

SELF DEFENSE IS VERDICT

Coroner's Jury Does Not Hold Mrs. Johnson to Blame for Killing.

ATTORNEY WILL INVESTIGATE

Evidence is Introduced at Coroner's Investigation Tending to Show That She Shot Husband Deliberately.

Though evidence was introduced for the purpose of showing that Mrs. Mary Johnson deliberately shot her husband, Charles J. Johnson, in a quarrel Wednesday, the coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that the fatal shot was fired in self-defense.

County Attorney English says that he will hold Mrs. Johnson for further investigation. She is confined at the city jail with a charge of murder lodged against her.

The evidence of the witnesses at the inquest tended to show that Mrs. Johnson deliberately shot her husband, following a quarrel at their home, 1317 North Eighth street. By request of her attorney Mrs. Johnson was not placed on the witness stand.

Several of the witnesses, who had been close friends with Johnson during his life, spoke highly of his character and said he was not addicted to the use of liquor, although he drank occasionally. Detective John Dunn testified that Mrs. Johnson confessed to him that she had killed her husband, but said he fired the first shot at her while she was lying on the bed; that she grappled with him, secured the gun and fired two shots at him, without knowing what she was doing.

Testimony of Officers. Detective Devereese stated that Mrs. Johnson must have fired the three shots, as there were no signs of a bullet hole in the mattress on the bed, where Mrs. Johnson said the bullet struck. Officer Hill said there was a hole in the mattress on the bed, probably caused by a burning cigar, and was positive it was not a bullet hole.

From the position the bullet entered Johnson's head it was evident that he was not facing his wife when shot. The bullet entered the head on the left side above the ear. "Mrs. Johnson must have been standing in the kitchen when she fired the shots," stated Detective Devereese, "as the bullets entered the wall from that direction."

All the witnesses testified that the two had quarreled, and that the killing was the direct outcome. Mrs. Johnson sat through the proceedings in an unconcerned manner, apparently paying little attention to the proceedings, chatting now and then with her mother, Mrs. Burke, who sat by her side. On the way to the police station she talked freely with her attorney and stepfather, William Burke, once or twice smiling at some remark made by the latter.

Water Bills to Be Made Out on Basis of the Cubic Foot

Water consumers will henceforth receive bills for water by "the cubic foot," instead of by the gallon. The Water board has authorized the change because meters measure water, not by the gallon, but by the cubic foot.

Consumers who pay 35 cents per 1,000 gallons will receive bills for water by the 100 cubic feet, a charge of 20 1/2 cents per 100 cubic feet being made, as there are seven and one-half gallons of water in a cubic foot.

On the same basis consumers paying 20 cents per 1,000 gallons will pay bills rated at 25 1/2 cents per 100 cubic feet. This system, Water Commissioner Howell says, will simplify the matter so that all consumers can read their meters, make comparisons with bills received and pay their water bills intelligently.

Ryder Prepares a New Taxi Ordinance

Police Commissioner Ryder has prepared an ordinance excluding taxicabs from a district bounded by Thirtieth street on the east, Seventeenth on the west, Jackson on the south and Davenport on the north.

Corporation Counsel Baker has ruled that the council cannot, except as a matter of temporary police regulation, designate stands for certain taxicabs, excluding others.

This is what has been done and is now being enforced by the police department. Judge Baker holds that an ordinance will give the council authority to exclude all taxicabs from any given section of the city.

In order to interfere with taxicab business as little as possible, the ordinance will state that a driver may stop his machine within the exclusive district for a period of time not to exceed twenty minutes.

Money Lender and Grocers Squabble

For alleged unwarranted foreclosure on promissory notes action for \$1,000 damages has been started in county court against Jacob Levy by Vasilie Stan and John Hosa of South Omaha.

In April Stan went into the grocery business at 37 North Twenty-sixth street, South Omaha. He borrowed \$300 from Levy, giving a note for \$500, he says. When Hosa went into partnership with Stan in June he borrowed \$50 from Levy for one month, giving a note for \$85. The plaintiffs say Stan repaid \$125 of his loan and Hosa's was not yet due, when Levy, without any authority in law, took possession of their store and merchandise, worth \$600.

Shopman is Killed Under Moving Train

Paul Resnik, 206 Seward street, a carpenter's helper in the employ of the Union Pacific shops, was instantly killed at Fifteenth and Nicholas streets at 9:30 yesterday morning when he attempted to crawl between the boxes of a moving Missouri Pacific freight train and fell. Resnik was late for work and when he found his way blocked by the train he crawled between two cars on the bumpers and, losing his footing, fell on the rails. The train passed over his right shoulder and then swung him around, cutting off both his legs and killing him instantly. Coroner Crosby took charge of the body and will hold an inquest.

Gould Dietz is to Get "Justice" When Court House Falls

Such language as this from the goddesses is a bit shocking, but then, having been perched above Omaha for so many years they have fallen into those slangy vulgarisms and colloquialisms of the day and town:

"Hello, kid," called the Goddess of Justice from her perch on the court house dome across the street to the Goddess of Liberty, standing upon the city hall tower. "Hello, kid, yourself, and see how you like it," responded Liberty. "What are you looking so fresh about? I shouldn't think you'd feel so chipper since you've lost your scales."

"Oh, but you'll wish you was me," said Justice, "when you hear. I'm going out to live with Gould Dietz. See?"

"Aw, quit yer kiddin'," cried Liberty. "Go tell that to Sweeney."

"It's a fact, kid. Just you wait and see," was Justice's final remark. A reporter overheard the talk and investigated.

Justice was right. Gould Dietz is going to get justice at last. He wants the old figure from the court house to add to his collection. The commissioners have about decided to let him have her when the old building is torn down.

Harry Karafil's Ruse Bursts Like Bubble When He Sees Knife

In an endeavor to be sent to the county hospital from the county jail so he could escape, Harry Karafil was suddenly "attacked" with gallstones in his cell and begged the jailer to send for a doctor as he was dying.

Dr. Schliefer, county physician, examined Karafil in his cell and for a few minutes thought the man was really sick. He had three deputy sheriffs carry Karafil down into the office from the third floor of the jail.

Reaching into his case he pulled out an evil looking knife and felt the sharp edge, looking at Karafil during the performance. "What are you going to do, doc, operate?" queried the dying man. "Yes, I guess I will have to," Dr. Schliefer stated. "I ain't sick," Karafil shouted, and jumping up from the operating table ran up the three flights of stairs and hid under his bunk.

Karafil was arrested in South Omaha August 8 on a forgery charge. He was bound over to the district court under \$500 bonds.

Sidewalk Bill to Be Passed by Council

Despite protests of real estate men it is now certain the city council will pass the sidewalk ordinance levying a tax of 2 1/2 per cent on the assessed valuation of areas beneath sidewalks.

Defending the "sidewalk ordinance" City Attorney Rine said the tax would be much less than was generally supposed. The value of adjacent lots is computed per square foot, and this value is applied to the square feet in the excavated space and 2 1/2 per cent levied on this.

"Take one of the most valuable locations in the city," said Mr. Rine, "where a corner lot is supposed to be worth at least \$400,000. If every available foot of space under the sidewalks was used the tax would be less than \$1,000 per year. The Woodmen of the World building, for example, would be compelled to pay about \$375 taxes if this ordinance was effective."

SCOTT'S OFFICES IN THE HEADQUARTERS VACATED

The offices on the twelfth floor of the Union Pacific building, south side, occupied by former General Manager Scott, are being vacated. The office force has been transferred to the rooms on the same floor, west side, where the clerks will be under General Manager Ware. The consolidation of the offices of general manager and general superintendent is not complete, Mr. Ware being the head of both departments. He, however, drops the title of general superintendent, which has been abolished for the present, at least.

GOVERNOR HADLEY STOPS HERE FOR A FEW HOURS

Governor H. S. Hadley of Missouri was in Omaha a short time Thursday night. He arrived late at night and left early Friday morning, after resting in his room at the Hotel Rome for a few hours.

MANDAMUS AGAINST M'SHANE

Suit is Filed to Compel the Sheriff to Do His Duty.

GROVES NAMES THE VIOLATORS

Hearing of Mandamus is Set for Two Weeks Hence—McShane Says He is Doing the Best That He Can.

Prosecution of alleged liquor law violators in Douglas county district by Sheriff McShane will be ordered by the district court if Harvey J. Grove of Benson wins a mandamus action which he has started against the sheriff in the equity division of the district court.

He alleges that the liquor laws are being violated by the following, despite the fact that the sheriff's attention has been directed to the condition by State Superintendent Carson of the Anti-Saloon league and by the newspapers:

C. Hans Selck, Farmers' hotel, Millard; August Bierbach, Elkhorn; Bert W. Hill, Hill's road house, East Omaha; L. A. Karn, Millard; John G. Moeller, Bennington; Frank Dimke, Ralston; George Schenck, East Omaha; Hans Nindel, Fifty-ninth and Center streets; Johnnie's saloon, Millard; Nels Hansen's saloon, West Center road; Ott's hotel, Bennington.

An alternative writ commanding the sheriff to either arrest the above named and charge them with violating the liquor laws or else show cause why he should not be compelled to do so, will be issued. Date for hearing has not been fixed, but it probably will be within two weeks. Sheriff McShane said he is doing the best he can with an inadequate force of deputies.

Friday afternoon Sheriff McShane addressed to the county commissioners a letter asking that they authorize him to add three deputies to his staff. He declares his present small quota gives him but three men, which are not enough to suppress law violations. The board has the request under advisement.

Because the equity courts may be appealed to only when the plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law, Grove declares that this situation exists in the present case. He says Governor Aldrich was asked for relief via the Sackett law, but refused, saying that law was not effective. He says he knows of no other way to have the places forced to obey the law and cites that Superintendent Carson of the Anti-Saloon league says he could not get a fair deal in police court.

Take Warning. Don't let stomach, liver nor kidney trouble down you, when you can quickly down them with Electric Bitters. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Saturday THE Last Day OF Drexel's Clearance Sale. This sale includes shoes of the best manufactures in America. Rare bargains in Men's, Women's, Misses', Children's and Boys' high grade Low Cuts. DREXEL 1419 Farnam

Brandeis Stores Great Sale of Manufacturers' Show Room Samples and Surplus Stock Women's Neckwear Dress, Coat, Collar and Cuff Sets in Venise and crochet effects, fine lace and embroidered fichus, lace yokes, jabots, cascades, sailor, Dutch and Capishon lace collars in Venise and Venise effects—side frills and fancy stocks; all new creations, worth up to \$1.50, at, each—49c. Women's Long Pure Milanese SILK GLOVES Sixteen button length with double tipped fingers—black, white and colors—worth up to \$1.25; very special at, 75c. Women's 50c Long Lisle Gloves—16-button lengths, in white and black; special at, pair. 39c. Women's Hemstitched Irish Linen Handkerchiefs—Embroidered corners, fancy printed centers and borders, also men's hemstitched pure linen handkerchiefs—actually worth 20c; on sale, each. 10c. Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose 69c Pr. Full fashioned, lisle garter tops, double soles, high spliced heels—in black, white and colors; worth \$1.00 a pair—on sale at, per pair. 69c. Women's Pure Thread Silk Boot Hosiery—Lisle soles, double heels and toes, white, tan and colors—worth up to 75c; at, pair. 39c. Women's Silk Finished Lisle and Cotton Hosiery, in plain, drop stitch and lace effects—black, white and colors—worth to 25c—12 1/2c at, pair. Women's and Children's Mercerized Cotton and Lisle Hosiery, in plain lace effects—tans, browns and colors—worth to 15c—6c at, pair. Kayser's Italian and Venetian Silk Vests Kayser's Italian and Venetian Silk Vests—French band or heading tops—plain and embroidered—pink, sky and white—worth up to \$4.00, at, a garment. \$1.98. Women's cotton and Lisle Union Suits, worth to 75c—at, garment—35c. Infants' all wool Vests, all sizes—worth up to 75c—at, each—39c. Infants' cotton sleeveless Vests—all sizes, worth 15c—at, each—10c. Specials in Drug Sundries TOILET ARTICLES. 25c Graves' Tooth Powder, 12c. 25c Santitol Tooth Powder, Paste or Face Cream, 14c. 25c Colgate's Tooth Powd., 15c. 25c Pond's Vanishing Cream, 16c. \$1 Pompeian Massage, 79c. 25c Benzoin and Almond Lotion, 17c. 25c Peroxide Cold Cream, 18c. \$1 Royal Massage Cream, 59c. PERFUME SECTION. 50c La Jeune Rice Pwd., 39c. 50c Moberg's Violet Ambra Powder, 35c. 50c Java Rice Powder, 25c. 25c Satin Skin Powder, 18c. Pinoud's Lilac Toilet Water, 39c. 75c Williams' Lilac Toilet Water, 54c. 50c Dabrook's Locust Blossom Toilet Water, 38c. 15c Chamolis, 9c. SUNDRIES. Ivory Soap, 5 cakes, 19c. 25c Peroxide, 8c. 1 lb. 20 Mule Team Borax, 9c. 15c Liquezone Soap, 5c. Cucumber and Castile Soap, 2 cakes, 5c. 10c Shinola, 7c. 25c Whisk Broom, 18c.

Saturday Candy Specials--Pompeian Room Cream Peanut Squares, lb. 15c. Toasted Coconut Squares, per lb. 15c. Jelly Beans, all flavors, per lb. 10c. Pompeian Bitter Sweet and Swiss Milk Chocolates, lb. 29c. Fresh Maple Confections, maple caramel glace, maple nut kisses, etc., at, lb. 20c. Saturday Candy Specials--Pompeian Room

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Drug Bargains for Saturday Buyers Get it at the REXALL stores, where you are sure of satisfaction. PERFUME SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY ONLY. Choice of Morrison's 50c Triple Extracts, Saturday, per oz. 29c. Allen's Janice Perfume, regular price 75c oz., Saturday only, 49c. PATENT MEDICINES \$1.00 Gray's Glycerin Tonic, 89c. Eckay's Food, 25c, 45c and 65c. \$1.00 Wine of Cardui for... 89c. Dr. Cooper's Medicine, 45c and 89c. \$1.00 Hostetter's Bitters, 89c. \$1.00 Squibb's Sarsaparilla, 79c. Ozonulium, 45c and 89c. Rexall Orderlies, 10c, 25c and 49c. Scott's Emulsion, 45c and 89c. Vinol, always... \$1.00. Hay's Hair Health, 45c and 89c. Listerine, 15c, 25c, 45c and 89c. Borden's Malted Milk, 45c and 75c. Rexall Kidney Cure, 45c and 89c. \$1 Lydia Pinkham's Compound at... 39c. Glycothymoline, 25c, 45c and 89c. Rexall \$3 Hair Tonic, 50c and \$1. Fellow's Syrup for Cough and Sore Throat, 25c and \$1.00. Spruce Peppin Tablets, 50c and \$1.00. Guertin's Nerve Syrup, 89c. TOILET SPECIALS 25c Santitol Tooth Paste, 13c. 50c Violet Cream, 19c. 50c Mylva Cream, 29c. 50c Java Rice Powder for... 49c. Harmony, Rose or Violet Toilet Waters for... 25c, 50c and 75c. 25c Babcock's Corylopsin on sale for... 15c. 50c Pompeian Massage Cream, 39c. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS Face Chamolis (pink), 5c and 10c. 150 Chinese Joss Sticks for... 5c. Aseptic Drinking Cups, 2 for 5c. Bathing Caps, 15c to \$1.50. 25c Hairs' Root Beer (makes five gallons) for... 14c. Rexall Cold Cream, 25c and 50c. Seven Netherland Sisters' Hair Grower, 45c and 89c. Empress Instantaneous Hair Color Restorer (10 shades), 75c.

RECEIVER'S SALE The building at No. 1218 Farnam street will be offered for sale at public auction at 2:30 P. M. Tuesday, August 27th, 1912, by the Receiver of the Farmers & Merchants Insurance Co. Said sale will be held on the premises and will be for cash to the highest bidder subject to the confirmation of the Court, the right to reject any bid being expressly reserved. The property to be offered is a three-story brick building located on the West one-third of Lot six (6) in Block one hundred twenty-one (21) in the City of Omaha, Neb., having a frontage on Farnam street of twenty-two (22) feet and a depth of one hundred thirty-two (132) feet. A statement of the income from this property will be furnished upon application to the Receiver. This sale offers an opportunity to the investor to acquire a highly desirable piece of business property on Farnam street in the retail district. For any additional information desired address CHAS. T. KNAPP Receiver of the Farmers & Merchants Ins. Co. Office—F & M Bldg., Lincoln, Neb.

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