

THE STORY OF A TRAGEDY

State Witnesses Testify in Pickett Murder Case.

NONE SAW MURDER DONE

The Case Appears to Rest Upon Circumstantial Evidence.

SOUNDS OF A STRUGGLE HEARD

Mrs. Nelson, a Neighbor, Tells the Circumstances of the Fatal Fire.

The taking of evidence in the Pickett murder case began yesterday, County Attorney Boardman having opened the case for the state late yesterday afternoon.

He Destroyed Property—J. H. Kornegbe, a blacksmith, this morning in the municipal court was found guilty of having maliciously destroyed the property of E. E. Kowalski, who has a carpenter shop at 23 Western avenue.

Separated Forty-three Years—Separated for forty-three years, the meeting of Michael Hanley and Mrs. Praxley of Marietta, Wis., brother and sister, on Thanksgiving day, was a joyous one.

Ravina Post Election—John A. Rawlins post held his annual election of officers for the ensuing year last evening, with the following results: Commander, D. E. Bushnell, vice commander, George E. Faulkner, junior vice commander, George E. Dennis, secretary, Dr. John W. Lester, treasurer, R. E. P. Savage, quartermaster, Wm. J. Jones, officer of the day, Ira J. Covey, officer of the guard, Thomas Lewis, reporter, H. H. Gilmore, musician, J. B. Hughes, L. S. Meeker, Aid Collins, Samuel P. Sander, alternate, Thomas Rogers, George H. Hanson, Marshall Robinson, Thomas J. Janney, memorial committee, R. H. Henderson, George W. Marchant, and the officers of the post and the commander-elect was appointed to arrange for the annual banquet of the post to be held Jan. 7.

NECROLOGICAL

F. W. MARCH—The funeral of F. W. March, son of W. C. March, of this city, and a traveling salesman for the North Star shoe company, who died at Grand Forks, N. D., on Monday, took place today, at 2 p. m., from 605 tenth street S.

MRS. GERTRUDE E. WAKEMAN, wife of L. E. Wakeman, senior member of the Powell Hardware company, of St. Cloud, died at her home in this city Tuesday morning, after an illness of one week.

MRS. ANDREW F. LORENZE, 1810 Central avenue, died suddenly on Tuesday while at work in the kitchen of her home. She was preparing the evening meal and had just returned to her room when she sank to the floor and died almost immediately.

J. M. JORDAN, a laborer who formerly lived in Hennepin county, died at the city hospital early yesterday morning after an illness of one week with pneumonia. He was 61 years of age.

LUMBER ADVANCES AGAIN

Broken Stocks and Heavy Demand Constitute the Causes. The price list committee of the Mississippi Valley Lumberman's association at a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to recommend an advance in lumber prices over the list last issued on July 5.

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They were accompanied by Julius C. Dorn, the clerk of the board, and are on a junket inspecting courthouses preparatory to erecting a fine building for Cleveland. They have visited Indianapolis and Chicago and will probably go later to Pittsburgh, Boston and other cities.

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turning the handle. There was no lock on the door, but there was a latch on the inside. Mrs. Pickett was lying on the floor near the head of the bathtub. There were flames around her, but her nightgown was not burned. Her hands covered the upper part of her head and her eyes were closed.

Saw Pickett Close the Door. Mrs. Nelson said she then ran back screaming "fire," and told her sister that Mrs. Pickett was dead and was burning up in the bathroom. She and her sister ran to save Mrs. Pickett and went into the main hall off from the private hallway. Her sister ran back to get her pet kittens. Hearing a noise down the hallway, she looked down and saw Pickett closing the door to the bathroom.

On cross-examination by Mr. Chamberlain, the witness described the first Mrs. Pickett as a woman about her own height, possibly about 5 feet 4 inches, and rather slender. She testified further, that when she opened the bathroom door she pushed it fully three-quarters open. She stepped partly in and the flames rushed over her head, singeing her eyebrows. Turning back, she met her sister and cried, "My God, Mrs. Pickett is dead and is burning up in the bathroom!" She made no attempt to save the Pickett children, but told them to hurry out as the house was on fire.

When she came back into the hall there was considerable smoke in the hallway. She did not try to save Mrs. Pickett and was positive that she was already dead. They looked down the hall on hearing a noise. The door to the bathroom was partly open and Pickett reached into the room and pulled the door shut. A boiler fell down or was pulled out by Mr. Pickett.

Family Relations Pleasant. So far as the witness knew, the relations between Mr. and Mrs. Pickett were pleasant. She had never heard any quarreling in the Pickett flat and thought she would have heard any such quarrel, especially if the voices were loud. She was quite positive that she could distinguish between a choking or gurgling sound and the noise of vomiting in the Pickett flat even if the door was closed. The witness was certain that although there were flames about Mrs. Pickett her night gown had not yet caught fire when

she looked in. There was no gasoline or kerosene stored in the bathroom. Just before adjourning for noon Judge Elliott asked the witness: "How long was it after the noise ceased that you saw Mr. Pickett in the hall?" "About two minutes," answered the witness.

ORE FOR NOWHERE

Rates on Impossible Shipments Filled by Ore Carriers.

AND THE SAME OLD RATES, TOO

A Conviction Growing That the Roads Have Played Horse

With the State.

Officials of the iron roads are doubtless laughing in their sleeves to-day at the railroad and warehouse commission. They did file tariffs on iron ore yesterday with the commission, but they did not make the meek and lowly surrender that every one supposed.

In current slang, they have played horses with the state. The tariff they have filed is a huge joke. Here is the language of the tariff filed by the Duluth, Missabe & Northern:

Iron ore in carload lots, minimum twenty gross tons, to Duluth or docks, within destined to points beyond the docks and within the state of Minnesota, and such transportation does not form a part of the service of such ore to a point or points within the state of Minnesota, 89 cents per gross ton.

Its twin, the Duluth and Iron Range puts it in language practically identical. It does not take an expert to figure out that the tariffs are based on an imaginary destination, "beyond the docks" and yet within the state. The commission ordered the roads to file tariffs on business to the docks, saying nothing about the final destination.

Judge Mills, chairman of the commission, returned from Chicago this afternoon, leaving his colleagues in the windy city. When his attention was called to the tariffs, he said: "It will remain for the commission to say whether the tariffs comply with the order. I could not undertake to say until I have advised with others."

The rate is from 80 cents to \$1, the same as always charged. It pays no attention to the order filed a year ago, reducing rates to 60 and 80 cents. That order has been vacated, but only on technical grounds.

The tariffs came in on the last day left to comply, in the afternoon. They are dated Nov. 23, and go into effect Dec. 9.

KOEHLER'S GREAT PICTURE

"The Strike" to Be Presented to Public Library Friday.

Friday afternoon at the regular meeting of the library board the famous picture, "The Strike" painted by Robert Koehler, director of the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts, will be presented to the library board for the city of Minneapolis. The picture will be presented by Dr. J. K. Hosmer and received by the secretary of the board. The picture was purchased with a fund which was quickly raised after the project had been announced, the people of the city hastening to show their appreciation of Mr. Koehler's work.

The picture is a reproduction of the famous painting by Robert Koehler, which has been charged of the subscription list includes Mrs. Charles C. Bovey, chairman, Misses C. L. Crocker, C. S. Marshall, C. S. Tucker, Vrooman Wood, Misses C. O. Corinne DeLaitre, Marion M. Gale, Helen Hart, Nellie Heffelfinger, Kate Moulton, Bonnie E. Snow, Prudence Wyman, Charlotte Whitcomb, Messrs. J. S. Bradstreet, L. B. Chute, Carl DeLaitre, Robert T. Giles, E. C. Gale, and Rev. William Wilkinson. Mr. Gale was the treasurer and Miss Whitcomb secretary.

TWIN CITY CLUBS

Western Baseball League Deciding Upon a Circuit.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Western baseball league convened here in annual session this afternoon. Those present: St. Joseph, W. T. Van Brunt; Kansas City, George Tebeau; Des Moines, Frank Flynn; Minneapolis, A. B. Beal; Omaha, W. A. Bourke; St. Paul, George Lennon; Colorado Springs, W. Burns; Denver, George Tebeau.

The meeting is to decide upon a circuit for next year. Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City have accepted franchises in the American association but it is said all but Kansas City are likely to surrender them.

ST. PAUL MEN

Afraid J. J. Hill Will Be Real Vexed.

OFFER ADVICE TO NEWSPAPERS

They Ought Not to Get Personal—Decided That the G. N. Shop Question is Involved.

A group of well-known St. Paul business men met in executive session yesterday to discuss the attitude of certain northern western interests toward James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company. So far as known the meeting was not the result of any expressed wish or suggestion on the part of the newspapers. It was held by some of the St. Paul men worried for fear certain published utterances regarding the Northern Securities matter would cause Mr. Hill to reconsider his promise to locate the enlarged Great Northern shops in the saintly city, but this surmise is stamped as incorrect by those who attended the meeting.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that in the discussion of the questions connected with the consolidation of our railroad the consolidation of the interests of our newspapers conform themselves wholly to the principles involved. One of the men who attended the conference said to-day:

The gathering was wholly voluntary on the part of the men present, who have felt that St. Paul as well as the whole northwest is too deeply interested in the great enterprises with which Mr. Hill is connected for the newspapers to remain silent. It would be in any way tend to make a breach between him and the community. It was conceded by all the speakers that if any private individual or any newspaper is opposed from conviction to the consolidation of the interests of the northwestern people, there is no objection to such views being presented and urged. But it was felt strongly that every element of personal antagonism should be eliminated from the discussion. The meeting was held and the subject was presented to the newspapers.

It was the consensus of opinion that it would be a fortunate thing for the public if all the papers of the northwestern states to act on this view of the question.

THE FARMERS' MAIL

Rural Hennepin to Be Well Provided With Delivery Routes.

BEST IN THE U.S. IN THIS RESPECT

The Full Free Delivery Service Will Be Instituted in About Two Months.

Fourteen rural delivery routes will be established by the postoffice department in Hennepin county on Feb. 1. This with the service already in operation will cover the entire county and insure daily mail delivery to all residents of the fifth congressional district.

Hennepin county will stand first in the matter of free rural delivery not even excepting any county in Maryland, which is considered the birthplace of rural free delivery. Congressman Fletcher's promise that every household in Hennepin county should have its mail delivered daily will be realized. In conference with Inspector G. Guterson he has considered the petitions for rural routes during the summer months, leaving the roads to the inspection of the routes and recommendations which the department approved yesterday.

Feb. 1 Hennepin county will have twenty-seven separate free delivery routes. At that time routes will be established from the following points: Dayton, two routes; Rogers, one; Hamel, one; Hopkins, one; St. Louis Park, one; Eden Prairie, one; Mound City, one.

Those already in operation are as follows: Excelsior, two routes; Wayzata, two; Long Lake, one; Mapple Plain, two; Osseo, five; Robbinsdale, two.

The introduction of rural free delivery will go into effect with two other innovations—the country postoffice and the tri-weekly trip of the farmer to town for his mail. Twenty-five fourth-class post-offices will be abolished. Preference has been given to the retaining of routes in selecting carriers for the new routes. The Hennepin county farmer will now be able to transact all postoffice business at his home, leaving his mail postmasters to deliver his mail, will sell stamps, register mail and sell money orders. One of the greatest advantages to the farmer under the new order of things is the early delivery of his daily paper. Although in some cases mail may be delivered no more quickly than now the service will be regular.

GOV. HERRED WILL HELP

HE PROMISES AID TO VAN SANT

The Last Reply to the Minnesota Governor's Letter is Received.

Governor Van Sant has received replies from all the governors addressed excepting Governor Rogers of Washington. The communications from the other five were made public this morning by the governor's office. All have been printed except that of Charles M. Herred, governor of South Dakota. Governor Herred does not consider this a question which menace to South Dakota, but heartily indorses Governor Van Sant in defending the people of Minnesota from the combine. He says:

An use of said railroads has no mileage in this state whatever, and the other two of said railroads have a very limited mileage, and even if consolidated as suggested, would be in competition with the great railways that are traversing this state and doing the transportation business of our people, our interest is largely speculative and problematical and not as direct and immediate as that of Minnesota and the other states through which these railways run and whose business is practically monopolized by the said transportation companies.

The problem presented is one of stupendous importance. The sentiment of the people is with you in your efforts to legally and clearly establish the relations between a corporation like the one in question and the state, in congress in session, you should, and no doubt will, receive the earnest co-operation of the representatives of the people. I shall give this matter the most careful consideration and shall consider it as my duty to advise of the results of my investigation. Whatever I can do towards the correct solution of the problems aforesaid, I assure you shall be done most earnestly and cheerfully.

—Charles M. Herred, Governor.

PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT

Attempt Upon His Life Made Punishable by Death.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Hoar today introduced a bill for the protection of the president of the United States. It provides that anyone who shall attempt the life of the president shall be punished by death.

Any person who counsels or advises the killing of the president is to be imprisoned twenty years. Any person who aids the escape of any person concerned in the killing or counselling the killing of a president is to be punished equally as an accomplice.

Overshoes



Ladies' Jersey Storm Overshoes, all sizes, 67c
Ladies' fleece lined Storm Rubbers, worth 75c 49c
Ladies' best quality Gaudes Rubbers, worth 75c 25c
Ladies' fleece lined Rubbers 29c
Boys' buckle Overshoes 39c
Boys' Indian tanned shoe Pairs, all sizes \$1.25
Boys' Rubbers, dull or bright finish, all sizes 49c

Ladies' Felt Shoes

Wool lined, with button laced, lace or button; fine kid tokin, leather sole \$1.25
Ladies' felt sole, lace, and golden brown, felt shoe 57c
Ladies' felt sole House Slippers 19c

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Children's Jersey, 1st quality Buckle Overshoe, size to 10 39c
Misses' Jersey 1st quality Buckle Overshoe, sizes 11 to 2 49c
Children's Jersey Storm Overshoes, sizes to 10 39c
Misses' Jersey Storm Overshoes, sizes 11 to 2 49c
Children's and Misses' 1st quality Gaudes Rubbers 25c
Child's high-cut 2-Buckle Overshoe, size to 10 75c
Misses' high-cut, 2-buckle Overshoes, sizes 11 to 2 98c

Ladies' Felt Slippers

Ladies' new black or red felt Slippers, leather soles, worth \$1.00 49c
Ladies' fur trimmed felt Julietts, worth \$1.00 69c
Ladies' fine hair tuft felt Julietts, fancy colors and plain black, worth \$1.25 98c

Clothing Bargains for Thursday.

\$1.00 Underwear for 50c—Number one quality standard wool lined, warm and durable, colors silver gray, light blue, and golden brown, all quality for 50c
\$1.00 Underwear for 75c—Heavy buff colored derby ribbed underwear, first quality, fine finished garments, perfect fitting, \$1.00 quality all wool underwear for 75c
\$1.50 Flannel Shirts for \$1.00—Heavy all wool navy blue flannel shirts, single or double breasted, full cut sleeves, very well made, \$1.50 all wool shirts for \$1.00
75c Gloves and Mittens for 50c. We show the best variety of gloves and mittens, leather lined, in the city, qualities others ask 75c for we sell for 50c

THE OUTDOOR ARTIST

He Had His Turn at Horticulturists' Meeting Yesterday.

LADIES' AUXILIARY IN SESSION

Delegates Will Visit the State Experimental Station This Evening.

The general subject at the morning session of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society yesterday was "Ornamentation of Public and Private Grounds." The attendance was slightly larger than yesterday, and the various papers were received with the closest attention.

Jonathan Freeman, of Austin, spoke of "Landscape Adornment as a Universal Obligation," and urged upon his hearers the utilitarian as well as the esthetic value of such improvements. K. Bush, of Denver, made a plea for simplicity in effects, even in flower beds; and C. C. Dike, of White Bear, spoke of the "Improvement of Private Grounds" from an artistic standpoint.

A paper that attracted much attention was read by O. F. Brand, of Fairbault, on "The Nurseryman's Part in Landscape Adornment." Mr. Brand said that \$100 judiciously invested in beautifying a home had been known to increase its selling value tenfold. He thought a nurseryman should be competent to tell his customers not only what to plant, but how to plant it, and how to care for it. Large trees, he said, should be at least forty feet apart, and should not be allowed to obstruct a view of the building. Trees that combine both beauty and utility should be used, and driveways and walks should be curved instead of straight. For shrubbery he said the high bush cranberry was preferable to the Hic because of its utilitarian value. He advocated large, well-kept lawns and in flowers suggested that an effort should be made to secure striking color contrasts. For early spring tulips were advised; for summer, the peony which Mr. Brand said had supplanted the rose as queen of flowers.

Fred Nusbaum, superintendent of parks of St. Paul, was on the program for a paper on "An Ideal Public Park." He was not present, but his paper will be printed by the society later.

Other speakers and their subjects were: F. H. Nutter, Minneapolis, "Parks for the Smaller Towns"; E. Fryer, Montevideo, "Perennial Planting"; L. R. Moyer, Montevideo, "Native Shrubbery in Ornamentation"; and A. Norby, Madison, S. D., "The Program for the afternoon included 'My Experience in Horticulture and Tree Growing on Coteau Park,' O. C. Gregg.

This evening the delegates will attend an entertainment to be given for them at the state experimental station, St. Anthony Park. To-morrow at 9:30 a. m. after a piano solo by Miss Edith Dexter of Staples, the following will read papers: W. J. Stahlmann, Bruce, Wis.; G. B. Frye, River Falls, Wis.; William Cairncross, Flat Minn. To-morrow afternoon the following will read papers: A. D. Shepard, River Falls, Wis.; Walter R. Ansell,

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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MR. LORING'S ADDRESS

He Discusses Improvement of Public and Private Grounds. The evening session Tuesday was devoted to an address by C. M. Loring on "The Improvement of Public and Private Grounds." The lecture was profusely illustrated with stereoscopic slides, and at its conclusion members of the society crowded around Mr. Loring to thank him for the instruction and entertainment he had provided.

A point emphasized by the speaker was the small cost of beautifying private grounds, the requisites being good taste, a fair knowledge of nature and industry. As an illustration of what could be accomplished at small cost, Mr. Loring showed a view of a home in Bluff City, Kan., "before and after taking." The first view was that of an unattractive house on the bare prairie; the second, taken nine years later, a picture of the same house, but in a most picturesque environment, trees, vines, flowers and lawns beautifying the view.

As a general proposition, the speaker stated that New Englanders paid more attention to beautifying their grounds than was given to the same matter in the west; and he showed a number of views to prove his contention. He severely criticized Minnesota roads and said the principle of their construction was all wrong. In conclusion he spoke of fence signs, and advocated the passage of a law prohibiting them, if possible.

Senate Gets Canal Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The president sent to the senate to-day the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for an isthmian canal.

Before Inventory Cut Price Sale.

Model Base Burners Double Heaters. 14-inch Fire Pot. Other people's price \$45.00 Cut price \$34.00
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