

NEEDLESS NECKTIES.

Neither Holden nor Lentz Will Experience the Awful Death.

Imprisonment for Life Substituted for the Penalty of Hanging.

Grave Doubts That Holden Was Really the Murderer.

The Trial Judge Secures the Commutation for Lentz.

Gov. Merriam yesterday commuted the sentences of Clifton Holden, who was to have been hung for the murder of Frank Dodge Friday next, and William Lentz, the Blue Earth county murderer, who stands convicted of the murder of a man named Schulz. The commutation is to imprisonment for life in each case. The affidavits made by six of the jurors on the last trial of the Holden case that they would not have agreed to the verdict of murder in the first degree and that they were aware that the death penalty would be inflicted, together with the strong plea and argument made by Hon. Albert Scheffer yesterday morning, are responsible for the governor's action. For two hours Mr. Scheffer was engaged in presenting, in the strongest possible light, the case which has been perverted by repetition. The true story of the crime, and the arguments offered by Mr. Scheffer, Judge Holden and the jury, are given in support of their plea for commutation, are given as taken from the printed report of the evidence in the case.

New Story of the Crime.

Holden and Dodge left Morton on Nov. 23, 1888, at about 7 o'clock in the evening, for Redwood Falls, seven miles distant. They had a heavy team from Brown's stable at Morton. Holden, with the team, came alone to the Exchange hotel in Redwood Falls about 9:30 o'clock that evening. Judge Dodge came into town with him but got out of the buggy to speak to a man. After a time Holden went to bed at the hotel and slept till the next morning, when he drove the team back to Morton and returned himself again to Redwood Falls.

S. S. Byram and Miss Spalsbury were returning home from a dance between 4 and 5 o'clock the next morning and found Dodge's body lying beside the street. The sheriff and the coroner were sent for, and at the inquest Holden was a witness. He stated that Dodge came into town with him and got out to speak to a man whom Holden did not know, but with whom Dodge apparently had some trouble. On the evening of that day Holden was arrested on suspicion. On Sunday, Nov. 25, the sheriff and the coroner and two of his deputies and Fred L. Warner visited Holden several times, gave him whisky to drink, took his clothing from him in a room without fire, and used every means to induce Holden to confess the murder, and to make statements to the knowledge of the death of Dodge. Holden was a stranger there. He had no acquaintance or advisor, and was intoxicated by the liquor given him. He induced to sign a statement to the effect that Dodge had committed suicide, written by Warner. Holden had a pistol at this time. After his arrest he hid what money he had with him in the jail bed. Some drops of what was thought to be blood were found later on Holden's clothes and the seat of the buggy. Holden claimed that he was intoxicated and frightened into telling the story by Warner's repeatedly telling him that unless he told a different story from the first he would be found guilty of killing Dodge. The facts previously stated are the only ones on which Holden's conviction was based. He proved on the trial where he got the money found in his possession, also that the blood on his clothes could have got there during the time he was butchering cattle. He has introduced evidence to show that spots resembling blood were found on the buggy and robe. There is no evidence to show, however, that the spots were blood. Frank Dodge was a barber by trade. He was engaged to marry Captain Dodge, a distant relative. She had a sister married to a man named Arthur Converse, who is now in jail at Watertown, S. D. This man was violently opposed to the marriage. He was in the vicinity of Redwood Falls at the time of Dodge's death, where he staid during that night has never been learned. When Holden was shown his photograph among a dozen others he identified it as that of the man whose name he had heard in connection with the third man murdered in Redwood county, and there had been no conviction. The pressure of public opinion was felt by the sheriff and county attorney, and they have sought to create in that vicinity a public excitement against Holden to cause his execution. The sheriff selected the jury. The ballots he chose argued with the jury for conviction.

While They Were Deliberating on their verdict. A little local reputation outweighs with some people the life of a fellow being. The sheriff and county attorney have used their official positions to obtain signatures to petitions to the governor to allow them to hang this man. There is no reason that Holden shot Dodge. Holden appealed to the supreme court on the ground that his sentence ought not to have been admitted in evidence against him. The court held that it was for the trial judge to say as to that. Holden afterwards applied to several federal courts to release him on habeas corpus on the ground that chapter 20 of the laws of 1889 changed the punishment for murder by adding solitary confinement until execution. He claimed the law applied to his case, that it was ex-post facto, and that it was in force when Dodge was killed was repealed. If this were so he would have been discharged, but it was held that chapter 20 only applied to crimes committed after its enactment. Upon the evidence it was uncertain whether or not Holden killed Dodge, and the law ought not to take his life when the facts are not beyond a reasonable doubt.

The sworn statement made by George N. Lamphere, of Revilleville, county, that the blood spots on the buggy were the work of chicken hunters who had been out shooting the day before the murder with the same rig, had also a great influence in securing executive clemency. When the evidence and arguments had been heard by Gov. Merriam, a conference with Assistant Attorney General Childs, at the close of which he announced his intention of commuting the sentence of Holden to imprisonment for life, as well as that of Lentz, the Blue Earth convict. In regard to the latter case the governor says he commuted the sentence upon the recommendation from Judge Severance of that judicial district, the county attorney of Blue Earth county and several members of the jury.

A Grave Doubt Existed in the minds of the best judges as to Lentz's guilt. The commutation papers will be promptly made out and forwarded to the sheriffs of Redwood and Blue Earth counties, who will be instructed to at once take their prisoners to Stillwater. The Holden case has gone through five courts—from the lowest in authority to the highest in the land. Gov. Merriam has been called upon three times to act in the case. The first time he refused to interfere, the second

time he granted a reprieve of thirty days when the man was literally on the way to the scaffold, and the third appeal has resulted in a commutation. Holden's brother, who had anxiously awaited Mr. Scheffer's return from the governor's office, met him in the outer apartment. His face was ghastly in its anxiety. When Mr. Scheffer at last emerged from the ordeal, Holden stepped up to him and whispered: "Did he—will he do it?" Mr. Scheffer told him the news, and the gratitude he showed was almost painful. Telegrams were sent at once to Holden and Lentz announcing the governor's action.

DEDICATED TO-DAY. New Presbyterian Church Formally Consecrated This Afternoon.

The new church will be dedicated at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Christie will preach the sermon. The choir of the House of Hope will furnish and conduct the music for the occasion. The dedication is the happy termination of an enterprise begun a year ago. It has been sustained by the hearty co-operation of all connected with it. The movement was set on foot a year ago. By the first of November was the work of building commenced. The location in Summit Boulevard, between the church and the street, was planted by the transfer of the value of the property and of the membership of the first church deserves the support and reception now accorded it. The building is a frame structure of modern style, and consists of a main auditorium, pastor's study, office, room, parlors, lecture room, and infant department. The auditorium will seat 250 persons. The ceiling is old Norman in style, the floor is polished and the decorations are bluish gray, old rose and yellow. The lots, building and new furnishings cost \$18,000, and the entire property is worth \$30,000. The church will undoubtedly be crowded to its utmost capacity this afternoon.

TRADE WITH FRANCE. Consul Boucher's Successful Negotiations Abroad.

F. C. Boucher, the French consul, has just returned from Paris, after a prolonged stay of five months in the interest of the International Exposition in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been very well received in France, and his plans met with the hearty approval of prominent officials in Paris. More than 100 of the largest business houses and manufacturers in France have pledged their substantial co-operation, and are only waiting for orders to ship their products to the exposition, wherever the same will establish its headquarters. However, the most valuable feature of Mr. Boucher's trip is that he has entered into negotiations with large manufacturers, with a view of establishing a plate glass factory in Minnesota, if a good quality of sand can be found for the manufacture of glass. He has also received very earnest inquiries from other prominent manufacturers regarding the resources of this country, and the inducements that can be held to enterprising firms, for sites, etc. Mr. Boucher's efforts have been crowned with success, and the stockholders of the corporation are congratulating themselves over the good prospects of their enterprise.

LAY OF THE LAW. Legal Points Disposed of by a Batch of Judges.

The following matters were disposed of in special term of the district court yesterday: By Judge Kelly—David J. Newhart vs. St. Paul City Railway Company; motion for new trial granted one week. Lumber vs. Skinner vs. Charles Betcher; change of venue to Goodhue county granted. Burns & Shaw vs. Mary J. Bennett; submitted on a motion to deny the complaint. D. D. Finlay vs. O. L. Louche; submitted on a motion to dismiss the action as to Andrew Andrews. C. C. Scheffler vs. Henry J. Bennett; submitted on an application for an order to require the defendant to pay the costs of the proceedings. Ellen Pash vs. Franklyn Pash; divorce granted.

By Judge Brill—Julius Bjornstad et al. vs. William Moran et al.; decided that the plaintiff recovers his costs when he prevails in a lien case, but other lien claimants who are named as defendants are not entitled to recover costs. Fisk, Clark & Flagg. Clancy, Hotel Ryan, is showing a magnificent line of the above celebrated makers' Neckwear in all the nobby leading styles. WELL, HERE'S A LARK. Ten Ambitious Young Ladies Will Walk for Prizes on the Tambock. St. Paul is to be treated to one of the most novel athletic contests of the season this week. This is nothing less than a spirited seven days' walking match between ten fresh and vigorous young ladies. The details of the affair have been very carefully arranged, and it promises to be one of the warmest and most interesting contests ever seen in the city. The young ladies who are to contest for three beautiful medals offered by the management have all been in training for two weeks and every one of them is bound to be in first at the finish. Cora Marville, a fresh-cheeked St. Paul blonde, and Blanche Tremaine, a red-tipped brunette of muscular frame, from Minneapolis, are naturally the local favorites, and there are many wagers on their rivalries. The contest is to come off at the museum, and it has been so arranged that half of the fair contestants will be on the track all the time. In this way the visitors will be able to see the walking at any time they choose to come to the museum. There will be carefully kept the walking will in no way interfere with the many attractions in other parts of the museum.

St. Luke's Society. A quite social occasion was the last meeting of St. Luke's Literary club. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, N. R. Brewer; first vice, Miss E. Butler; second vice, Mrs. H. Wessel; recording secretary, Miss H. Franklin; corresponding secretary, H. F. Wessel; treasurer, Mr. McNamara; committee on introduction, Mrs. P. F. Egan, Mrs. H. P. Wessel, L. P. Franklin, Dr. O'Brien and W. H. Koempel. After a thoughtful paper on "The Immigration Problem" by H. F. Wessel, a general discussion was participated in by Miss Franklin, Messrs. S. J. Donnelly, H. L. J. O'Brien, P. F. Wessel, N. R. Brewer, Rev. Father Lawler reviewed the subject in a short and very forcible address. The music for the evening was furnished by the Misses Eagan and Miss Franklin. A recitation was given by little Lucile Egan, which elicited much applause.

Charitable Lunches. Good things to eat! Noon meals. At the new Manhattan block, southeast corner Fifth and Robert streets. Help the ladies of St. Paul furnish the Bethel chancel and maintain the Mildred house, by eating your noon meals, which they will serve during the week, at the above place, from 11:30 to 3:30 p. m. Don't go home on Monday, wash day, Presbyterians will serve you. Don't go home on Tuesday, ironing day, Episcopalians will serve you. Don't go home on Wednesday, resting day, Baptists will serve you. Don't go home on Thursday, cooks' putting day, People's and Bethel boards will serve you. Don't go home on Friday, sweeping day, Methodists will serve you. Don't go home on Saturday, bathing day, Congregationalists will serve you. So come here every day and grow fat, and unsectarian.

PALACE FOR A PRINCE

Magnificent Mansion Nearly Completed for President J. J. Hill.

A Sumptuous Abode Almost Without an Equal in America.

The Cost of the Building and Grounds Complete Run to Seven Figures.

Brief Description of the Baronial Castle of Summit Avenue.

Judging from an architectural point of view of the new residence of James J. Hill, which is now nearing completion, it will be safe to say that the mansion is filled with the various treasures and products of the artist's art. It will rank as the most costly and magnificent private residence in the United States. The visitors to the Union who see the finished mansion, will be struck by the most costly and magnificent private residence in the United States. The visitors to the Union who see the finished mansion, will be struck by the most costly and magnificent private residence in the United States. The visitors to the Union who see the finished mansion, will be struck by the most costly and magnificent private residence in the United States.

representative of American wealth and culture. They travel further west and see the gorgeous residences on Euclid avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, and stand amazed at the evident wealth which does not stop on the state line of New York. The palaces built by the mining kings of San Francisco on California street, known as "Nob Hill," complete the chain of palatial residences from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic. They will be eclipsed by the stately pile of buildings now almost completed upon Summit avenue by the millionaire president of the Great Northern road. A representative of the GLOBE during the past week inspected the building, and in the hands of the army of workmen and decorators. The house is reached from the avenue by a double driveway flanked by carefully kept grass lawns. A heavy portico of brown stone ushers the visitor to the main doors, which are of massive oak, minutely carved. Entering the portals one passes into a small hall which is paneled in carved oak of dark tinge, a massive pair of sliding doors of the same wood leading one into the main hall. This apartment extends the whole length of the building east and west and is surrounded by various rooms. The hall is decorated with delicate fresco work on the walls and ceiling, the woodwork being in oak of exquisite carving. Chandeliers of handsome brass chandeliers, with incandescent lights, will depend from the roof at various points, the same system of lighting prevailing throughout the house. To the right of the main doors and facing on Summit avenue is the music room, a large and lofty apartment, decorated in white and gold, with fresco and stucco ceiling. White and gold tinted silk panels will be placed upon the walls, and the floor and carpets will harmonize. Next to this room is the study of Mr. Hill, a cosy apartment paneled in dark mahogany. A sitting room decorated in light-colored oak, and at the extreme end of the hall is the dining room, a large apartment decorated in mahogany, with a heavy sideboard of the same wood running down one side. On the opposite side of the hall is the china room, decorated in oak, the breakfast room, finished in maple, and beyond the main doors is the library, a room of great size, drawing rooms, which are finished in oak, mahogany and maple, all the wood being most beautifully carved. At the extreme end of the hall is situated the art gallery, an apartment sixty feet long and forty feet high, with iron and glass roof. Here will be placed the treasures of the old masters which the wealth of Mr. Hill has enabled him to gather. A feature of the art gallery is a skeleton organ of huge proportions which has taken some months to build.

A number of covered porches surround the house on all sides on this floor. Ascending by the main staircase, which faces the street entrance, the visitor finds the ground plan of the next floor similar to the one he has seen. A vast hall extends east and west, and is surrounded by the various sleeping apartments. At the west end of the hall are the sleeping and morning rooms for the children of the family, and at the extreme east and overlooking the bluff and river are the private apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Hill. The various rooms are finished in oak and maple with waxed pine floors. Each bedroom has a bath room attached, fitted with every convenience and contrivance that money could purchase. The bath rooms are fitted with ingenious arrangements for needle and spray baths, porcelain tubs and various colored tiles for the floors and walls. In all there are nine bath rooms in the house. Facing on Summit avenue on this floor are bedrooms for visitors and guests, fitted up with various stained woods. On the floor above are the sleeping apartments of two sons of Mr. Hill, situated at the east of the building, and a large room which when finished will

be the billiard room. A partition divides this floor in two, and the west end is reserved for sleeping apartments for the servants. Ascending another flight of stairs the attic is reached, but it is an attic only in name, for in this vast apartment, which extends the whole length of the building, the devotees of Terpsichore will be supplied with ample room for the many measures of the dance. The ball room is finished in pine highly varnished. An Otis elevator runs from the top floor to the basement, where are situated the kitchen, wine vaults, rooms for the housekeeper, steward, butler, servants' dining and sitting room, storerooms, ice vaults and an enormous place devoted to the heating and lighting apparatus. Boilers and furnaces, with a network of pipes and tubes, run in all directions from this large furnace room, carrying hot water to the various bath rooms and also furnishing the heating medium for the house. A room off from the furnace room is placed the big bellows which supplies the organ with wind, and which will be run by an electric dynamo. The entire basement floor is wainscotted four feet high with white marble. Every appliance known to culinary art can be found in the kitchen, and in the laundry and drying rooms are seen all the modern improvements.

The above description of the house conveys but a faint idea of the many beautiful effects which the new residence of Mr. Hill will present when finished. At present it is but a rough diamond; but with the work of the art furnishers and decorators, the present appearance of the vast mansion will be changed. The carpets for the various rooms have been made specially in Brussels and Axminster, and the best stores of the East and Europe have been all called into service for supplying furniture and decorations. The house, which is thoroughly fireproof, is built of brown stone and iron, and presents from the avenue a massive and imposing appearance. There are in all fifty-two rooms in the house, exclusive of the bath rooms, which are large enough in themselves to be called rooms. Seven long walks surround the house on the different sides, those in the rear giving a magnificent view of the surrounding country. The building and furniture are under the supervision of Mr. Brody, the architect who has charge of the building of the Great Northern road. Northern road. Surrounded by all that wealth can purchase, Mr. Hill and his family should, indeed, be happy in their new home. A. A. L.

A New Industry. There has just been completed an Electro Plating Plant of immense proportions in our city, where Nickel, Copper, Silver, Gold and all kinds of Plating can be done in any size or quantity. Refinishing of all kinds of metals, such as Gas Fixtures, Fenders, Knives, Forks, etc. This is a new enterprise, introduced by P. V. Dwyer & Bros., of 96 East Third Street, Plumbers and Dealers in Gas Fixtures.

CAUGHT IN THE COURTS. August Reibelin has begun an action against Abraham Janzen and others, to construe a deed for forty acres of land, and to declare it to be only a mortgage for \$500, and asking permission to return the land. Bjornstad & Omdahl have brought an action against Charles R. Bloomquist and others, to enforce a mechanic's lien for \$850, and to sell a block of Bryant's addition to satisfy several claims against it. The Provident Investment company has sued Lawrence Pahey and others upon a promissory note for \$1,000. George O. Nettleton is suing Fred Arzt upon a promissory note for \$50. In the lien case of Burns & Shaw against George Sewell et al., Judge Kelly has ordered judgment against Sewell for \$87.29, but dismissed the lien as against the property of Thomas Tyler. Carter & Co., of Niagara Falls, N. Y., have begun an action in the United States court at St. Paul against Christian M. Bye and Louis Medjo to enjoin the infringement of a patent for duplicate memorandum or sales slips. The Rockford Insurance company has another addition to the suits against it. This time Henry J. Bennett submitted an application for an order to require the defendant to pay the costs of the proceedings. The right of plaintiff to recover was disputed on the ground that the coal sold was not weighed by a city weighmaster. The court holds that the plaintiff is not responsible for the failure of council to appoint weighmasters.

St. Paul Building Permits. C. Milton Griggs, alterations to frame dwelling, Laurel, near Arundel, \$1,500. F. D. Freeman, 1 1/2-story frame dwelling, Charles, near Oxford, 1,000. Mark & Taylor, alterations to frame dwelling, Hague, near Fisk, 5,000. Frank B. Johnson, alterations to frame dwelling, Robbie, near Hill, 2,450. Mark L. Potter, 2-story brick and stone store, East Seventh, near Robert, 20,900. Victor Germond, stone foundation, Farrington, near Charles, 2,000. Two minor permits, 2,000. Total, 16 permits, \$32,450.

THE FLOWERS. That Bloom in the Spring. Have nothing to do with the case, so 'tis said. Be that as it may, those busy architects of gentlemen's wearing apparel at 146 East Third street continue busy as bees turning out elegant suits of clothes in stylish mold at very reasonable prices. Drop in and talk things over with McGrath.

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TO THE MONEY-SAVING PUBLIC We Present to Our Patrons TO-MORROW a Volume of Exceptional, Inimitable and Unparalleled BARGAINS!

55 Pieces New 40-Inch PLAID DRESS GOODS AT 59c PER YARD, WORTH 85c.

In Beautiful Designs and Styles. See our Corner Window for reference.

TO-MORROW! 35 Pieces New BORDERED SUTTINGS.

In connection with above, at same price, viz: 59c PER YARD, WORTH \$1.

Strictly Pure Wool and all Desirable Shades. Ladies should avail themselves of this opportunity, as you cannot purchase an elegant costume at a more reasonable price than at this offering.

See Our Large Stock of TOSCA DRAPERY NETS, In Spots, in Dots, in Stripes, in Plain.

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SIX SPECIAL SALES

Though the weather was too cool yesterday for us to expect a very busy day, from 2 p. m. till closing time we were (though having extra salesmen in every department) hardly able to attend to our customers. Many had to wait, and did so good-naturedly. The special values that we gave were the attraction. Our customers know that with us a special sale is exactly what the term implies—an article at much less than its actual value. We've decided to continue the Six Specials of Saturday till Monday night at 9 o'clock. If you did not get to our store yesterday be sure to come to-morrow.

\$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50 Stiff Hats for \$2.48. This gives you the choice of all our fine Stiff Hats. None better manufactured.

\$3, \$3.50 and \$4 Trousers at \$2.48. Over 500 pairs of fine all-wool tailor-made Men's Trousers to select from. A great bargain.

\$1.25 Spring Underwear for 78 Cts. Four colors in fine Cashmere Underwear, well worth \$1.25, at 78 cts. each, or \$1.55 the suit.

400 Pairs Tailor-Made Trousers, \$1.88. Great values for laboring men.

\$1.00 Fur Crush Hats for 62 Cts. All colors in these goods. Excellent-wear'n'g.

A 35-Ct. Fast Black Hose for 25c. These sales are all for to-morrow only. See goods in our store windows.

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Happy With the Big Bargains at the Bankrupt Sale!

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31 East Seventh St.

Only Thirty Days to Close the Immense Stock. If You Miss It You Will Pay DOUBLE THE PRICE.

Read a Few Items.

Only \$3.99 for a good Working Suit Worth \$8. Only \$5.00 for a good All-Wool Cassimere Suit worth \$12. Only \$5.75 for a fine Black Cheviot Suit worth \$15.00. Only \$9.75 for your choice of all our fine Spring Overcoats worth \$25. Only \$4.75 for a fine All-Wool Cassimere Overcoat worth \$10. Only 99 cents for good Cassimere Pants worth at least \$2.50. Only \$1.98 for an All-Wool Cassimere Pants worth \$4.00. Only 12 cents a pair for Children's Knee Pants worth 35 cents. Only 23 cents a pair for Children's Knee Pants worth 50 cents. Only 39 cents a pair for Children's Knee Pants worth \$1.00.

Prince Albert Suit, Diagonal Worsted, Globe Worsted, Harris Cassimere, Sawyer Cassimere, any make of goods you want, any style of cut you want, at the Bankrupt Sale.

CLOTHING SALE

31 EAST SEVENTH STREET, ST. PAUL.