating a desire to have the burden of the fight at least divided between the manufacturers and the jobbers. It was suggested by one jobber present at one of the sessions of the board that those wholesale dealers who object to existing conditions refuse to place orders until the board of directors solves the problem of dividing the expense of the opposition to the independent companies.

SUIT FOR LOSS OF AN EYE

Judge Read and Jury Hearing Case of M. F. Clancy Against G. E. Barker.

There has been renewed in district court, before Judge Read and a jury, the litigation over the injury received by M. F. Clancy's young son at the Barker hotel, January 12, 1902, when he was shot accidentally in the left eye by a bell boy named Lacey. The case first went into federal court, when the suit was brought in the boy's name against the Barkers for personal injury. Failing to secure satisfaction there, Mr. Clancy now appears in district court with a suit against George E. Barker for $32,957, alleging that he is damaged in that amount by reason of the loss of the usefulness of the boy and the expense he has incurred for special treatment and the further expense he will incur in giving the boy the special education that will be required to give him equal opportunity with other boys hereafter. The lad's mother is in court with him.

E. W. Nash, Second, is Born.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nash early yesterday morning and the omnipresence of cigars around the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul office made any verbal announcement of the fact unnecessary. Gene Duval says that he has lost his job, as the boy will undoubtedly supersede him as assistant general western agent. Mr. Nash states that the boy shall be named E. W. Nash, second, as he will thus play even with his brother, who did him a similar trick some twenty-four years back. Meanwhile congratulations are showering in upon the parents from all sides. They had just recently moved into their new home at 130 South Thirty-third street.

Small Blaze in Cottage.

The cottage occupied by John Cranser at 1207 North Twenty-first street and owned by F. W. Hoarback, was damaged by fire to the extent of about $150 last night. The house was fully insured, as was the furniture, which was in part saved. Cranser works for Ed Quinn at Sixteenth and Nicholas streets. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The lamp exploded about 8:30 and an alarm was turned in, but Mrs. Cranser, C. J. Spain and other neighbors apparently put out the small blaze. Shortly after the firemen departed the blaze started up unaccountably and they were recalled.

TO ARREST MEISNER AGAIN

Chief of Police Orders that Dreamer Be Taken Back to Jail.

NEW COMPLAINT COMES FROM SCHUYLER

Photographer Says Young Man Obtained Money from Him by Representing that He Was Heir to Large Estate.

Upon information received by the police department from various cities, Chief Donahue has ordered the rearrest of Hugh F. Meisner, the dreamer who was recently taken into custody on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, but who was released Wednesday on account of lack of prosecution on that charge.

The chief decided to act when a letter was received from J. F. Holonbeck, a photographer of Schuyler, Neb., enclosing checks which Holonbeck has issued to Meisner during the months of February and March, 1902. The total amount given to Meisner by the Schuyler resident was $258, the largest check being for $200, the smallest for $10. These, the photographer states in his letter, were advanced to the young man upon his representation that he was soon to become the possessor of a large estate.

Holonbeck states that Meisner was known to him and that the bank authorities in Schuyler as "Harry McDonough." The two men were to engage in an advertising scheme. Part of the money advanced was sent by draft to "McDonough" in Toledo, O. Holonbeck will come to Omaha to prosecute Meisner.

Inquiries have also been received by the chief from the Furlong and Thiel detective agencies of St. Louis, Mo., asking for Meisner's description, as it is believed that he has operated his scheme in other cities. Chief Donohue is inclined to believe that he is a clever man in his way and will send the photos and Bertillon measurements taken here this week to the different police departments in the hope of ascertaining more of the young man's record, as his "estate stories" have been unearthed as far back as 1902.

Publish your legal notices in The Weekly Bee. Telephone 238.

Belated Trains Arrive.

Union Pacific train service on the west end of the line has been extremely embarrassed by the cold spell. Yesterday a bunch of five trains was brought in and among them were No. 2 and No. 8, that were due here last Tuesday night. It is said that the worst of the trouble is over and that rapid gains will be made on the schedule from now on.