

When Sister Mary McFadden "sits up and takes notice" of any community or any event, it can be depended upon that the community or event is in the public eye, in large proportions.

In the last issue of the News-Tribune of Duluth, Miss Mary says, in her column:

"The biggest convention in the history of the Elks' organization in Minnesota will take place at Bemidji in June. And lots of others, not among the elect, will go along to see the fellows have a good time in a good place."

Mary is hereby extended a special invitation to come over to Bemidji and join the many ladies who will be guests of local "Lady Elks" and have a good time for a "couple of days." A short absence from the smell of printer's ink will do much to brighten up your sisterly countenance.

Spain's year-old Prince of the Asturias has been made a private in the army. In the infantry, we presume.

Tom Johnson's daughter is suing for divorce on the grounds of non-support. Her husband must have given her 3-cent fare.

Mr. Bryan's son-in-law seems to have acquired some of his marvelous ability to take a knockdown blow and came up smiling.

Lord Averbury wants to exclude foreign birds from England. No more ducks and drakes made out of the fortunes of our yankee heiresses?

We have a well-defined suspicion that the Atlantic City church where men smoke will not prove a success. The minister's wife buys the cigars.

Maybe with Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage back of him, Governor Hughes will be able to fight the rich racing trust with some of its own fire.

"Benjamin Franklin and J. Pierpont Morgan were both graduates of the University of Goettingen." Bet they didn't belong to the same frat, though.

Twenty-one nations are going to join in laying the corner stone of the building of American republics at Washington. Let us hope it will stay laid somewhat longer than is the governmental custom among twenty of the republics.

**FARMHAND THE MURDERER**  
Said to Have Confessed Committing Triple Crime.

Matawan, N. J., May 19.—Although the county authorities deny it there is good reason to believe that Frank Zastera, the Polish farmhand, has made a confession that he killed Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shepard and their servant, Miss Jennie Bandy, who were found murdered in Mr. Shepard's farmhouse. Zastera's statement is reported to be to the effect that he killed Mr. and Mrs. Shepard in order to get the money which he knew Mr. Shepard had in his possession. According to a story of his confession, he had told that Zastera is alleged to have told until Mrs. Shepard came down stairs to warm a bottle of milk for her baby and as she was returning up stairs with the milk shot her in the side and head with her husband's shotgun. At the sound of the shot Shepard came running down stairs. Zastera was standing in the hall with the gun in his hands and when Shepard was half way down fired a charge of shot into his side. Shepard dropped on the stairs and his body fell upon that of his wife. Zastera, according to his reported confession, then entered the kitchen with the gun and, meeting Jennie Bandy, shot her in the breast. All three were instantly killed. Zastera then went in search of Shepard's money, ransacking the farmer's clothing and the bureau drawers of the house. Zastera is said to have told the authorities that he hid the money somewhere about the house or grounds, but so far they have been unable to confirm his story in that respect.

**Earthquake Shocks in Montana.**  
Helena, Mont., May 19.—Three earthquake shocks were felt perceptibly in this county. At Marysville dishes rattled on shelves and clocks were made to strike by the seismic disturbance. No damage was done.

**MISS WOOD ON STAND**

**Testifies in Her Suit for Divorce Against Senator Platt.**

**LATTER DENIES MARRIAGE**

**Plaintiff Identifies Letters She Claims Were Written to Her by the Senator and Tells of Sitting on His Lap and Holding His Hand.**

New York, May 19.—Mae C. Wood, the Omaha girl who is suing United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, alleging that the senator formally entered into a marriage contract with her on Nov. 9, 1901, gave testimony in the suit now on trial here. The young woman was smartly attired and self-possessed. She identified copies of several letters, which, she said, were received by her from Platt. They were mainly of an affectionate nature, but in several there were interesting sentences on other affairs. In one communication was the phrase: "Your letter has cheered me up so that I am almost reconciled to Odell's election." A picture of the senator was shown, upon the back of which was written "To my little wife." Telling how this was written Miss Wood said:



MISS MAE C. WOOD.

"Well, I was sitting on his lap. Part of the time he held my hand and part of the time I held his hand. We wrote it together. The words 'little wife' were written by him, I think."

Miss Wood said that the senator came to her room in her hotel with two men and that he formally acknowledged her as his wife before these two men.

Senator Platt was not in court. Miss Wood, in her complaint, says she was married to Senator Platt in this city on Nov. 9, 1901. She named as co-respondent in her suit Mrs. Lillian Janeway, who was married to the senator in 1903. In his answer to the complaint the senator declares that Miss Wood's allegations that he married her about Nov. 9, 1901, in New York are absolutely false.

"The plaintiff never made any claim to me that she was married to me until December, 1906," says Senator Platt in his answer, "nor did I ever hear of her making any claim of marriage prior to that time, except that in June, 1906, an article appeared in a Chicago paper containing an interview purporting to come from her in which she stated that such a marriage had taken place and that article was accompanied by a picture or alleged fac-simile of a wedding certificate containing my name in association with the plaintiff's."

He declares that the certificate reproduced in the newspaper was a forgery. He charges that since 1906 Miss Wood has tried to get money from him by threats that she would sue him for breach of promise of marriage.

**DECLARES HE WAS INSANE**  
Minister's Reason Returns After Killing His Wife.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 19.—Temporarily insane, according to his own statement, Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged fifty years, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife by cutting her throat from ear to ear. A moment after the crime, he says, he regained his senses and realized what he had done. He immediately surrendered and was locked up.

Coffman resides at Rosstown, about three miles from here, and is in charge of two or three churches. His wife was a member of a prominent family and was thirty-three years old. During the past week or two he has been conducting a series of revival services and has been adding to the membership of the churches under his care.

**Poured Money Into Stock Market.**  
Chariton, Ia., May 19.—It has been disclosed that in the three or four years preceding his suicide the late Cashier F. R. Crocker of the defunct First National bank paid more than \$600,000 to one firm of Chicago and New York in his stock trading operations. The greater part of this was during the last few days of his life, when he poured money into the stock market for speculation at the rate of \$30,000 to \$40,000 daily in the hope of saving himself.

**SELLING AT LESS THAN COST**  
Manufacturer Discusses the Price of Print Paper.

Washington, May 19.—W. A. Whitcomb, head of the manufacturing department of the International Paper company, was on the stand before a special committee of the house investigating the wood pulp and print paper question. Mr. Whitcomb claimed \$2.50 per hundred pounds was a fair price to charge any one. There never was any intention, he said, to advance

the price of paper to 3 cents a pound. The raise to \$2.50 represented the extreme advance. It was apparent, he continued, that the company had tried to sell paper at less than it cost to make it.

Regarding the \$5,000,000 which it has been charged the company borrowed for the purpose of building new machines and which was diverted to other purposes Mr. Whitcomb said the money had been borrowed largely to reimburse the treasury of the company for money already expended in what had been classified as construction account. He said at that time there was some talk of installing more modern machinery.

"Do you know whether there is any combination, agreement or understanding among the paper manufacturers to restrict the output in order to hold up prices or for any other reason?" asked Chairman Mann.

"I believe there is none whatever," replied Mr. Whitcomb, "at least we have none."

The witness stated that at the present time twenty-four mills of the company are shut down, although they do not all make news print. He said that the company was overstocked last year, but that the consumption of paper has begun to increase.

**BACK FROM THE ISTHMUS**

**Secretary of War Taft Arrives at Washington.**

Washington, May 19.—Secretary of War William H. Taft has reached Washington from his trip to the canal zone.

Secretary Taft talked freely with regard to general conditions in Panama, but said that he did not wish to be quoted on such matters, as the relations of the United States and Panama had been suggested as a possible reason for his trip, and he would not discuss the coming elections to be held in Panama.

Mr. Taft grew enthusiastic when telling of the excellent progress being made on the Panama canal and comparing the situation to that which greeted him on the occasion of his first visit to Panama in 1904.

"The Isthmus now presents," he said, "an appearance not unlike a factory or mill village, or succession of villages, clear across, and the lights at night and the noises, too, might keep one awake if not tired enough to sleep well."

**Denounced as a Blackmailer.**  
New York, May 19.—Jennie Blunt, who shot and wounded Charles M. Sanford, a Brooklyn lawyer, in his office last February after he had refused to give her money, was denounced by Judge Dillon as a blackmailer and perjurer and sentenced to serve not less than three nor more than four years in the state prison at Auburn. In her own defense Miss Blunt had accused Sanford of misconduct.

**Position for Admiral Evans.**  
Washington, May 19.—Secretary Metcalf has detailed Admiral Robley D. Evans, late commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, to duty with the general board of the navy which has to do with the preparation of plans for naval campaigns for use in time of war. After the admiral's retirement in August it is possible that he will be detailed for "special duty" with the navy department.

**Littlefield Denies Report.**  
Washington, May 19.—Rising to a question of privilege in the house Mr. Littlefield (Me.) denied that in a speech in Brooklyn Saturday last before the Young Men's Republican club he had made an assault on the reputation of members of congress. He declared that he had been grossly misrepresented by the newspapers.

**British Troops Die of Cholera.**  
London, May 19.—An official telegram received by the Indian office reports twenty-seven deaths from cholera in the regiment of the Munster fusiliers, which a week ago was sent into the cholera camp from Major General Willcocks' force now operating against the Mohmands.

**Sanders' Inaugural Message.**  
Baton Rouge, La., May 19.—Racetrack gambling to be suppressed absolutely and local option, combined with a high license, to regulate the liquor traffic were two of the most salient recommendations of Governor J. Y. Sanders' inaugural message to the legislature.

**Form Law Enforcement League.**  
Eau Claire, Wis., May 19.—Ministers and leading citizens of Eau Claire have organized a Law Enforcement league to deal with alleged defiance of the statutes by the saloons. The organization is headed by Milwaukee O. H. Ingram.

**Bryan Men in Control.**  
Spokane, Wash., May 19.—With Bryan men in control and Johnson forces practically wiped out by the adoption of the unit rule in counties the Democratic state convention met here under the leadership of former United States Senator George Turner.

**French Attack Tribesmen.**  
Paris, May 19.—A telegram received here from General d'Amade, the French commander in Morocco, says that with three brigades he made a forced night march and at daylight of May 16, with a front deployed over a distance of five miles, he surprised the Maakee tribesmen, driving them to refuge in the mountains. The tribesmen abandoned their cattle and munitions of war in their headlong flight. The French lost three men killed and twenty-two wounded.

**Box for Coffin, Wagon for Hearse.**  
Bloomington, Ind., May 19.—In accordance with his last wishes, expressed as he lay on his deathbed, James Baxter, a Civil war veteran, aged seventy-four, who lived on his farm near Bloomington, was conveyed to his grave in his old farm wagon. His family carried out his wishes in detail, principally that there be no hearse, no flowers, no eulogy and even no city manufactured coffin. An old box which had been on the farm was the man's casket.

**PEACE EFFORT FAILS**

**Cleveland Street Car Official Refuses to Arbitrate.**

**LAWLESS ACTS CONTINUE**

**Trolley Wires Cut, Crews Driven From Their Cars and in Some Instances Attacked by Sympathizers of the Men on Strike.**

Cleveland, May 19.—The first attempt by the members of the state board of arbitration to bring about peace between the Municipal Traction company and its striking employees resulted in a failure.

President du Pont conferred with Members Bishop and Owens of the board in regard to strike settlement and while he agreed to arbitrate some points he would not concede the one thing for which the men stand determinedly.

"In no case will I arbitrate the reinstatement of the men at the expense of those now employed," he said. "I shall stick for the seniority of runs, those now working getting the preference."

President du Pont was asked whether he would arbitrate all other points. He replied that he would arbitrate no point until the lawlessness had ceased.

"The men had no right to strike in the face of arbitration," said President du Pont, "and I will not confer with them until they purge themselves of the lawless element. They are the offenders and they must show that they are willing to be law abiding and peaceful before I can consent to a consideration of renewing arbitration."

Vice President Behner of the Street Car Men's union, discussing the question, said:

"We are willing to enter into a fair arbitration. We want to do that at once, if they do. But we are not willing to wait until our union is knifed in the back. There has not been one desertion from our ranks. Six crews of the Municipal Traction company have deserted."

**CLEVELAND TROLLEY STRIKE**  
Many Acts of Lawlessness Committed at Night.

Cleveland, May 19.—Many acts of lawlessness were committed in connection with the street car strike between midnight and dawn. Trolley wires were cut, crews were driven from their cars and, in some instances, nonunion men were attacked by strike sympathizers. Trolley wires in Lakewood, a suburb, were cut in several places with the result that the Municipal Traction company announced that no further attempt would be made to operate cars in that section until the Lakewood authorities guaranteed protection for its men and cars. Because of alleged discrimination against Lakewood by the Municipal Traction company in the matter of fare it is claimed that the authorities of the county make no effort to suppress lawless acts committed by strike sympathizers.

After a conference that continued almost throughout the night between union officers, headed by President Mahon of the Street Car Men's union, and Members Bishop and Owen of the state arbitration board it was stated unofficially that a formal proposition of arbitration would probably be made to President du Pont of the traction company by the arbitration board on behalf of the men.

There was a marked increase in the number of cars operated by the company, a five-minute schedule being maintained on some of the lines. Each car carried a policeman in the motor-man's vestibule.

**WIFE KILLS HUSBAND.**  
Letter Was Bombarding His Home While Intoxicated.

Memphis, Tenn., May 19.—Alone in her little home save for her three small children and terror stricken with fear for their safety Mrs. Besato Ellis Deeson shot and probably fatally wounded her husband, Hardiman S. Deeson, at their home in Bartlett county.

Deeson is said to have established himself in the yard of the home and fired a fusillade of shots in the direction of the house. He is said to have been intoxicated.

Mrs. Deeson fired point blank through the window, claiming she aimed only in the direction from which came the frequent flashes from Deeson's pistol. After the one shot fired, her Deeson stopped shooting and later he was found in a dying condition.

**Heavy Rainfall Causes Flood.**  
Ashland, Wis., May 19.—A violent rain storm swept over the northern part of Wisconsin, the rain falling in floods. At Mellen, Ashland county, the dam went out. Hundreds of residents in the Italian quarter and near the Foster-Latimer mill were driven from their homes in the darkness by the advancing flood and ows and other stock were drowned in the barns.

**Fleet Sails for Puget Sound.**  
San Francisco, May 19.—The Atlantic battleship fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, weighed anchor and sailed out of San Francisco bay in a drizzling rain for Puget sound. The flagship Connecticut headed the column.

**RESULT OF EMBEZZLEMENT**  
Allegheny National Bank of Pittsburgh Closes Its Doors.

Pittsburg, May 19.—Following lengthy meetings at which a thorough discussion of Cashier William Montgomery's pecuniations was held the Allegheny National bank has suspended. The following notice was posted on the door by National Bank Examiner William L. Folds:

"Closed by the order of the comptroller of the currency and placed in charge of William L. Folds."

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For days it has been apparent that the cashier's alleged misdeeds had seriously crippled the institution and the actual suspension caused little or no excitement. Quite a number of depositors were gathered on Fifth avenue opposite the bank and when the order of suspension was posted all read it and then quickly disappeared.

While Montgomery's pecuniations are officially placed at \$594,000 it is said the bank's shortage is close to \$2,000,000. Montgomery is held in \$125,000 bail.

Chief interest in the bank's closing are the depositors of the city and state. State Treasurer John O. Sheats and Deputy Attorney General Jesse E. B. Cunningham have arrived here from Harrisburg. State funds of \$528,477 were carried in the bank and these officials will take immediate steps to recover the money. The state fund, however, is secured by bonding companies to the extent of \$4,500,000.

Shortly after the bank closed City Treasurer John F. Steel presented a check for \$1,546,953, the amount of the city's deposit, but it was not honored.

**SECURED NEARLY \$50,000**  
Estimate of Money Received From Guinness Victims.

Laporte, Ind., May 19.—That Mrs. Guinness obtained a small fortune in her just for blood and money developed with the appended statement of the amounts she is believed to have received from the inmates of her chanel house:

Made Sororson, first husband, \$3,000  
Peter Guinness, second husband, 4,000  
Andres Helgelein, Aberdeen, S. D., 2,900  
Herman Gmitter, Chicago, 5,000  
Charles Edman Newsome, Ind., 5,000  
George Berry, Tuscola, Ill., 1,500  
John O. Moe, Elbow Lake, Minn., 1,500  
Ole Dubsberg, Iowa, Wis., 2,000  
Henry Gurholt, Scandinavia, Wis., 1,000  
Unidentified victims, on belief that each contributed \$1,000, 6,000  
Suffocated victims, whose bodies have not been found, 7,000

Three children are alleged to have been sent to Mrs. Guinness' house by unknown persons to have their lives snuffed out and for which a hired man says she received \$1,000 each, bringing the total up to \$46,900.

**THREE PEOPLE MEET DEATH**  
Another Fatally Hurt in Collision Between Train and Carriage.

Flora, Ind., May 19.—Three persons met death and another was fatally injured in a crossing accident one mile north of here when a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train struck a carriage, hurling the occupants into the air. The vehicle contained the family of Township Trustee James L. Orpiles, who met instant death. Mrs. Orpiles, his wife, and two-year-old daughter Ruth, also were killed, and another child was fatally hurt.

The family was returning from a visit in the country when the horse became frightened at the train and started to run. Evidently realizing that he could not control the animal, Orpiles loosened his hold upon the lines and let the horse run, thinking they would be able to cross the track before the train reached them. The engine struck the buggy squarely. When picked up Mr. Orpiles, his wife and youngest daughter were dead.

**Solid Against Tariff Revision.**  
Washington, May 19.—The Republican leaders in the house, through a majority of the committee on ways and means, served final notice of "no tariff revision at this session." Representative Champ Clark of Missouri moved in the committee an omnibus favorable report on eighty odd tariff reduction and tariff removal bills, mostly introduced during the session by Democratic members. The motion was defeated by a solid vote of all the Republican members of the committee.

**DAYS OF DIZZINESS**  
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To protect yourself against alum, when ordering baking powder,  
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**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
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Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar. It adds to the digestibility and wholesomeness of the food.

**POSSIBLE TRIPLE MURDER**  
Infant Badly Injured Only Living Person in House.  
Matteawan, N. J., May 19.—W. B. Shepard, a farmer who lived about four miles south of Matteawan, his wife and a servant named Jennie Dandy were found dead in the farmhouse. It is believed they were murdered. An infant, still alive but badly injured, was found lying near the bodies. All the victims had been shot.  
Mr. Shepard was a dealer in squabs and his place was called the Royal squab farm. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were about thirty-five years old and are said to have come to Matteawan from some town in New York state. Jennie Dandy, the servant, was a native of Matteawan.  
The murders were discovered by a Pole employed by Mr. Shepard. The Pole carried the news of the murders to William Wall, a farmer near by, and as soon as the authorities were notified the farmhand was kept under surveillance.  
There was evidence on all sides that the house had been ransacked from top to bottom by the murderer or murderers. The officers are of the opinion that the motive for the triple murder was robbery and possibly revenge as well.  
Canadian Banker Suicides.  
Forest, Ont., May 19.—Montague Smith of the private banking firm of L. H. Smith & Co. and Liberal candidate for Tampton in the coming provincial elections, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Mr. Smith's business and private affairs were in the best of shape. No cause for the suicide is known.

Just to remind you of the importance of saving your teeth. That's my business.  
**DR. G. M. PALMER**

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