

MRS. BARUTH EXPLAINS KILLING OF HUSBAND

Woman's Story Differs from that of Other Witnesses—She Claims Self-Defense.

In low, tremulous tones, Mrs. Baruth told a jury in Judge Huneke's court this afternoon her version of the shooting at the Baruth residence at Medical Lake on the morning of March 26, which resulted in the death of her husband.

examination by Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart. The attempt of the defense to prove that Baruth's death was due to malpractice on the part of physicians and not directly to the bullet wound will be argued before Judge Huneke Monday.

TESTIMONY IS SENSATIONAL

CHICAGO, May 12.—The interstate commerce commission overruled the motion of the Standard Oil company to exclude testimony regarding local matters. F. S. Hibbs, former Standard agent at Peoria, testified that the Standard maintained a school for teaching tricks to defeat competition.

TEACHERS VISIT LIBERTY LAKE

A party of teachers of the McKinley school left over the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane electric line this morning for Liberty lake, where they will be the guests today of Miss Ella McKenzie, a co-worker. In the party was Miss Harriet McClelland, Miss Mary Arnolds, Mrs. L. W. Ewing, Miss Maude Miller, Miss Agnes Davis, Miss Mary Jennings, Miss Elizabeth Martin, Miss Mae Grier, Miss Ada Chapel, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Miss Mary Betts, Miss C. Dixon, Miss M. Isdell, Miss Lulu Morgan, Miss Mary Bruce, Miss E. Le Frenz and Charles A. Perkins, principal.

ASSOCIATION IN CONTEMPT

CHICAGO, May 12.—As the result of the testimony of Tucker, chairman, the Central Freight Association may find themselves in contempt of the federal supreme court for violating the injunction for co-operation in fixing rates.

WAS HE OIL MAGNATES PARENT?

FREEPORT, Ill., May 12.—William Livingston, age 96, died last night. His portrait was published in McClure's as John D. Rockefeller's father and many believe he is the oil magnate's parent.

TURKEY WANTS MIXED TRIBUNAL

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 12.—The Turkish government asks that a mixed tribunal determine the exact frontier. It is believed the British will consent. The crisis is considered past.

SELL DIRECT TO THE CONSUMER

CHICAGO, May 12.—The General Paper company has been advised by paper mills that it has been withdrawn as selling agent. The trade will be supplied direct. Contracts will be filled by individual mills.

THE CZAR'S DREAM.



The first session of the first Russian parliament was held yesterday.

NES COLE'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER

A body presumed to be that of Nes Cole, the rancher who disappeared from his home on March 28 under circumstances indicating foul play, was found last night in the Spokane river at a point 10 miles below the mouth of the Little Spokane.

Cole resided alone and his disappearance was not called to the attention of Sheriff Doak until April 8. The sheriff made an investigation and found circumstances to indicate that murder had been committed.

The identification was made by means of a sweater that Cole wore. The body was partially disrobed and wounds on it indicate murder.

The old man had been visited in his lonely cabin on the night of March 28 by one man and perhaps two who had with them a team. The sheriff traced the Cole team up to Spokane and up the valley to Coeur d'Alene. There, on March 30, a mysterious stranger giving his name as Williams sold the team and wagon.

Nes Cole, who was 68 years old and very well known, disappeared from a cabin on his brother's homestead near the mouth of the Little Spokane on the evening of March 28. A team of horses and a wagon disappeared at the same time.

Since then the sheriff's office has been on a hunt for the mysterious stranger but he seems to have vanished utterly since he sold the team and wagon in Coeur d'Alene City.

Shortly before his disappearance Cole had been offered \$350 for the team.

WILL MAKE FAST TIME

The running time between Spokane and Chicago will be shortened nearly 12 hours when the new schedule of the Oriental Limited goes into effect on May 20. Under that schedule the train will leave Spokane at 9:50 p. m. and will arrive in St. Paul at 10 p. m. on the second night.

When the new schedule goes into effect on Sunday the westbound Fast Mail train will leave Spokane at 6 p. m. and the eastbound at 9:30 a. m. The Spokane-Seattle Express will leave here at 8 p. m., arriving in Seattle at 9:30 a. m., and will leave Seattle at 8 a. m., arriving in Spokane at 9:30 p. m.

SCHOOLS TO HAVE HALF HOLIDAY

A half holiday on Monday will be given school children to permit them to hear the concert of "Roney's Boys." The troupe will appear in two matinees and an evening concert at the high school auditorium on Monday. The matinees will begin at 1:30 and 3:30. "Roney's Boys" are probably the most famous organization of boy singers in the country. They sang in the East room at the White House on last Christmas at the special request of Mrs. Roosevelt. In each town that he visits Mr. Roney hears boys who have remarkable musical ability and he will hear several in Spokane.

FINAL ACTION WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The senate canal committee voted five even on the type of the Panama canal. The determination has been postponed until Wednesday. It is understood the sea level plan will be favored then.

STAGE SERVICE TO LIBERTY LAKE

A stage service between Liberty lake and the Spokane & Coeur d'Alene Electric line has been arranged for this summer. On week days when the stages are not at the station there will be a team ready at the barn of Mr. Dennison, a few rods from the station.

WIND SWEEPS OVER FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—A heavy chill laden wind last night and this morning made refugees uncomfortable and rendered passage through the streets hazardous. Great clouds of dust were blown throughout the burnt district, but didn't seem to daunt thousands of sightseers, the majority of whom were women.

FOREST FIRES IN IDAHO

Forest fires which have been raging at Colburn, Idaho, have done much damage and many lumbering firms have suffered losses which will total thousands of dollars. The Merrick sawmill near Toia was burned and the machinery ruined. Foot & Co. of Colburn lost poles and lumber valued at \$3000 and several other firms in the path of the fire are making efforts to get out.

NOT ALWAYS FAULT OF GAS

Between 150 and 190 women are daily attending the cooking demonstrations of Miss Bannan, which are being held in the Hotel Touraine building, Monroe street and Riverside avenue. The cooking school has become so popular that it has been determined to continue indefinitely.

Miss Bannan has clearly shown that the indigestion and domestic infelicity from sodden biscuits and burnt pastry is not all the fault of the gas.

TRADERS INCREASES ITS CAPITAL STOCK

The Traders National bank yesterday increased its capital from \$300,000 to \$600,000, making it the second largest bank in the state. The increase was made in sympathy with the recent large growth of the bank. Under the national banking laws, which forbid a loan greater than 10 per cent of the capital, the bank can now make a loan of \$60,000. The surplus of the bank is \$275,000.

PROMPT ACTION SAVED HOUSES

A barn belonging to a Chinaman named Wah Yik, in an alley near Pine and Fifth, took fire at noon today and for a time the flames threatened to destroy several residences in that section. The prompt action of the department saved surrounding buildings, but the barn was destroyed.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Advices indicate that a revolution of great magnitude is brewing in Santo Domingo. The Jimenez party is preparing to seize the government.

ICE TRUST HAS A BIG PROFIT

CHICAGO, May 12.—Chicago householders are up in arms over the price of ice. Ice is now selling to small consumers at 40 cents a 100 pounds and where more than 100 pounds is contracted for at 37 1/2 cents. This is the highest ice has been in Chicago since 1903.

The good thing which the ice trust has in Spokane when it can get 1 cent a pound for ice is apparent when it is considered that the trust can manufacture the glacial product at a cost of from 60 cents to \$1 a ton.

TROOPS READY FOR TROUBLE

WASHINGTON, May 12.—General Leonard Wood, under the war department's decision, is preparing troops in the Philippines for a possible China campaign. A system of field marches, target practice and sham battles is being practiced.

SPOKANE'S RELIEF

The Spokane relief committee will spend the remainder of the relief fund in the purchase of meats and 1000 pairs of shoes which will be sent to San Francisco. The committee yesterday issued the following statement: Amount deposited in banks, \$21,656.52; amount expended, \$10,499.74; uncollected, \$1,281.25; cash on hand \$11,136.38; total amount collected and subscribed, \$32,917.77; amount unexpended \$12,418.03.

About as good evidence of the popularity of a theatrical organization as could be found was to be seen in front of the Auditorium this afternoon when several hundred women and children stood for more than an hour in two lines extending from the theater entrance to the postoffice corner in one direction and to the Elks hall in the other. The Shirley company is popular. Next week the company will play "The Shadow behind the Throne."

HIS WIFE OBJECTED

It isn't advisable to get tangled up with an irate wife who thinks you have designs upon her husband's affections, according to Mrs. Ida Schrader, a waitress at the You Know restaurant on Stevens street, who has caused the arrest of Mrs. L. Hogan.

Mrs. Hogan slapped Ida's face, and that is what culminated in Mrs. H's arrest today by Detective McDermott. Mrs. Hogan claims Ida was trying to steal her husband and she took the law into her own hands and then ensued a hair pulling match which is said to have been the real thing.

SMASH AT STANDARD

Ohio "Trust Buster" Has Filed Ouster Suits Against the Big Monopoly.



TOLEDO, O., May 11.—Elected in spite of the opposition of the big corporations, L. W. Wachenheimer, prosecuting attorney of Lucas county, made good when he filed ouster suits against the Standard Oil company and 17 affiliated concerns. Wachenheimer charges them with conspiracy and promises to fight them to the end.

BUILDING MATERIAL LOW IN PRICE

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Large manufacturers of Portland cement announced a uniform rate of \$2.35 a barrel, which is considered low. Several new plants to manufacture cement are being constructed in the vicinity. Lime is quoted at \$1.75 for finishing qualities and \$1.50 for common. This slight advance was made since the fire. Brick is quoted at about \$10 a thousand, and with these nominal prices there will be no delay in rebuilding on the score of cost. The grand total subscriptions to date is \$6,115,271.10.

SHOE FACTORY FOR SPOKANE

As told exclusively in the Spokane Press on March 27 one of the future industries of Spokane will be a shoe factory. The incorporators of the Inland Shoe Manufacturing company, which filed articles of incorporation with the county auditor yesterday, plan to start a footwear factory here in a short time.

The company will start out with an investment of \$25,000 and will manufacture the heavier grades of shoes at first. Spokane is considered an ideal place because of the local demand and because of the proximity of hides. Attnery will be run in connection with the shoe factory.

The incorporators are Albert Abitz, Richard Schact, J. K. Riordan, Henry F. Herwig and E. O. Connor.

WANTS \$10,000 FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

A sensational breach of promise suit will be tried next week at Pasco, Wash. John Rickert, acting for his daughter, Bertha Rickert, is suing Carl Kupers for \$10,000 damages for alleged breach of promise.

One of the allegations is that Kupers is the father of a child born to Bertha Rickert in Spokane, between March and July, 1905. Mrs. Emily Hughes, clerk of the health office, has been subpoenaed to testify at the trial and to bring the records of the office with her.

There is no record of any child being born to Bertha Rickert in Spokane at that time.

FEW HAVE REGISTERED

Registration at the city clerk's office is progressing slowly. Not more than 1700 people have registered so far. To be entitled to vote at the primaries and election this fall everybody must register.

NEW APPARATUS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The board of commissioners met this morning and decided to increase the fire department by the addition of a Seagrave aerial truck, which will cost \$6885.

This is one of the most complete trucks made and is fitted with an acetylene search light so that a light may be thrown over the entire front of a building while the firemen are working. It was also decided to purchase of the La France Engine company a combination hose wagon for \$2100 and a plain hose wagon for \$1485.

TYPHOID FEVER PREVALENT

Typhoid fever is unusually prevalent in Spokane at the present time. Reports at the health office indicate that there are from 20 to 30 cases in the city at present. The majority of them originated at Gonzaga college.

Under a new rule of the state board of health physicians must report all typhoid fever cases to the city health board and cases will be recorded but not quarantined.

The new rule went into effect two weeks ago.

EXTEND GREETING TO THE RUSSIAN DOUMA

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The duma has resumed its sittings. Neourntzeff read telegrams of greeting from many foreign and domestic societies. Moscow and Odessa universities promised to support the people in urging reforms. Political prisoners' messages were greeted with cheers. Neourntzeff asserted his authority over the deputy Anikons who demanded the duma consider amnesty before organization.