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**HELD IN AMARILLO IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER**

**Echo of Tragedy in Arkansas When Woman Is Beaten to Death.**

Deputy Sheriff Sid Houpt, brother of Sheriff Houpt of Garland county, Arkansas, arrived in the city last night from Hot Springs, believing that Archie Banister, wanted there on a charge of murder of Mrs. Ada Riecher July 6, last, had been arrested in Amarillo. The officer stopped over at Austin long enough to file application for requisition of Archie Banister and came on to Amarillo to be followed by the document from Governor Campbell today.

Reaching Amarillo, Houpt went to the county jail and there met and talked with Arthur Banister, brother of Archie Banister, the accused of the murder. The prisoner who is being held in the Potter county jail upon a minor charge, states that he has not heard direct from his brother since some time in June, at which time he saw his signature on a hotel register in an Oklahoma town. He stated that at that time he did not see the brother, only his name upon the register of the hotel. Since then he has not only not seen Archie Banister, but has had no communication from him, or regarding him.

Arthur Banister disclaims all knowledge of the Hot Springs transaction, and declares that if his brother is in this section of the state, or the country he knows nothing of it.

Deputy Sheriff Houpt, after talking with Arthur Banister, wired his brother, Sheriff Houpt, all of the facts gleaned by reason of the interview. He stated later that he does not know what course will be pursued regarding the man held in Amarillo. He will doubtless get a return wire this afternoon with instructions from the sheriff regarding future action.

**Atrocious Murder.**

The murder causing this agitation was one of the boldest and at the same time one of the most atrocious and cold blooded ever perpetrated in the state of Arkansas.

July 7 of this year the lifeless form of Mrs. Ada Riecher, a beautiful woman of not more than thirty years of age, was discovered in a cottage in Kirk street in Hot Springs by Robert Harris, a 12-year-old boy residing in the neighborhood. The discovery, made about 9 o'clock in the forenoon, was reported to the chief of police without delay. Entrance was had to the house from the rear. The entire front portion of the cottage was found to be locked. The murder, was committed with a machinist's hammer, the woman's forehead being beaten to a pulp. Upon the hammer was found no

blood, but a bit of cuticle from the woman's face had adhered to the face of the weapon. A towel was found about the woman's head, and a portion of it thrust into her mouth, thus preventing any outcry. She was lying face downward in a pool of her own blood and her hair and face were badly blood clogged.

The room was in perfect order so far as the bed and the main furnishings were concerned. The bed had not been occupied, but the contents of dresser drawers were strewn about the apartment. Suit cases were ripped open and other receptacles that might have held articles of value were disturbed. One of the woman's stockings in which she was known to have carried a considerable amount of money was ripped almost entirely from her limb. Diamonds worn on her hands and in her ears had been torn away, as well as other bits of jewelry known to have been in her possession.

**Man and the Children.**

On the afternoon prior to the finding of the dead woman a man, who had been seen at the home of Mrs. Riecher, was noticed to have taken the three children of the dead woman to Wabington park. A neighbor living next door remembered to have heard the man tell one of the little boys that if they would be good he would take them to the park for the afternoon. The children of the dead woman are Orgie, a girl aged 9, Phillip, 5 years, and Frank 3 years.

The man went to the park and telling the little boys to remain near the auditorium until he returned he took their sister with him, saying he wanted to wash his hands. This was according to the story told by the eldest of the boys on the day their mother's body was discovered. They waited in obedience to his instructions until it was late and then wandered back to the cottage in which lay the dead woman.

Upon reaching home the children found the doors locked and were cared for during the night by neighbors. It is believed that the mother of the children had been killed prior to their removal to the park.

The man having the little girl in charge is believed to have hired a rig and driven into the country, as a man with a child, both answering the descriptions given, were seen shortly after the hour they must have left the park. The man gave a fictitious name and stated that he had reached the city but a few hours before. Later the rig returned without a driver and was taken in charge by officers.

Again at Little Rock a day later a man answering the description and accompanied by a little girl were seen at the union station. At the station he disposed of a diamond ring at a very low price and stated that he was suffering. When asked by the purchaser of the ring what address he should keep for the redemption of the ring, the seller would not write a name but simply called himself by a name that he said would be sufficient. This was the last trace of the individual until the line of inquiry that leads to the present agitation.

**Girl Is Discovered.**

A few days later the little girl was discovered in Birmingham, Ala., from which place she was later returned to relatives. She stated that she was drugged soon after leaving the park and did not regain consciousness until she had reached a point far from there. After she did regain possession of her faculties she was kept on the end of the seat in the train nearest the window and was not permitted to speak to anyone in the coach. She was taken to Birmingham and abandoned, and later found there as has been stated.

It is the impression of the officers that the murderer took the little girl away to prevent her telling of his presence in the house, and what she might develop in the matter of discovering the dead body of her mother before he had made his escape.

**Secured Husband.**

The dead woman and her husband Harry P. Riecher, were separated at the time of the tragedy, he being her second husband. He did not come to Hot Springs with her, being a resident of Oklahoma and she coming to Arkansas from Dallas, Texas. She had been in the city only a few weeks at most and had roomed at a public house until about two days before the killing. It was in the payment of the rent for the cottage on Kirk street that the fact of her possessing a goodly amount of money became known. A woman to whom payment was made, stated that Mrs. Riecher exhibited a large roll of bills and took from it \$15 with which payment was made. The remainder of the money was placed in her stocking. The beauty and size of the diamonds worn were noticed by the landlady.

Following investigation officers swore out complaint charging Archie Banister with the murder of Mrs. Riecher. Circulants and telegrams were soon on their way over the country covering a radius of 500 miles. Local officers spent the remainder of that day and the following night in a fruitless search for the murdered. From that time following much time and money have been expended in the chase, which now gives some promise of success.

**Texas Sheriff Hunts.**

Sheriff Adair of Kaufman county, Texas, was in Amarillo a few days since and later went to New Mexico in his search for Archie Banister, for whose arrest a goodly reward is offered, a portion of which is put up by the former husband of the murdered woman.

Chief of Police Sneider knows both of the Banister boys and has more than once arrested Archie Banister upon misdemeanor charges. He states that the descriptions issued by the Hot Springs officers are as perfect as could be made with the possible discrepancy as to height and age. The Arkansas officers make the man a little too high and a trifle

**HILL AND THE DENVER.**

Cleveland Chronicle: The acquisition of the P. W. & D. and C. & G. roads by the Hill syndicate gives the latter control of over 20,000 miles of road and reaches from the Pacific to the Gulf at Galveston, giving an ocean outlet at both terminals. It will make the P. W. & D. a part of a great trunk line from ocean to ocean and we may look for a fine road bed and a wonderful increased traffic in the near future, and ultimately a double-tracked road. This means much for Cleveland, and will bring her much more prominently before the traveling world.

**Quahab Tribune-Chief:** Since the Denver has become part of the great Burlington system there are plans on foot to double track it. The amount of freight passing over it would almost justify it now, and how it will be when the freight from the great northwest is conducted over it to Galveston may be conjectured. Instead of occasional blockades we shall have them often then. To furnish more freight for the Denver we expect Jim Hill to employ a fleet of steamers between New York and Galveston. The old Scotchman may be trusted to work up business for his roads. And he will develop Texas like he developed the great northwest.

**BEST PLAYS ARE BY NEWSPAPER MEN.**

Cleveland Leader: The newspaper man is going to be the salvation of the American stage, just as he has been that of England and France. The best plays of today—the big current successes and those that lapped over from their last year's runs—are the work of newspaper boys who are still newspaper boys despite their new surroundings. Gus Thomas and Gene Walters and Paul Armstrong and George Ade don't see life a bit differently now from what they saw it in the days when they were reporters and thanked their stars when they got assignments that put them behind the scenes and revealed the real workings of the human intellect and the human heart.

**REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.**

A woman's idea of having great charm is for you to tell her so.

About the meanest trick the average girl can play a man is to be his sister.

A girl could feel romantic even over a love letter she had to write to herself.

The kind of dinner a woman enjoys is when it's hers and you tell her how good it is.

Men wouldn't even want to go fishing if that was a good way to earn their living.

A great advantage in being a bachelor is all the relatives-in-law you don't have to stand.

What a woman adores about a stage hero is she couldn't possibly live with him if they were married.

The best man in the world would want to cuss once in a while just to make sure he is a human being.

The thing that tickles a man to death is how people can't help admiring him in spite of his unpopularity.

A woman can have a grand time writing a letter unless there is some news to put in and take up room she needs to tell about how the baby is just as cunning as ever.—New York Press.

**JUMPS THE DAILY PANHANDLE.**

Newspaper men enjoy a joke, and when it follows along the line as indicated below there is added flavor.

W. A. Rice, the wit of the Daily Panhandle office and the circulator of the paper in Amarillo, is, with his family, enjoying the holidays at his old home in Kentucky. The following letter was received from him today:

Chambers, Ky., Dec. 26, 1908. Daily Panhandle, Amarillo, Texas: Stop my paper. The boy did not leave me any paper last night. Take my ad. out. I told you a week ago. I will not pay for it. The book-keeper made a mistake in my bill. I don't like the editorials nor the local news.

W. A. RICE.

**AIRY SMOKE.**

Just think, if those pulsating, palpitating, perambulating Panhandle folks were in East Texas, how much better they could enjoy Christmas.

—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

Will you have you there which the Panhandle people have not which would have added to their Christmas enjoyment? If there is one single blessing in Eastern Texas which can not be found in Western Texas, no citizen who knows both lands has ever been able to realize it.

The editor of the Sentinel is invited to come and live in a real live land and leave his provincial shell behind him.

too old. Chief Sneider has rendered excellent service in the matter; and the force of Sheriff Hughes stands ready to be of whatever help that is possible.

**DON'T BE HOPELESS**

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by L. O. Thompson & Co.

**PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.**

Houston Chronicle: At San Bernardino, California, a man's mind has been restored by a "daring surgical operation." Maybe if congress would have the surgeon general cut into the cranium of Cromwell it would restore his memory as to who got that Panama \$40,000,000.

The young man of Vienna who promised his aunt he would never part with any treasures she might bequeath him finds himself the proud possessor of fifty-six cats and wants to buy a terrier.

Governor Deneen will attend an agricultural college to learn about the needs of farms and farmers. For political purposes he might read "Maud Muller," and James Whitcomb Riley.

Perhaps if the interstate commerce commission would X-ray Harriman's head they'd find out what the United States supreme court won't compel his tongue to tell.

A tobacco expert says one girl can make 27,000 cigars in a day! The female monster!

**The Correct Time**

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure.

**Specialists Coming Here.**

Dr. T. H. P. Duncan and Dr. Blanche A. Duncan, of Fort Worth, were in Amarillo a few days ago to rent offices and to make arrangements for their permanent residence here.

Dr. T. H. P. Duncan is a specialist of eye, ear, nose, throat and chronic diseases; Dr. Blanche A. Duncan is a specialist on the chronic and nervous diseases of women. The doctors are well known in Texas and will likely have many patients as soon as their offices are opened. Dr. Blanche A. Duncan is the only lady physician in West Texas and is said to have enjoyed the largest practice of any specialist in the South, but owing to close confinement and overwork is compelled to seek a different climate. There is every reason to feel that she will be benefited by the climate here and both of the doctors are well pleased with it and with the city.

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FOR SALE—30-horse power Huber power engine. Also Case separator; one tank wagon and pump all complete. All machinery good as new. Will sell cheap and give good terms. W. G. STREET, 12-15-6p Amarillo, Texas, Box 813.

**PUBLIC SALE.**

I will sell at public auction, at my residence, eight miles east of Amarillo and six miles west of Washburn, on Monday, December 21, 1908, my entire farming outfit, consisting of mules, horses, cows, hogs, farming implements and household goods. J. F. SWISHER, 1-p

WANTED—Plowing in any amount from 200 acres up; can break 60 to 70 acres a day. State price will pay and location. Address box 752, Amarillo, Texas. W-2p

**SUGAR BEET QUESTION BY MICHIGAN MAN SO JOURNING IN AMARILLO**

**Declares Conditions Here Are Splendid for Growing the Beet and for Manufacture of Sugar.**

J. Gorman of Saginaw, Mich., is in Amarillo. Mr. Gorman is interested in the growing of sugar beets and is a gentleman well versed in the production of the beet and the manufacture of the beet into sugar. He informs the Daily Panhandle that this region is ideal for beet sugar production—soil, climate, per cent of sugar and every factor entering into the question being complete.

In a communication to this paper Mr. Gorman writes as follows:

To the Editor of the Daily Panhandle:

Assuming, as I do, that your columns are always open to anything that may tend to the development of the city of Amarillo and the Panhandle district of Texas in general, the sugar beet question as a local industry is worthy of serious consideration.

The development of this staple industry in this portion of your state is one that needs brain, brawn and money—all three of those can be found and that with perfect ease, from the very fact you have the quality of land that, in my judgment, is beyond preliminary experiment. The character of the seasons I know but very little about, but I am reliably informed the seasons are in keeping with the quality of the lands.

The next step in the launching of the sugar beet industry is to go to it. In a recent issue of your paper appeared facts and figures in regard to the sugar industry from the pen of H. T. Groom and others that are decidedly correct. This being true, your city of Amarillo is represented to me as the coming metropolis, if not the present center of the Panhandle district for the pushing forward of such industry.

A sugar beet factory of sufficient capacity to accommodate the acreage of the district would cost from \$200,000 to \$400,000, and, in my judgment, Amarillo would be an ideal place for its location, considering your railroad facilities and many other minor surroundings. Then you

might ask me how are we to get people here to grow the acre of sugar beets. The question of raising sugar beets profitably by either the small or large land owner has been the experimental stage and it is no longer any doubt about it. Fact of sugar beet raising being profitable business.

The question might be asked here shall we commence this inquiry? First of all, get your facts and there will be no doubt of getting the beets. Then you might ask how are we going to get the factory? Get your leading citizens or the members of your Chamber of Commerce together, organize a corporation, your stock on the market, show facilities and I will warrant that, within a short time, have the means for a sugar beet factory in the city of Amarillo that will accommodate the acreage of the Panhandle district and be an industry that will employ a large amount of labor at a certain price in the season and will increase land values 50 per cent within years. And I can safely say that my opinion the average cost per acre for raising sugar beets will not within 40 per cent as high as it is either Michigan or Colorado, owing to the quality of land and nature of the soil.

It will take nine months or more to build a factory such as you would need in Amarillo.

I would be pleased to meet with your Chamber of Commerce and explain fully my views on this question and I invite comment on the subject, for in my humble judgment you have all the preliminary facilities with which to start the sugar beet industry. And well begun is half finished. I am,

Very respectfully yours,  
J. D. GORMAN.

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