

# SHE DID NOT DO IT

Mrs. Postlewaite Formerly of Wichita on Trial For

## MURDER AT HUTCHINSON

Young Postlewaite Advised by a Lawyer to Do the Deed.

The trial of E. C. Clark, in which the Postlewaite family of Hutchinson is now in progress in Hutchinson and is of interest to Wichita almost as it is to Hutchinson. Mrs. Postlewaite having lived here a number of years.

In Hutchinson Mrs. Postlewaite and her three sons kept a restaurant. Mrs. Postlewaite's friend was a lawyer named E. C. Clark. Another friend was Charles Boyd, a butcher. They were in the restaurant when Boyd was killed. Mrs. Postlewaite and her sons were arrested for the murder and attorney Clark, Mrs. Postlewaite to shield her son Harry, who now confesses he killed Boyd, confessed that she killed Boyd.

Clark has been put on trial charged with being implicated in the murder. From the evidence it is shown that Harry to kill Boyd and afterward secured the body and the instrument of death.

Harry Postlewaite, in giving his testimony said that Boyd was in their restaurant on the night of May 12.

"He came in first at 10 o'clock, and Matt Pierce came in soon after. They had had some trouble. Matt Pierce had been there. After Pierce went out Boyd began causing me to feel that he was there.

"Clark was in about 10 o'clock and wanted me to go to Boyd in the back yard to 'put the fixings to him.' I told him I couldn't do that. Then he wanted me to go behind the curtain and said he would 'put the fixings to him.'

When told to return what happened behind the curtain, Harry said: "Boyd, after cursing me a great deal, said he was going up stairs to see my mother. Then he would make my mother. I told him that he could not, then he slapped me. I struck him with my fist, then he knocked me down. I got up and struck him several times with the iron rod which Clark had given me."

"When Clark was at the restaurant at about 10 o'clock he gave me the iron rod and said he had fixed it to kill Boyd with. He told me to take it and 'put the fixings to the fellow.' He had stayed at the restaurant several times before this night and had followed Boyd, carrying the iron rod which he gave me that night. He said he could never get near enough to smash him."

Questioned further, Harry stated that he had sent Clyde (his brother) after Clark after killing Boyd. He told Clyde to tell Clark that he had killed Boyd and wanted him to come over. Clark came and asked if Boyd was dead. When told that he was dead, he said: "It is good enough for me."

"Afterwards Clark wanted me to carry him out. Harry and Clark carried Boyd's body to the ditch where it was found the next morning. We laid the body down twice to rest. When we rested him near the chicken coop Clark took in one of Boyd's pockets and took out a knife. He told me to see what was in the other pocket. I took the money out of Boyd's pocket and threw it into the creek."

Harry said further: "After we had left the body in the ditch Clark took the rod I had killed Boyd with and carried it away with him. The next day Clark took away the pants I had worn, because there was blood upon them. I went over one day after them and he said he had burned them."

"The morning Clark told me that we all wanted to tell the same story at the inquest, and for us to say that mamma was sick and we had sent for him to bring some medicine."

"The attorneys for the defense went after the witness with vigorous cross examination. Harry denied that he had been told to kill Boyd. In the points regarding the killing nothing new was brought out. The witness was kept on the stand for over two hours.

There was a renewal of interest when Harry's long cross examination was over and Mrs. Postlewaite took the stand. She began her replies in a low tone, and was quite a little put out when Judge Ellis asked her very pointedly, suggested that "she

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In her testimony, brought out by the state's questions, Mrs. Postlewaite said she did not learn of the murder until the morning after it occurred. The main part of her evidence was as follows:

"Harry wanted me to give him up to the officers, but I couldn't do that. I told Harry that I would send for Mr. Clark, and asked him what I had better do. I sent Clyde after Mr. Clark. In a short time Clark came into the restaurant. He was whistling when he came in. He said for me to give up nothing. To just keep quiet. He said that he had plans and that they were all right and would work."

"He said that Harry would not do as he told him. He said, 'I wanted Harry to take him in the back yard, and when he would not do that I wanted him to get him close to the curtain and let me do the work.'

"He told me he had thrown the iron with which Boyd was killed into the creek, and several days after this he told me again that he had waded in and got it and had put it where it could not be found."

"That morning he took Harry's pants away. There was blood on them and he said he would take care of them. Another time he told me that he had buried the pants."

"Clark told us at different times to stand firm and say nothing. He said he would manage everything. I told him once that the children and I would be put in jail, and he said, 'I will manage that.'

"I was at Clark's house when I was arrested. I saw the sheriff coming and I said, 'Why hell, let him come,' and Mr. Clark began walking the floor and wringing his hands. Mr. Long came in and said he had a warrant for my arrest. I did not ask why I was arrested. I told him I would go with him. Mr. Clark wanted to talk with me, and Mr. Long let me go in a room together. Mr. Clark said that those political flunkies are going to put you and the children in jail, but let them do it, my plans will work all right."

"Mr. Clark came to the jail next day. He said to me, 'Nothing is pointing to you, nothing is pointing to you.' That was what he was always saying. 'Nothing is pointing to you.' But I was afraid he was telling me a story and I asked him how we were better off. He said 'Never! Don't you tell anything.' Then I asked him on one time if I had better not take it all on myself, and he said 'That will be the best thing to do. That would be my plan, and they'll never get you in the penitentiary. I can hang any jury on earth.' After this he told me that he would have to stop coming to the jail to see me. He said people were watching him too close."

"He said that every morning for me to go to my window, and that when he was ready for me to tell that I had killed Boyd he would go by the jail and take off his hat twice. He said when he gave me that signal for me to have the officers take me to the court house, and make my confession before the coroner. He told me what to say, and I wrote it down."

In the cross examination which followed Mrs. Postlewaite was asked regarding this confession: "Why didn't you let Clark write it down so that you would now have it in his handwriting?" asked Judge Ellis.

Mrs. Postlewaite replied: "Because Clark was too smart to do that. He was smarter than I was, and he had me write it."

Judge Ellis asked: Did Clark ever threaten to kill you?"

Answer—On the day that war was declared he did.

Question—Why did he threaten to kill you?"

This question was objected to by the prosecution, and the objection was sustained by the court.

Q—Did you and Boyd ever have illicit relations?"

A—No, sir.

Q—Have you at this time two deep scars on the side of your hips.

A—That is none of your business.

This question was objected to by the prosecution, and the objection was sustained by the court.

Q—Did you stay at a hotel in this city as the wife of Jack Burrell?"

A—I did not.

Q—Did you sleep in the same room with Burrell?"

A—I did not.

During the cross examination Judge Ellis asked Mrs. Postlewaite a question which she had made at the coroner's inquest, asking her if these were the statements she had made at that time. This was done on the part of the defense to get statements in this confession on record in the present case.

Clyde Postlewaite, the younger son, was put on the stand next, and in answer to questions testified as follows:

"Harry sent me for Mr. Clark. He said that he had hit Boyd and wanted Clark to come over. I called Clark to the door and said, 'Harry has hit Boyd.' Mr. Clark said 'Oh, nothing to do with me.' He said Mr. Clark would hear me. Then I told him Harry was sick and wanted him to come over. Clark came over with me and went in the restaurant. He helped Harry carry Boyd's body out of the house. When we came back he told me to go to bed and tell my mother nothing. When we were coming to the restaurant two men were on Main street. Clark would not turn into the alley 'because,' he said, 'those men might see us.'"

Nominated For Congress  
Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—The following congressional nominations were made by the Republicans in this city today:

First district, H. H. Bingham, Second district, Robert Adams, Jr., Third district, William McAleer (Dem.), Fourth district, James R. Young, Fifth district, Alfred C. Farmer. All are re-nominations. There was no opposition to Congressman McAleer in the Third district and he was endorsed by the Republicans.

# PEARL FREEMAN GONE

Strange Disappearance of an Augusta Boy.

LEFT HOME JUNE 20

Eloquent and Pathetic Story of the Father.

"I want to give you the description of Pearl Freeman," said W. J. Freeman, of Augusta, yesterday as he walked up to the desk of Charles Davis in the police station.

George Pearl Freeman is 23 years old, a son of W. J. Freeman, who lives on a farm two miles east of Augusta. He left home June 20 for Hennessey, and has never been heard of since. He was born a cripple and had lived at home always until he was past twenty, after which he worked about the country in one way and another to support himself and father.

The week prior to his disappearance he had been at work near Douglas, Kansas. He came home to Augusta and stayed a few days, helping his father and neighbors at odd work on the farm. On the night of June 18th he said he believed he would go to Hennessey to visit some acquaintances.

He bought his ticket at Augusta and took the early morning Frisco train for Wichita. That's all Mr. Freeman knows of his son. From that time on he has had no word of him, except an occasional rumor or the conjecture of an anxious friend. Letters were written, telegrams sent, trips made, inquiry started, at first with simply a surprise at the unusual conduct of the boy, then with anxiety which grew to suspicion, from suspicion to dread, and from dread to grief.

The corridors of the city hall have never echoed a more pathetic story than that of Mr. Freeman as he stood at the desk of Night Clerk Davis yesterday and told of the disappearance of his son.

Mr. Freeman is a farmer. He came into the police station with his coat on his arm, his shoes worn with the long, hot tread of a summer's toil, his hands rough from grappling with the plow and the hay fork.

"His name is George Pearl Freeman," he said. "We always called him Pearl. You'll know him if you see him. He has such a pleasant way and eyes that you'll like the minute he looks at you."

"Did he have any cause for leaving?" Mr. Davis inquired.

"Not a thing in God's world. Not a thing that I know of. He was never taught that way, but you know we never can tell what we raise our boys up for. He may have learned to do it since he left home. There must be something wrong."

"There's only three of us at home. Pearl's mother died twelve years ago and the only enjoyment of my life has been in the society of my two children. Nellie is only four months old, but I tell you the way Pearl took care of her when I was out at work was wonderful. Better than I could have done at home."

"Now he is gone. Left home without a word. There must be something wrong."

A tremor crept into Mr. Freeman's voice. He turned away, and with his great rough hands he tried to knock the tear off his cheek. The night clerk and the newspaper man looked out of the windows.

"Doesn't he write to anybody?" finally said Mr. Davis.

"Not a word. Why, you know that's what beats me, and what makes me think there is something awfully wrong. If he'd just write, if I could just know that he's all right. For ten years he has written every other week to his sister in Illinois. She hasn't had a line since the 20th of June."

"I'm not rich, sir, but if you can find him it will be the richest day's work you've done for a long time. I fought five years with the good boys from '61, and I'm not as able to work as I'd like to be. I'm a poor man, but I'd give everything I've got in this world just to know where that boy is tonight."

Picking up his coat he brushed the tears away again and left the hall.

Despair had driven him to the police station. Through all the months of waiting he hoped for the best but rumor and the grief of a loathsome suspicion sent him to look over the records of the police station for a possible clue to the whereabouts of the boy whom he loved as his own life, for whom he had given the best of his effort for years.

Pearl Freeman is about 5 feet 10 inches high, dark brown eyes, weight 135 pounds. He left home for Hennessey, but was thought to have been in Wichita June 20th.

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