WAS PAID TO KILL WOMAN

Husband Held in Jail Without Charge Preferred

CONFESSED MURDERER

Oda Brown Denies Guilt and Declares He Will Kill Murderer of Wife

Special to The World.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—Persisting in his denial of guilt and declaring that he will kill the man who is responsible for the death of his wife, Anna Brown, an Osage woman, Oda Brown, a white teamster of Ponca City, is in jail with no specific charge lodged against him in connection with his wife's death.

C. S. Templeton, county attorney, and Sidney Mathis of Fairfax former guardian of Anna Brown, left today for Great Bend, Kan., to interview Asa Thomas who, according to his confession, was the woman's slayer. Thomas charges that he was paid $1,000 for committing the deed, Brown having been separated from his Indian wife for a year. According to Thomas' confession he picked up Mrs. Brown in Ponca City on the night of May 21; both were said to be partially intoxicated at the time. Thomas declares that he shot the woman shortly after leaving Ponca City on the Fairfax road.

He then proceeded for some distance with the body in the car, but fearing it would be discovered on the road, he stopped several miles west of Fairfax and carried the body to the distant corner of a field adjoining the road and hid it in the weeds. An empty whisky bottle lay near the body when found and a bullet had penetrated the brain.

Brown was arrested in Pawhuska where he had come to file a motion in district court asking that the court set aside a divorce judgment granted the dead woman in district court here, and which was not to have become effective until six months had elapsed.

WAVE OF HIJACKING

Big and Easy Money Lures Many Into Seeking Trouble With Uncle Sam.

Special to The World.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—The wave of hijacking, which was prevalent in Pawhuska and Osage county early in the year, has entirely disappeared and has given way to an excess of bootlegging and the passing of bad checks. In the past two months 40 liquor cases have been handled by the county attorney's office. During the month of July a dozen bad check artists have preyed upon the public.

The hijackers were quickly caught and severely dealt with, about 12 pleading guilty and others being given heavy sentences upon conviction.

Nearly all of the 40 liquor cases have emanated from either the manufacture and the selling of Choctaw beer and corn whisky. While most of the men engaged have been lawbreakers with records, a number of younger men recently thrown out of employment with bills coming due and necessities to be provided for their families hearing tales of the case with which large revenues might be made through bootlegging, have taken a chance, only to be captured on their initial trip.

Failure on the part of the victim to prosecute is said to be the greatest obstacle in the way of checking the bogus check scourge. Offenders on learning that information has been filed against them will frequently reimburse their victims, whereupon prosecution will cease.

Numerous cases of petty thievery have developed in the last 60 days. Families of Osages are leaving this winter for their summer homes and the Indian blankets and other rich furnishings prove an irresistable lure to local sneak thieves.

Cushing City Directory.

Special to The World.

CUSHING, July 26.—The new city directory of Cushing, just off the press, is a very creditable publication. It contains 200 pages, 2,991 names of persons over 14 years of age, and 338 firms and professional men. According to the usual method of estimating the population from directories, Cushing now has over 7,400 people, which is a gain of about 200 over the 1920 census. This does not include a large number of people at the refineries just outside the city limits.

Livestock at Hominy.

Special to The World.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—Livestock to the value of $20,000 will be exhibited from the Hominy district alone here in September, C. L. Roth, farm agent from the third commissioners' district, has accumulated large displays, also to be exhibited of agricultural, canning, dairy products, cooking and fancy work.

State Briefs

MUSKOGEE—Mrs. Sue Seeley, former Muskogean and divorced wife of Walter Seeley, oil man, was murdered Saturday in Tampico, Mexico, according to reports reaching here Monday.

McALESTER—Failing to hear the approaching Rock Island train at the crossing at Cairo, south of here, Sunday, resulted in the death of Mrs. William McDaniel and the serious injury of her husband. They were on their way to Arkansas by wagon, having completed their work at this point.

CLINTON—Mrs. C. C. Pendleton of this city has left for Missouri to claim the body of a man killed in a gun fight at Oronogo, near Joplin, as that of her husband.

PURCELL—The broom corn harvest is beginning in this section. Cutting and baling will continue for several weeks. The crop in this vicinity is considered good.

WETUMKA—Contract has been let by the Odd Fellows here for the erection of a two-story building to cost $16,000.

PURCELL — With construction progressing rapidly, the new swimming pool will be ready August 1, the directors say.

GUTHRIE — The West Side Methodist Sunday school held a memorial service for the late E. O. Excell, national Sunday school worker and famous composer. The address was given by J. E. Nissley, a personal friend of the deceased.

CORDELL—Preparations are being made for the opening of the annual chautauqua to be held here August 8 to 12.

CHANDLER—Business men here have again backed the American Legion. Contract has been signed for a chautauqua to be held here next year by the Arthur J. Mathesy post of the legion.

MUSKOGEE—Jesse L. Sanders, clerk of the school board in Cherokee county, and J. B. Lowry are under arrest here on a charge of forgery. It is alleged that the two signed the name of another board member on the face of a check for $483, which they attempted to cash at a Fort Gibson bank.

SAPULPA—Wednesday will be mothers' day at the Boy Scout camp, the mothers of the boys taking supper with them on that evening. The camp for the smaller boys closes Friday night, the larger ones going into camp all next week.

MUSKOGEE—A "committee of 100" was organized here Sunday by representatives of the various churches to "promote the moral welfare of the city." The organization proposes to take an active interest in city government and municipal affairs generally, particularly in matters regarding crime.

BLACKWELL—For the third time in six years, the safe in the Frisco was blown open Sunday night, but only $30 was secured by the yeggs.

NOWATA—District Judge Mason has dismissed the suit of the Missouri Pacific against the city of Nowata for an injunction to keep the city from collecting paving taxes to the amount of $2,588.37. The judge held that the paving procedure had been legal throughout and that the property was liable for the tax.

PAWHUSKA—Two Indians, Peter Ware and Theodore Bearskin, are being held on complaint of Sam Smith, a rancher living near here. He alleges that the redskins induced his 14-year-old boy to take them for a drive and then plied him with choc until he was very sick.

HUGO—This city is to have a zoo, probably on the county fairgrounds, if the plans now considered by the business men and Boy Scouts mature. It is believed that enough species of wild animals can be found in this part of the state to make this zoo an interesting feature.

RALSTON—Application of ex-service men of this city for a charter from the American Legion was approved last week by state executives. The new post is to be known as Ralston post No. 237. Fifteen men signed the application for the charter.

HUGO—Hugo's auto tourist camp was formally opened Saturday night by a watermelon feast. All conveniences for campers have been provided and Hugo is now ready for her visitors.

OKMULGEE — Tom Tompkins, W. M. Brown and Mooney Goss, miners, were bound over to superior court Monday on bonds of $2,500 each in Justice Scott's court at Dewar, charged with arson in connection with the burning Sunday morning of two buildings of the Oklahoma Consolidated Mine No. 3 at Coalton, which caused a loss of $10,000.

OKMULGEE—More than 50 suits were filed Monday by the secretary of the Retail Merchants' association in Justice Shield's court for the collection of bad checks and long overdue accounts on behalf of the 115 Okmulgee firms who are members of the association.

LOVING CUP TO BE PRIZE OF ENID

Claremore Second and Tulsa Holy Family Is Mentioned

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 26.—A silver loving cup awarded by Governor J. B. A. Robertson to the city whose schools make the highest average in the modern health crusade tournament of the Oklahoma public health associatiotn will be presented to the city of Enid at the annual public health conference this fall. Announcement of winners in the tourament was made today.

Enid won first prize in class A, which includes schools of an enrollment of 300 or more. Second prize in this division went to Claremore schools with honorable mention for the Tulsa Holy Family school. In class B, covering schools of less than 300 pupils, the Anadarko Indian boarding school took first prize and the Blackwell Riverside school second. Capron school, Woods county, took the prize for rural schools.

Prize other than the governor's loving cup will be silk health crusade banners. Thousands of children in all parts of the state took part in the tournament, an annual event in the work of the Oklahoma public health association for the health of children. Children are required to live up to a system of health chores and their success or failure to do so determines the percentage for the school in the tournament. Miss Henrietta Hart is in charge of the crusade and the tournament, which she considers the most successful movement of its kind ever held in the state. All awards will be made at the fall public health conference.

No Place for Crooks

Denver hereby serves notice on all unlawfuls that they are not wanted in the city. Just to prove to the old timers who think they can get away with it, here is evidence that Denver means business. The car is fully equipped with a machine gun, a bullet-proof windshield for the driver, a protector for the radiator and a special rail in front, which can be used as a battering ram. Look at the outfit before you decide to run the deadline into the city of Denver.

Dies in Government Hospital.

Special to The World.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—As a result of tuberculosis contracted during 17 months' service in France, John Shelby, an Osage county boy and nephew of Mrs. Orion Taylor of this city, died in the government hospital at Preston, Ariz., on Saturday. Shelby was gassed and wounded in battle and was a patient in hospitals in Europe for several months. He was a son of Jim Shelby, a well known cattleman of this county in the early days.

Couldn't Make $2,000 Bond.

Special to The World.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—Charles Morgan, who is charged with defrauding Pawhuska merchants out of $300, through bad check operations, admitted that the name under which he had been operating was an assumed name, his real name being John Smith. His bond was fixed at $2,000, in default of which he was returned to jail.

Slept Under Chuch Steps.

Special to The World.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—Two Tulsa boys, H. E. Pierson and F. A. Ford, found work in the harvest fields too strenuous and were on their way home when they stopped to spend the night beneath the steps in front of the First Methodist church. In municipal court today they explained that they were broke and were obliged to seek shelter under the church steps from the rain.

ENTERTAIN NEW PASTOR

Plan Roof Garden on Church for Summer Evening Gatherings.

Special to The World.

HENRYETTA, July 26.—The congregation of the First Christian church of Henryetta entertained its new pastor, the Rev. Henry Hagmeier, and wife at luncheon reception in the basement of the church. Rev. Hagmeier is a native of San Antonio but comes from Commerce, Texas, to Henryetta, having filled the pulpit of the Commerce church for the past four years.

The Henryetta congregation has recently acquired a valuable parcel of residence property adjoining the church holdings and have plans for an ample parsonage, and a very much enlarged church building, a special feature of which is a concreted to be a roof garden in which will be held the summer evening services and social events.

Will Finish Ahead of Schedule.

Special to The World.

ADA, July 26.—The work of building the stretch of the Lawrence road located on the Cotton Belt highway is being rushed and will be completed ahead of schedule, it is said. More than 140 miles of the road in this district has already been marked and the work is being continued.

Complete Battery Organization.

Special to The World.

ADA, July 26.—The first regular meeting of Battery F of the Oklahoma National guard will be held here Tuesday night at which time measurements for uniforms will be made. The organization will be completed at this time.

Back to Hospital Again.

Special to The World.

PONCA CITY, July 26.—William Bailey, 11-year-old boy of Kaw City, is in a hospital with a broken arm, the result of being thrown from a pony. Only recently he was released from a hospital, where he was confined for some time with both legs broken, the result of an automobile accident.

Deaf and Dumb Promoter.

PAWHUSKA, July 26.—A deaf and dumb promoter is a novel character visiting Pawhuska in the person of E. N. Rose of Decatur, Ill. Rose is promoting the sale of what is known as the Lignite diamond. He is an old printer, and besides being deaf and dumb is suffering from paralysis which several years ago incapacitated him for work at his trade. He has been self-supporting, however, since his latest affliction. Rose is a member of several secret orders and carries credentials with him.

Many Calls for Help.

ADA, July 26.—According to a late report by Mrs. Orville Speed, local secretary of the American Red Cross, more assistance to former service men is being rendered at this time than ever before. A large list of names calling for almost every kind of assistance the Red Cross is able to render was submitted in the report.