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EVERYTHING SET FOR CORN SHOW AND ROUND UP

FOUND GUILTY OF POISONING HER 4TH HUSBAND

Mrs. Southard, Formerly of Keytesville, Mo., Faces 10-Year Minimum Term at Twin Falls

Mrs. Lydia Meyer Southard, formerly of Keytesville, Mo., was declared guilty of second degree murder of Edyard F. Meyer, her fourth husband, by a jury in District Court Friday afternoon. The verdict was returned after twenty-three hours' deliberation by the jury.

The defendant showed no sign of feeling, and did not raise her eyes from the floor when the verdict was announced. The verdict carries a penalty of not less than ten years imprisonment.

Trial here of Mrs. Southard on charge of causing the death of Meyer, foreman of the Blue Lakes Ranch, Twin Falls, by administration of poison, said to have been derived from poisonous insect exterminator, was opened in the District Court, Judge W. A. Babcock presiding, on September 26.

Because of the extended notoriety given the case difficulty was encountered in obtaining a jury, this function consuming a week's time. Witnesses were called from Missouri, Montana, Tennessee and California.

Hypothetical questions, together with clinical discussion, consumed the greater portion of the five weeks devoted to the trial.

Many Doctors Testify
Many physicians, chemists and similar professionals were called upon to give testimony as expert witnesses.

On the stand the accused woman maintained an unperturbed attitude throughout a long grilling by the prosecution, which failed to derive any important admissions from her.

Every session of the trial found the court auditorium filled to capacity, principally by women and girls.

The defendant was accompanied only by her husband, Paul Vincent Southard, and her attorneys when the jury filed into the courtroom. She was dressed in the brown suit with a fur collar which she has worn almost continually during the trial.

The proceedings were brief, Mrs. Southard was said to have slept scarcely at all last night, and to have paced the floor almost continually until daylight. In appearance she showed no evidence of fatigue.

Woman Arrested Last May

Mrs. Southard was arrested last May in Honolulu in connection with the death of Meyer, who died in a hospital at Pocatello, Idaho, August 20, 1920, an autopsy having revealed traces of poison.

Mrs. Southard and her fifth husband (petty officer of the U. S. S. Monterey), arrived in Honolulu from San Francisco January 12. They were married in Los Angeles last November.

Southard in a statement at the time of her arrest, denied the assertion attributed to him by the police that Mrs. Southard had sought to have him take out \$10,000 worth of insurance and that his wife had never asked him to take out any.

Mrs. Southard's matrimonial record was investigated for the purpose of determining the cause and fixing the responsibility for the deaths of three other former husbands, an infant child by Robert Dooley, her first husband, and Dooley's brother, Edward. Insurance which Mrs. Southard was the beneficiary was carried on the lives of all five men, it was said. Of this she is said to have collected at least \$9,500. Mrs. Southard, who is 28 years old, worked for a time as a waitress at Twin Falls after Meyer's death. She departed for California last winter. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trueblood of Kimberly, Twin Falls County.

Bodies All Exhumed

Prosecutor Stephan said the bodies of all the men had been exhumed and the contents of their stomachs analyzed by Herman Harms and Edwin F. Rodenbaugh, state chemists, respectively of Idaho and Utah, and that a deadly poison had been found. The poison in each case was said to have been the same.

The woman's arrest on a charge of murdering Meyer was made as a result of the chemist's report.

Mrs. Lathier Hughes who was operated on at the St. Joseph hospital in Kansas City is doing nicely and will probably be home the latter part of the week.

THE EVOLUTION OF A PRIVATE SECRETARY

Some few years ago Geo. H. Applegate was a private secretary—and it was some job, too. His headquarters were in Washington, D. C., and he performed for Congressman W. W. Rucker. George was a splendid secretary—he must have been, because he filled the job successfully for eight years before Mr. Rucker attached an assortment of pinware and "unloaded" him on the unsuspecting citizens of Keytesville to be their postmaster. George had several things to learn in connection with being an up-to-date postmaster. The first year he could hardly manage to give out a postal card without giving it the O. O.—once over. Well, he is credited with getting over that all right and then he got to figuring up who was writing to Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery Ward, etc. He just couldn't help keeping a little account of those matters, and that occupied the second year of his service. That brings us up to 1919, for he received his appointment the first time in 1917.

During the year 1918 Mr. Applegate began to brush up on civil service problems, and most any time he could be found studying. People wondered what it was all about. The same thing in 1919, always with a book and a pencil, working and studying. He was looking out for the future, and it seems that he looked very well. These postoffices have a lot to do with civil service examinations. It must be so. Indeed, there is no other way to look at it. Isn't it the fashion these days under the three H's to get a new postmaster?

Nothing of that kind has happened here and Tuesday Mr. Applegate received a telegram stating he was it for another term, and he immediately began to shake hands with himself for getting so well posted on the question of civil service.

Of course, we have known for about two weeks that Mr. Applegate was almost sure to get the appointment but we thought it best to wait the senate's confirmation before giving definite announcement.

Mr. Applegate is receiving the congratulations of his friends and they are all coming across.

KANSAS CITY POST EDITOR RESIGNS

Dr. Burrus Jenkins has resigned as editor of the Kansas City Post and will again take up his pastorate at the Linwood, Boulevard, Christian church in Kansas City. Last Sunday was Dr. Jenkins' first appearance in his pulpit since his resignation last week as editor and publisher of the Post and every seat in the church was occupied and many stood up. Dr. Jenkins denies that politics was not his ambition, but that he prefers the pastorate above everything else and since he has edited the Post he has been fighting for peace, not politics. Another editor like Dr. Jenkins will be hard to find.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WILL BE RE-DISTRICTED

Republicans Decide to Gerrymander State at Special Session—Will Make Themselves Solid

Jefferson City, Nov. 8.—The 16 congressional districts in Missouri are to be re-districted, it was decided at a caucus of the republican senators and representatives which lasted until early today.

It was decided not to attempt to amend the title of the road law as it was thought it would reopen the entire bill for discussion.

The regular election laws will be amended to change the registration law in the larger cities and to change the law so that all of the election judges and clerks do not have to accompany the ballot boxes to the city halls.

The senate yesterday engrossed the soldier bonus bill after eliminating many of the committee amendments. The house did not complete its deliberation on this measure and will resume its work today. The senate will vote on the bill late today.

Mrs. Frank M. White is in St. Louis the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Veitch. Mrs. White will also attend the U. D. C. convention there this week and will remain two weeks with her sister.

Bonus Legislation Killed For the Third Time

Stanley Charges Harding Obeyed "Voice of Mammon" in Blocking Measure to Reward 4,000,000 Men—While Watson Defends the Republicans

President's Action is Termed "Blot on History," Kentuckian Asserts, Calling Opponents "Superserviceable Slave to the Money God"

For the third time the Congress of these United States has rejected legislation to enact bonus bills in the interest of the veterans of the World War—and all this under Republican administration. It seems that the Republicans have nothing in common with the ex-service men, and that they will never pass the legislation need to give them the recognition to which more than a majority of America's citizens think they are entitled and justly, too.

Last Saturday by a vote of 38 to 28 the Senate rejected the Reed amendment to the tax bill proposing to enact the soldier bonus bill and retain the excess profits tax as a means of financing adjusted compensations for former service men.

Five Republicans, Capper, Johnson, Kenyon, Ladd and LaFollette supported the amendment, and two Democrats, Glass and Meyers, voted against it.

President Harding was assailed by Senator Stanley (Dem., Kentucky, for what he described as the "order" to the Senate to recommit the soldier bonus bill.

Senator Stanley declared there was only one thing on earth that could have made the President "turn his back" on the 4,000,000 former service men. That thing, he said, was "the silent, insidious power of mammon, the ring of the dollar."

None of the crowned heads of Europe would have dared do what the President did, Stanley said, adding that the event would go down as a "blot on history."

Slave of Money

"The Senator from Missouri (Reed,)" the speaker continued, "has given you (Republicans), an opportunity to show whether you represent your constituencies or whether you represent Wall street by the proxy of Mellon and the President is giving you an opportunity to say whether you live up to the proud traditions of the Republican party, that has always been the friend of the soldier, or whether you live up to the plane of the present organization that is the most superserviceable slave that Mammon ever had since the children of Israel broke that frolic around the golden calf in the neighborhood of Sinai."

Senator Watson (Rep., Indiana, replying to Senator Stanley, said the movement to recommit the bonus bill was not initiated by the President, that the President acted only after he had been urged to do so by Senators who pointed out the federal financial situation to him.

All this gentle reader for the present administration—Republican if you please.) But read the following little ditty, entitled:

Bill Giving Liberty Loan Losers \$250,000 Passed
Washington, November 5.—A bill appropriating \$250,000 to be used in refunding losses by Liberty loan subscribers through failure of five banks, in which they had placed partial payments was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate. The banks were located in Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, Minnesota and North Dakota.

It is not on record that the President gave his orders to "recommit, commit or defeat this bill, but this is a matter of far different color. This bill is for those who have money, for those who did not go to the war, who are mostly thoroughly recovered at this time for any losses that may have been encountered. The banks, too, have a hand in this—in other words the monied interests—they must be protected, but the ex-soldiers? No, once. No, twice. No, for the third and last time. Oh, well, there'll come another election day.

Truly the Republicans are doing more to defeat themselves than any other force in America today.

Harding, Hyde, Hard Times, Hell, what's the use?

HOUSE AND CONTENTS BURNED LAST THURSDAY

While Price Hayes and family were at the home of Mrs. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burrows, their home which is in the hills caught fire and was completely destroyed before anyone discovered it. It is thought the blaze started from a defective flue as there had been fire in the house.

When they returned to their home in the afternoon everything was gone, their vegetables which they had stored for the winter were also gone. The neighbors and friends were very good to them and helped them to get located again.

Miss Hattie Holman came in Saturday after several weeks spent in Ohio, with her son. She had expected to spend the winter there but owing to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Schupbeck, she returned.

A BAD ACCIDENT

Last Friday afternoon as Mrs. Opal Chrane and her husband and baby were returning home from Mussel-fork and about one-half mile from town the front wheel of their car came off, letting the body of the car down with such force that Mrs. Chrane and baby were thrown through the wind shield. Mrs. Chrane's right hand and arm were badly cut and a leader in her hand was severed. She was brought to town and a local doctor took several stitches. The baby nor Mr. Chrane were not injured and escaped without a scratch.

THE COOK BOOKS ARE HERE

The Presbyterian cook books have arrived and may be obtained by calling Mrs. Warner White. There are many good recipes in them and you should make an effort to get one. Just call any of the Presbyterian ladies.

NO RECALL NEEDED IN KEYTESVILLE AFFAIRS

It has been realized for some time that things were not just right here in the city administration headquarters, and several have intimated that if a change was not made that the recall might be resorted to, a la North Dakota, where the recall was most successfully terminated recently.

It all happened like this. Our old friend C. C. Carlstead, recently purchased a house in the south ward, and when he had properly fumigated, repainted and rebuilt and modernized the structure he moved from the north ward to the south ward. As a matter of fact he disqualified himself by said moving, but that did not seem to satisfy the members of that august body known as the city council. True, there was no open break, no real hostilities as it were, but nevertheless Mr. Carlstead felt that he was under a cloud.

There is an old saying that reads something like this: "Live every day so you can look any man in the face and tell him to go to H—." Mr. Carlstead, in his heart, knew he was omitting something in his daily life, and just so he could make good on that old aphorism, he made it a point to be present at the meeting of the city council Monday night and he gave in his resignation, and now he's square with the world.

The resignation was accepted and J. O. Richardson was appointed to fill the unexpired term. The appointment will undoubtedly meet the full and complete approbation of all in Keytesville.

The Courier takes great pleasure in introducing to you Alderman J. O. Richardson.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER CENTRAL STATES

Chicago, Nov. 8.—The first blizzard of the year swept out of the northwest over central states today.

Snow started falling in Minnesota Monday and had worked south thru Wisconsin and portions of northern Illinois today. Six inches of snow was reported in some Wisconsin cities. The weather bureau predicted that a light snow would be general by night as far south as Kansas and Missouri.

MOBERLY VISITORS HERE

Keytesville Rebekah lodge invited the Moberly drill team to come over last Thursday and initiate six candidates and they came. It was sure some jolly bunch who came too, there being about 30 in the team. They were taken to the Chariton house for supper and then to the Odd Fellows hall. After the initiation ceremonies the guests were served a delightful lunch and then to pass away the time until No. 14 various games were played and all enjoyed a fine time.

Moberly has a splendid drill team and their work shows the result of much practice and they are to be congratulated upon their success.

Several members of other lodges of the county were visitors. There were about 80 in attendance.

The Moberly ladies are mighty good entertainers and like Keytesville fine, this being their first visit here for most of them. They are always welcome here.

OBITUARY

Vivildia Scott Harper was born Nov. 18, 1846, at the original farm home a mile and one-half northwest of Keytesville. All his life he lived in this community, with the exception of 18 months spent in the Southern army, seeing service in Searcy's Battalion, Parson's Division under Gen. Sterling Price.

Mr. Harper died Monday, November 7, 1921, at his home at the age of 75 years. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday, the Rev. D. M. Stockard officiating.

Early in 1882 he was married to Miss Agnes Bayne. He is survived by one son, Paul Harper. In 1890 Mr. Harper joined the Baptist church at Dalton, Mo., in 1890, remaining a faithful member until the congregation was dissolved as an organization. Mr. Harper was a man well liked by all his acquaintances. He was a true friend and neighbor. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Burial was in the Keytesville cemetery.

MOBERLY REBEKAHS ROYALLY ENTERTAINED LAST WEEK

The drill team of the Moberly Rebekah Lodge, with several members and four Odd Fellows went to Keytesville Thursday afternoon to initiate a class of five members.

The Moberly delegation was met at Keytesville in cars and taken to the hotel, where they were the guests of the Keytesville lodge and were served an elegant supper.

After the supper all went to the Odd Fellows hall, where the Moberly drill team put on the work and initiated the class. Following this work a splendid social time was enjoyed and games of skill were played.

Keytesville Lodge is less than a year old, but while it is something of a novice in lodge work its members are past mistresses of the art of entertaining and the Moberly ladies were delighted with the courtesies shown them.

The members of the team which put on the work are: Mrs. Ida Burton, Mrs. O. J. Stoner, Mrs. Roy Featherston, Mrs. Eliza Owens, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Mrs. Anna Camper, Mrs. E. J. Howard, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mrs. Wm. Biggers, Mrs. Dixie Henry, Mrs. Maude Cox, Mrs. Katie O'Brien, Mrs. Bertie Bradley, Mrs. Minnie Bradley, Mrs. Fannie Day, Mrs. Ella Hinton, Mrs. George Schwab, Mrs. Whitten, Mrs. Louis Pierce, Misses Della Deskin, Martha Hedges. Mrs. Melvin Marshall is the team captain.

Others in attendance were Miss Agnes Woodward, O. J. Stone, Louis Pierce, Roy Featherston, William Bradley.—Moberly Democrat.

SOCIETY NOTES

Miss Fannie Mae Gordon entertained the junior Missionary society at her home Saturday afternoon. After the usual program refreshments were served the guests and a good time was reported by all.

The supper at the Christian church last Friday night was enjoyed by fifty of the church people, besides those of the children present. After the supper an enjoyable two hours were spent in music and visiting.

Mrs. W. E. Hill delighted the following friends by taking them for a 35-mile drive Sunday in her new Hudson car. Included in the party were Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Anderson, Mrs. Lettie Wyatt, of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Dr. Welch of Salisbury. A very pleasant trip was had as the roads were good and the weather fine.

Mrs. Marple Richeson of near Rothville entertained Saturday afternoon for her guest, Mrs. E. H. Evans of Topeka, Kan. The house throughout was decorated in chrysanthemums and marigolds, and the favors and place cards were appropriate to the season. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Miss Carol Riley. The guests were: Mrs. Nat Venable, Mrs. Will Richeson, Mrs. Eldon Williams, Mrs. S. A. Richeson, Mrs. John Riley, Miss Coral Riley and Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Blair Miller delightfully entertained last Friday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon she had as her guests four tables at 42 and two tables at bridge. Prizes were given in each game and Mrs. Henry Harion won the 42 prize and Mrs. Dempsey Anderson the bridge prize. After the games were finished a delicious two-course lunch was served. In the evening Mrs. Miller entertained the members of the school board and their wives, and the K. H. S. faculty. As soon as the guests arrived they were taken to the dining room where a delicious salad course and ice cream and cake were served. The house was decorated with autumn leaves and the place cards were natural autumn leaves. The tally cards used were in harmony with the decorations and the various colored leaves made the house look very beautiful. There were seven tables at 42 and the gentlemen prizes were awarded to Herbert Applegate, highest score and Geo. West won the consolation prize. The ladies prize was won by Miss Myrtle Miller for highest score and consolation prize went to Mrs. W. L. Wright. A most enjoyable time was had by all present and each guest pronounced Mrs. Miller a very charming hostess.