

HUSBAND SAYS WIFE IS INSANE

WOMAN SHOTS HERSELF WITH REVOLVER

Is Believed to Have Been Afflicted
with Suicidal Mania—Will Be
Committed to an
Asylum

Mrs. Eva Rapp, aged 23, 641 North Bunker Hill avenue, shot herself in the head yesterday morning about 8:45 o'clock, supposedly with suicidal intent. The wound caused by the bullet was only a slight scalp incision and did not penetrate the skull. Mrs. Rapp was taken to the county hospital after her wound had been dressed at the receiving hospital. She will recover.

Mrs. Rapp's husband claims that she was insane when she made the attempt on her life. "She has been afflicted with mild insanity for some time," said Mr. Rapp, "but about two weeks ago the malady became of a more violent nature and she frequently threatened danger to others as well as herself. I was in constant dread that something of this kind was going to happen and secreted everything that would offer any probable opportunity to her for killing herself."

"About two weeks ago she tried to shoot herself with the same revolver that she used today. I took the bullets out of the gun at that time and placed it where she could not find it. A few days ago, however, I replaced the bullets in the gun and hid it away, as I felt that it would be best to have something about the house for protection against burglars."

Found Revolver
"With the unexpected cunning of the average insane person my wife in some way discovered the hiding place of the gun and while I was in bed yesterday morning I heard the report of the revolver. I at once suspected what had happened and rushed to the place where I had laid the revolver away. There I saw my wife bleeding from a wound behind the right ear and thought she had killed herself. She lay on the floor apparently lifeless and the sight was a gruesome one. I have tried to keep Eva with me as long as possible," concluded Mr. Rapp, "but her condition is now so serious that I feel I would endanger her own life as well as that of others by refusing to allow her to be placed in an asylum. I shall make application tomorrow to have her committed to a sanitarium."

SAYS REVENGE PROMPTED ARREST

APPARENTLY RATIONAL MAN IN PRISON

Victim Asserts That His Brother-in-Law Is Anxious to Have Him
Sent to an Insane
Asylum

What is said to be an act of revenge prompted by jealousy on the part of George Pheby, 1303 East Fifty-first street, has placed A. W. Buckner, 58 years old and apparently rational, behind the bars of the central police station on a charge of insanity.

When asked why he was in the insane ward of the jail, Mr. Buckner innocently said that he did not know. Then followed his story of abuse by a designing enemy.

Mr. Buckner is a son-in-law of B. W. Nelson, 1303 East Fifty-first street, as is George Pheby, and according to Mr. Buckner's statement, Pheby has for a long time been apprehensive lest his share of the property and bank account to be left by Nelson would be lessened by Mr. Buckner's equal claims upon it.

The father-in-law, B. W. Nelson, has shown marked partiality to Mr. Buckner, so it is said, and this has caused grave concern and envy to Mr. Buckner's brother-in-law.

Mr. Buckner has been accustomed to going to his father-in-law's house for dinner on Sundays and yesterday he went there as usual. When he arrived he says there was a stranger there, who suggested that the three take a walk. This man gave his name as Jones, and was an officer. Not until they reached the central station, however, was Mr. Buckner given a hint as to what were the intentions toward him. There he says he was told that he was charged with insanity, and would be held until the commissioners of the insane passed upon his case.

Mr. Pheby claims that Buckner is suffering from a form of religious insanity, but there was not the slightest indication of any mental derangement exhibited by him yesterday.

His conversation and actions were both rational, and he never even alluded to the subject of religion until he was expressly asked regarding his belief. In a sober manner he replied that he was a Christian, and regularly attended the Union Rescue mission at 145 North Main street. He said nothing further regarding the subject of religion.

At Mr. Buckner's rooming house, 725 East First street, lodgers and the proprietor said he had always shown himself to be of good sense, and the same was said of him by several of the mission workers connected with the Union Rescue mission.

Mr. Buckner, according to all who know him, has not been a subject of charity from anyone, and has indeed been an energetic worker.

PRESIDENT HOWE DODGES ISSUE

TAKES TEXT FROM SUNDAY HERALD

Calls His Accusers Misguided and
Several Other Things, but
Fails to State Why
and How

"Brother" Arthur S. Howe, president of the California State Spiritualist association, tried to clear himself before the local Truth Seekers' society last night of the charges made against him by another "brother," P. A. Jensen, in The Herald of Sunday, November 18. "Brother" Howe did did some of the most clever side-stepping ever seen in this city. His brilliant work of last night qualifies him to open a school for political candidates; for truly, no campaign orator ever avoided an issue more gracefully than did this presidential exponent of spiritualism.

The meeting opened with a piano and violin duet, fearfully and wonderfully performed. First the pianist was ahead, then the violinist, and then both of them were in the lead. At times the one would slow up while the other made time. Then their respective positions would be reversed. At times—shades of Orpheus—the violin squeaked.

But at length the speaker took the floor. It was plain to be seen that his logic was on a par with the violinist's technique. "Brother" Howe had a copy of The Herald in his pocket and from it he read the text of his sermon for the evening.

Pities Deluded Ones
He began his address by expressing pity for such misguided people as Mr. Jensen, who cannot see the light as it really is, but must view it only from their own deluded eyes. He assured his hearers that it was not with any personal sense of bitterness that he appeared before them, but only because the erring brother had attacked the entire state board in his sweeping condemnations. Incidentally, the speaker insinuated that the wandering one had been guilty of every sin in the calendar except horse stealing. "Sarcastic" in plenty was heaped—presumably by spirit forces—on the head of the absent brother who had so far strayed from the true path as to question the propriety of the president. The statements made in the article were broadly designated as misrepresentations, "in many cases," the speaker was sorry to confess, "seemingly, knowingly and maliciously false." The writer was declared in thinly veiled terms to be a recreant knight and a traitor to the cause.

Hard Names for Reporters
But it was when he came to the reporters that the benevolent brother became the most eloquent. These humble and faithful seekers after truth as she hides from the eyes of men were characterized as "the worst squad of pest-hunters that ever cursed spiritualism."

As The Herald reporters have never interfered with legitimate spiritualism Mr. Howe seems to have included himself in the class who have been "getting theirs."

Speaking further of the leaders in the expose movement, "Brother" Howe styles them as "a horde of self-appointed Diogenes who stick lanterns in dark places to show the public where to go." The principle of exposing the charlatans he believed to be wrong. "It simply gives these people a lot of free advertising, if indeed, it is free, and not simply a clever way of getting them before the public."

Imagine what the fakers who have been exposed think of this sort of "advertising." A few minutes conversation with one of them would do wonders in proving to Mr. Howe that they did not appreciate such a means of gaining publicity.

Throughout the course of his lecture Mr. Howe took occasion to pass many huge oratorical bouquets at that great and good man, Arthur S. Howe. He held the assembled multitude of seventy-five people that of the 100 dele-

gates to the Spiritualist convention ninety-seven voted for his humble self. Many of his good points were brought to the attention of an often unappreciative public, and he closed the lecture by summing up his personal honesty, integrity and splendid "reputation."

It is said that the spiritualistic convention will shortly convene for the purpose of electing new officers, and now was the time to say the nice things lest the man who should make the nominating speech forget them.

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