

AT HIS ROPE'S END

Grave Yard Insurance President on Trial

IT WAS A BARE FACED SWINDLE

History of a Sensational Case—How Mr. Wareham Was Fleeced—Many Other Michigan Men Victimized.

LANSING, May 23.—A sensational trial is in progress in Rochester, New York, where Charles F. Underhill, late president of the defunct Flour City insurance company (graveyard), is on trial for forgery committed at the hotel Downey, in this city, and the trial has been delayed for a month for the purpose of securing a maternal witness in the person of Hamilton Wareham of Grand Lodge.

A history of the case gives a very good idea of a system of fraud covertly carried on by these operators in graveyard insurance.

In 1888 Hamilton Wareham, at the solicitation of E. O. Kelly of Lansing, took out a policy in the above company upon the life of his father, who was then 82 years of age, although he was falsely stated in the application to be 73, for \$3000. The old man died in 1890, and subsequently Wareham met Underhill, the president, one McCaughy and Kelly, the agent, at the Hotel Downey here, and by threats, they induced him to accept \$400 for settlement of the claim in full. He received in cash and signed a receipt, which was raised to \$1400, a draft made for the amount, his name forged and the amount collected from the company at Rochester.

He then employed one Wilcox, a Jackson attorney, to go to Rochester in his interest and induce Underhill and others under penalty of exposure to divide the profit, agreeing to pay him 20 per cent upon the amount secured. Wilcox was so successful in alarming the parties that they paid him in cash \$193.96, including \$100 for expenses.

He returned to Michigan, meeting Wareham at the Hotel Downey by appointment, and informed him that he had been able to collect but \$1300. Wareham was naturally very well satisfied with this statement, and accepted the amount, less 20 per cent, and gave Wilcox an extra \$100 in appreciation of his services. Further correspondence with Wareham by the department at Albany divulged the nature of the second transaction, and Wareham promptly commenced suit against Attorney Wilcox to recover the \$600.

About two months ago the suit was compromised by Wilcox paying \$456 to Wareham, and Wilcox was about that time retained by the defense. The trial was set for April 13 at Rochester, but when the time arrived Wareham and other witnesses relied upon from Michigan did not put in an appearance and the case was postponed for a month. Investigation proved that these witnesses had been subjected to a system of terrorism in some cases, and evident tampering with in others, at the hands of Wilcox, which prevented their appearance. The insurance department made another heroic effort, and succeeded in inducing Wareham to go to Rochester and testify, which he did on Friday last, and it is hoped that it will be sufficient to convict the conspirators in the case. The trial will continue for several days yet, but the prosecution has rested. In the investigation of this case, it was discovered that the company was doing a large business in this state as well as the Elkhart, Indiana company of the same name, and if even a fractional part of this business could be uncovered and held up to the public gaze it would create a state sensation.

THEY MAY ESCAPE

Evidence Against Alleged Murderers of Anna Schultz is Weak.

Detroit, May 23.—The Klump family, arrested for the brutal murder of Anna Schultz, maintain a stolid indifference to their surroundings and refuse to speak about the heinous crime with which they are charged except to reiterate their innocence. Officers have been put upon the case to look up additional evidence against the Klumps, but they were left untroubled to learn the true story of the murder and bring the heinous slayers of the defenseless old woman to justice. It is conceded that unless some further evidence is secured the accused cannot be convicted of the crime, although the circumstances against them are some of the strongest characters. The examination will occur Wednesday.

SLEW OFF HIS HEAD.

An Old Resident of Sparta Ends His Life.

SPARTA, May 23.—Norman Hinman, an old farmer living about three miles northwest of this village, committed suicide today by blowing off the top of his head. The body was discovered about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Justice Atherton was summoned, but did not consider an inquest necessary. When found the body was lying on a blanket close to a small pile of lumber, with one end of a fish line attached to the trigger of an old army musket and the other to his foot, and his left hand firmly clasping the barrel of the gun. The entire upper portion of his head was gone. No cause is assigned for the act. He was about 60 years of age and a bachelor.

THIRSTY DAY AT JACKSON.

Tipplers Couldn't Wet Their Whiskers at Favorite Resorts.

JACKSON, May 23.—Yesterday was a thirsty day among the tipplers. Every moon in the city was hoisted in front and rear. Even Billy Hahn, John Bender, Schumann, Hines, Pat Casey, Gottlieb Fren, Henry Kannegger and Henry Glass denied admittance to their most trusted and discreet patrons. Mayor Brooks has been in office only two weeks, but in that brief time he has had the city of gambling houses, caused several notorious resorts to disband their boards, raised the police force to a high standard of efficiency and made law and order respected generally.

Dowagiac Union Fair.

The second annual spring meeting of Dowagiac union fair association to be held Wednesday and Thursday, June 13th and 14th, promises to be one of the best of the season, and you should not miss it. The liberal

management that has always characterized this association is sufficient evidence that everything will be first-class. The association now has one of the best half mile tracks in the state and a large number of new cabins and with the liberal purse and stakes offered, there is no doubt that the meeting will be one of the best. For entry blanks and further particulars, apply to W. H. Palmer, secretary, Dowagiac, Mich.

Strikes Declared Off.

HOOVER, May 23.—The big strike at the Calumet and Hecla mine, involving 250 men, has been temporarily suspended, the men agreeing to work under old conditions until President Agassiz shall arrive from the east. The strike was caused by the refusal of the superintendent to grant the request of the men for quicker transportation to the surface after their work is done.

Killed by a Freight Train.

LANSING, May 23.—James Clark, a prominent and wealthy farmer of farmer's Creek, was instantly killed at the M. C. railroad crossing at Newark school house this morning. The deceased attempted to make the crossing ahead of a freight train coming north, but was struck by the train.

Mining Man Killed.

MARQUETTE, May 23.—Captain Sam Roberts of the Riverside mine, near Republic, was instantly killed by falling fifty feet to the bottom of a shaft. He was a well-known mining man, and had formerly been captain of the Detroit and Washburn mines.

Tried in a Higher Court.

ANN ARBOR, May 23.—Jacob Griffin, the negro who confessed to attempted rape in Ypsilanti and while being arrested Friday was shot in the leg, is dead. The jail physician says his death was due to heart disease.

Items of State News.

Latest positions: Original—George E. Bascom, George W. Mancy, Augustus Snell, Washington Day, Benjamin B. Bissell, William H. Weeks, Joseph S. Vanover, Sheldon McCormick, Daniel Miller, Joseph Swarthout, David H. Jones, Zina D. Buck, Flavius J. Schock, Tyler Mason, George F. Dudley, Friedrich Schmidt, Louis Rutherford, John A. Bard, Harrison H. Cole, Charles A. Merrill, William Phelps. Additional—Daniel B. Goodrich, James M. Buckley, John Stevens, William Selford, Francis Grant, William J. Wilbur, Jason A. Hunt, Flavius J. Schock, Increase—William Anable, Nathan Hulbert, Peter Moes, Abram Maxfield, Solomon M. Heath, James P. Allen, Joseph Warner, Regene—William Bestly, Charles Pegg. Original, widow, etc.—Betsy Herrington (mother).

Twenty years ago William Hayward, a journeyman printer from "Merrie England," and bound for the magic gold bearing region of California, stopped off at Jackson to get a drink and a glass of "half-and-half." The shimmer of the Grand river, winding its sinuous course through the classic groves in the vicinity of Frey's brewery, captivated his fancy, and he has never been farther from the town than Michigan Center since. He has saved his money, instead of blowing it in for effervescent exhilaration, as is the wont of many festive printer men, and is now managing editor of The Best conductor of journals in Michigan.

Muriel Miller, who with Theodore Cicotte when he was drowned in the Detroit river last week, has three children, two boys and a girl, and handsome, brighter little ones it would be hard to find. Ethel, the oldest, a girl of 6 years, captivated a large audience by her beautiful singing in the opera at the school Christmas night. The children have been given a good home in one of the best families in western Michigan.

David W. Lamb, a prominent citizen of Clark, was to return to California April 23, intending, if he liked the country, to locate there. He had been there but a few days when he was taken sick, and three weeks from the day of his departure Rudolph Lamb, his brother, captured a telegram from Stockton announcing his brother's death. Mr. Lamb was in his 64th year.

Muskegon Carpenters' and Joiners' union has purchased a beautiful United States flag and has subscribed \$40 for a silk banner, upon which will be embroidered the craft emblems, compass, jackplane and rule. The union will carry both in the parade on Memorial Day, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Hackley soldiers' monument.

Though there are several first-class printing offices in Michigan, the United States Calendar will be published in Boston. Printing in the Hub may be a trifle more expensive than in other cities in Michigan, but Wolverine compositors can give them pointers on artistic and correct workmanship.

At Mancelona nice, modest women allow themselves to be hugged at five-cent church fairs. The dear creatures can't go much farther without putting their limbs on the other side of property's barbed-wire fence.

The Bad Axe Tribune devoted a large portion of its last issue to a labored explanation of why, owing to a rush of horse printing, it failed to chronicle a 10-pound increase in a paid-in-advance subscriber's family.

The new Polish Catholic church at Bay City, with a seating capacity of 1100, is nearly finished. It will be the finest Polish house of worship in the state, exceeding in size and beauty even St. Albertus' of Detroit.

R. M. Wilder, an old resident of Coldwater, died of paralysis of the heart at the age of 70. Mr. Wilder was for many years manager of the Coldwater Glass company and a large real estate operator.

Mrs. Mitchell Jean of Bay City took croton oil when she ought to have taken something else, or nothing at all, she may die.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Richter conferred a class of seventy-six children at St. Mary's church, Muskegon, Sunday.

A Detroit physician wants a law enacted prohibiting the exercise of hypnotic or mesmeric power by laymen. Lumber is being delivered freely at Muskegon from other points along the east shore of Lake Michigan. A few

years ago Muskegon was the greatest lumber-producing point in West Michigan.

The sixtieth annual meeting of the St. Joseph River Baptist association will be held at Hartford, May 24-26.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Michigan Pioneer society will be held at Lansing June 1 and 2.

The Rev. William D. Hurd, the oldest Protestant clergyman in the state, is dead at Pokagon, aged 92.

Roy R. Bailey, a Hillsdale lad of 15, won a bicycle as a prize for the best essay on "Good Roads."

Prospects for a large fruit yield are good at Saranac, every tree and bush being full of blossom.

The Rife river bridge at Hoovortown caught fire from a bonfire and was destroyed.

Hunters at Benonia are in trouble, for shooting deer in March.

Congregationalists of Hillard are building a new church.

Muskegon county pays \$15 a week in sparrow bounties.

To Slay, or To Be Slain. Which?

To attack the dragon of disease and annihilate him before his deadly talons grow, or to allow him to attain dangerous maturity and destroy us—this is the question of paramount importance. Among these disorders of the kidneys and bladder are of the fatal order if untreated at the outset. Their growth is rapid, their culmination death. Bright's disease, ordinary nephritis, catarrh of the bladder, gravel, suppression of the secretion, hemorrhagic cystitis or disregarded gonorrhea, all have a common cause, a defective and diseased urinary system, which in turn causes side strengthening and retaining them common with the rest of the system. It influences the lungs, regularly into the stomach, bowels and liver, successfully counteracts malaria, rheumatism, and is a present remedy for all the ailments of the entire and the convalescent.

Minneapolis and Return—\$13.00.

For the republican convention at Minneapolis the D. G. H. & M. Railway company will sell tickets to Minneapolis and return, via Milwaukee, at \$13.00, tickets good June 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and good for return up to and including June 25, 1922. These rates are open to all. For full particulars apply to any agent of the D. G. H. & M. or to

JAMES CAMPBELL, city agent, 227 1/2 street.

Miss M. A. Foranby, No. 103 Monroe street, will open her ice cream parlor on Saturday, the 21st inst.

Owashtanong Boat Club Sale.

The remainder of the property of the Owashtanong Boat club in the club house, Ionia street, will be sold today. The wines, liquors, range, kitchen furniture and supplies will be sold in the forenoon, and the furniture, carpets, pictures, and the like, in the afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. The property will be sold in lots to suit purchaser. Many of the wines and liquors have been possession of the club since its organization, while the furniture, pictures and bric-a-brac are of the choicest and most expensive to be obtained. No one should miss the sale, as much of the property will undoubtedly be sold far below its value.

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the Liver be inactive, you have a bilious look, if your stomach be disordered, you have a Dyspeptic Look and if the Kidneys be affected you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alternative and Tonic, acts directly on the vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blisters, Boils and gives a good complexion. Sold at Peck Bros' drugstore.

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"Royal Ruby" Fort Wine.

No good thing should be outlawed because here and there a graceless person treats it basely. It is just as necessary to administer invigorants to the aged and feeble as it is to strengthen by artificial support, but the declining years of those near and dear to us are rendered more comfortable, and age relieved of many of its usual pains and penalties by a judicious use of "Royal Ruby" Fort Wine; each bottle is guaranteed by the undersigned to be absolutely pure and over five years old at bottling, or money paid for it will be refunded. Quart bottles \$1.00; pints 60c; never sold in bulk. See that you get "Royal Ruby." For sale by White & White, Thum Bros. & Schmidt, leading druggists. Bottled by Royal Wine Co., Chicago.

If you always insist upon having Allcock's Porous Plasters and never accept a substitute, you will not be disappointed.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Sorethroat Syrup has been used for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind, colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cent bottle.

Sickness Among Children

Especially infants, is prevalent more or less at all times, but is largely avoidable by giving proper nourishment and wholesome food. The most successful and reliable of all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk. Your grocer and druggist keep it.

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