

WOMAN DENIES GIVING POISON

Mrs. Elsie Sweetin Takes
Stand and Tells Story
of Life; Recites Hus-
band's Long Illness.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Elsie Sweetin took the witness stand in her own defense Thursday in her trial with Lawrence M. Hight for the murder by poison of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, Robert J. Smith, her attorney, promised she would tell the whole story.

Mrs. Sweetin testified she is 32 years old and had married Wilford Sweetin at Elsie B. Lewis in 1907.

"When I was 11 years old," she said, "I began to work out, earning for children. I did that until I was married."

"We lived for a time on a little farm near here. Wilford turned out three boys, Byron, Thurston and Harry Lee, were born there on the farm."

"We moved into this in October, 1922."

"She said her husband had introduced her to Hight at the home of his church."

"Tells Husband's Death. Then came a long period of the illness and death of Wilford Sweetin and the funeral service."

"She denied the testimony of state witnesses that Hight told her by the arm as she left her home to go to the funeral."

"She said she did not ask Hight to preach the funeral sermon and did not know who did."

Mrs. Sweetin denied that the soup she gave her husband when he was ill had poison in it.

At the opening of court Thursday, Attorney Smith called character witnesses for Mrs. Sweetin. He asked them if they were acquainted with the reputation of Elsie Sweetin for being a respectable, law-abiding and moral citizen prior to the alleged escape with Hight.

All character witnesses, who included C. C. Sweetin, father, and Mrs. Alex Humphreys, sister of Wilford Sweetin, testified that prior to this time the reputation of Mrs. Sweetin had been good.

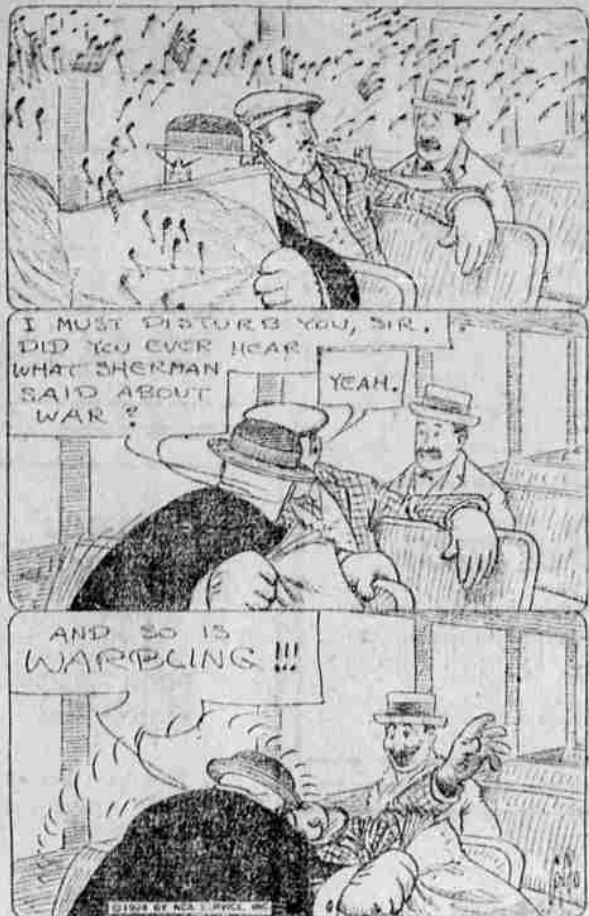
Woman Faces Assault Charge

SALEM, Ore.—Jas Oakley, who lives in the vicinity of Astoria, was arrested by Constable DeLong charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The complaint against Mrs. Oakley was filed by Mary Martin. Mrs. Martin alleged that she was stabbed by Mrs. Oakley and that it was necessary for her to come to Salem for medical attention.

Mrs. Martin said she had been the result of a neighborhood feud.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUB

By Condo



Legislative Bodies In States Include Women

CHICAGO, (AP)—Women will make their debut as legislators in three additional middle-western states where the male sex for years has reigned supreme, when state law-makers begin their sessions shortly after the first of the year. Kentucky and Texas, of 15 states in this region alone remain in the column of commonwealths which will not have women representation in their legislatures, although Texas had one in the last session who failed for re-nomination in the primary. Kentucky did not elect legislative members, but there are no women in its present membership.

Kansas and Minnesota lost two women members of the lower house and Missouri one, although each state retained representation. In the other states the existing ratio was maintained or a substantial increase in number was obtained. Since women were given the right

most of the legislative recognition attained in these states by them has been in the house side of the body. However, three women had succeeded in reaching the senate, two in Ohio and one in Oklahoma, and another was asked in Illinois in the November election.

In Wisconsin, Nebraska and Michigan women entered the lists as law-makers. Nebraska and Michigan each elected three members to the house and Michigan added one to the lower branch. Helen M. Brooks of Colorado, Mildred Barber, Wagon, and Helen M. P. Thompson of Utah, all Wisconsin publicists, will be the women members to first grace the

legislative halls at Madison.

Mrs. Maude Gillette of Oregon, Mrs. Sarah C. Mule of Virginia and Mrs. Clara C. Humphrey of Idaho, are the first Nebraska women to sit in the Cornhusker assembly rooms at Lincoln. The women whom will fail the inauguration of feminine activity in the Michigan legislature is Mrs. Cora Reynolds Anderson, who has been a leader in farm organizations. Where Illinois had one member of the house, it may will have three and one senator.

Ohio had four women representatives and two senators, and the former has been increased to seven. South Dakota, which had one woman member, will have three in the house.

Oklahoma had three women representatives in the last session and one senator, and will have the same representation in the 1925 assembly.

Indiana has been represented by one woman member in the last two legislatures, which next year will be increased to two.

North Dakota had two women members in the last legislature and again will have the same representation.

Minnesota will have two women representatives in the 1925 legislature instead of four in the last session.

Rake Probe Ordered

RALEIGH, Ore.—Investigation of the lawfulness of the rates and practices of the Puget Sound Power & Light company, which operates in various sections of the state of Oregon, was ordered by the public service commission. The order for the investigation followed receipt of information that the power and light company had reduced its rates in the state of Washington, but had not given any other to its patrons in Oregon.

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CLOVER CREEK WEATHER COLD

CLOVER CREEK, (Special)—The mercury has been sitting below zero regularly this week. There is very little snow on the roads but sufficient in the fields to offer protection for the fall grain.

Two engines, one caterpillar and one wheel tractor and one road grade, belonging to the county were moved through here this week en route to La Grande. They have been doing construction work in the vicinity of North Powder. The road through here is nearer to La Grande than by the highway and many teams, tractors and stock are taken this way. Besides being nearer there is not so much traffic.

The public sale held at the Gardner place was well attended. The Gardner place was well attended. The Gardner place was well attended.

Edison McAdams is improving rapidly and expects to be on again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dahlstrom of Baker, visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. C. Dahlstrom one day this week.

St. S. Talbot recently lost one of the registered Shorthorn cowboys of the Green Brothers at the International stock show. It is thought she was either injured in shipping or received injury by fighting when turned with other cattle on the farm.

A number of Clover Creek people attended the dance at Walt Creek recently.

Miss Little Dahlstrom is spending a few days at the home of her brother, Paul Dahlstrom, at Baker.

Miss Bernice West spent the week-end at Union at the home of her friend, Miss Ruth Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bhaney and children were recent Union visitors.

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Mr. and Mrs. White of North Powder are guests at the McAdams home this week.

Miss West is planning a two week vacation at home during the holidays.

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Old Fashioned Chocolate Drops, 4 lbs. 89c
Hand Made French Bon Bons 3 lbs. 99c
5 lb. Box Hand Dipped Ass't Chocolates \$1.89
Walnuts, Soft Shell Jumbo Frenchettes, 2 lbs. 75c
Calif. Soft Shell No. 2 Walnuts, 2 lbs. 65c
Almonds, 2 lbs. 55c
Filberts, 2 lbs. 49c
Brazil Nuts, 2 lbs. 39c
Peanuts, 2 lbs. 35c
Spanish Salted Peanuts, 2 lbs. 49c
Mixed Nuts, 4 lbs. 89c
2 Large Fresh Coconuts 29c

Fruits and Vegetables

Dromedary Dates, 2 pkgs. 45c
Monogram Dates, 2 pkgs. 35c
Bulk Dates, 2 lbs. 29c
3 7-oz. pkgs. Figs 29c
Bulk Layer Figs, 2 lbs. 39c
5 lb. Box Fancy Layer Figs 89c
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125 Size Oranges, per doz. 59c
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Bananas, per lb. 17c
2 lbs. Emperor Grapes 35c
Delicious Apples, per box \$2.69
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Rome Beauty Apples, per box 99c
4 lbs. Louisiana Sweet Spuds 49c
2 lbs. Large Eastern Cranberries 39c
Large Fancy Celery, 2 bunches 25c
2 Heads Calif. Lettuce 25c
Calif. Cauliflower, per lb. 15c
Cabbagge, per lb. 4 1/2c
Turnips, Beets and Carrots, per bunch 5c

Miscellaneous

2 lb. Can Heinz Mince Meat 59c
1 quart Jar Libby Mince Meat 69c
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1 Quart Large Green Olives 69c
1 Pint Large Green Olives 49c
10 oz. Stuffed Olives 49c
6 oz. Stuffed Olives 39c
15 oz. Royal Anne Cherries 65c
5 oz. Royal Anne Cherries 29c
1 Pint Gold Medal Mayonnaise 49c
8 1/2 oz. Gold Medal Mayonnaise 29c
Medium Premium Salad Dressing 43c
2 cans No. 2 1/2 Ehmanns Best Chng Peaches 75c
2 cans No. 2 1/2 Rosedale Apricots 55c
Large Box Xmas Fancy Cookies \$1.89

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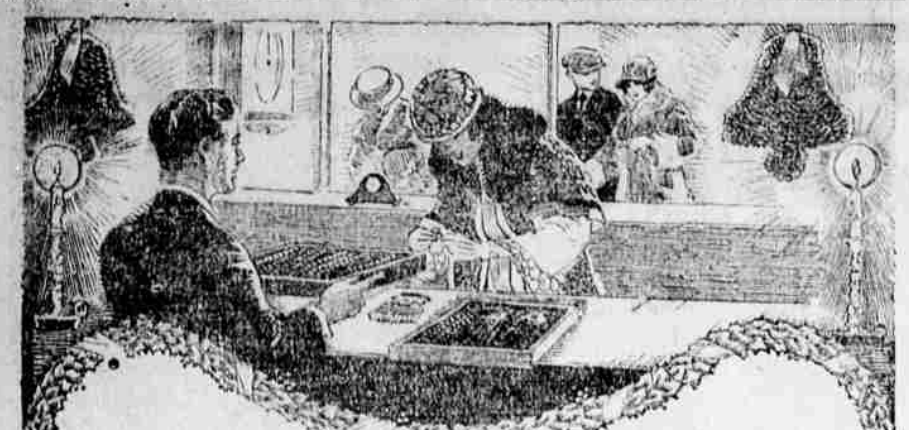
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