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SAD STORY OF GIRL

Mabel Wright Tells of Her Two Weeks in Billy Allars' Blue Goose Resort.

TAKEN THERE BY A YOUNG MAN

Shows Receipt for a Fine Paid in Police Court as Pauline Benson.

Mabel Wright, 16 years of age, on the witness stand in the circuit court yesterday afternoon, related her experiences of two weeks while an inmate of the Blue Goose, a resort on First avenue between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, of which Billy Allars and his wife Carrie are the proprietors. The Allars are under indictment for harboring in a house of prostitution a girl under 18 years of age. Allars is confined to his bed with sciatic rheumatism. His wife is being tried separately, the court refusing continuance.

Mabel testified that she was taken to the Allars place by a Rock Island young man and left there by him. The following day she was taken in hand by Mrs. Allars and remained there for two weeks. On the second day she was fined in the police court. The fine was advanced for her by Mrs. Allars. A receipt signed by Magistrate G. A. Johnson was offered in evidence. The girl gave the name of Pauline Benson to the magistrate. Mabel stated that after she had become an inmate at the Allars resort she was ordered to report at police headquarters, where she was told that she would have to pay a fine or leave town. It is understood the police will testify denying that the girl was ever arrested or fined in Rock Island; that the Pauline Benson was another woman.

Sent to Geneva Home.

Mabel had been making her home with her grandmother in Moline. The latter enlisted the aid of the Rock Island police in searching for Mabel and Detective Richard Carnes located her in the Allars resort. This was in November of last year, when Mabel was but 15. She was committed by Judge E. E. Parmenter, of the county court, to the Geneva home for girls, where she has been since. She was accompanied to Rock Island for the trial by the superintendent of the home.

The girl was recalled to the witness stand this morning by the prosecution to gain enlightenment on further facts. S. R. Kenworthy, who is conducting the defense, sought to impeach the testimony of the girl, she having claimed that only once during the two weeks did she leave the Allars place. Mr. Kenworthy stated he would show, if he were permitted, that Mabel, in those two weeks, had frequented divers resorts in Davenport, and that she was arrested in both Rock Island and Davenport.

ROCK ISLAND FREIGHT CAR BROKEN INTO BY TRAMPS

A freight car in the upper Rock Island yards was broken into last night, presumably by tramps. A box containing a consignment of shoes was opened, but none of the shoes was taken, the thieves having been scared off before the completion of the job by switchmen employed in the yards. Frank Crawford, Nat L. Eldridge and May Eldridge, the Davenport trio arrested yesterday afternoon while creating a disturbance on the viaduct on Twenty-fourth street, each was fined \$3 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Ira Fisk was taxed \$10 and Mamie Toden \$5 on disorderly charges.

TRAVELER FOUND IN ALLEY WITH A GASH IN HIS HEAD

J. Keiplinger, a Chicago traveling man, was found prostrate lying at the east entrance of the alley back of the Mitchell & Lynde block between East and West Seventeenth streets at 11 o'clock last night bleeding profusely from a gash in the back of the head. Officer John Schmid escorted Keiplinger to the Rock Island house, where he has been a guest for two weeks, and where his wound was bandaged. In entering the alley to make a short cut for the hotel Keiplinger stumbled and fell, his head striking against the curb.

ALLENDORF OUT ON BAIL: PROSECUTION MAY DROP CASE

Harry Allendorf, the former employee of Young & McCombs, who has been held in jail at Waterloo, Iowa, under bonds charged with burning his store at that place to secure the insurance, has been released, and the prospects are good that the case against him will be dropped. The case was to have come up this week, but the attorneys for the state asked a postponement. The defense refused unless the bond be reduced, and it was placed at \$1,000, which was furnished.

Billy Kersands' Georgia Minstrels.

The acknowledged best show in the south is Billy Kersands' big colored minstrels, made up of genuine comedians, vocalists, dancers and clever specialty artists who will hold forth at the Illinois theatre Saturday night. With Billy Kersands at the head of the best colored talent on the stage, they will doubtless test the capacity of the house. Marsh Craig, cello, quartet and Cook and Jones will appear.

THE CALLS APPEAR FOR THE CAUCUSES

Looking to the Coming Democratic County Convention.

Calls for caucuses under the announced action of the recent meeting of the democratic county committee were received at The Argus office today as follows:

The democratic voters of the First ward are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the democratic voters of the First ward at William Reisinger's barber shop on Fourth avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, in the city of Rock Island, on the evening of the 20th of May, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the county convention to be held at the Turner hall in the city of Rock Island on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m.

CHARLES J. WEINBERGER,
ED MURPHY,

Committeemen.

The democrats of the Second ward are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the democratic voters of the Second ward at the city barn on Sixth avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets, in the city of Rock Island, on the evening of the 20th of May, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock p. m., Friday, May 20, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held in Turner hall in the city of Rock Island on the 26th day of May, 1904, at 2 p. m.

H. W. WARD,
JAMES LANNON,

Committeemen, Second Ward.

The democrats of the Fifth ward are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the democratic voters of the Fifth ward at the hose house on Twenty-second street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, in the city of Rock Island, from the hours of 7 to 8 p. m., Friday, May 20, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held at the Turner hall in the city of Rock Island on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m.

JOHN FINNEGAN,

Committeemen.

The democrats of the Sixth ward are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the democratic voters of the Sixth ward at the hose house on Twenty-sixth street, Monday evening, May 23, 1904, from 7 to 8 o'clock, for the election of delegates to the county convention to be held in the Turner hall Thursday, May 26, 1904, at 2 p. m.

GEORGE H. WRIGHT,
JOHN F. HENDINGER,

With the exception of the Sixth ward the above notices were given the honor of original appearance in the Looney-directed morning paper of today, and it was apparently the purpose to make the announcements as obscure as possible by confining them to this source of publicity, but some of the committeemen objected and certified copies were sent to The Argus office by one of the committeemen from that ward. While it is very evidently not the purpose of all the committeemen to be party to the design, there is readily to be seen a purpose on the part of Looney, who controls the majority of the committeemen in the city, in not having all the caucuses on the same night, as is customary. Further than this, there is even a difference in the hours in which some of those to be held on the same night are to meet, the intention in this move being likewise obvious.

TRI-CITY DRESSMAKERS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

Many dressmakers of the three cities met at the St. James hotel, Davenport, Monday evening to form a permanent organization as a branch of the International Society of Dressmakers, which has its headquarters at New York, Chicago and St. Louis. The society will hold its meetings on the first Monday of each month, the next to be held at the home of Miss Julia Battles, 1910 Second avenue, this city. The officers elected are as follows:

President—Miss Julia Battles, Rock Island.
Vice Presidents—Miss Hilda Johnson, Moline; Mrs. E. L. French, Rock Island; Mrs. Fannie V. Paine, Davenport.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Agnes Reupisch, Davenport.

HARRY B. GILMORE AND MISS JOSEPHINE GREGG MARRIED

Announcement is made of the marriage of Harry B. Gilmore, of this city and Miss Josephine E. Gregg, of Chicago. The event took place in Chicago March 1 last. The bride formerly resided in Rock Island. Mr. Gilmore has been employed in the general offices of the Rock Island road at Chicago.

LABOR CONGRESS HAS FIRST NIGHT SESSION TOMORROW

The Tri-City Labor congress will hold its first night session tomorrow evening at the Rock Island Industrial Home building. When the congress decided to change from Sunday afternoon to night meetings, the second and fourth Thursdays were selected. It has been learned since that the hall was occupied by other bodies on both those evenings. Accordingly the dates have been changed to the first and third Thursdays.

HEAD IS SEVERED

George Sufkin Meets a Horrible Death on Rock Island Near Green River

STEALING A RIDE ON FREIGHT

He and Companions Start From Blue Island to See World's Fair.

George Sufkin, a young man not yet 21 years of age, met a horrible death on the railroad a few miles west of Geneseo yesterday. His head was entirely severed from his body and his legs were cut off a short distance above the ankles. At the time of his death he was engaged in stealing a ride on a freight train. Squire McArthur was notified of the horrible accident, and in his official capacity as coroner he hastened to the scene. The accident occurred about a mile and a half east of Green River. The mangled remains were picked up and taken in the caboose to Green River station, where the inquest was held. Two of the young acquaintances of the young man told the story of the accident to Coroner McArthur at the inquest.

Companion Describes Tragedy.

Herbert Helmke, 21 years of age, residing in Blue Island, told of the horrible ending of his companion as follows:

"I was slightly acquainted with deceased. His name was George Sufkin, and he resided in Blue Island. So far as I know he was 17 or 18 years of age. He was killed in the morning about half past five on a freight train on the Rock Island road about one and a half miles east of Green River station. He and I started last night about 8:25 for Rock Island, intending to go from there to St. Louis. We had no money and intended to steal rides on freight trains to our place of destination. We boarded a freight train at Blue Island and stole a ride from there to Ottawa. At Ottawa we got on another freight train and rode to the place where George was killed. The last time I saw him alive was at Geneseo. He was then standing on the ground alongside the train. I did not see him get aboard the train. When the train was about a mile and a half east of Green river it parted in two places and came to a stop. Some of the boys that were on the train told me that a man was killed, and I, with three more of the boys that were beating their way, went back to see who it was.

Mother in Blue Island.

"I recognized him at once as the boy that started with me from Blue Island. His head was entirely severed from his body. The remains were placed on the caboose and taken to Green River, where it is now lying. We had not been drinking, and neither of us had a bottle. His father is dead and his mother lives in Blue Island." The testimony of P. J. Farley tells just how the accident happened. He was also bumming on the train, and says: "I was not acquainted with Sufkin, but we were bumming to Rock Island. While we were riding in a standing position between two of the freight cars the train parted where we were standing and Sufkin lost his hold and fell to the tracks. He was horribly mangled, and when his head was picked up it was 100 feet from the rest of his body." The coroner's jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts.

PERSONAL POINTS.

J. E. Clarkson went to Minneapolis last night.

Phil Mitchell is at the Coleman Lake club, Dunbar, Wis.

E. P. Denkmann has returned from a southern business trip.

President M. H. Sexton has departed on a tour of the Western league towns.

Dr. R. F. Sweet, who has spent the winter in the south, is expected home this evening.

Mrs. J. L. Fry and daughter Cora left today for Tyrone, Pa., where they will make an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Olson have as their guests Mrs. A. J. Lawrence and son Elmer and Mrs. M. O. Engell, of Paxton.

Chief of Police and Mrs. Phil Miller and Jacob Miller leave tomorrow on the steamer Quincy for a visit at the world's fair.

Fred Bell and E. A. Engler, of Dubuque, arrived at Rock Island in their launch last evening and are spending the day in the city as guests of Charles McHugh.

Col. W. T. Channon left last evening for St. Louis to begin the contract that his firm has for the installation of the plumbing and heating plant in the roundhouse the Rock Island road is having erected there.

Prescott (Ariz.) Journal-Miner: H. L. Dooley, of Rock Island, Ill., and P. Pederson, of Davenport, Iowa, who are interested in the Cypress and Burlington mining properties, have been in this county for several days, most of which time has been spent at the above named properties. It has been decided to put in quite an amount of machinery, among which will be an air compressor. This will be installed at the Cypress mine, which is only a short distance from the Burlington property, and a pipe line will convey the compressed air to the latter mine for running drills, etc.

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