

Clergymen Divided in Opinions as to Whether Suicide Is Ever Justifiable

Death of Missouri Girl Is Defended by Numerous Mid West Preachers.

(International News Service.)
COLUMBIA, Mo., July 8.—Is suicide ever justified?

Can the moral law—"Thou shalt not kill"—be interpreted, under any condition, to the soul salvation of a self-destructionist?

Clergymen of the middle west are divided over these questions, as are friends of pretty Stella Marshall, popular town belle and teacher in the little Baptist Sunday school here, who lies in her grave, the victim of her own hand.

Her story is without precedent in the ecclesiastical law of life and death.

Miss Marshall's Sunday school class was giving an entertainment. The young teacher went into her garden to cut a corsage bouquet of roses for the fluffly organdie dress she wore. She carried a razor-edged butcher knife.

Papers, gathered from the street during a windstorm, cluttered the yard. Miss Marshall gathered these into a bundle and touched a lighted match to them. Then she turned to the cutting of her roses.

A moment later and her dress was afire.

A scream—then a moment of frantic effort to beat out the flames which had enveloped the girl's body.

Then, dropping to her knees, the burning girl prayed:

"Dear God!" J. E. Nash, a next-door neighbor, heard her cry, "forgive me! Forgive me!"

The flames had reached Miss Marshall's hair—her body was a torch.

Nash vaulted a fence in his effort to reach the girl's side. But before he could do so, Miss Marshall placed the blade of the butcher knife she carried to her throat. A moment later she fell—the veins of life had been cut.

Frantically Nash beat out the flames, which by now had burned deep into the flesh of the girl.

But the knife had made a fatal wound—Miss Marshall died before medical aid could be administered.

Physicians who later examined the body expressed the belief Miss Marshall's burns would not have proved fatal. She would have been disfigured for life, however.

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To Carry Line Of Maxwell Parts

F. C. Powell, the local Maxwell dealer, returned from Portland this morning after ordering a complete stock of parts for the Maxwell cars. It is his intention to carry a stock of parts here so that there will be no delay in making repairs on Maxwell cars from now on. It is his intention to give the same service on these cars as is given on all standard lines of cars.

While in Portland, Mr. Powell visited the Covey Motor Car company, which has sold and delivered 274 Maxwell cars since the first of the year, selling 62 during the month of May. The Maxwell, he reports, is leading all other makes of cars in sales.

A new speed record was recently set by the Maxwell, when a demonstration car which had been driven 11,899 miles, made the trip from Bend to Portland in 7 1/4 hours. The man to whom the car was loaned for a fishing trip and who made the record, immediately upon his return, drove the car to the Covey Motor company headquarters and paid \$1,000 for it.

Hear Pardee and Kenton, musicians that amaze and tickle you. With serenaders, July 11th. Armory, Roseburg.

METHODIST PREACHER SERVES AS POLICEMAN

(International News Service.)

FAIRMONT, W. Va., July 8.—Rev. M. J. Pritchard, a Methodist Episcopal minister, temporarily without a charge, has been appointed, at his own request, a member of the Fairmont police force. He is now serving successfully as a traffic officer. His first day's duty resulted in the arrest of seven traffic violators.

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DIVORCE IS WANTED

Ethel Stubbs has filed suit in the circuit court for divorce from Richard Stubbs. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, claiming that she was abused and threatened in many ways, mistreated. She asks for suit money, the recovery of her personal property, \$750 permanent alimony and the return of her name, Ethel King. She is represented by Attorney John T. Long.

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by any other person than myself. C. T. Schroeder.

CLAIMS SHE WAS BEATEN

Catherine Flynn today brought suit for divorce from Bernard Flynn alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. She claims that her husband compelled her to work harder than her strength would permit and frequently beat her if he thought she was not working hard enough. Several times, it is alleged he dragged her out of bed and beat her, once with a blacksnake. He mistreated her frequently although she was in a delicate condition she alleges. She asks for a divorce, the custody of the minor children and a division of the property which she claims has been acquired since their marriage.

COME IN

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Baptists Lose to Presbyterian Team

A good-sized crowd saw the league leading Baptists go down to defeat last night before the hustling Presbyterians.

The Baptists, though weakened by the absence of several regular players, never-the-less gave a good account of themselves. Hewitt, who started for the Presbyterians, found the going rather rough, and retired in favor of Randolph. Randolph was in excellent form, and held the Baptists scoreless during the remainder of the game. Medley and Hurt pitched good ball for the Baptists, but their support weakened, and the game went to the Presbyterians 10 to 0.

Noticeable for their absence last night was the group of "Spalding" experts who always offer liberal advice to the umpire and players, and just as carefully avoid paying the admission fee.

With the teams drawing nearer together the interest in the pennant race is increasing.

Baptists won 7, lost 5, pct. 58.3. Christians won 6, lost 6, pct. 50.0. Presbyterians won 6, lost 8, pct. 42.9.

The Baptists and the Christian teams scrap each other, about like the Portland and Seattle teams. So those who are looking for excitement should be on hand next Tuesday evening when these teams go to the bat at the Twilight League park.

PANAMA HATS.

Will be cleaned and blocked to look like new, if taken to the Roseburg Cleaners.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 51. Lowest temperature last night 33. Precipitation, last 24 hours 0.0. Total precip. since first of month 0.0. Normal precip. for this month 32. Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1921, to date 0.0. Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1921, to date 32.30. Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1921, to date 32.30. Average precipitation for 44 wet seasons (1881 to 1924) 31.29. Forecast to 5 p. m. for Southwestern Oregon.

Tonight and Sunday fair.

WILLIAM BELLA, Observer.

ARMORY DANCE

WHERE?—AT THE ARMORY
When?—Saturday Nite, July 8

Music—Ott's Orchestra
LET'S GO

ROOMS ARE NEEDED.

Roseburg people who have spare rooms which they are willing to open up to the visiting druggists who are to be in convention here next week, are asked to notify the chamber of commerce at once. Because of the crowded condition of the hotels of the city, there will not be room enough for all who desire to attend the convention and consequently it will be necessary for local residents to open up their homes to the visitors. The convention will be on for four days, starting Tuesday.

Here From Eugene

Ruth Wilcox of Eugene, arrived in Roseburg last night and will spend the week-end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wilcox.

Ball Game Tomorrow

Roseburg is out to win tomorrow's game with Goshen to be played at the Laurelwood park. The Roseburg fans are going to turn out in large numbers to witness the contest and it is hoped that they will be able to bring about a victory.

To Locate Here

Bruce Petty son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Petty, arrived here this morning from Baker. Mr. Petty has accepted a position with the Standard Oil Company and will enter upon his new duties Monday morning.

Leaves for South

Mrs. Ellen Williams, mother of Mrs. R. D. Williams, of this city, left here this morning for Oakland, California, where she will spend several weeks visiting with her daughters, Mrs. A. J. Parker and Mrs. J. R. Wright.

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