

GREEK VENDOR SHOT ELEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL BY ACCIDENT

Freda Sweeney Victim of Bullet From 38 Calibre Revolver Held in Hand of Louis Offron at Home, 417 Johnson St. Last Night.

FOREIGNER DENIES SHOOTING PURPOSEFUL

Mother and Father Ran Screaming and Crying About as Popcorn Man Flees to Brother at Fruit Store on Main Street.

Freda, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Sweeney, died at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon in St. Joseph's hospital, the result of a bullet wound in her abdomen, inflicted by a revolver in the hands of Louis Offron, Greek refreshment vendor, at 9:40 last night, the weapon being accidentally discharged, according to his story.

Curses and wild prayers of a half drunken father and screams of a mother, running down Johnson street, crying in terrible anguish that her baby had been killed, called a troop of police and a hundred investigators to the one-story brick tenement house at 417 Johnson street last night, where it was found that Freda, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Sweeney had been shot through the stomach by what is claimed to be an accidental discharge of a 38 calibre revolver in the hands of Louis Offron, better known as "Pop Corn Louie."

The mother, father and little girl were sitting about a table in the front room of their home when Offron who had been seated, went to put away a gun he had been showing Sweeney. At the police station last night after the shooting of the little girl and injuring of his left hand, Offron maintained positively that the discharge of the weapon was purely accidental and that he was unaware that the hammer of the gun was cocked for discharge.

According to Offron, who was placed under arrest after he had run to the fruit store of George Loomis at 620 Main street, the trigger of the revolver caught on his shirt front in some inexplicable way and the ball passed through his finger and lodged in the right side of the child's stomach.

Child Rushed to Hospital.

When Mrs. Sweeney ran out into the street and started toward Fourth and Johnson, crying loudly, "He's killed my baby," several times, a man coming from the Farmer restaurant on South Fourth street, hurried to the room where the child was lying on the floor and carried her to the bed. An automobile was pressed in to service and the wounded little girl was taken to St. Joseph's hospital. The shooting occurred at 9:40.

The child lived during the night and was conscious during a greater part of the time. After the ball had entered her stomach last night, the little girl was deathly sick, vomiting much, a quantity of blood with the other substances.

Had Been at Picture Show.

Freda, the bright eleven year old child of the Sweeney's had been at the Colonial theatre during the early part of the evening, Offron having offered her a nickel if she would wash the supper dishes. Joe Sweeney, the father, saw his girl at the picture show but did not return home with her.

Louis Offron and his brother, George, have been living at the place on Johnson street and Mrs. Sweeney.

How to Make Your Old Complexion in New Again.

(Women's Fortnightly Journal.)
The quickest and most natural way to renew an old complexion is to remove it. We all know that the outer skin should throw off the dead matter clogging the pores, of its own accord, but what with cosmetics, smoke, dirt, wind and all the other hardships we impose upon it, the outer skin becomes discouraged and only half performs its function of throwing off dead and disfiguring skin particles. The result is—pimples, sallowness, liver spots, etc., etc.

The only safe, as well as sure, process to clear the complexion of these blemishes is to apply pure coaled balsam at night. Get an ounce and a half from your druggist, and you will be delighted to see that it wastes no time in beginning its work of clearing and actually removing all blemishes from the skin. Your complexion can be kept clear and lovely by using coaled balsam, which invigorates, whereas the majority of cold creams and lotions clog and retard elimination of waste matter from the skin.

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police station, will be held until the death of the girl and coroner's inquest, in case the little one dies.

"Pop Corn Louie."

The Greek has been in Keokuk for the past four years and is a familiar figure about the streets and in his red wagon. Talk of illicit relations between him and Mrs. Sweeney were denied by Offron today, who says that the woman was merely keeping house for him. Neighbors say they have heard the Greek and the woman quarrelling several times and the police have been called to quell disturbances at the Offron place several times.

The peanut vendor had a brick bounced off of his head last summer by a young man whose ire was aroused because "Louie" came between him and the woman he was keeping company with.

Assault With Intent to Murder.

An information was filed in the superior court this morning against Louis Offron as his name is spelled in the information, by the city marshal, charging Offron with assault with intent to commit murder, "in and upon the body of Freda Sweeney, then and there being willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, deliberately, premeditated and of his malice aforethought commit an assault with a deadly weapon, and the same being a revolver then and there held in the hand of Louis Offron and being then and there loaded and charged with powder and ball and then and there the said Louis Offron did willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought, shoot off and discharge the contents of said deadly charge the contents of said deadly weapon being the powder and ball weapon aforesaid, and into the body of the said Freda Sweeney with intent then and there to kill and murder, the said Freda Sweeney."

Little Girl Sinking at 1 O'clock.

Freda Sweeney, the victim of the distressing occurrence, was sinking rapidly at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and at that hour there was no hope for her recovery.

Woman Cries on Phone.

Twenty minutes after her little daughter died this afternoon, Mrs. Sweeney called the police station by telephone and asked to talk to Offron. Offron had not been apprised of the fact that the child was dead as he had threatened to suicide if she died. Mrs. Sweeney talked for a minute with Offron and the Greek tried by kind words to comfort her, calling her "Jennie." Offron has said that he would stand expenses for everything, funeral and other incidentals occurring because of the shooting.

Freda Sweeney Dead.

With her parents at the bedside of the poor, little girl, the life of Freda Sweeney was sacrificed this afternoon.

Cumbrina Wrinkles and Doubt Chin Quickly Removed.

The cause of wrinkles is well known to few outside the medical profession, and a real doctor, although he knows what causes wrinkles, does not prescribe for them. He is so absorbed with stomachs and livers and appendixes that a few wrinkles, more or less, make him say "Pooh!" But we women know how important wrinkles and enlarged pores and blackheads are to us. Why—they are almost a matter of life and death to us, sometimes. Anyway, we are glad to find out that thermized jelly will quickly and permanently remove them. Just get an ounce and a half from your druggist and rub half a teaspoonful into your face every day. It penetrates through the outer skin and reaches the fibrous tissue beneath, needing heat-energy and nourishment. Pure thermized jelly will very quickly bring about really marvelous results.—Physical Culture Magazine.

Talked of Her School.

During the night, in conscious moments, the little Sweeney girl talked about her school and class companions, almost unceasingly. The unfortunate tiny miss, lying in agony, bore bravely her pain and the case is one which elicits sympathy.

Were Angered at Greek.

A large number of spectators who gathered about the Offron place on Johnson street, immediately after the shooting last night, not acquainted with the facts and believing that the Greek refreshment stand man had meant violence to the child, spoke threateningly about him, it is said. Offron evidently fearing rough handling of some sort, rushed up the alley when he became aware of what he had accidentally done.

Offron who spent the night in the

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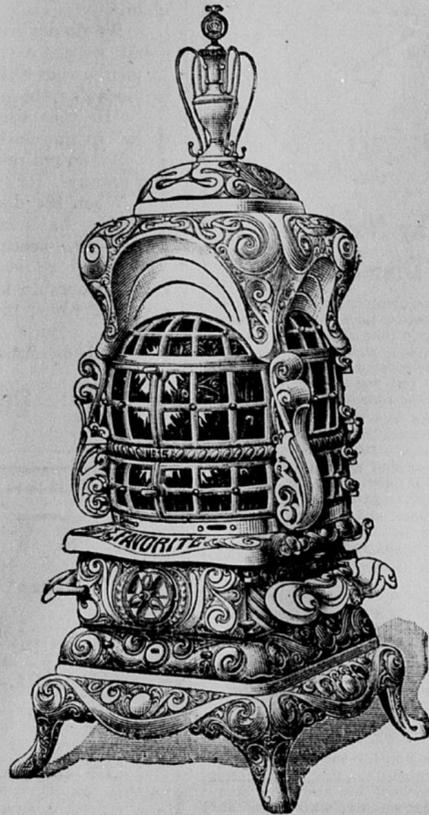
There is enough actual heat produced by the coal you burn to warm every room in the house.

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FRATERNAL CARDS

MASONIC. Hall, corner Fourth and Main, Eagle Lodge, No. 12—Holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Hardin Lodge No. 29—Holds its regular monthly meeting the second Monday evening of each month.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Hall Seventh and Main streets. Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. John Moore, N. G.; Otto Anschutz, Recording Secretary.

Pucketchuck Lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Frank Vollers, N. G.; Geo. W. Imme-gart, Permanent Secretary.

Herman Lodge No. 116 (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. J. J. Rabe, N. G.; Albert Klefer, Rec. Sec.

Pucketchuck Encampment, No. 7, meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Wm. C. Kummer, Scribe.

A. O. U. W.

Keokuk Lodge, No. 256—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at hall over Keokuk Savings Bank, corner Fifth and Main streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Thos. W. Lester, M. W.; A. E. Moore, recorder.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 5—Meets Fifth and Blondeau, K. of P. building, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. C. C. Koepf, Chancellor; Commander, J. A. Burgess, K. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY, KEOKUK COUNCIL, No. 1039. Meets the first and third Monday of each month, at A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. O. W. Rowe, president; Ernest Best, Financier; Mayme C. Schenk, Secretary.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

Gibbons' Hall. Keokuk Camp No. 622—Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors. C. B. Lake, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, Clerk.

B. P. O. ELKS.

Keokuk Lodge, No. 106—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks' hall, Gibbons opera house block, Sixth and Main streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. H. Reimbold, E. R.; Leroy J. Wolf, Secretary.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF OWLS.

Regular meeting of the Independent Order of Owls the first and third Tuesdays of each month at their hall in the Hubinger building, 25 North Sixth street. Visiting Owls are cordially invited. Lee Hovey, worthy president; Ed W. Kiser, secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

Keokuk Aerie, No. 653—Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Eagle's hall, 523 Main. Visiting brothers cordially invited. Geo. J. D. Salzer, W. President; C. A. Noakes, secretary.

W. O. W.—Gate City Camp No. 81.

Woodmen of World, meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Hawkes' hall, corner Eighth and Main streets. Visiting sovereigns cordially invited. E. E. Sovern, constable; commander; E. E. Hawkes, clerk.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Keokuk Council No. 536 meets first and third Monday each month, Hawkes' hall, Eighth and Main. Visiting brethren fraternally invited. To attend. C. M. Vogler, Regent, J. L. Annable, secy.

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at 1:45, the result of the bullet that ploughed into her abdominal cavity last night after going through the finger of Offron.

Coroner Korschgen appointed J. P. Christy, Ed. S. Lofton and Phillip Miller, jurymen, and the inquisitorial body viewed the remains this afternoon. The inquest will be held tomorrow.

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RESCUED ASTOR AND HIS BRIDE

Their Launch Was in Distress Down at Bermuda Where Honey-moon is Spent.

LYNN, Mass., Oct. 11.—Fred Allen and George Gregory, shoe manufacturers, returned home and reported they had rescued John Jacob Astor and his bride, formerly Miss Madeline Force of New York, in Bermuda.

They were the guests of Mr. Bradley of a drug manufacturing company, and were taking a motor boat trip around the island. Some miles off the coast they saw a motor launch in distress. They headed toward the disabled craft, and those on board asked for assistance.

The boat proved to be the launch of

the yacht Noma, owned by Col. Astor, and on which he is making his honeymoon trip. The men from Lynn and their host got a line aboard the launch and towed it to safety.

Plum Tree Blooms.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Oct. 11.—Geo. V. Munson has a plum tree in his yard on North Seventh street in full bloom. The tree bore a full crop in the spring and unless Jack Frost comes along Mr. Munson will have another plum crop in a few weeks. He says it is the most prolific fruit tree he ever saw in Missouri and that he would like to have a big plum grove of the same variety.

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