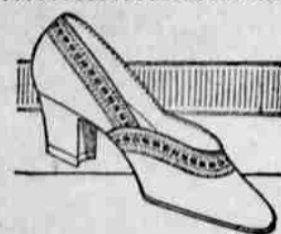




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Mother, Slayer of Deficient Child, Pleads She Had "God-Given Right"



ASHLAND, Ky., May 5.—Has a mother the God-given right to slay a deficient child? Mrs. Emma Sloan thought so. She crept upon her son, John, Jr., 19, deaf, dumb and mentally irresponsible, while he slept, and dashed out his brain with an ax. This was after she killed her daughter, Margaret, 17, a normal child. She is being held on a double murder charge. Why she committed the first murder, she tells in her remarkable confession: "For a long time I had been thinking about doing away with John," she said. "He was so helpless, such a pitiful case. He had been deaf and dumb since birth. It is better that he is dead."

"I knew that if I did away with him I would have to go too, for I loved him. And I couldn't leave pretty, sweet Margaret alone in the world, so I decided I would have to take her with me. "So, after John, my husband, had gone, I went out into the yard and fed the chickens. I came back and the first thing I knew I had the hatchet. "I went to Margaret's room. I started to strike her, but I could not. I went down stairs and knocked loose gas connections, but the house is large and I couldn't smell gas much. "Finally I went back and struck Margaret in the head. She moaned and I felt sick. I hacked again and again. I did not want her to suffer. "John was next. I chopped and chopped. "I went back to Margaret and chopped her head some more. I wanted to be sure, so I again went to John's room and hit him three times more. "Husband Prostrated "Then I tried to hit myself. But I was weak. I couldn't strike myself hard. I ran to the bath room and chopped the gas connections loose with the bloody hatchet. "I dropped the hatchet. That's the last thing I saw as I lay down with my head near the hissing gas. "The hatchet seemed to raise in the air. It hung before my eyes. Margaret and John looked down over it at me. I grew faint and closed my eyes to keep out the sight. "That is all I know." John Sloan, the 70-year old father, is bent and broken with grief. He can hardly believe his wife committed the double murder.

GOOD PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED TO MUSIC LOVERS

(Continued from page 1.) Fantasia, Harris; Walter Welker (pupil of Mrs. Young); La Campanelle, Paganini-Liszt; Fonda Giles (pupil of Mrs. Heinline); Mazurka, Wieniewski; Lawrence Delaney (pupil of Mrs. Young); a. Rigoletto, Verdi; b. Polonaise Militaire, Chopin; Marie and Louis Lamberger. The May Day Ball at the Armory, under the auspices of the Roseburg Business and Professional Woman's Club is another big event of the evening, with preparations complete for a fine evening of entertainment. The list of patrons and patronesses has been announced, and the hall has been beautifully decorated for the affair. Members of the club will take tickets, manage the floor, serve punch, and make the evening one to be remembered by the public. The grand march will start promptly at 9:15. The Rebekah Lodge will have its regular meeting tonight, but it will be cut short to make way for an interesting musical program open to the public in which a long list of the most talented musicians and readers in Roseburg will take part, including numbers by the Christian church orchestra. The Sherman Clay orchestra, a new combination of musicians which has been pleasing the public will play in the lobby of the Umpqua Hotel from 7:30 to 8:30, and at the Antlers Theatre from 9 to 9:30. A number of Miss Evelyn Noland's pupils will assist at the hotel. The Sherman Clay recital at the Presbyterian church drew a large crowd of interested patrons last night, and was exceptionally well planned for those who like good music. Miss Mouton, Portland, soloist was featured, assisted by Miss Maxine Moore flutist, and Jessie McRae Melvin, cellist, both of Roseburg.

BANK PRESIDENT PLACED IN JAIL

(Associated Press Local Wire.) VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.—O. J. Olson, former president of the American Security Bank here who was arrested yesterday, charged with embezzlement of funds of the bank, was questioned in the county jail today by Sheriff Thompson as to the disappearance of liberty bonds totalling \$2,100 from the Yacolt, Wash.,

NEW AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND MEANS BUSINESS, SAYS LONDON NEWSPAPERS

(Associated Press Local Wire.) LONDON, May 5.—The leading journals of British opinion today emphasize the significance of the address before the Pilgrims society last night by the new American ambassador Alanson B. Houghton, in which he declared, that unless a peace based on good will were re-established in Europe he feared the United States would cease to play a sympathetic part in the task of reconstruction. Fresh from his conferences with President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg, the latter of whom he succeeds at the court of St. James, the ambassador reached the crux of his address when he said: "The full measure of American helpfulness can be obtained only when the American people are assured that the time for destructive methods and policies has passed and that the time for peaceful up-building has come." At his side as he spoke were the British Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, the Duke of York, King George's second son, other eminent and representative Englishmen and the interested envoys of several foreign countries, including Germany. Mr. Houghton's remarks are given conspicuous typographic and editorial comment this morning. The Times says: "This authoritative reminder that good faith and a real desire for peace are absolutely necessary if active American interest in Europe is to be developed and confirmed is of great weight at the present moment. It is moreover, in accordance with the instinctive trend of British opinion. "Mr. Houghton's significant speech has far greater direct political value than a torrent of rhetoric on the old theme of Anglo-Saxon American relations. Evidently the new ambassador means business." The president feels that the economic situation in Europe is improving. The return of England to a gold basis and the probable early similar action in Holland are construed as favorable signs pointing toward stabilization and recuperation on the other side of the Atlantic. This favorable outlook is regarded by the president as important in considering loans by American bankers to European industries or governments he realizes, however, that American financiers must consider the situation in each country in relation to the country's economic policies and use discretion in determining whether assistance is to be in practical ways. WASHINGTON, May 5.—While Ambassador Houghton spoke on his own responsibility in his address in London last night at the Pilgrims' dinner, President Coolidge is very hopeful that the ambassador's interpretation of the American attitude toward Europe will be helpful to European statesmen and people.

and the liberty bonds identified this morning were said to have been part of the security given the treasury by the bank. The balance of the \$2100 missing bonds of the Yacolt bank have not been located. The Yacolt Bank was robbed when two men tied up three boys who were in the telephone exchange next to the bank, blew the vault and escaped with money and securities found in an outer compartment. Olson turned in a list to the sheriff of the liberty bonds alleged to have been stolen at the time. Olson was taken into custody here late yesterday charged by County Attorney Hall with converting to his own use \$7,952 from funds of the American Security Bank when he was president of the institution. His bail was fixed at \$10,000 which had not been furnished this morning.

TWILIGHT LEAGUE WILL PROBABLY BE ORGANIZED SOON

At a meeting held last night at the I. O. O. F. hall, plans were discussed and tentatively formulated for a twilight baseball league to play on a regular schedule during the spring and early summer months. Four teams are proposed, representing the American Legion, Odd Fellows, De Molay and churches. The last named team would be made up of players from all the churches of the city. Games will be held three or four times each week, according to plans, and a regular schedule maintained. It is believed that the new school athletic field can be obtained for the league's activities. A second meeting will be held on Friday to further the plans.

GASOLINE EXPLODES

(Associated Press Local Wire.) MEDFORD, Ore., May 5.—Sydney Olson, proprietor of a local cleaning establishment, lies in a Medford hospital critically injured as the result of an explosion of gasoline and subsequent fire in the cleaning room where he was working late yesterday afternoon. The loss to the establishment is estimated at \$1,000 while physicians declared this afternoon Mr. Olson has an even chance of recovery. The hero of a second fire early this morning at the unoccupied Newton Hawk residence was the dog Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Thayer whose barking aroused neighbors, who turned in the alarm.

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HYLAN WILL RUN

NEW YORK, May 5.—Mayor John F. Hylan, announced today that he positively would be a candidate to succeed himself at next fall's municipal election, irrespective of whether or not he received the support and endorsement of Tammany Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Klecker left yesterday for Salem to spend a few days visiting and Mr. Klecker will attend to property interests near there. Mrs. Klecker will return in a few days and Mr. Klecker will remain on business until the middle of the month. Irwin and Owen Woody, arrested yesterday for fishing too close to the dam at Winchester, were arraigned this morning before Justice of the peace George Jones, and entered a plea of not guilty. They were released upon their own recognizance. Charles Labour was a visitor from out of town points today. He is a resident of Umpqua and was here attending to business matters. J. C. Yull was arrested today charged with disorderly conduct. He appeared in the city court and paid a fine of \$10. J. T. Russell was a visitor from southern points in the county today and spent the afternoon attending to business affairs. He is a resident of Myrtle Creek. C. Johnson, L. O. Kauffman and G. F. Jenne, all of Portland, arrived here from the north last night to spend the next several days on business. Mrs. W. Leake was here from Dixonville this afternoon visiting friends and shopping for a few hours. J. C. Halley had B. F. Forbes, Jr., who have been spending the past several days in the city and other southern Oregon points, returned to Salem this morning. They are from the public service commission.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, CAMP NO. 125—MEETS IN THE ODD FELLOWS HALL IN ROSEBURG EVERY FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EVENINGS. VISITING NEIGHBORS ALWAYS WELCOME. JOHN DELL HESS, C. C. M. M. MILLER, Clerk.

B. P. O. ELS, ROSEBURG LODGE NO. 326.—Holds regular communications at the Elk's Temple on each Thursday of every month. All members requested to attend regularly, and all visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. J. G. DAY, Jr., E. R. J. T. GOODMAN, Secretary

A. F. & A. M., LAUREL LODGE NO. 43.—Regular communications second and fourth Wednesday each month, at Masonic Temple, Roseburg, Ore. Visitors welcome. M. S. HAMM, W. M. W. F. HARRIS, Sec.

K. O. T. M.—Meets each second and fourth Thursday of each month, in Maccabee hall, corner Cass and Pine streets. Visiting Knights always welcome. L. C. GOODMAN, Com. G. W. RAPP, R. K.

Neighbors of Woodcraft, Uluac Circle No. 49.—Meets on first and third Monday evenings, in K. of P. hall. Visiting neighbors invited to attend. ALVIA WETHERELL, G. N. MARGARET WHITNEY, Clerk.

W. G. A. O. T. W., ROSEBURG REVIEW NO. 11.—Holds regular meetings on second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p. m. Visiting neighbors invited to attend reviews. Maccabee hall, Pine and Cass streets. CLARA BONEBRAKE, Com. JESSIE RAPP, Cot.

Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41 I. O. O. F.—Meets in Odd Fellows Temple every week on Tuesday evening. Visiting members in good standing are cordially invited to attend. MRS. MARGARET ASHCRAFT, N. G.

TILLIE I. JOHNSON, Rec. Sec. ETHEL BAILEY, Fin. Sec.

Pythian Sisters, Umpqua Temple, No. 4.—Meets the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month, at the K. of P. hall. Visitors always welcome. M. E. MARSH, M. of R. C. EVA MARKS, M. of R. C. MAY E. PARKER, M. of R. C.

Umpqua Klan No. 5.—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month Address P. O. Box 885, Roseburg, Oregon

O. E. S., ROSEBURG CHAPTER NO. 3.—Holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays to each month. All sojourning brothers and sisters are respectfully invited to attend. CORA B. SINGLETON, W. M. FRED JOHNSON, Secretary

United Encampment, No. 91. O. O. F.—Meets in Odd Fellows Temple on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Visiting Patriarchs always welcome. FRED MILLER, C. P. W. P. WETHERELL, Sec. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.—Meets at 476 S. Main second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. All carpenters welcome. T. F. HOLME, Rec. Sec. EMERY COLE, Pres.

Laurel Chapter No. 21, R. A. M.—Meets every third Tuesday of each month in Masonic Temple. All members requested to attend and visiting companions welcome. A. A. WILDER, High Priest. W. F. HARRIS, Secretary.

ROSEBURG LODGE NO. 1037 L. O. O. M.—Meets every Wednesday night. Moose Hall, 248 N. Jackson St. Club rooms open 7:30 to 10 p. m. Visiting brothers welcome. W. A. BOGARD, Dictator. H. O. PARGETER, Secretary. JNO. M. THRONE, Treasurer.

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