

BELIEVES MAN INNOCENT MURDER; PARDONS HIM

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 17.—John A. Johnson was released from the state prison today after serving 10 years and six months of a life sentence for the murder here in 1911 of a young girl, Annie Lemberger, a crime which Gov. J. J. Blaine is convinced Johnson did not commit.

Six months' investigation into the probable circumstances surrounding the crime to which Johnson pleaded guilty and for which Martin Lemberger, father of the girl, was formally charged with manslaughter on January 5, 1922, brought Gov. Blaine to conclude that "there is only one fact that stands out clearly, and that is that Johnson did not murder Annie Lemberger."

Who did kill the young girl and later attempted to hide her body in Lake Monona probably will never be definitely established, it is said.

The father availed himself of the statute of limitations, causing the case

to be nolle prossed. He had been accused of killing his daughter with a beer bottle during a drinking party at his home, when she failed to obey him as promptly as he wished.

It was after ten years spent in the state's prison that Johnson protested his innocence and applied to Gov. Blaine for a pardon. He then claimed that his confession had been made because of fear that he would be mobbed.

This contradictory attitude of Johnson in first admitting his guilt and later maintaining his innocence caused Gov. Blaine to say that "a man of ordinary strength of character and prudence does not accuse himself of crime, but Johnson's type might accuse himself falsely of crime thru fear, hallucination, guilty knowledge of a crime, either as an accessory or as one who stood by, innocent of the commission of crime, the mentally too weak and too depraved to follow any course except the course pursued by Johnson."

THE VALLEY, THE STATE, THE WEST

SUCH A COUNTRY AS THAT

In the course of presentation of the program picture shows in two of the local theaters this week the movies showed most graphic and thoroughly wet rain storms. One was at sea—the skipper of a schooner at the wheel of his vessel driving ahead amid a swirling deluge of wind and rain, with water descending in sheets and bucketfuls so that it could be seen glancing off his bare head and cheeks, dripping off his nose, pouring up his sleeves, ankle deep right there on the deck before it could run out of the scuppers.

The other man was situated somewhere in our own southwest, a plainsman with his pony, poorly sheltered in a small flail plank shed, with the water beating thru the flimsy roof and sifting sideways thru the boards of the door and windows, so fierce and relentless is the rainfall that no ordinary structure can withstand its furious flood. So faithful are the faithful alternations of dark shadow and brilliant glare as portrayed by the camera, the spectator the sitting safe and dry is terrified with discomfort at the thought of what adventurous wayfarers must endure who venture into any fearsome country where it rains like that.

And so, with a shiver, these Pueblo people made their way thru pleasant streets to the snug shelter of their homes, under fair starlit skies, serene in the feeling that it is better to dwell in a dry sunny climate where it never—or hardly ever—rains. And yet—and yet—

PUBLICITY MATERIAL

Dull dry weeks pass and we fall to send out any thrillers. By rights we should be able to place on the wires here raising newsable stories from all along the upper valleys and continental divide. The mere proxy statement that 14-inch ice is being cut by thousands of tons up there lacks the requisite drawing power. If we could cover the mud-waters down in the Missouri valley with snow stories the narration would stick in their memories till their 35-degree hot spell next July and they would hanker for cool Colorado.

The nearest we can come to it just now is to cite the annual floundering going on at Cumbres pass on the way across the hogback to Durango. The Herald of that city interviews Superintendent Deuel and party who are over there from Alamosa and obtains several snow stories including one describing 75 shovellers digging out the Silverton train. Also this:

"Mr. Duell said that the problem which confronted the workmen in the clearing of Cumbres pass of the last blizzard was one of the most unusual that they have ever met. The character of the snow and the height of the wind added greatly to the difficulty. At one time a most unusual phenomenon was seen on the summit of the pass. Snow was falling rapidly and a bright rainbow in the west was seen at the same time.

"A little later the phenomenon was explained, however, when the falling snow suddenly turned to rain. In one place the snow was falling rapidly and a bright rainbow in the west was seen at the same time.

It is necessary to break a part of it down



"His Greatest Sacrifice," in which William Farnum appears tomorrow should be very popular with the patrons of the Palm theater. It is a tense, dramatic story, and one in which the popular William Farnum star shows to the full his splendid talents as an actor.

The story has to do with a wife who sacrifices home, husband and child to win fame as an opera singer. She does win fame, and with it wealth; but in after years, when glory has faded and she wants the greatest thing in the world—happiness—she finds she cannot get it from the husband and child she so selfishly abandoned.

Larry Semon also will appear in his latest comedy "The Sawmill."

so that it could be handled by the rotary.

GRAND GIFT TO NEIGHBORS

A deed made out in due form much like a quit claim deed to real estate has been placed on the records of the clerk of Mesa county showing that Emma Erwin Cooley has conveyed certain chattels as follows. The deed is published in full on first page of the Junction newspapers, with suitable comments of deep appreciation. The matter is hereby copied with the idea that possibly not only bad acts but good deeds may be contagious.

"Know all men by these presents, that I, Emma Erwin Cooley, of the city of Grand Junction, county of Mesa and state of Colorado, in consideration of the sum of one dollar and my love for and interest in the education of the children of Grand Junction, hereby give and grant unto School District No. 1 of Mesa county, my library and cases, pictures, specimens, curios, rugs, robes, heads and mounted specimens of animals and birds, butterflies and shells, as now installed and arranged in the high school building in Grand Junction, and to be known as the Emma Erwin Cooley Foundation of Natural History.

"To be maintained and continued by the board of education of said School District No. 1, thru the board of control of said foundation, the day nominated and appointed by the said board of education and myself.

"To have and to hold the same for the use and benefit of the children of Grand Junction, Colorado, forever."

A STRAY FROM SALT SEAS

J. J. Brown, landlubber, bakes good pies at his place of business, 515 East Pike's peak avenue, Colorado Springs, in which town he has resided for some years. But 'twas not always thus. Twenty-four years ago Brown was a flatfoot on the U. S. S. Maine as she swung to that fated loaded buoy in Havana harbor. When the blow-up came Brown was among those tossed out on the bay like old hats sailing thru the air. He was rescued by the quick work of the survivors, while 28 comrades were perishing. Brown has no long stories to tell about his adventures and concentrates attention on the fawn-colored outside and the luscious insides of the pies he bakes.

BADOVINAG MAKES MOONSHINE RAIDS

"One of the most notorious bootleggers in Custer county," is the phrase used by Federal Agent Daniel P. Badovinag, to describe Robert Eikelman, arrested at his home, 12 miles south of Westcliffe, by Badovinag, where a ten gallon still and three gallons of moonshine whiskey were found.

Badovinag is hard at work in the Westcliffe district, having also arrested J. H. Brittonstein and Joe Schneider for unlawful possession of liquor, in the few days he has been making raids in that district. These are the first raids for whiskey ever made in the Westcliffe district, officials say.

All of the arrests are federal cases the men will be brought to Pueblo and arraigned before United States Commissioner W. B. Vates, and their hearings will probably be set for the April term of federal court under heavy bond.

No stills were found on the property of Brittonstein or Schneider, but sufficient quantities of moonshine liquor to warrant their arrests.

Must File Suits

By February 28

All suits against the Director General or Federal Railroad Administration must be filed on or before February 28, 1922, according to an announcement of the Traffic Bureau of the Commerce club, which issues a statement that section 206-A of the Transportation Act, of 1920 provides for the filing before February 28, as they will be barred after that date.

It is said that there are several cases of this nature in Pueblo, and all the suits which have claims against the Director General or Federal Railroad Administration, not already settled, are emphatically urged to place them in suit on or before February 28, or consider them lost.

Suspects Released

Arrested on suspicion of having robbed the Mecca Pool hall Monday night John Milliken and Edward Moore were released yesterday morning by Judge Crossman of the police court, after evidence had been received that convinced the court that neither of the men had committed the robbery.

The men were released to Bob Norman, public welfare director, who has learned that the men are from reputable families in the east and will endeavor to secure work for them.

MARY AND DOUG, ALL BUNDLED UP, VISIT CHICAGO EN ROUTE FOR NEW YORK



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks.

The wintry winds hold no terror for Douglas Fairbanks and his wife, demure Mary Pickford, these days. For two fur coats big enough to lose oneself in, just about cover them from head to heel. The happy pair were photographed a few days ago in Chicago while on their way east to pay New York another visit.

MYSTERY COMEDY LAST TIMES TODAY AT GRAND. "FAIR AND WARMER" STARTS TOMORROW

The Harrison Players have been pleasing their large established following at The Grand all this week with the rather old, mystery comedy, "At 9:45" and will give the last two performances of this play at matinee and night shows today. The Players will be seen all of next week, starting Sunday, in Avery Hopwood's tremendous farce-comedy success, "Fair and Warmer."

This is admittedly the brightest farce comedy of the last decade, dealing with an up-to-date subject, one which is near to everyone, and the students marched out of the school in the regular fire drill is almost unexcelled in stage history. "Fair and Warmer" is a real theatrical inspiration which, at the same time, proves the epitome of achievement in the funny-bone tickling line.

NEW WELL EXTENDS SALT CREEK FIELD

The Mosher test well on Sec. 19-39-78, Salt Creek field, an operation that has been keenly watched by oil men, found pay oil in the second Wall Creek sand, at a depth of slightly below 2,800 feet, last Sunday, according to reports received in Pueblo recently.

The location of the well is in the extreme southern part of the field, and the importance of the strike lies in the fact that it extends the known productive area at least three-fourths of a mile.

The first Wall Creek sand, containing water, was picked up at 2,415 feet. By consent of government agents this water was not cased off, and drilling was continued about 300 feet to the second Wall Creek, which was found to be 225 feet deeper than the same sand was encountered in wells higher up on the structure.

The sand was penetrated only seven feet, at which time the amount of oil coming up indicated a 200-barrel well. The water above will now be cased off, the well drilled deeper into the sand, and it is estimated that a highly productive well will result.

The Mosher test proves the existence of oil under many of the tracts sold at the government auction of lands in the south and southeastern parts of the Salt Creek field held in Douglas, Wyo., last June.

A number of Pueblo men are interested in this firm.

Beasley Is Taken
Before J. P. Court

Charged with assault to rob, Elmer Beasley was arraigned before Justice Hart yesterday; he waived a preliminary and was held to the district court in bonds of \$500, which being unable to apply, he was remanded to the county jail. Beasley is charged with an attempt to rob L. B. Regan on February 7.

In the same court E. E. Law was to have been tried on a non-support charge, but the case was dismissed on payment of the costs so far accrued by the defendant, a settlement of the family difficulties having been consummated.

Critcher Theater Today

William Fox presents today and this evening, at the Critcher theater on Northern avenue, William Russell in a mystery play, "The Lady from Longacre." The drama tells the story of an aristocrat inclined to stray from the staid and dignified path of high society into the folds of the lower and more human class. Sir Anthony is his name, and he changes it to Tony. When Tony meets the fugitive princess of a far-away kingdom his adventures begin, and they do not stop until he sails across the ocean to rescue her from a distasteful marriage. There is a double romantic running thru the story, which is filled with lively action.

There will also be a Universal western free-drama featuring Eileen Sedgwick, "The Night Attack" at the Critcher today.

STUDENTS KILLED

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 17.—Three students of the University of North Carolina were killed and three others injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Southern Railway passenger train at a crossing on the outskirts of Durham today.

"Are You a Mason?"



This city is going to have a real treat—a treat that will be enjoyed. Two of the best known theatrical men on the Pacific coast have assembled an splendid, capable company of professional players and are producing, under the direction of Edgar Linesbo, that wonderfully clean, sparkling comedy, "Are You a Mason?" This famous comedy of Leo Districtstein's will be presented here on Wednesday, matinee and night, and if the way it is being received in other cities is any criterion, standing room only will be in order and a real treat with plenty of delightful laughs is assured. At the Majestic. Seat sale starts tomorrow. Phone 1540.

Clyne Theater Today

Miss Dorothy Dalton will be the star at the Clyne theater today—matinee and night in "Behind Masks," a thrilling drama. It is a dashing romance of society's fringe and fashion's half-world that lives by its beauty and wits.

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