

'TRUNK MURDERESS' PLEADS GUILTY

Emma le Doux Confesses Crime and Is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

Woman Says Health Unequal to Strain of Trial and Admits Charge

Principal Events In Le Doux Case

- March 24, 1906—Albert N. McVicar murdered.
March 25, 1906—Emma Le Doux arrested at Antioch.
June 6, 1906—Emma Le Doux placed on trial.
June 23, 1906—Emma Le Doux convicted and sentenced to be hanged October 19, 1906.
January 13, 1906—Argued in supreme court.
May 19, 1906—New trial granted.
Jan. 26, 1910—Finds guilty and is sentenced to life imprisonment.

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Emma Le Doux at 9:30 o'clock this forenoon pleaded guilty to the charge of having murdered Albert N. McVicar and was sentenced by Superior Judge W. B. Nutter to life imprisonment in San Quentin.

This ends the famous "trunk mystery" case. Mrs. Le Doux was to have been tried for the second time next Wednesday, all the witnesses having been subpoenaed. The following letter received by Attorney Charles H. Fairall, her counsel and the attorney who represented the woman during her former trial, when she was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, is given as the reason for her plea of guilty:

Dear sir: Owing to the condition of my health, which has become badly shattered by four years of confinement, I do not feel able to stand the strain of another trial. I therefore have decided to plead guilty, and I want you to do what you can to dispose of the matter quickly.

Yours sincerely, MRS. EMMA LE DOUX.

PRISONER BREAKS DOWN

It was not the stolid Emma Le Doux who so bravely passed through the ordeal of four weeks' trial in 1906 and who didn't even wince when the jury returned a verdict of guilty with hanging fixed as the penalty, who pleaded guilty this morning. For the first time since her arrest, March 25, 1906, was seen to weep. When her attorney began his appeal for leniency the defendant broke down. Fairall said in part:

The defendant has pleaded guilty and the judgment of the law is about to be pronounced upon that plea, but before I do so I wish to say that I still believe her innocent of the crime charged. She has not testified in her own behalf, but I am satisfied with and believe the story of this unfortunate affair she related to me at our first interview.

She told me that she did not kill Albert N. McVicar, but on coming back to the room where they had spent the night together after several hours absence, she found him dead. Stunned and in a state of awful realization of her situation she sought to hide the body from the sight of man; she fled from the place. All her words and acts thereafter only the more firmly bound her about with a chain of circumstantial evidence until she felt exhausted at the prison door, beaten and hopeless.

If he be said that innocence does not flee, I can only reply that such words are uttered out of the mouth of inexperienced persons. She is overcome by the oppressive force of the situation and convinced of the hopelessness of further struggle, she seeks the solace of forgetfulness within the prison walls.

A frail and delicate woman, under the terrible strain and suspense, she "has gone to wrack, disturbed and torn, and without means, whichever way she turns she looks on the face of a foe." The physicians say she is physically able to go to trial, but in spite of the judgment of these men she is too feeble to stand any further. Poor woman, she has suffered much; let us hope that her compensation will be complete rest and peace for her the greatest indulgence in the power of the court to grant.

COURT PRONOUNCES SENTENCE

The judge then pronounced the life sentence. It was March 11, 1906, that Albert N. McVicar, then employed as a timberman at Jamestown, met Emma le Doux by appointment. They registered at the California hotel in this city as A. N. McVicar and wife. The next day they purchased household furniture and ordered it shipped to Jamestown. They then went to San Francisco, leaving for Jamestown, March 15, Wednesday. On March 21, McVicar drew \$163 due him. Two days later they came to Stockton. They purchased more furniture and the woman ordered it shipped to her husband, whom she termed her brother in law.

That night McVicar died. The woman bought a trunk at Rosenbaum's store the next day and also purchased a rope. She even sent an expressman to the station for her suit case and bought a hat and wearing apparel. She sent a telegram at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to Joseph Healy of San Francisco to meet her there.

The expressman roped the trunk in which she had placed her companion's body, and delivered it at the depot. It was placed in the baggage car, but was removed, as it had not been checked. The odor of the body was detected by T. H. Thompson and Nick Vizelek, baggage men.

Mrs. le Doux purchased a ticket for San Francisco and went to that city, where she met Healy. The next day she bought a ticket for Stockton, but got off the train at Antioch, where she was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Carlton C. Case of this city.

A chemical analysis of McVicar's stomach disclosed morphine enough to have killed several men. It was ascertained she had purchased a vial of morphine tablets from Doctor Dillon of San Francisco. She first insisted that a man by the name of Joe Miller was with her in the room when McVicar died, and that he went to San Francisco with her. It was later found out Miller was Healy, who was with her only in San Francisco.

It took four weeks to secure a jury and try the case. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and June 26, 1906, Judge Nutter sentenced her to be hanged. An appeal was taken and May 19 in last year's trial was granted, the local court having set the date for February 2.

Shasta Water for health. When ordering be sure and see the label.

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

\$20,000 WANTED FOR BLACKENED EYE

Glenn County Treasurer May Have to Pay Dearly for Punching San Franciscan

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WILLOWS, Jan. 26.—County Treasurer L. J. Klemmer believed he had squared matters with John Patton of San Francisco several months ago, following their fight on the street here, when he paid the bills of the physician and the nurse who attended Patton.

The two left the physician's office together after mutual apologies. Klemmer testified today that he was surprised when Patton brought suit for \$20,000 damages for the black eye he received.

A number of other witnesses testified to a verbal agreement between Patton and Klemmer to forgive and forget after Klemmer paid the doctor's bill.

STATE OF SISKIYOU IS CONSIDERED HUGE JOKE

Proposed Division Is Laughed at by People of Redding

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

REDDING, Jan. 26.—Despite assurances from Medford, Ore., that a meeting will be held within the next few weeks to take steps toward carving a new state out of seven northern California and five southern Oregon counties there appears to be no enthusiasm here or in Trinity county.

Prominent people here are laughing at the seriousness with which the movement is taken in outside places and declare it is simply an advertising scheme. The movement has gained no headway here.

Redding is satisfied with California.

DEED FOR CHICO CITY HALL SITE IS LOST

Property Is on Record in Name of General Bidwell

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Jan. 26.—The deed for the site of the proposed city hall is lost. Although the city has had possession for years the county records show that the property, which was deeded to the city by General John Bidwell in 1872, was deeded back to him three years afterward. No other record of transfer can be found.

A bond issue of \$150,000 will be voted on at a special election on some date in the near future. The deed should not be lost if it is not believed there will be any contest over the city's claim to the property.

THREE ATTEMPTS TO BURN A PARSONAGE

Chico Police Are Puzzled by Firebug's Actions

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Jan. 26.—Evidence of three attempts to burn the old Baptist church parsonage have just come to light. The police declare that on three different occasions recently charred paper and wood have been found in closets and on the floor of the building. The flames were extinguished in each case before damage was done. The cause for the incendiary acts is a mystery. The parsonage is not occupied at present.

WIDOW CONTESTS WILL MADE BY HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Adelaide Furnish Ignored in Distribution of Estate

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Adelaide Furnish, widow of the late Granville F. Furnish of Galt, at one time a prison guard at Antioch, has asked the superior court to set aside the will left by Furnish, which leaves her out of the distribution of a \$30,000 estate.

Her contest alleges that Furnish was of unsound mind when the will was made.

She avers that bequests made to an uncle and aunt are invalid.

EL CAPITAN DISABLED BY BREAKING CRANKPIN

Accident Occurs as Boat Enters Vallejo Junction Slip

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PORT COSTA, Jan. 26.—The Southern Pacific ferry boat El Capitan broke a crankpin this morning while entering the slip at Vallejo junction, and was withdrawn from service.

The Bay City was sent from Oakland to take the place of the disabled steamer. Travel across the strait to Vallejo was resumed at noon.

Passengers on the early trains were taken across to Benicia.

FIRE DESTROYS FOUR BUILDINGS AT LINDSAY

Heroic Efforts of Volunteer Firemen Prevent Disaster

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LINDSAY, Jan. 26.—A fire broke out early this morning which resulted in the loss of four buildings valued at \$15,000. Heroic efforts of the volunteer firemen prevented the spread of the conflagration.

INSANE MAN THREATENS NEIGHBORS WITH RIFLE

REDDING, Jan. 26.—Carrying a rifle and threatening to shoot any person crossing his path, Edward Boswell, who escaped from the Napa hospital for the insane, terrorized persons in the neighborhood of his former home at Muletown for several days until he was arrested last night by Sheriff Montgomery. He will be returned to the asylum.

PETALUMA WOMAN'S CLUB STAGES CLEVER COMEDY

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PETALUMA, Jan. 25.—The Petaluma woman's club, under the direction of the dramatic section, put on Herman Sudermann's comedy, "A Far Away Princess," last night, and was greeted by a large and select audience. The play was well staged.

Yosemite Excursions

Personally conducted, via Southern Pacific, leave San Francisco Ferry Building every Friday at 3:30 a. m. Return following Monday. Round trip \$22.50. Tickets extended for longer stays on application. Stage of fun and frolic. See Agents, Flood Building, Market Street Ferry Depot, and Broadway and Thirteenth Street, Oakland.

Miss Hauhuth, Who Surprised Parents



VALLEJO COUPLE WEDDED SECRETLY

Daughter of Wealthy Merchant and Suitor Are Married in San Rafael

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, Jan. 26.—News has leaked out of the secret marriage in San Rafael last Thursday of Miss Anna Hauhuth, daughter of William Hauhuth, a wealthy resident of this city, to Harold Bergwall, son of former Supervisor Gus Bergwall.

The marriage of these two marks the culmination of a heart affair that commenced during the early part of last fall. Friends of the couple were pleasantly surprised when the affair was made known by the young folks, who asked for the parental blessing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergwall now reside at the Collins apartments until the return of the groom's parents, who will leave for an extensive tour of Europe during the month of February.

BUSINESSMEN HONOR MEMORY OF THE DEAD

Funeral of William H. Mac Is Held at Stockton

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Jan. 26.—The funeral of William H. Mac, the late grain buyer, was held this morning. All the offices and mills along the front were closed until noon out of respect to his memory. Rev. J. W. Lundy officiated. The interment, which was in Rural cemetery, was private. The services at the chapel were largely attended.

The honorary pall bearers were: L. H. Frankenheimer, Frank E. Nims, Henry Rumunoff, Captain Ben Walters, John Van Geener, Robert Melton, F. E. Fortune, B. C. Dickinson, T. A. Nelson, L. J. Bricker and Frank H. Johnson. The active pall bearers were: Bert McCleod, R. W. Fithian, Gilbert S. Melone, John M. Ferry, C. L. Dickinson and Dan O'Leary.

EVANS GOES EAST TO CLAIM SECOND WIFE

Naval Constructor to Marry Daughter of Capitalist

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

VALLEJO, Jan. 26.—Naval Constructor Holden A. Evans, who was witness to a kissing bee between his wife and Lieutenant "Boy" Osborne of the United States steamship Cheyenne a year ago last December, who received his final decree of divorce two weeks ago, departed on the overland train last night for Washington.

Evans will spend a few days at Washington and then will go to Boston, where he will be married to Miss Frances Ingersoll, daughter of a wealthy capitalist of that city. She was a visitor at the home of Assistant Naval Constructor Corbin while the Evans family troubles were being aired.

EDUCATORS ADDRESS FARMERS' INSTITUTE

University Professors Discuss Agricultural Work

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 26.—Professors from the state university today addressed the Farmers' Institute in session here.

Prof. W. W. Clarke spoke of the work at the state farm at Davis and told his hearers that they were not doing their duty by the state farm by neglecting to visit it and see the work that is being carried on.

Dr. C. M. Haring of the veterinary department of the state university spoke on the care of the teeth of horses.

Professor Major of the university farm spoke on dairy diseases.

ATTORNEY IS ARRESTED ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Sunnyvale Lawyer Is Accused by Tailor

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN JOSE, Jan. 26.—Attorney Louis Albertson of Sunnyvale was arrested today on a charge of burglary preferred by Samuel Weinert, a tailor. Albertson is to be arraigned in Justice Roberts' court in Sunnyvale tomorrow. District Attorney Free has been called to that place to prosecute the case.

Weinert closed his shop and journeyed to Tanforan yesterday and during his absence Albertson, who had commenced suit against the tailor, put a padlock on the door. Weinert claims that some one broke into his house while he was away.

SENATOR DANIEL RE-ELECTED—Richmond, Va., Jan. 26.—The legislature today re-elected John W. Daniel for the sixth time to the United States senate.

"WELCHERS" LOSE IN HIGHER COURT

Judgments of Pacific Union Club Against Insurance Companies Are Upheld

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 26.—In the case of the Pacific Union Club of San Francisco against the Commercial Union insurance company the decision of the superior court of San Francisco giving judgment for \$1,765 to the Pacific Union club for a fire loss in April, 1906, was affirmed today by the court of appeals. The insurance policy contained a clause exempting the payment of a loss caused by earthquake, but the judges held that the earthquake was not the cause of the loss.

A similar decision was rendered in the case of the Pacific Union club against the Palatine insurance company.

The court rendered a decision reversing the superior court of Solano county in the case of the Pacific Union club against the J. T. Brogan. The case grew out of a writ of attachment brought by Hotelling & Co. against Brogan. The decision of the superior court was in favor of Brogan.

MERCHANTS OBJECT TO PRESENCE OF SALOON

San Leandro Businessmen File Protest With Trustees

SAN LEANDRO, Jan. 26.—Businessmen of Davis street and Hayward avenue are preparing to file a protest with the board of trustees regarding the transfer of the saloon license held by H. Wilson from the Metropole hotel bar at Estudillo and Hayward avenues to a new saloon in the Murphy block at Davis street and Hayward avenue.

The merchants of Davis street are indignant at a saloon being located at the corner of the street, as it will not only tend to drive away trade from their stores, but will also give strangers a wrong impression concerning the city, as Davis street is the official stop of the Oakland traction company in San Leandro.

They declare that the sight of a saloon on the corner, one across the street in Hayward avenue and the Estudillo house, with a bar attached, on the opposite corner, will hardly tend to demonstrate the advantages of San Leandro as a city.

Action on the question will probably be taken at the next meeting of the trustees Monday, February 7.

DECISION IS UPHOLD IN HARTMAN CASE

Supreme Court Affirms Judgment of Lower Tribunal

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Jan. 26.—Word was received here today to the effect that the supreme court has sustained the decision of Judge Frank H. Smith in the matter of the estate of the late William Hartman.

Hartman was an eccentric character who lived in Park on McLeod's lake for many years. He came here in 1864. After Hartman left his home in Lancaster, N. Y., his brother became the father of a baby girl. Hartman was never informed of the birth, and he died willed his property, valued at \$7,000, to the Seventh Day Adventists of this city.

Attorney Parkinson discovered the infant heir, a woman 30 years of age, and began suit to break the will. Judge Smith found that the woman was the lawful heir and made an order to the effect that she receive two-thirds of the property and the church the remainder. The church appealed the case.

RIPE GRAPES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

San Anselmo Vineyardists Will Supply London Market

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN ANSELMO, Jan. 26.—In competition with established firms in Canada and Belgium, Joseph Joachim, a well known nurseryman of this place, has invested \$6,000 in making arrangements for shipping early grapes for the market and expects to make the first shipment May 1.

In London and New York the fruit markets offer ripe grapes for sale at any season of the year. This supply is furnished by nurserymen from Belgium and Canada, who are engaged in forcing the ripening of grapes for the market.

In speaking of the matter Joachim said: "I planted my first vines three years ago and I get my first crop in May. Every year after this my crop will be a month earlier. In other words, my crop of ripe grapes in 1914 will be ready for shipment at Christmas."

ACCEPTS PARISH IN CITY OF SANTA ROSA

Rev. George E. Swan Not at Loggerheads With Bishop

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 26.—Rather than cause any further differences between his parishioners and Bishop W. H. Moreland, Rev. George E. Swan, formerly rector of Trinity church and now archdeacon, has decided to take charge of a parish in Santa Rosa.

He resigned as rector at Trinity church to become archdeacon, but found there were no funds to pay his salary in the latter office.

In a statement today Swan denied that there were any personal differences with Bishop Moreland.

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FRUIT GROWERS TO CONVENE FRIDAY

Protective League of Orchardists and Shippers Will Be Formed in Sacramento

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 26.—This city will be a mecca Friday for the deciduous fruit growers from all parts of the state as a mass meeting of the growers and those interested in the work has been called to receive the report of the committee of 10 named by the state horticultural commissioner to formulate plans for the organization of a league.

From present indications the meeting will be the largest gathering of fruitmen ever held in the valley. It will be held in the First Congregational church Friday morning and the sessions will doubtless last all day.

The foundation of the California deciduous fruit growers' league was laid at the meeting of the committee of 10 some weeks ago, but the league will Friday become a fully organized and operative body, providing the committee report is adopted. Should the report be approved the membership of the league will be opened for signatories. The basis of membership is an assessment of 10 cents a car for shippers computed on 1909 shipments and 1 cent an acre for the growers. As far as is known the membership basis is satisfactory to both shippers and growers.

Although the main purpose of the meeting is the consideration of the committee report, when this feature is concluded there will be discussions on all questions of common interest to growers and shippers, such as the tariff, and the handling of fruit before and after shipment. Since wide discussion has arisen over the movement to favor the f. o. b. market, it is very likely that this matter will be taken up at the meeting, particularly as opposition has developed.

"I look for one of the largest meetings held in the valley," said Commissioner Jeffrey today. "The meeting will be open to all fruit growers and people interested in growing and is not delegated."

MINING PROPERTY IS SOLD FOR \$800,000

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 26.—The property of the Berners Bay mining company, which has been in litigation 10 years, was sold at auction yesterday to the International trust company of Boston for \$800,000.

ENGLAND TO BUILD 4 DREADNOUGHTS

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Jan. 26.—In well informed naval circles it is understood that the next British naval estimates will provide for 4 Dreadnoughts, 2 armored cruisers, 3 small cruisers, 2 torpedo boat destroyers, 10 submarines and 5,000 additional men.

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

DRUIDS AT BANQUET—Laural grove No. 17, United Ancient Order of Druids, was officially visited last Tuesday night by Noble Grand Archdaniel Giovanni, accompanied by Grand Secretary Cyril A. Gregolinoni, Alternate Supreme Representative James Hagan, Grand Trustee J. L. Polito and Grand Guardian James McManus. At the close of the meeting members and guests enjoyed a supper.

BONE OF MASTODON FOUND ON RANCH

VENICE, Cal., Jan. 26.—What is pronounced by local scientists to be the jawbone of a mastodon was found today on the Machado ranch three miles east of here. A Machado, proprietor of the ranch, made the discovery and brought the relic to this city. Further excavations are being made near the spot in a large bed of gravel from which the huge bone was taken.

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

FORMER SOLDIER KILLED—Auburn, Jan. 26. Jarvey Ham, a former soldier, discharged from the army at Fort Ord, was yesterday killed by a train in a cut near Bowman yesterday afternoon. He was 25 years old.

ONLY NECESSARY TO TREAT THE STOMACH, SAYS COOPER

The new theory advanced by L. T. Cooper relative to the human stomach has attracted such widespread attention that the public in cities visited by the young man has been joined by many physicians in a discussion of his beliefs and medicines.

Mr. Cooper says that human health is dependent almost entirely upon the stomach. He says that no disease can be conquered without first alleviating all stomach disorders. He further says that most men and women of this generation are half sick, owing to degenerate stomachs. And lastly, he claims that his New Discovery medicine will rejuvenate the human stomach in 90 days.

Cooper has been traveling from one city to another, conducting in each what he calls a campaign of education. For the past year he has met the public in the larger cities of the country and his success has been phenomenal. Thousands of people have flocked to his headquarters wherever he has gone, and the sale of his medicine has been beyond anything of the kind ever before witnessed.

Possibly the most interesting feature of the attention this young man has attracted is what his army of followers, whom he has converted to his beliefs through his medicines, have to say on the subject. The following statements are from two well known residents of Chicago and Boston, respectively, and the enthusiasm of these characteristic of Cooper's admirers generally.

Mrs. H. B. Mack of 3201 State street, Chicago, says: "I have been suffering for 12 years from a combination of stomach troubles, catarrh and constipation. I had a gnawing pain in the

pit of my stomach, a sort of a dull pain that I could not quite understand. Then there was a dull headache, and my mind seemed to be wandering continually. I could not eat, and what little solid food I did eat I could not retain on my stomach. I tried every remedy I could think of, and also tried out a number of patent medicines, but without any apparent result. It was through one of my friends that I heard of Cooper's preparation, and I immediately decided to try some of it. It is two weeks since I took my first dose of it, and I feel like a new woman. The headache seems to have disappeared, and the pain in my stomach along with it. The medicine is worth its weight in gold, and I want to thank Mr. Cooper for what he has done for me."

Mr. Edwin F. Morse of 29 Oakley street, Dorchester, a suburb of Boston, says: "For three years I had not a well day. My stomach was in frightful shape; the mere thought of food would nauseate me, and I really had a horror of anything to eat. All solid food would cause me extreme indigestion, bloating and gas on my stomach, and nothing tasted right. Some time ago I got some of this Cooper's medicine, about which there is so much talk. I actually feel as well and strong as a boy ever since the first bottle. Every sign of stomach trouble has disappeared, and I have a hearty appetite and eat three square meals; everything seems to taste good. Any one who knows what chronic indigestion is can appreciate what this means to me. I consider this the most remarkable medicine I ever heard of."

We sell Mr. Cooper's medicines, and find them to be all he claims.—Owl Drug Company.

Sterling Furniture advertisement featuring images of chairs, a settee, and a rocker, with text describing the quality and pricing of the furniture.