

CASE IS HARD FOUGHT

Helm Stands Trial For Offense Which May Carry Death Penalty

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Late yesterday afternoon the court succeeded in completing the jury for trial of the Helm case and today the court went at once into the trial. Both the nature of the charge and the character of the evidence revealed in the former hearings show the case to be one of the most sensational ever brought into court here, and the trial is accordingly being followed by many spectators and listeners.

Under the law the crime of rape, with which the indictment charges R. E. Helm, the defendant, is punishable by penalties which range from terms in the penitentiary to the death sentence itself, and the trial on that account is of vital interest throughout. It is being bitterly fought by both sides and both sides are amply prepared to make the most of the fight. State's Attorney Henry Bishop is being assisted by Gustavus and Jackson and County Attorney Hugh Umphres, who conducted most of the examining trial and took the original complaint, is voluntarily assisting the state. Yeale, Hazlewood and Underwood are representing the defense.

Prosecuting Witness Tells Story.

On call of the case this morning, the prosecuting witness was the first to take the stand. She is a pretty woman, with clear complexion, rather small features, light brown hair, and bright eyes which this morning often sparkled with tears. She is a well proportioned woman and the defense established this morning that her weight was about 150 pounds. She was gowned today in the same brown tailored suit, with hat and veil to match, which she wore at all her former appearances in court.

Under the guidance of the prosecution this morning she told with tolerable directness but in a voice that often faltered the story of the crime. Helm had been boarding and rooming at their house on Johnson street for a number of months and was often at the house when her husband C. A. Miller, was out on his run as engineer on the Pecos Valley lines. Helm, himself, is a fireman and had been a special friend of her husband's. It was during the absence of Miller one day last April, that Helm, according to the witness's story, overpowered her, choked her into semi-unconsciousness, and committed the crime. Mrs. Miller's story this morning was graphic in its distinctness in spite of her tears and halting voice and it plainly exerted a powerful effect on the jury and on the spectators.

Mrs. Miller Under Fire.

Mrs. Miller's ordeal had just begun when she completed her direct testimony and for most of the rest of the day she has been facing the man she accuses and his attorneys and standing a raking fire of questions. It was plain from the first that the defense would take up the character of the witness and, on the ground of attacking the credibility of the witness, Judge Hazlewood, leading for the defense, instituted a line of questions regarding her life at her old home in Slater, Mo. The state frequently objected to these questions and at several points the defense almost came in conflict with the court in its effort to elicit statements concerning the relations of Mrs. Miller with people in Missouri and in Chicago where she visited before coming to Amarillo.

Freeze Case Monday.

The Helm case will almost certainly take up the remainder of the week as there are numerous witnesses to be introduced by both sides.

Next Monday, according to announcement made today the case against "Jack" Freeze for the killing of "Shady Bill" Warren last week will be taken up, and a special venire of seventy-five men is being summoned today for that trial.

BUCK WATSON BURIED.

Services Conducted This Morning at Residence

(From Thursday's Daily.)

This morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, of the Methodist church, conducted from the family residence at 103 Harrison street the funeral of Odie or "Buck" Watson, as he has been more familiarly known. Interment took place in Llano cemetery. The deceased was a little more

than twenty-nine years of age at the time of his death. A few months ago his wife, after a brief illness died, leaving him and three small children, and since then they have made their home with Mr. Watson's widowed mother. Now the children, by this second untimely death, are left without father or mother. Mr. Watson had many friends here who deeply mourn his death.

MRS. EMMA COCHRAN DEAD.

Remains Will Be Shipped to Mississippi.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Today at the home, 1905 Harrison street, Mrs. Emma Cochran died after a lingering illness. It is probable that the remains will be shipped back to the old home of the family in Mississippi and until instructions have been received from a married son and daughter there, no announcement will be made in regard to the funeral.

Mrs. Cochran came to Amarillo about two years ago in the hope of gaining relief from consumption which had undermined her health. The change was only partially successful and she has gradually weakened till the end came today. She leaves two children here, a son and a little daughter, besides the married son and daughter in Mississippi. Her husband, who was a railroad man of considerable prominence, died a number of years ago and is buried in that state. Mrs. Cochran was a member of the Baptist church, and although the condition of her health has prevented her from making many acquaintances here, those who knew her regret her loss and join in assisting her children in this hour of their trial.

ANTI RACETRACK LEGISLATION

Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., June 11.—The senate today voted on the anti-race track gambling bills which passed the assembly yesterday. Senator Poelker, whose serious illness constituted an element of doubt as to the outcome of Governor Hughes' fight to make gambling at race tracks a crime, was better today and his physicians considered him able to answer roll call. The first test vote resulted in a victory for the measure by 26 to 25. The question was on an amendment, the effect of which would be to kill the pending bill. Poelker was present and voted with the majority.

(Later)—The first anti-race track gambling bill passed the senate by the narrow margin of 26 to 25.

The second bill was passed by the same vote and the most sensational legislative battle in many years was at an end. Both bills become effective as soon as signed by the governor.

BARACA CLASS CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Today the Baraca class of young men in Amarillo is one year old and the officers and members will celebrate the event by an informal reception at the First Baptist church this evening beginning at 8:30. The class at the Baptist church is the beginning of the Baraca movement in Amarillo and there are now other branches of the class which meet at the Baptist church but all other Baracas and their friends will be welcome at the reception.

The year's work has been signally successful and the future promises greater things even than the class has yet undertaken. In the new Baptist church special provision has been made for the needs of the class so that it will be able to carry on all branches of its work conveniently and comfortably. The class now numbers a membership of over 100 and its members are constantly on the lookout for addition to the list and to the circle of workers. A. E. Meyer is president now, C. C. Brady, secretary, and R. A. Davis treasurer.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve Wins.

Tom Moore, of Rural Route 1, Cochran, Ga., writes: "I had a bad sore come on the instep of my foot and could find nothing that would heal it until I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Less than half of a 25 cent box won the day for me by afflicting a perfect cure." Sold under guarantee at L. O. Thompson & Co.'s drug store.

FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Supt. Cousins Addresses Students of Summer Normal and Citizens

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Summer normals and teachers' county institutes as the most efficient means of making abler teachers and the permanent value of a library provision for schools furnished the theme for Hon. R. B. Cousins, state superintendent of public instruction, in a vigorous address at the High School auditorium yesterday afternoon. "The Summer Normal and Its Proper Work" was the subject down in the catalogue for Mr. Cousins' address but he begged in the beginning to be allowed to talk on the things which he most wished to impress, whether they were on the subject assigned or not, so he talked to his audience with a personal emphasis that gave his remarks effective weight.

Rejoices in Educational Progress.

Advances along educational lines in every field in the past few years, Mr. Cousins cited as being just cause to every citizen for rejoicing and especially to every man and woman directly interested in education. This progress in Texas he attributed, more than to any other one thing, to the interest created by teachers' summer normals and teachers' county institutes. Without crediting or discounting the work of that body in any other line the speaker praised the thirtieth legislature for much that has recently been made into law for the good of education.

For the teachers who attended institutes simply to comply with the provisions of the statutes in getting their certificates extended, Mr. Cousins had a sharp rebuke and he stated that so long as he was superintendent he would work against such subterfuge. But the practice of allowing teacher greater freedom in summer school work by giving them credit on certificates for work of a general nature, he commended as a good move and one that should be wisely continued.

High Standards for Normals.

"What is best for the teacher is best for the children, and that is best for every man and woman in the state," declared the speaker in summing up his intentions in regard to summer schools and his desire for the provisions which will best enable teachers to get new ideas and to keep fresh vigor in their teaching. Continuing the speaker challenged any other profession to show such a desire for its own improvement as that which is constantly manifested by the teaching profession, and he showed the vast sums which are spent by the teachers of Texas in order that they may better teach the children of Texas. In connection with the question which sometimes arises as to the worth of the teaching that these teachers get for their money, the superintendent said that he was beginning this year an investigation of the statement sometimes made that there were too many summer normals and that as a result some of the faculties were not what they should be. He paid a high compliment to the splendid array of teaching talent which the students of the Panhandle summer normal will be under for the next two weeks, and emphasized the fact that teachers when they go to institute justly demand the very best of their teachers.

Short Teachers for Short Prices.

"Teachers in this part of the state have the most wonderful opportunities that can come before teachers," he said, "and you need the strongest men and the strongest women that you can put into the school rooms." In a new country of the great material prosperity which has marked this, the danger sometimes arises that educational enterprises will not be kept abreast of others, and he urged the citizenship to continue as they have begun here to build educational institutions equal in size with the hopes of the country. To get the strong men and women which he said the situation here demanded, the superintendent cautioned trustees and others who have the employing of teachers to do, that the teacher market is much like the horse market, the man who puts up a good price can get a good horse, but the man who puts up a short price will get a short horse.

Commends Taxes for Schools.

Continuing the subject of provision for schools and teachers, the speaker commended the disposition manifested in some parts of Texas against giving the schools ample support. The tax rate in Potter county he commended but called attention to the fact that some districts are even paying more. Of the districts which pay less and of the citizens who grumble at the lax on the ground that "Let the other fellow educate his own children, I'll educate mine," he spoke in the most scathing terms. "Am I my brother's keeper," he declared was the murderer's excuse. Schools are simply joint stock companies and every tax payer gets big dividends for the money spent.

Met Teachers and Citizens.

After his address, Superintendent Cousins met a number of citizens and teachers here. The address concluded the work yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cousins has been continuing his visit here today and will leave this evening on the Denver train for Goodnight where he will visit the summer normal now in progress at that school.

tion is used according to the regulations for target practice. In addition to furnishing free ammunition for all target practice, the state department is instituting this year a system of rewards and rankings for marksmen who have qualified under the prescribed course set by the department. These courses of shooting are fully described in a recent order of the department and include a number of classes for both rifle and revolver shooting. All national guardsmen who complete courses of shooting as set out in the order and who make as high as 80 per cent perfect scores, that is 200 hits out of a possible 250, will be ranked as "marksmen" and will be given a pin showing that the record has been made with a rifle or a revolver. Higher ranks are designated as "sharpshooters" and "expert marksmen" and are designated by corresponding pins. Moreover the pins are so arranged that additional bars may be added to them every year for continued records in the class in which they were awarded. Thus the wearer of a pin shows at once that he has achieved rank as a marksman and also shows the number of years that he has held that rank. In order to encourage general excellence in various companies, the department is offering an additional prize of a cup or other trophy to be selected by the winning company, to the value of at least \$50, to the company which between June 1 and October 31, this year shall have qualified the greatest number of marksmen.

Troop B Prepares for Encampment.

Officers and men of Troop B are now making all possible preparations for the trip to the annual encampment. The troop will leave here on the 23rd of this month for Leon Springs near San Antonio and will be in encampment there for fifteen days. This encampment will be on the most elaborate scale of any in recent years, as thousands of volunteer troops from other states will be in the camp and, in addition, a number of regiments of regular army troops will take part in the maneuvers. The allowance of equipment and supplies has been more liberal than usual this year so that the men are looking forward to the best trip that they have ever had. Recruits who enlist in the troop this month can go with the company to the encampment this year. All expenses are paid, of course, and besides this the officers and men receive regular army pay from the time they leave here till they return.

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BOWERY HOSE CO. IS ORGANIZED

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

With T. W. White president and Dick Herbat, foreman, Hose Company No. 2, to have its headquarters near the union station, is now organized and is getting ready for business. At a meeting last night the initial list of members was completed, officers were elected and plans were started for regular practice. As soon as possible a building will be secured at some convenient place on or near the Bowery and the old hand hose reel with a full equipment of hose will be left in that building. Other hand equipment will be furnished the station and the new hose company will then be able to get on the ground with fire fighting apparatus at least several minutes before the companies from the central station can arrive. As the first few minutes of a fire are the critical ones so far as avoiding a serious conflagration is concerned, the advantage of having this "first aid" company is readily apparent.

Dick Herbat, the Foreman of the New Company.

is the first driver of the Amarillo fire department and continues his membership now as one of the members. He is thus a thoroughly experienced fire fighter and will make an able leader for the new company. T. W. White, the president of the company, is the agent at the union station, and will co-operate with the members in making the company a success. Other officers and members of the company are: W. B. Plekens, assistant foreman; L. M. Jones, second assistant foreman; G. W. Jessup, secretary and treasurer; J. L. Lyons, Albert Renfro, F. O. Torpening, G. A. Wulfman, F. L. Gimore, J. M. Burrows, W. G. Fly, Fred D. Smith, T. C. Ward, D. Lyons, G. G. Harris and W. C. Campbell. The company will practice with the hose company down town on Tuesday and Friday evenings till a building is secured for the company.

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view, stopped over in Amarillo today en route to Weatherford and other points in lower Texas to investigate sewer plants. Plainview is planning to install a plant and is sending out its city officers in order to learn something about plants which are now in successful operation. H. D. Rucker, of the Korak Wander Company playing in the tent theater at Sixth and Harrison streets, is spending the day at his ranca north of Hereford.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. L. Thornton, the Coca Cola man from Dallas, is making the rounds in Amarillo today. Lee Henson, representative of the Fort Worth Record, is pushing the interests of his paper here today. Nep Dun, and sons, are here from East Tennessee visiting their cousin, J. H. Gouldy and looking over the country. Mayor John R. Delay and Alderman J. Murray Malone, of Plain-

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