

LIVE BABIES ARE BURNED TO DEATH

INHUMAN WOMAN NOW IN A PHILADELPHIA PRISON CHARGED WITH DIABOLICAL DEEDS—HER SON AND A DOCTOR ALSO ARRESTED.

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, March 31.—An awful tale of horror was elicited from a witness who was being examined before a coroner's jury last night.

"I have seen Mrs. Ashmead throw infants, alive and crying, into the furnace in the cellar of her house at 256 South Twelfth street, where she conducts a private hospital.

Such was the testimony of Dr. David Mosler, the star witness in one of the worst criminal cases that has come to light in this city in many years.

The gruesome facts were brought out through the investigation into the deaths of Sarah Hughes and Mary B. Sloan, two young women who died at the Ashmead place early this week under mysterious circumstances. Each, it is alleged, had submitted to an operation from the effects of which death came.

Charges were brought against Mrs. Elizabeth Ashmead and she was arrested. This act was followed by the arrest of her son Howland and Dr. Matthew McVicker, as accessories to the crime.

While the full details of the sad story of abject cruelty may never be known, enough appears to stamp the acts of the Ashmead woman as diabolical.

Trews Them Into the Fire.

The first witness called by Coroner Dugan was Dr. David Mosler, who made the charge. He was asked if he ever saw infants carried into the cellar and thrown into the burning furnace.

"I have," replied the physician.

"Were they alive or dead?" was the next question.

"Some of them were crying, but I cannot say if all were alive," was the horrifying answer.

"They were cremated, were they?" asked the coroner, while the throng that had gathered in the examination room held its breath in awful suspense.

"In the furnace a fierce fire was burning, and the little things were thrown into the flames through the gaping door," came the response.

Mrs. Ashmead was called, and the trembling woman was led to the witness stand. She closed her eyes and her voice was scarcely audible as she attempted to answer the coroner.

He first questioned her upon the death of the two young women. She committed herself in her answers.

An Awful Question.

Then came one question: one that made the woman turn ghastly pale, and with a shudder fall insensible into the arms of her daughter, who stood by the witness chair:

"What did you do with the babies?"

The self-confessed woman was carried from the room to the city prison.

The coroner at once submitted the case to the jury.

The verdict came at an instant—guilty."

Howland Ashmead and Dr. McVicker were then led to cells in the city jail.

A little more light was thrown on the case by Dr. Joseph King, who testified during the examination, that he had rented a front room in the Ashmead house for a week for office purposes. He said Mrs. Ashmead told him that he could make \$500 and \$600 a month by practicing in her house alone, as she was overburdened with business and that two other physicians were making even more. He swore that he had asked Mrs. Ashmead what she did with the infants. She replied: "Oh, I wrap them in newspapers when they are dead and throw their bodies into the furnace in the cellar."

"After learning this, did you remain in the house?" asked the coroner.

"I did not; I moved at once," said Dr. King.

BIG MEETING OF TEACHERS.

(Journal Special Service.)

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—Two thousand visiting teachers are in the city for the annual meeting of the Southern Indiana Teachers' Association. The formal opening takes place in Tomlinson hall this evening. Superintendent E. S. Monroe of Frankfort, who is president of the association, will call the gathering to order and the principal address of the evening will be delivered by President J. W. Bashford of Ohio Wesleyan university. The regular program of papers and discussions will be taken up tomorrow morning and the sessions will continue through the remainder of the week. The names of many educators of note are on the program.

BROOKLYN SCHOOL ALUMNI.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn School Alumni association will be held at the schoolhouse Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p. m. The following program will be given: Vocal solo..... Sylvia Oakes Dialogue..... Nieta Dane. Ernest Goldapp Recitation..... Greta Lakin An old-fashioned spelling match will be held, followed by old-fashioned games. Light refreshments will be served.

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RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE HIS PANAMA

Chief Engineer Arnsden of the oriental liner Indrapura narrowly escaped being drowned in the bay at Hongkong just before the steamer left to this city. In company with W. H. Cross, second mate, he was out in a small boat taking a pleasure cruise about the harbor. At that time there was a fleet of Japanese war vessels lying at Hongkong, and the two men were soon busy studying them. The engineer was seated upon the gunwale, complacently looking about when the boom of the sail struck him gently on the head. He lost his balance, fell overboard, and was soon floundering in the water.

Although otherwise dressed heavily the engineer had been wearing a Panama hat. In the general mixup which ensued his headgear lit upon the water at a point about 20 feet distant from where

his head emerged above the surface. When his eyes became clear of the water he espied the Panama and began to swim toward it. A slight wind was blowing and the hat kept traveling at about the same pace as the swimmer. After he had been in the bay about 10 minutes it became evident to those who witnessed the accident that the plucky engineer was losing strength. The blue jackets from one of the war vessels quickly lowered a boat and went to the rescue. When they reached him he was about exhausted, it is said that he shouted to the Jap marines:

"Don't mind me, but for heaven's sake recover my Panama. It's the only one I have got!"

The Japs pulled him aboard and also got his hat, and escorted him back to his steamer in safety. Mate Cross says that his companion certainly had a close call.

WARNS VIOLATORS OF GARBAGE LAWS

"Residents on Portland and Willamette Heights, two of the most fashionable residence portions of the city, have for many months been throwing their garbage into the gulches, but unless they cease this immediately complaints will be issued and arrests made," said Special Officer Caswell, who has charge of the city's garbage interests for Mayor Williams. "The matter was called to my attention several days ago. I made a full investigation, and found things even worse than reported.

"I visited Portland Heights, and, in going up the street car trestle across Goose Hollow I discovered many large piles of refuse. All the garbage, I found, had been dumped there by well-known families in the vicinity.

"On Willamette Heights, near the site for the Lewis and Clark exposition, I found garbage dump all along the ravine. This must cease at once, or I will cause arrests."

"In both places mentioned the garbage that has accumulated will surely be a serious menace to health. Those who violate the law in the future will be arrested without notice. A garbage wagon makes the rounds weekly, but I am informed there are only three families on Willamette Heights who have their refuse hauled away."

COLD WATER MEN NAME CANDIDATES

PROHIBITIONISTS FINISH WORK OF STATE CONVENTION AND ATTEND BANQUET IN EVENING—CANDIDATES WELL KNOWN—MONEY RAISED FOR CAMPAIGN.

Prohibitionists of Oregon put up the following state ticket at their convention in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday.

Justice supreme court—C. J. Bright of Sherman.

Dairy and food commissioner—Ira W. Berry, Umatilla.

Representative, First district—R. W. Kelsey, Yamhill.

Representative, Second district—H. W. Stone, Multnomah.

Joint senator, Multnomah, Washington and Columbia—F. McKercher, Multnomah.

Presidential electors—T. H. Amos, Multnomah; W. P. Elmore, Linn; Leslie Butler, Wasco; T. S. McDaniel, Multnomah.

The nominations and selections were made in rapid-fire order. Not a clash occurred and each candidate received unanimous endorsement with a whoop and a shout. The ability of the delegates to select the men so quickly following a night and almost a day of Prohibition oratory was happily explained by a party veteran, who said: "There can be no delay in making the nominations, because all prohibitionists are good enough to hold any office."

Of those selected, there is not one but who is generally known among the temperance workers of the state. All have taken part in previous Prohibition campaigns.

In the same happy way the following delegates were chosen to represent Oregon in the national Prohibition convention, which is to be held in June:

R. W. Kelsey, Newberg; T. H. Amos, Portland; F. McKercher, Portland; E. S. Craven, McMinnville; F. B. Rutherford, McMinnville; Mrs. Addie Unruh, Portland; C. C. Poling, Dallas; E. O. Miller, Sellwood; W. E. Knox, Portland; W. P. Elmore, Brownsburg; N. A. Davis, Milton; C. J. Bright, Wasco; W. A. Worstell, La Grande; C. H. McFarland, Portland; A. E. Eaton, Union and R. B. Brood of The Dalles.

The new state committee of the party consists of T. H. Amos, chairman; E. O. Miller, secretary; F. McKercher, treasurer; J. F. Newell, H. W. Stone, and the chairman of each county committee.

Secretary H. W. Stone of the Y. M. C. A., who is also an active worker in the prohibition movement, was next set to see what could be done towards gathering the "nucleus of war" from among the delegates. He quickly bobbed up on the floor with the declaration that \$2,000 could be raised and must be raised. Apparently Mr. Stone was right in the matter, because \$900 was raised before the convention went to dinner, three of the delegates giving \$100 each. As a side issue, it was found one of the oldest Prohibitionists in the state, an extremely poor man, had given \$1 for the good of the cause each year. When the convention heard this they gave the veteran worker a glad shout, and despite his protests raised \$25 for him.

Lastly, the convention unanimously endorsed the platform drawn by the committee earlier in the day, and which was published in The Journal, and adjourned sine die.

All of the delegates attended the Prohibition banquet in the White Temple last night, at which T. S. McDaniel was toastmaster, and today the out-of-town delegates are departing for their homes.

FLOOD CLAIMS PILE UP AT CITY HALL

Claims now filed with City Auditor Devlin for damages alleged to have been wrought to property in the vicinity of Fifteenth and Washington streets by the recent break in the Tanner-creek sewer aggregate \$11,075. In addition to the four claims published in The Journal yesterday, four others have been filed. All allege negligence on the part of the city engineer. The claims will be laid before the council at its next meeting, and it is believed they will not be allowed, as the mayor and city attorney have committed themselves, saying the city would fight all claims on the ground that the break was purely accidental, and that there was no negligence on the part of the city.

Charles Schmid has filed a claim for \$7,420. In his petition he states he is the owner of two lots at the corner of Washington and Lownsdale streets, on which were located buildings and trees.

He asks \$5,000 for flooding and settling of buildings, \$220 for loss of rent, \$200 for loss of fruit trees, chickens and feed, and \$2,000 to replace the buildings.

This is the largest claim yet filed, but others as large or larger are expected to be filed soon.

Bures & Gehre filed a claim for \$2,300 damages to their building, and individual claims for \$600.

To repair the Tanner-creek sewer at the break on Fifteenth and Lownsdale streets cost the city \$1,000, and to put it into permanent condition will cost much more.

MICHIGAN EDUCATORS IN SESSION.

(Journal Special Service.)

Ypsilanti, Mich., March 31.—Many of the leading educators of the state members of the Michigan Schoolmasters' club are gathered at the annual meeting. The classical conference held two sessions today at which the speakers included Professor Edward W. Clark of Ripon college, Miss Mary R. Whitman of Beaver college, Professor H. W. Magoun of the University of South Dakota, Professor Henry A. Sanders of the University of Michigan, Professor Samuel B. Planter of Western Reserve university and Archibald W. Smalley of Lewis Institute, Chicago. The visiting educators will attend the dedication of the new science building of the normal

school April 15.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATS.

(Journal Special Service.)

Concord, N. H., March 31.—The Democratic state committee is in session at the Eagle hotel today. Chairman N. R. Martin presiding. The purpose of the meeting is to decide upon the time and place for holding the state convention to elect delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. Views expressed by the committeemen and other party leaders attending the meeting indicates a strong Parker sentiment, though signs are not lacking that the Hearst forces have designs on the state and doubtless will make their influence felt before the state convention meets.

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