

YOUNG WIFE KILLS HUSBAND

Files Divorce Suit, Then Shoots Man Who Sought Her Life.

HE TRIED TO KILL HER MOTHER

Eugene Collins of Council Bluffs, Colored, Victim and Parties Were Prominent in Their Social Set.

Eugene Collins, a colored waiter on the Los Angeles Limited train, was shot and instantly killed at 3 o'clock Friday morning by his wife, Grace Belle Collins, at the home of her mother, 23 South Fifth street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Mrs. Collins, Thursday, filed suit for divorce from Collins, whom she married in Omaha, June 24, 1909, and the shooting of Collins followed an attempt on his part to kill both Mrs. Collins and her mother, Mrs. Jennie Powell.

Collins called at the Powell home early in the morning and Mrs. Powell rose to let him in. He fired four shots at her, but all missed and she ran screaming from the house. Mrs. Collins then rushed out and Collins fired twice at her, but neither shot hit her. Mrs. Collins then ran back into her bedroom, secured a revolver and returned, blazing away at her husband. Her first shot struck him in the temple and as he wheeled around she fired again, the bullet striking him between the shoulders and passing clear through his body.

Mrs. Collins was arrested and taken before Judge Snyder, who immediately remanded her to the grand jury, which is now in session.

Admitted She Killed Him.

The postmortem examination, it is said, showed that Collins received three bullet wounds, any one of which would have proved fatal. The revolver with which Mrs. Collins said she killed her husband showed that only two shots had been fired from her weapon.

When Coroner Treynor was called to the house, he was first told that Collins, after doing promiscuous shooting at the occupants, shot himself. Later on questioning the young wife she said: "I shot him in self defense."

Collins, when Dr. Treynor went to the house, was lying face downward in the doorway of an inner room and the revolver he had used, underneath him.

Major G. H. Richmond, chief of police, on learning the result of the postmortem at once ordered the arrest of all persons in the Powell home, where the shooting occurred.

Coroner Treynor is highly displeased because Mrs. Collins and her mother, Mrs. Powell, were taken directly to the grand jury before the inquest had been held.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins were married at the church of St. Philip the Deacon in Omaha, by Rev. John Albert Williams. In her divorce petition Mrs. Collins accuses him of cruel and inhuman treatment. She is 23 years of age and he was 29. They were prominent in colored society in Council Bluffs.

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of the functions of stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, is quickly disposed of with Electric Bitters. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

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CHECKER GAME ENDS SADLY

Father Alleged to Have Ended Quarrel by Injuring 13-Year-Old Daughter.

Peter Hansen was tried in police court for assaulting his step-daughter, Madge Burchard, 13 years old.

Madge and her sister were playing checkers and quarreled over the game. Hansen ordered them to stop and they complied with his request. They then engaged in another quarrel and Hansen gave Madge a push against the door and her collarbone was broken, so it is said.

Hansen says he did not mean to hurt the girl and did not know anything serious had happened till the girl was taken to the home of her aunt, who called a surgeon to attend her injuries. Mrs. Hansen testified that Hansen was rough to the girls and that he had refused to call a physician to attend to Madge after the girl was hurt.

The judge took the case under advisement.

WOMAN'S CHARM

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Commencing at 9 o'clock Saturday, the Parisian Cloak Co. will sell their entire stock of over 600 women's skirts at just half price. See their Adv. on page 11.

BUSINESS MEN SHOWN "Y"

Those Who Contributed to Young Women's Christian Association Inspect Completed Building.

A gathering of Omaha business men was entertained at a luncheon at the Young Women's Christian association Friday afternoon. They heard a final report on the financial affairs of the organization's new home and were shown about the building.

Some Things You Want to Know

Halley and His Comet.

The astronomical world will pause today in the study of the approaching comet to pay a mental tribute to the man whose name it bears, for it was on the 14th of January, 1791, that Halley died. After he had recognized the comet, and predicted its return in 1758, he said that he would not live to see it return, but that he hoped an impartial posterity would do him the justice to remember that he had forecasted its reappearance. For the third time since then it is now coming toward us, and for the third time the world will unite in honoring Halley for his astounding knowledge in predicting its movements.

Edmund Halley was the son of an English soap boiler and first saw the light of day in 1686. He was a mathematician from his cradle. The study of the universe of worlds was second nature to him, and by the time he was 20 when the moon then was the average boy thinks about it, he had published a paper on the orbits of the principal planets, and had studied a sun spot so intently that he was able to deduce from his studies the fact that the sun rotates around its axis the same as the earth.

By the time Halley was 22 he had completed a visit to St. Helena, where he made a map of the southern half of the heavens. He was only 24 years of age when he made his memorable tour of the world, the result of which was his prediction that the comet which bears his name would return on schedule time. He was the first man in astronomical history who so far mastered the movements of a comet as to be able to say whether it would or whence it should return. It was he, also, who led the astronomers to observe the transit of Venus, in order to establish the sun's parallax. Upon the determination of the parallax of the sun has depended more astronomical knowledge than any other one thing.

Halley became the royal astronomer of England in 1720, and continued in that office until his death. One of the most interesting coincidences in the history of astronomy and mathematics was the fact that he and Newton, working upon entirely independent lines, had both undertaken to prove that the centrifugal force in the universe was one varying inversely as the square of the distance. When he visited Newton for the purpose of enlisting his aid in finally determining the truth of his conclusions, he found that the discovery of the law of gravity had mapped out the same conjecture and had taken the same means to prove it.

There is abundant evidence that Halley was a much better astronomer and mathematician than he was a sailor. In 1682 he had perfected a theory relative to the variation of the magnetic needle. Later he was given a ship and sent into the western seas to make the observations necessary to his crew, and, in the meantime, he had to put back to England with his work unfinished. But he tried again and his second trip was successful.

But while his life was an unbroken record of things accomplished, his name will be perpetuated more through the periods of his comet than through all the other things he did. Think of it! A man still too young to be eligible to a seat in the United States senate, taking into his mental grasp a wandering object in space which goes more than 3,000,000,000 miles away from the sun, laying out its course as a civil engineer might lay out a mile race track, and forecasting its return with almost as much accuracy as one might forecast the return of a friend who had gone away on a holiday vacation! To accomplish this he had to approximate its speed, its direction, the distance it had to travel, the shape of its orbit, a dozen things which even now are beyond the grasp of the lay mind.

The mind cannot conceive of how far Halley's comet has traveled in the three-quarters of a century since it last looked down upon the earth. During all these years it has been reeling off distance at the rate of more than 76,000,000 miles a month, or 5,200 miles a day, with never a stop for breath. It left us so far behind in space that the little distance of 14,000,000 miles which will separate it from us in May seems no more than a step across lots to see a next door neighbor.

Assuming that there is the same proportion of people over 90 living today as there was in 1900, and that the comet appeared five years old when the comet appeared, can you remember it, there will be about 300,000 people in the United States who will be able to say that they have seen Halley's comet twice. The last time it was visible

Old Glory Floats from Lofty Height

Flag is Unfurled on Framework of Sixteenth Story of City National Bank Building.

Two hundred and twenty feet above the street the Star Spangled Banner floats above the topmost point of the steel framework of the City National bank building at Sixteenth and Harney streets. Following the time-honored custom of the steel workers the flag was hoisted at noon Friday when the corner column of the sixteenth and last story was hoisted into place.

Frank Lehman, superintendent of the steel gang, stood at the brink of the towering web of girders, just 362 feet from the ground, waiting for the last bolt to be screwed into place. A workman laid down his wrench and the big flag started up the mast.

The little knot of workmen raised a lusty cheer, which drifted down through the fog to the upturned faces of the people on the street. The flag looked like a postage stamp to the sidewalk spectators, but it measures six feet wide and twelve feet long.

"It's got to be almost a superposition with the steel workers," exclaimed H. T. Eastman, supervising architect, balancing himself on a wabbling plank at the edge of the top story. "There's a lot of patriotism in these lads that clamber around up here off the earth. The flag always goes up on the building when the steel gang works and they wouldn't feel right if it didn't."

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Mighty Problem Vexes Society

Ponderous Proposition on Personal Privileges Wrinkles Many Young Brows Just Now.

If a girl has accepted an invitation to the theater, say for Tuesday night, Monday being the opening of the engagement, has she a right to accept the invitation of another swain for Monday night?

This momentous problem is now harassing a number of young women known to fame so far as frequent mention in society columns gives fame.

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CLEARING THE DECKS FOR ACTION

December, just passed, totaled the greatest December in sales in the history of our business. All departments - retail, branch stores, wholesale (by the way we have nearly 100 wholesale agencies in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota) contributed their share in sales-breaking all previous records.

Quite naturally in moving in one short month such an immense stock of High Grade, World Famous Pianos of such makes as - The Steinway, Weber, Steger, Hardman, Emerson, McPhail, Mehlin, A. B. Chase, Wheelock, Steck, Stuyvesant and the Hand Made Schmoller & Mueller

We were frequently obliged to accept in exchange on these new pianos used instruments. From all of our branch stores, from every wholesale agency, we have assembled here at Omaha these Taken-in-Exchange-Pianos, have put them through our factory, thoroughly overhauled them. Where necessary they have been rebuilt. Each instrument has been repolished, tuned, and made near-to-new.

Placed on our floors for prompt inspection and sale Saturday morning are these, the best values ever offered music lovers in Omaha or near vicinity. These are not hold-overs from our recent record breaking Golden Anniversary Sale, for that sale cleared our floor of every used piano. We could have sold twice as many to interested purchasers if we had them in stock at that time.

You will positively save in purchasing now all the way from \$75.00, \$100.00, \$150.00 up to \$300.00 on the BARGAINS IN PIANOS TAKEN-IN-EXCHANGE as compared with the regular retail prices when new. There will be no need to urge Piano buyers to hasten. They will snap these values up. The reputation of this firm insures a square deal on every instrument offered. Lowest prices, and terms that you couldn't begin to secure except at Schmoller & Mueller's.

Table listing piano models and prices: \$140.00 Columbus \$65.00, 400.00 Davis & Sons \$125.00, 375.00 Kimball \$150.00, 350.00 Mueller, mahogany \$175.00, 400.00 Knabe \$175.00, 590.00 Mueller, oak \$175.00, 425.00 Krakauer Bros. \$190.00, 400.00 Adam Schaaf \$225.00, 450.00 Chase \$235.00, 450.00 Curt, new \$250.00, 400.00 Kurtzman \$250.00, 500.00 Harrington, art style \$275.00, 500.00 Chickering, new only \$375.00, 750.00 Hardman Grand \$400.00, 650.00 Knabe, large size \$400.00, 600.00 Art Style Hardman \$285.00, 1,500 Steynway Grand \$450.00, 750.00 Steynway \$450.00, 250.00 Pianola, walnut \$175.00.

Not to be matched terms of sale are these: No Money Down, Free Stool, Free Scarf—Thirty Days' Trial—Then \$1.00 a Week.

Please understand in considering this opportunity now presented that this sale must clear the decks for action by making room for our season's stocks of new 1910 styles. To secure the benefit of the best value of this sale you must come tomorrow, that's certain, and select the instrument which meets your approval. You will find one in our stock that meets your desires in tone, construction and finish. And more than you expected to receive in the great saving in price. You'll discover what thousands of piano buyers every year have discovered, that QUALITY, PRICE AND TERMS always bear a most intimate relation in the instruments offered and sold from our salesrooms. These values will not wait. The instruments offered, the money to be saved, the not-to-be-equalled terms granted—all make necessary speedy action.

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