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MRS. PELTZER FULL VERDICT

One of Most Noted Trials Ever Held in County—Defendant Contends Man Falling from Window Was Not Accidental.

The Peltzer case, which came by change of venue from Kansas City, and which occupied the attention of the Circuit Court 11 days and part of several nights, came to a close last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Peltzer, the plaintiff, was given a verdict of \$30,845 on insurance policy, as principal and interest, and \$5,000 for lawyer's fees. The jury stood 11 to 1 for Mrs. Peltzer, the 11 men signing the verdict. The jury was out about three hours and every ballot stood the same, one man standing alone to the last.

The issue the jury was to decide was whether F. C. Peltzer's falling from his office window in Kansas City a year ago—down five stories—was accidental. Peltzer was insured with the London Guarantee and accident Co., for \$30,000. Mrs. Peltzer the wife, sued for the face of the policy, \$30,000, \$6,000 for lawyer's fee and \$3,000 "for vexatious refusal to pay."

The trial drew many persons to

the court room from day to day. It was one of the most noted cases ever tried in the county. The array of legal talent on both sides was strong, and the trial was a battle royal from beginning to end. Frank P. Walsh, for the plaintiff, was great, and Battle McCardie, for the defense, tho on the losing side, fought to the last ditch. Prosecuting Attorney, A. C. Whitson assisted the plaintiff, while Senator R. D. Rodgers and Fry & Fry were for the defendant.

It was one case where the members of the jury enjoyed their task. "It was a big case and the finest legal talent in the State, and we had opportunity to learn something," one of the jurymen said.

The jury in the case was composed of the following: A. O. Bogan, H. A. Doyle, G. P. Maxwell, H. W. Snedeker, R. S. Mechlin, W. H. Morris, Harry Householder, Hiram Threldkeld, J. B. Owen, Dr. W. F. Taylor, Joe Berry and J. B. Woolery.

HON. CHAMP CLARK'S AUDRAIN SPEAKING DATES

Benton City, Friday Oct. 13, 1 p. m.
Martinsburg, Friday, Oct. 13, 2:30 p. m.
Vandalia, Friday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p. m.
Molino, Saturday, Oct. 14, 1 p. m.
Rowena, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2:30 p. m.
Friendship, Saturday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p. m.

FARMERS ARE TO ORGANIZE

Henry Lee of Rush Hill was discussing the Brotherhood strike a few days ago. These thoughts were suggested:

Maybe the Brotherhood forced Congress and most likely it did not. Neither organized labor nor the railroad magnates control in this country. It is the farmer who rules.

True enough the farmer is not organized. But he is going to organize. Partisan politics will not be allowed to come in, either, and break up his organization, as it did in the case of the Farmers Alliance and the Wheel a quarter of a century ago.

As it is, the farmer has no say as to what he shall receive for his produce. If he buys supplies on the market again he has no say.

Organization and effective cooperation will stop this. Then indeed it will be the farmer ruling.

The farmer has much to learn. But he is beginning to discover himself. The American farmer is not up, even, with the Chinese farmer. In that country a half-acre of land will keep one person in plenty while in this country it requires twenty times that acreage to feed one person. We have let our soil run down, and we have used it less than a hundred years. The Chinese farmer has used his land forty centuries and finds it indestructible.

We are going to be more careful and scientific in the cultivation of land—we're going to learn from the Chinaman. In addition, we're going to learn co-operation and organization from the German farmer.

As suggested above, the farmer buys supplies at too high a price and sells his produce to middlemen at too low a price.

The farmer is going to organize, and he's going to stay organized. His slogan will be: "Stick, Brother, stick." Then you will see who rules in this country.

SKINNER LETTER.

A Fine Farm Sold—Lee Arnett Badly Hurt—Rev. Humphries Goes to a New Field of Labor.

Skinner, Oct. 2.—The nice rain last week was a beauty; it livened up the grass and started many plows to flopping the dirt.

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GASS-JUELLS' NUPTIALS. Popular Young Couple Were Married Last Week.

Mr. Shelby Cecil Gass and Miss Mary Fern Juells were married at the home of the bride's parents in this city Wednesday of last week, Rev. O. O. Green officiating.

The groom is employed with Pollock Milling Co. He is a graduate of Missouri Military Academy and won high honors from that institution upon his graduation. He is a high-minded and popular young man. His bride is no less worthy—charming and accomplished. She is a graduate of McMillan and at one time was Deputy City Collector.

They will make their home with the bride's mother, Mrs. Ann Gass, on Promenade street. Our best wishes extended the happy couple.

Miss Helen Coatsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coatsworth of this city, is attending Washington University in St. Louis, studying cartooning. She is finely talented in that line of work.

For fine shoe repairing, Collins Bros. Shoe Shop.

Rev. J. M. Hornback will preach for the Bethel Church, southwest of Mexico, next Sunday morning. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock he will preach for the congregation at Groves Chapel.

The road from here to Thompson has been graded and put in fine shape lately and with a little using and dragging will make as good a road as can be found in the county. All are concrete culverts or concrete abutment bridges.

The death of Mrs. J. C. McGee at her home on West Love street in Mexico cast a great sadness over our vicinity, she having formerly lived here. She died at 4:00 p. m. Monday, Sept. 25, of kidney trouble. She joined the Christian church at that place years ago.

He that riseth an inch above the ground is soon hewn down. Be not overconfident of anything. Same opportunity usually lurks at Man's door only once in a life time. Be good and you'll be happy. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Keep low, mean, debasing thoughts out of your ego, but chock her full of sweet, pure and relishing ones. We always come out disfigured (feeling meaner) by entertaining the slightest ill will or feeling toward our fellowman. Try your best to keep the old devil in surveillance. There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that it behooves the best of us to say nothing bad (or even think) of the worst of us.

Miss Pearl Diggs entertained her sister lately.

Miss Sudie Winn will give a pie supper at her school house, Naylor, Saturday night, Oct. 14th. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

Rev. Mr. Humphreys rounded out his year's work at Bethlehem the Fourth Sunday. He was run down, over worked, when he came but has recuperated very much and is now returning to evangelical work. He goes to South Dakota. He came from like work in Texas. He greatly endeared himself to our people who very much regret to see him leave, but are certainly wishing him the very best in his chosen work.

The protracted meeting at Liberty closed with seven additions to the church.

Mrs. Charles Leeper returned to her home in Montana Saturday after a two-week's visit with relatives the Tanners and others in our vicinity.

The many friends of Lee Arnett much regret his bad accident last week, that of his engine running over the calf of one of his legs, mashing and mangling it very badly. At this writing it is believed amputation will be necessary.

Charley Sansberry sold his 240 acre farm last week to a St. Louis party for \$85.00 per acre.

ED MITCHELL DEAD

Ed. Mitchell, shot in the back by his brother-in-law, Ben Lew, at Santa Fe, died last Thursday. Both the men used to live in Mexico. Mitchell was quite a live stock trader.

Lew and Mitchell had a quarrel. Mitchell, it is said, cut Lew in the arm with a knife. Lew armed himself and waited outside early next morning and when Mitchell appeared at his door he shot him in the back with a shot gun. Mitchell lived three days. Lew is in jail in Paris.

HARDINE-HANAUER.

Mr. Earl Hardine and Miss Laura Hanauer were married in Chicago last week. They are visiting Mr. Hardine's parents in this city, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hardine.

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Mrs. James Woods, in West Mexico, has been ill for four weeks.

Wm. Frazier has returned from a two-week's visit in Iowa.

M. F. Woods is recovering from an attack of asthma. He has been unable to work for eight weeks.

MESSAGE FRIENDS.

Pat Devaney renews for the Message.

Byron Wilkerson renews for The Message.

Mrs. Viana Wright renews for The Message.

Edwin Amidon is a new reader of The Message.

Walter Allen gets on The Message subscription list.

Uncle John S. Bybee takes a new lease on the Message.

Judge H. T. Spurling puts himself ahead for the Message.

J. E. Lofton hands us a round plunk for the Message.

R. A. Boyd is on The Message subscription list for another year.

Riley Wilkerson, over toward Santa Fe, renews for the Message.

P. E. Waters, J. S. Bradley and J. B. Nevins hand us wheels on Message subscription.

Henry Lee, Miss Lena Goddard, Henry Schleeter and R. S. Mechlin renew for The Message.

Attractive Trimmed Hats from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

JURGENSEN.

Ralph Mason, United States Dairy Inspector, located at Little Rock, Ark., arrived here Sunday, on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mason.

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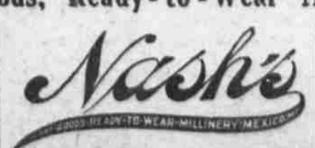
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