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BOY SLAYS HIS FATHER FOR MONEY

J. F. Sloane a Pioneer Merchant of Spokane Is Murdered by His Heartless Son

Youth Hacks Victim to Pieces With Ax, Then Loading Corpse in Wheelbarrow Dumps It on Rocks in Alley--Has Confessed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Aug. 28.—Spokane was shocked by the revolting murder of James F. Sloane, a pioneer merchant and former member of the Sloane-Paine Grocery company. Sidney Sloane, his 17-year-old son, is held at the police station. The body was found in an alley near the Sloane home on Sixth avenue about 4 o'clock this morning by a woman, who telephoned to the police. The body showed that a cowardly murder had been committed. There were unnumbered marks on the head which appeared to have been inflicted with a hatchet. One gash extended nearly from ear to ear and there were a number of three-cornered wounds on the skull. The murderer evidently struck a dozen or more blows and after killing the merchant the murderer placed his body in a wheelbarrow and took it through the streets to an alley at the rear of the house. A trail of blood plainly showed the path of the thug and his victim. The body was thrown against a pile of rocks. Shortly after the body was found the police took Sidney Sloane into custody. He appeared to be unaware of the crime until 7 o'clock and when informed seemed completely upset. He said he would go immediately to a ranch 14 miles from

SWEENEY GIVES EVIDENCE IN FRAUD CASE

Attorney for Defense Is Put on Witness Stand to Testify for the Prosecution

Explains Signing of Petition Addressed to Bingor Hermann Recommending Proposed Cascade Addition to Blue Mountain Reserve.

The calling of an attorney as a witness against his own client was the feature of this morning's proceedings in the federal court, where State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays, George Sorenson and Willard N. Jones are on trial for complicity in the alleged Blue mountain reserve conspiracy. Ex-Judge Alex Sweeney, who represents Sorenson, was put on the stand by the prosecution to testify as to a petition for an addition to the Cascade reserve. Sweeney, while a member of the upper house of the legislature in 1901, signed a paper addressed to Bingor Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, recommending the proposed Cascade addition. Ten other members of the legislature from Multnomah county also signed. Besides Sweeney, the signers were Dr. Andrew C. Smith, John Deissel, R. D. Tinsak, C. W. Nottingham, D. M. Watson, H. A. Smith, Otis Schumann, W. E. Thompson and Frank E. Heitkampfer. The theory of the prosecution, as made known by Special Assistant Attorney-General Heney, was that Sweeney signed the paper at the request of Sorenson and passed it around for the other Multnomah legislators to sign. When called as a witness this morning Sweeney admitted his signature, but denied having asked anyone else to



Miss Matilda Kuhn Who Says That Good Nature Wins More Hearts Than Beauty.

PLAN TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON IN UNIQUE COSTUME

Ingenious Folsom Convicts Invent Clothes Which Would Do Honor to Paul Boynton--Intended to Float Down River.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—One of the most daring and ingenious attempts at prison escape that ever came from a convict's mind was discovered and frustrated at San Quentin prison yesterday. Four convicts were leagued together in a plot to swim away from the prison in suits that would do credit to the wardrobe of the famous Paul Boynton. They made the suits themselves stitch by stitch and hid them on the rocky shores. The prisoners are William Brown, burglar, serving three years; Rupert Downs, 10 years, burglary; Perry Hale, 10 years, robbery; William Blackwell, 10 years, burglary. The suits in which the men hoped to salvage to freedom were made of cotton flannel undergarments stolen from prisoners. Over the end of each sleeve were crude mits made out of the same material to protect the hands of the swimmer. A great hood, large enough for two heads, was then fashioned. In front of it a eyes a small frame whittled out of a box cover, held a square piece of glass. This window was set in the hood with a score of tacks. Over the mouth a tube of several thicknesses of canvas, which fitted snugly into the hood and below the surface of the water, the hood or headpiece being large enough to hold considerable air. The whole affair was thoroughly soaked in a heavy preparation of Epsom wax, rosin and tallow from candles, all of which had been carefully melted and poured over the garment. Attached was a small wooden plug or faucet, which fitted snugly into the mouthpiece. The suits were waterproof. It was the evident intention of the maker to create a submarine swimming suit in which he could start from the shore of an obscure cove and swim on and below the surface of the water, the hood or headpiece being large enough to hold considerable air. The men had evidently worked for some weeks on the outfit. They were all employed in making a cut or tunnel through the crest of a hill. They were working alone, and though they used to join the other prisoners at lunch, they always managed to eat in a few minutes and get back to their own work. The men were all sent to a

REJECTS FORTY-EIGHT SUITORS; ACCEPTS 49TH

Portland Machinist Finally Wins Heart and Hand of This Much-Loved Girl--She Tells the Reason Why So Many Men Love Her.

Forty-nine men made love to Matilda Kuhn, and each of the 48 made her a proposal of marriage. Miss Kuhn, while comely, is not beautiful, and she says that good nature rather than good looks attracts men. Miss Kuhn refused the first 48 who proposed. She will be married to the forty-ninth in an east-side cathedral next Saturday morning. The fortunate man is Henry Hendricks, a machinist, who is caretaker of the grounds about St. Vincent's hospital. Whether the monotony of her answer began suddenly to cloy on her or whether she found the right one away up in the forties can be determined only by her own words: "Some way I felt different toward him and so I said yes. It is something that you can't explain, but you feel the difference right away." Miss Matilda Kuhn's home is in Kuhn, Washington, just across the river from Arlington, Oregon. It is a small place, named for her father, who is a substantial landowner, and there she spent her early life. Her father's prominence and the security of girls in that neighborhood made her the belle of the village, and when she was only 15 she received her first proposal of marriage. So surprised was she that she hardly knew what to do, but she easily got her hand in for what was to follow by giving a decisive "No." Shortly after this, as the attentions paid her by men grew assiduous, she was sent to the Walls Walla convent for girls, where she was kept out of the sight of the masculine world for some time. When she came out she was still better able to dispense with their company, and went on her way paying little attention to their court.

CHEAP MEALS SECURED FOR JAIL INMATES

Bids for Feeding County Prisoners Opened--Lowest is Eleven and One Half Cents Per Meal Offered by Louis Eberling--Sheriff Not Bidding.

Eleven and one half cents a meal for feeding the county prisoners was the lowest bid submitted to the county court. The offer was made by Louis Eberling, proprietor of a restaurant at 213 Fourth street, less than half a block from the courthouse. Other bids were 12 cents a meal by C. B. Martin of the University club; 13 1/2 cents a meal by George R. Walton of 196 Sixth street, who offered to give the prisoners good home cooking at that figure; 15 cents a meal by A. George of 230 Seventh street, and 18 cents a meal when there are 20 prisoners or less; 15 cents when there are more than 20 prisoners, offered by H. H. Higley. The bids were opened promptly at 7 o'clock by County Clerk Fields in the county courtroom, before the commissioner's court, Judge Webster and Commissioner Lightner being present. Five bids had been submitted. Those who expected a bid from Sheriff Stevens were disappointed, as the sheriff made no offer and was not present in the courtroom when the bids were opened. Held Until Tomorrow. Judge Webster announced that the bids would be held under consideration until tomorrow. Judge Webster said it was probable that the contract for boarding the prisoners for the coming year would be let tomorrow. The successful bidder is to begin feeding the prisoners September 1, next Saturday. The fare that Eberling believes he can provide the county prisoners at 11 1/2 cents a meal and make money follows: Breakfast, served between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 a. m., to consist of one order of meat and potatoes, coffee with sugar, and one half loaf of bread for each prisoner. Dinner, to be served between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m., to consist of one order of soup, meat, potatoes and one other vegetable, tea or coffee with sugar, and one half loaf of bread for each prisoner. Make, Wash, Sewer. It will be seen that all the bids submitted are lower by considerable than the rate of 43 cents a day demanded by Sheriff Stevens. All of them are lower even than the rate of 35 cents a

CITY WATER DEPARTMENT MAY BE HIT

Municipal Guillotine May Next Fall Upon Necks of Employees of This Branch

Complaints Have Been Frequent and Mayor Lane in Effort to Drive Drones Off Pay Roll May Take Decisive Action at Early Date.

The water department may be the next to receive a swing of the axe now being wielded by Mayor Lane. It has long been known that the executive believed a number of weak spots existed in that department, and now that he has let it be known that every man under Superintendent Dodge and Engineer Clarke who has not been doing his utmost for the city will stand in danger of summary suspension. It has been thought that the axe would fall upon the water department before it reached the detectives, but the mayor considers the existence of the Fourth street poolroom, which was never reported by the detectives, serious evidence of their incompetency or worse, and something which needed immediate action. "But these men haven't been dismissed; they have been suspended," said the mayor this morning. "The chief has no right to dismiss a man from the service. My written orders were that they be suspended." The executive board, which holds the "hire and fire" authority, meets a week from Friday. The police committee of the board is liable to strongly recommend the board's convenience, and it is probable that when the executive board convenes a report approving the action of Chief

MAYOR DID RIGHT, SAYS L. HARTMAN

Ousted Detective Declares the Charges Against the Men Removed Are Deserved

Says Chief Executive Was Justified in Dismissing Sleuths for Poor Work and Asserts Ill Feeling and Jealousy Ruined the Department.

With the smoke hardly cleared away after Mayor Lane's terrific bombardment of the detective branch of the police department in which six sleuths bit the dust, comes the startling declaration by one of the victims of the onslaught that in his opinion the city's executive was perfectly justified in his action. Former Detective Lou Hartman is authority for the statement that existing conditions made it imperative for the mayor to pursue the course he did and that the removal from office of practically all of the secret service operatives will have a decidedly beneficial effect in the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals. Hartman, by his remarkable statement has hoisted the white flag of surrender as a token of his intention of accepting the decision of the administrative head of the municipality without a contest. That his former brother detectives will not be overjoyed by such a declaration from one of their companions in misery, there is no doubt and the bonds of friendship existing between them and Hartman will not be more strongly cemented. Sensational developments can be looked for when the former hawkhaws are apprised of the matter.

ARLETA WOMAN ASSAULTED

Mrs. Mattie Gamble Brutally Treated--Declares She Thinks Divorced Husband Was Assailant and Did It for Revenge.

Mystery surrounding a sensational assault upon Mrs. Mattie Gamble at Arleta yesterday afternoon has thrown the little suburb into a turmoil of excitement. The woman was seized by an unknown man, struck upon the head, bound and gagged, then locked in a room of her home, where she was left for several hours. The motive for the crime was revenge, Mrs. Gamble says, and she believes that it was committed by a former husband, her Nemesia, she avows, who has followed her for years threatening to wreak his vengeance on her. Though deputies from the sheriff's office have investigated the affair and proffered the woman assistance in punishing her assailant, she refuses to prosecute. Mrs. Gamble, formerly Mrs. E. Kightlinger of Salem, is housekeeper for J. E. Davis at Arleta. She went into the city yesterday afternoon and returned shortly after 3 o'clock. She declares that she was followed by a man, but thought little of it at the time, and paid no attention to him. Seized by Assailant. Soon after reaching home she started through a rear door into the yard. She had scarcely emerged from the door before she was suddenly seized and a hand was roughly placed over her mouth. She was quickly dragged into the house by her assailant. Dragging her into a front room de-

TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO TEACH MAIDENS TO BECOME WIVES

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, Aug. 28.—Superintendent Elson and Assistant Superintendent Hicks have planned a technical high school at which girls will be prepared to become wives. The instruction will be thorough and in charge of women who have been successful as wives and mothers. The pupils will be taught to sweep, cook, manage household expenditures, make their own clothes, take care of babies and nurse their husbands when they come home sick from the office. There will be real babies to practice on. "We are going to fit our girls to be wives, not servants, and cooking is only

ARMY SCANDAL UNEARTHED

Alleged That Typhoid Epidemic Rages Among U. S. Troops at American Lake Because of Incompetent Mapping of Camp

Typhoid fever is reported to have become so prevalent in the military camp at American lake that the government has taken radical measures for the suppression of the epidemic. Patients have been secretly transported to the hospital at Vancouver barracks and a report from there this morning stated that soldiers infected with the disease were "arriving by the wholesale." Incidental with the epidemic one of the worst army scandals that ever had its inception on the Pacific coast is threatened between the medical and engineering departments of the military. The medical department men claim that the engineers went ahead with laying out the camp without consulting them. The medical men also claim that unsanitary locations were selected for the men, that the drainage system and other sanitary provisions were not in accordance with those of the past, when no sickness appeared in the camps. They claim that if they had been consulted in the matter that the present conditions would have been avoided. It is known that four members of the Twenty-second United States Infantry arrived in Portland Sunday and were taken directly to Vancouver. They are said to have been afflicted with typhoid fever. No denial or affirmation can be obtained from the government officials, who are doing all in their power to keep the matter a secret. Ambulances were ordered to meet the Northern Pacific train, due in Portland at 7 o'clock this morning, but where they met the train and what ambulances were sent is not known. That they did go and for the purpose of removing typhoid infected soldiers from the train to Vancouver is absolutely certain. The sick men are now at the hospital. Make Counter-Charges. The Twenty-second infantry went to American lake from San Francisco, and the engineers who have been attacked by the medical authorities claim that the soldiers brought the disease from the Bay City. The medical men claim that this is not true, and a man who is familiar with the situation of the camp sites outlined the situation at American lake as follows: "The ground upon which the epidemic broke out has been occupied since 1893 by the National Guard of Washington for its annual military camp. Several years ago the state purchased the site because of its ideal situation and adaptability as a camp. For years Major Ebers laid out the camp, and his theory in regard to the sanitary regulations were always followed by the state troops. During all the time the soldiers were in camp in years past there had never been an epidemic of any kind; in fact, no contagious disease appeared at all. "This year, with both federal and state soldiers combining on their annual camp, the state generously turned over its camping spot to the regulars. Instead of following the methods em-

\$250,000 OFFERED BY HARTJE TO WIFE TO CHECK DIVORCE

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 28.—The announcement was made here today that the Hartje divorce case was about to be settled, and that Augustus Hartje, the paper millionaire, who sued his wife for divorce, naming as corespondents a colored coachman and a white coachman, has made an offer to pay \$250,000 to his wife to allow the matter to be dropped without the court giving a decision. The case is now in the hands of Judge Robert E. Frazer, and it is expected the decision will be made about October 1. Mrs. Hartje is to retain possession of