

# PATKOVICH PLEADS GUILTY OF MURDER

## Sand Coulee Boy Tells Court He Killed Tishma, and His Father Held Also in Case Is Dismissed—Sentence Coming Later.

Mike Patkovich, the 18-year-old Sand Coulee youth, will alone pay the penalty for the murder of Charles Tishma. The case against his father, William Patkovich, was ordered dismissed yesterday by Judge H. H. Ewing on motion of County Attorney H. G. Bennett, and the boy, after his attorney, Frank Polutnik, had informed the court that his client desired to change his former plea of not guilty to one of guilty, stood before Judge Ewing and answered in the affirmative when he was asked whether his intentions had been fully stated by his counsel.

"Before hearing four plea," said Judge Ewing, when the prisoner had walked over from his seat by the side of Sheriff J. P. Burns, to stand in front of the bench, "it is only fair to say that if you plead guilty to a charge of first-degree murder the sentence will be either death or life imprisonment. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty," replied the boy, but in voice so low that the court asked again: "What did you say?"

"Guilty," he said; this time louder.

He was ordered back into the custody of the sheriff and will continue to occupy his cell in the county jail until such time as the court summons him to receive his sentence. No intimation was given as to when Judge Ewing will fix his penalty.

Young Patkovich appeared in court much taller and heavier by probably 30 pounds than when he was first imprisoned, last July. He was then a slim, anemic appearing boy with long, scrawny arms and a sharp chin; but during the six months he has been confined he has taken on flesh to an extent that made him bear but little resemblance to the boy who last July appeared in court.

Dismissal of the case against the father was generally expected by those who were familiar with such evidence as the county attorney's office was able to obtain against him. In the courtroom yesterday and about the court, the opinion was freely expressed that the parent was probably the more guilty of the two, but an exhaustive search for evidence, that has been extended through half a year, found the case coming on trial and the state's counsel without sufficient proof to warrant taking the prisoner before a jury. The father is a gray-haired, sallow-complexioned, hard-eyed old man. In the courtroom he smoked calmly at a cigar that some one had given him and appeared not in the least concerned over the fact that his son is facing a life sentence or worse, nor did he appear to be bothered by the curious glances cast in his direction by the room full of people who looked upon him, up to the time his case was ordered dismissed, as a suspected murderer.

Father and son were taken back to the jail by Deputy Sheriff E. J. Tait, and on the way across from the court house the old man asked the deputy how long he thought the boy would be confined.

"Didn't you hear the judge say the sentence would be either death or a life sentence?" asked the deputy. "That meant it's possible for him to hang. He may not do any time in the penitentiary at all."

"Hell!" said the old man.

The crime to which young Patkovich pled guilty was that of killing Charles Tishma, a miner who had been employed at the Brown mine at Sand Coulee. Tishma had an automobile which the boy wanted and on the night of July 9 he went to Tishma's boarding house and induced him to take him for a ride. Arrived at lonely granary about half a mile from the Patkovich home, the boy obtained a shot gun which he had hidden there for the purpose, waited his chance and shot Tishma between the shoulders at the base of the neck. Tishma was instantly killed and his murderer scooped a shallow trench in

a nearby manure pile, dragged the dead man to it, rolled the body in, covered it up, re-entered the car and drove it home.

This is the boy's story and portions of it are self proved. The skeleton of the body was found in the manure pile 19 days later, after he admitted that he knew where it had been buried but before he acknowledged his guilt. His first story was that another boy committed the murder in his presence, but he broke down under the questions that were put to him and the next day he gave the account reproduced above, and which he still declares is the truth. Such portions of it as may not be based on fact are held by certain officials to have been possibly invented for the protection of the father. Had the county attorney been successful in obtaining desired evidence the state would have endeavored to prove that the murder was committed at the Patkovich home; that if the father was not the actual murderer he at least had guilty knowledge, and that the body was hauled from the house to the manure pile in a wagon.

The boy was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff A. C. Trice about a week after Tishma was killed. The miner's unexplained disappearance and the presence of the car in young Patkovich's possession caused suspicion to attach to him, but he offered the explanation that he had purchased the machine and also certain of Tishma's personal effects. For several days he had the time of his young life, taking his young lady acquaintances out riding in the Tishma car and disporting himself largely among his friends as the owner of a real automobile. The first time he was arrested he was released by Sheriff H. H. Ewing on the grounds that there was no evidence against him, but two days later public sentiment had been roused to such a pitch that Deputy Trice again brought him to Great Falls. The first day after he was picked up the second time he denied having any knowledge relating to Tishma's disappearance; the second day he admitted knowing of his murder and declared another boy was the party responsible, but on the third day he told the story which he has since contended is the correct one.

Officials have exclaimed over the utter abandon with which the boy went about the business of killing his friend and that he suffered not a minute's remorse for his deed was indicated by his conduct between the date of the murder and his arrest. After it became known that Tishma had disappeared an automobile firm which had a lien against the car took possession and the boy, claiming that this left him loser in the amount he had paid, started court proceedings to collect wages due Tishma from the Brown mine. At one time he appeared in the Earl Justice court and attempted to attach the wages of the man whom he had killed and buried in a manure pile over a week before.

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# HOPES NEWMAN WILL ENTER IT

## Mayor Fousek Says City Needs Capable Man and Wants to See That Class Candidates.

"It is a matter of satisfaction to me to note the fact that the democratic voters, young as well as old, are showing some interest in the candidates that will go before the voters at the city primary and election," said Mayor A. J. Fousek, yesterday. "While it would not be appropriate at this stage of the campaign for me to declare for a candidate for mayor, it certainly is gratifying to know that such men as Louis Newman are being considered with a view to getting them into the field as candidates. I do not know who else may be among the democratic candidates—in fact I do not know that Mr. Newman will consent to make the race, but I hope he will and if there are other candidates in the democratic primary for the nomination of mayor, I am in hopes they will measure up to the standard qualifications that Mr. Newman can show.

"There has never been a time since I have been interested in city politics that it was so important we have capable men in office. We are now facing a problem of financing that requires tact and ability and we must have men whose personal success in business gives us a reason to believe they will properly safeguard the city's interests in such matters. As I stated, it is too early to say who would be the best choice for the democrats as the nominee for mayor, yet I may say and I am sure that people generally whether democrats or republicans will agree with me that if we can secure a candidate so eminently fitted for the place as Mr. Newman, the taxpayers may sleep well of nights, knowing that their interests will always be properly protected. I know of no man in Great Falls who has given so freely of personal effort in promoting the city's interests as he, and I have always found him fair minded and reasonable in the consideration of business matters.

"The voters should insist on getting men whom they know will give good service, whether for mayor or on the board of aldermen voters in every ward should now see to it that they get clean, well established business men to get into the race for aldermen. Let us all endeavor to get the best class of candidates in every ward and also we have problems ahead of us that are quite large and difficult of solution, we will know the city's welfare will be properly taken care of at all stages in the progress forward."

# FIRST OF SERIES COMES TOMORROW

Rev. R. B. MacHutton of the First Congregational church will tomorrow morning preach his first of a series of special sermons on topics relating to everyday life. The series, a list of titles for which was given in The Tribune last Monday morning, will continue for six weeks, morning and evening. The evening sermons will be especially for young folks.

Tomorrow morning the subject of the sermon will be "Religious Waste" and in the evening the pastor will speak on "Giants in the Way of Success." The morning sermon will be at 10:45 and the evening address at 7:30. The illustrations for the evening sermon will be drawn from the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

A special musical program has been arranged by the musical committee, Julius Werthner, who has successfully been leading the army band at Camp Hancock, Ga., will take charge as choir-master and organist at the Congregational church tomorrow and it is expected he will make the Congregational choir one of the finest in the state.

### ROBINSON MADE DEPUTY

Homer Robinson, deputy under former Sheriff H. H. Knudsen, yesterday again clothed with the authority of a deputy sheriff by Sheriff J. P. Burns, this time to serve without pay. Mr. Robinson has entered the service of the Great Northern's department of detectives and was yesterday given the customary authority of a deputy sheriff on petition of his employers.

# EARLY WHEAT SOWING WILL BE BENEFICIAL

## Farmers Have Larger Acreage Prepared Than Ever Before in Montana, and Bumper Grain Crops Are Anticipated.

While it is extremely early in the season for farmers to do any sowing of grain seed, yet it is a fact that they are doing it right now. A. E. Barkemeyer of the Barkemeyer Grain & Seed company states the farmers are buying their seed about a month earlier this season than last because of the fine weather. He believes the early planting will be beneficial in every way, as with the seed sown now a late cold spring cannot harm anything to any great extent and the harvesting can be done earlier in the season. Mr. Barkemeyer says Montana farmers are sowing about from 10 to 15 per cent more acreage this season than ever before and should weather conditions during the next four or five months favorable the state should yield a record breaking crop of grains, especially wheat. Conditions all over the United States, largely because of the government's fixed price on wheat point to the fact there will be a bumper crop of that grain and Mr. Barkemeyer feels confident Montana farmers will do their share of the growing.

Seed plentiful. Stocks of seed in some of the grains are limited. There will be plenty of

# CLUB DIRECTORS MEET ON MONDAY

## Commercial Organization Body Will Discuss Important Problems at Session.

Directors of the Great Falls Commercial club will conduct an important business meeting at 3 Monday afternoon, several problems made important by the reconstruction period being among the things which will come up for discussion. Among the questions to come up are a discussion of the postal service, the Montana development bureau, government ownership of railroads and telegraph and cable lines and the appointment of a committee or a chairman of a committee to act in co-operation with the Highway Industrial association, a national organization with headquarters at Washington, D. C., whose aim is to promote better highways throughout the United States.

Secretary R. S. Skinner is not in position to state just what the opinion of the board is as a whole on the railroad and wire line ownership question. The board will perhaps pass a resolution or recommendation at the session, either advocating government ownership or the return of private control.

The problem of organizing the proposed Montana development league is the most important. It touches near home. A meeting will be held at Helena on Feb. 14, and at this time an effort is to be made to commence organizing a development bureau to bring the advantages of Montana to the people of the remainder of the United States, the purpose being to increase the population of the Treasure state to a couple of million in the next 10 years.

Various business men's organizations and clubs throughout the state have approved the idea of a development bureau, and the directors of the commercial club will appoint a delegate or a delegation to attend the meeting at Helena Feb. 14.

Secretary Skinner says he does not believe there are any complaints against the postoffice service given Great Falls patrons. However, the postal department as Washington, D. C., has asked the club to forward to Washington either an approval of the service as it exists, or if any complaints are forthcoming, to outline them in writing for the department, so that improvement can be made if possible.

The meeting will be one of the most important of the year, and Secretary Skinner urges all directors to attend.

# POLICE COURT

Fines amounting to \$40 were imposed in police court yesterday on violators of the traffic ordinance, four automobile drivers paying \$10 each upon their conviction:

George Underhill, Ed Pierce and J. H. White were each accused of reckless driving and George Mitchell was charged with running his machine without lights.

# B. A. R. E.

Regular meeting tonight, February 8, at 7 p. m. Butcher's hall.

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# MACHINISTS NOTICE

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JOHN E. MORAN, County Clerk.

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