

The Denison

CHAUTAQUA

Opens Tues., July 26

THE BIG FIRST DAY PROGRAM, Tuesday, July 26th

AFTERNOON

- 2:00---Opening Exercises.
2:30---Entertainment by KIRKSMITHS' orchestra and EVELYN BARGELT, cartoonist.
3:15---Lecture: "Sight and Insight" by MATTISON WILBUR CHASE.
4:30---ORGANIZATION KING ARTHUR COURT.

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DUAL TRAGEDY IN MONONA

John Kratz Shoots and Kills Mrs. Agnes McCoy, Then Kills Himself in Fit of Jealousy.

BOOZE PLAYS PROMINENT PART

Deed Done in Presence of Little Eight-Year-Old Girl, Louie McCoy, Who Summons Help.

One of the most sensational tragedies in the history of this community was committed Tuesday night when Johnny Kratz shot Mrs. Agnes McCoy down in cold blood on her own doorstep and then turned the weapon with which he killed his victim upon himself and sent a bullet crashing into his own brain.



Mrs. Agnes McCoy.

booze. It is known that Kratz has paid some attentions to Mrs. McCoy and that they have not been altogether resentful. It is plain that the deed was not premeditated but was simply the culmination of various things which finally led up to the brutal

crime. Mrs. McCoy, with her little daughter, Louie, who is about eight years of age, have resided alone in the Skidmore house west of the school house since she received a divorce from her husband, Thos. McCoy, about a year ago. The first intimation of trouble Tuesday night came at about 11:30 o'clock when a crash of window glass awoke the S. W. Kiner family, who reside the first house south and several other neighbors close adjoining. This was followed by a revolver report. It is known that Mrs. McCoy always kept a loaded revolver in the house as she had complained several times during the past few months of night prowlers, only a few weeks ago hearing someone at her door, sent a bullet through the panel. Following the first shot and the crash of glass the night prowler who proved to be Johnny Kratz, stepped to the front door and called, "Aggie, Aggie, let me in." She undoubtedly recognized the voice and opened the door, still holding the smoking gun in her hand. Her first exclamation was, "Johnny Kratz, so you are the—who has been prowling around my house at nights?"

The Kiner family, now wide awake, were able to hear a part of the conversation. Mrs. McCoy then ordered him to leave and shoved him from the doorstep. Kratz then seized the gun and threw it over into the Kiner yard. She unhesitatingly walked over and picked it up. Mrs. Kiner then admonished her not to go back to the house but to come inside. Mrs. McCoy replied that she could not leave the house as Louie, the little girl, was in there and she could not leave her alone with him. She then returned to the house and Kratz, who was still on the step, again wrested the gun from her grasp and turned it upon his victim. Two shots were fired, the first bullet taking effect in the right shoulder and ranging downward. The second was aimed straight at the temple. According to the little girl's story, who was an eye witness to the

shooting, her mother did not fall from the first shot, but upon the second one being fired, she fell prostrate upon the doorstep. Kratz then gathered



John Kratz.

his victim up in his arms and carried her into the house and layed her on the sofa. The little girl, realizing what had happened, threw her arms around her mother's neck and piteously begged for someone to come to her assistance, at the same time ordering the murderer out of the house. She then ran out of the house herself and over to the Kiner home. Hardly had she left the house until another report from the revolver rang out, followed by a noise as if someone had fallen to the floor. She imparted to them the tale of the awful crime and she believed that he had also shot himself. Sheriff Rawlings was summoned by telephone and informed of the shooting. Several of the neighbors had gathered on the scene by this time and with a dimly lighted lantern entered the house. Suspicions of a double tragedy were confirmed, as there lay the bodies of both Mrs. McCoy and Johnny Kratz with blood streaming from gaping wounds inflicted from the bullets. Dr. Thomson was summoned but they were both past medical aid. Mrs. McCoy lived for about an hour and a half and Kratz for about an hour, but neither regained consciousness. The bodies were later removed to the M. B. Pullen undertaking rooms and Coroner Carhart summoned and an inquest was held during the forenoon Wednesday. The verdict was murder and suicide.

Kratz had been drinking freely for several weeks and just before starting on the fateful journey to the McCoy home had taken a fresh supply aboard. He rode a distance with Johnny Taylor who offered to take him to his boarding place at the Templeton home, but he made some excuse that he would just as soon walk.

Ed Corr, who resides directly across the street north from the McCoy home, heard the first shot fired and rushed downstairs and out into the yard with his revolver and thinking to scare the ones concerned in the fray, emptied one chamber of his gun, holding it high. Barney Selleck was also disturbed by the shooting and was on the lookout, but like the rest, laid low until after the shooting ceased. It is probably fortunate that those who heard the racket did not attempt to take a hand in it, or there might be more sorrowing homes today than there are, as Kratz after killing his first victim, would not have used much discretion as to how he handled a gun. Realizing the awfulness of the deed committed and the probable results, he undoubtedly concluded the best thing for him to do was to put an end to it all. Upon Mrs. McCoy imparting to him a few weeks ago the information that someone had been prowling around her home at night, he purchased a new revolver and presented it to her. It was this gun that ended the lives of both.

Prior to Mrs. McCoy procuring a divorce from her husband, Kratz had roomed at the McCoy home. When not under the influence of liquor he was a quiet, unassuming fellow, but from all information at hand he has been drinking to excess the last few months. Mrs. McCoy since her divorce, has been dressmaking. One of the saddest features of the affair is the leaving of the little girl almost alone in the world, who will carry with her for a lifetime, memories of this awful scene. Mrs. McCoy was the owner of 40 acres of land near Whiting which will become the property of the little girl and which if properly managed will go a long way toward her support and education. It is not known at this time where she will make her permanent home.

Funeral services for Mrs. McCoy were conducted from the house this forenoon at ten o'clock by Rev. Lew Harris, of the Christian church. The body was taken to a cemetery north of Whiting for burial beside that of her mother. Mrs. McCoy was thirty-two years of age. The Kratz funeral will be held to-

SIoux CITY BOOSTERS COMING.

Jobbers and Manufacturers Will Visit Denison July 27th on the "Glad Hand" Train.

A party of about one hundred Sioux City jobbers and manufacturers, on their annual trade extension excursion, will visit Denison on July 27th, arriving at 7:15 p. m.

The party will comprise the "heads" of the various concerns represented on the trip, and will be accompanied by Reed's band, which will play during the stop.

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The train will run to Carroll via Onawa, Wall Lake and Denison, thence home over the Merville branch.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the erection of a school house in the township of East Boyer, in the county of Crawford, will be received by the undersigned at his residence, East Boyer township, where plans and specifications may be seen, until Aug. 1, 1910. Contract to be let August 2, 1910, at 1 p. m., at Center school house, East Boyer township, at which time the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

July 7, 1910. S. C. Dunham, 28-2t. President.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a general execution, by me directed, issued out of the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Crawford county, upon a judgment rendered in said court in favor of The Arion State Bank, of Arion, Iowa, and against First Congregational Church of Arion, Iowa, E. P. Wigg, L. C. Butler, M. B. Nelson and Henry W. Doldge, I have levied upon the following described real estate as the property of the said L. C. Butler, to-wit:

NE 1/4 and Out Lots "D," "E" and "F" of the subdivision of the W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 1 and E 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 2, Township 82 N., Range 40 W., of the 5th P. M., and that on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, I will proceed to sell said property, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to satisfy said execution, amounting to Seven Hundred Sixty-one and 96-100 Dollars, debt, Forty-two and 83-100 Dollars, attorney's fees, and Fourteen and 30-100 Dollars costs, together with interest and accruing costs, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

Dated Denison, Iowa, July 11, 1910. H. J. CUMMINGS, Sheriff, Crawford County.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Crawford County. State of Iowa ex rel W. W. Morrow, State Treasurer, vs. James McKim, et al—Original Notice.

To James McKim, David McKim, Mary McKim Tucker, Hester McKim, Sarah McKim Newcom, G. E. McKim, William McKim, Joseph McKim, Louise McKim Dobson, Martin McKim, Joseph McKim, Alice McKim McCormick, Jennie McKim Bell, Donald McKim, Bruce McKim, Elizabeth McKim, Jenevieve McKim, Jennie McKim, widow of John R. McKim, deceased, Rebecca McKim, widow of John McKim, deceased, Charles Campbell, Fred Hansohn, Carl Gronau, Margaret Anderson, A. J. Mason, Denison Electric Light & Power Company, E. Gulick, M. E. Jones, and to the unknown owners, occupants and claimants of the real estate hereinafter described.

You and each of you are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the district court in and for Crawford county, the petition of the plaintiff, State of Iowa ex rel W. W. Morrow, Treasurer of State, asking that the lien of the plaintiff for collateral inheritance tax due plaintiff in the estate of Esau McKim, deceased, in the sum of \$985.73, and accruing interest, be foreclosed, and that the following described real estate be sold to satisfy the lien of the plaintiff:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 6, town of Deloit, Iowa; the east half of the southeast quarter of section 12, township 84, range 39; lot 2 of sub-division of northeast quarter of section 13, township 84, range 39; lots 8, 9 and 10 in block 17, town of Deloit, Iowa; the northwest quarter of section 6, township 84, range 38; the east half of the northeast quarter of section 1, township 84, range 39; the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 1, township 84, range 39; the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter; the west 25 acres of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and lots 1 and 2 of subdivision of the south half of the north-west quarter, and the south one acre of the north four acres of the east twelve acres of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the south one acre of the north six acres of the east twelve acres of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, all in section 18, township 84, range 38; lots 1 and 2 and the north half of 3 in block 10, town of Deloit, Iowa; lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 147 1/2, city of Denison, Iowa; lot 11 in block 55, city of Denison, Iowa; the north half of the northeast quarter of section 25, township 87, range 34, Calhoun county, Iowa.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend on or before noon of the second day of the September term of court, commencing on the 12th day of September, 1910, judgment and decree will be entered thereon as prayed for in plaintiff's petition.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1910. H. W. BYERS, Attorney General. JOHN FLETCHER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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