

DOUBTS MURDER OF PREACHER BY MRS. CARLETON

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Supporting the doubt exhibited by Mrs. Joseph H. Phyle that her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Carleton, killed the Rev. Leonard Jacob Christler at Havre, Mont., and then committed suicide, C. E. Booth, one of the officials of the Mutual-Biwell chautauqua bureau, by whom Mrs. Carleton was employed, today made public a letter written by Mrs. Carleton last Thursday, the day before the tragedy, and received in Chicago Saturday.

The letter speaks of her lycium work and her plans for her little daughter and contained a promise to call on Mr. Booth when she returned to Chicago.

In expressing the opinion that Mrs. Carleton did not murder Christler nor kill herself, Mr. Booth said the letter gave no evidence of mental derangement which a coroner's jury in secret session decided caused Mrs. Carleton to shoot the pastor and take her own life. He expressed amazement at the verdict.

The letter, which Mr. Booth made public in the hope of clearing up what he termed "the mystery," says:

"I am en route to Butte, Mont., where I will get my daughter and accept the Clinton position. However, my mother is protesting against me taking my little girl and if I find it best not to, it is comforting to know I can come back to the mid-west lycium bureau."

"I shall keep you posted concerning my whereabouts and when returning will surely call. In the meantime the very best luck to you and a busy, happy winter."

"MARGARET CARLETON."

Mrs. Carleton was employed by the lycium bureau early in the summer and on her application she gave the name of the Rev. Mr. Christler as a reference. The pastor sent the bureau a long letter in praise of Mrs. Carleton and made application for lecture work.

Mr. Booth told of two occasions when Mrs. Carleton and the Rev. Mr. Christler were in Chicago and spent much time in each other's company. The last time was a little less than six weeks ago, he said.

Joseph Rogers appointed appraisers. Eugene Hayter, August P. Kaiser and Walter Williams appointed appraisers of estate of John S. Ashbaugh, deceased. U. S. Loughary appointed executor of estate of Eliza Loughary, deceased. Bond set at \$6000. F. O. Byerley, P. W. Plannery and Jesse McKibben appointed to make supplementary appraisement of estate of C. D. Nairns, deceased.

Allie Cole appointed executrix of estate of Frank W. Cole, deceased. Lloyd Hunnicutt, John Mads and W. V. Acocok appointed appraisers.

Leander N. Belleu appointed executor and Silas E. Rhodes administrator of estate of Sarah Rhodes, deceased.

Monday, November 17, at 10 o'clock at county court room at Dallas set as time and place for hearing final account of estate of Charles E. Herrin, deceased.

Saturday, November 27, at county court house at Dallas, at 10 o'clock set as time and place for hearing final account of estate of Charles H. Henke, deceased.

Wednesday, November 29, at 10 o'clock at county court room set as time and place for hearing final account of estate of Herman Marquardt, deceased.

Circuit Court. George C. Ellison vs. K. C. Carlson. Action for money.

Marriage License. Otis W. Stephens, legal, Wells, Oregon, to Sadie Singleton, legal, Monmouth, Oregon.

Night News Summary

Rome—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy yields to power of the fascists and invites to Rome national Chief Mussolini to head the new cabinet.

Rome—Pope Pius calls on Italian bishops to urge their people to cease "fratricidal struggle" which delays healing of wound inflicted.

Paris—Two American observers, R. W. Roland and Colonel James A. Logan, accompany reparations commission that leaves Paris for Berlin on important economic mission.

Berlin—German press is suspicious and criticizes Chancellor Wirth for calling in neutral experts to find means to stabilize the mark.

Vienna—Great crowd protests against the league of nations plan created at Geneva for aid of Austria.

New Brunswick—Mrs. Jane Gibson says she wants to challenge Mrs. Hall to meet her face to face and refute Mrs. Gibson's story of murders of Rev. Edward W. Hall and Eleanor R. Mills.

Polk County Court. Dallas, Or., Oct. 30.—Martha L. Evans appointed executrix of estate of Evan Evans, deceased. H. L. Fenton, H. G. Campbell and Eugene Hayter appointed as appraisers.

Friday, November 17, at 10 o'clock at the county court room in Dallas, set as time and place to hear final account in estate of Michael Kelley, deceased.

Bond of \$4000 of R. Osburn approved as guardian of estate of Orange Osburn, an insane person.

Monday, November 20, at 10 o'clock at county court room in Dallas set as time and place for hearing final account of estate of C. H. Wheeler, deceased.

Myrtle Wood appointed executrix of estate of John A. Wood. John J. Underwood, Ed Foster and

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West Salem

Rev. Hawthorne and family were very much surprised and pleased on Saturday evening when over twenty of their congregation walked in on them, each one showering them with a pound of delicious, as well as substantial, food. The occasion was very much enjoyed by all present, the evening being devoted to playing of games and music. The ladies served a dainty two course luncheon at an early hour.

The Lee property on 5th street has been sold to F. J. Carter from Edmonton, Canada, and he has moved his family to it. Lee's have moved to Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Thortmorton, who have been sojourning with the latter's mother for some time, have returned to their home at Portland.

W. T. Grier is improving his home by adding a breakfast room and doing some enameling work.

Mrs. S. A. Leach, who has been quite ill for the past week, is a little better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ireland were dinner guests at the Charles Wurm home Sunday.

Fred Pierce, the hard floor layer, has so much work to do that he was compelled to hire a helper. Mr. Davis is now assisting him.

It may be of interest to the friends of Mr. Brophy to know that he had the misfortune of having his automobile run into by a Salem driver while parked on the streets of Salem. The car is badly damaged and was taken to the Kingwood garage for repairs.

Mrs. Ledia Rex and father have left for an extended stay with friends at Derrington, Washington.

H. M. Sanderson has purchased a Boston bull terrier for their future protection.

The West Salem and Kingwood folks were very much surprised to hear the soft silver tones of wedding bells on Sunday afternoon when Miss Bertha McCustion and Otto Hilke were united in matrimony in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. W. T. Ford of Lebanon. The newlyweds are widely known in their home town of Independence, but

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they will make their new home in Salem.

Mrs. Charles Baker of near Dallas, formerly of West Salem, visited old acquaintances in town last week.

Quite a few folks from here attended the military funeral of Francis Banta at Salem, Monday.

Mrs. Sampson and little girl spent Friday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Eva Arnold spent from Saturday to Sunday visiting with the W. J. Marrow family at Halls Ferry.

Mrs. Bruce Wallace (nee Willemima Cox) gave a dinner party at her new home on Tuesday in honor of her grandfather's 73rd birthday.

The house was very beautifully decorated with roses and nasturtiums, and those who enjoyed the occasion left wishing Mr. Bales many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Lou Lehman of Salem was a recent visitor with her mother, Mrs. Bell.

The West Salem M. E. church has begun the drive for funds toward the erecting of a new church on the corner of State and Third.

They feel encouraged with the donations already given and will press on until the whole territory is canvassed. Friends, we thank you for the start you have already given us and we hope all the citizens will help us toward this great goal.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stevens of Salem were dinner guests at the Creasy home, Tuesday.

At the coming election the following candidates will be on the ballot: For mayor, Mr. Douglas and Earl Patton; city marshal

(which office carries water superintendent and street commissioner), William Andrews; city treasurer, Mr. Mease.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbaugh and family were week-end visitors at the J. M. Rentfro ranch.

Mr. Pierce and family motored to Dallas the first of the week to transact some business.

Mrs. Dunn of Portland, who has been seriously ill, is a little better at this time. She is the mother of Mrs. Bell and Robert Dunn of Kingwood.

Mrs. Mary Billings, who has been spending a fortnight with friends at Portland, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hunt of Zena made a flying visit at the Hunt dwellings Sunday.

The public school of West Salem gave a very enjoyable Halloween party in the town hall on Friday afternoon. The hall was seasonably ornamented with autumn leaves and orange and black crepe paper, drapings with pumpkin faces bewitching the windows.

The entertainment of the afternoon consisted of music and speeches by the pupils of the different grades after which they were treated to a lunch of cake, sandwiches and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of Fairfield were Sunday guests at the F. L. Moore residence on Front street.

Latonja Leach spent Sunday evening with her friend, Lillian Boatright of South Salem.

The fourth room of the public school has new furniture and seats installed in it. There are over

one hundred pupils in our public school.

Mr. LaBourne is absent from his home on business at Monroe.

The little infant child of A. J. Lee that was confined to a local hospital in Salem, died last Saturday. The funeral was held the first of the week.

Rev. Ford and wife of Lebanon were recent guests with Mrs. Hilke.

Mr. Stewart has harvested his potato crop and had some potatoes that weighed over two pounds.

Charles Relpath of Buhl, Idaho, visited his old time acquaintance, Harry Lee, Tuesday.

Those who have been on the sick list in our midst are: Mrs. Fred Pierce, Mrs. S. A. Leach and Doris Thurman and Mrs. E. G. Gritton.

God gave parents their children

Governments cannot rightfully take them away

AMERICA has always stood for the protection of natural and inalienable rights, among which none is so sacred as that of parents over their children.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN said: "The family is the corner-stone of social order and the guarantee of public safety. No Government can take the place of the Parent, and should never be permitted to usurp it." (Speech at Quincy, Ills., 1859.)

The results of the campaign against the so-called Compulsory Education Bill, which is in fact a Bill to Establish State Monopoly of Education, may be grouped under two heads:

Facts demonstrated

The FACTS DEMONSTRATED, no longer seriously disputed by anybody, are these:

That the Bill was given a False Title, to mislead the public and deceive the voters.

That it in no respect pretends to improve the existing law as to the Public Schools, but simply destroys the Private Schools.

That not one cent of public money goes to the support of any private or parochial school in this State, or ever has, or ever can, under the plain prohibition of the Constitution and laws.

That it will increase taxation at least \$1,000,000 each year, and require from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 investment in new public school buildings.

That it vests in the County Superintendents arbitrary and unappealable power to grant special privileges to the wealthy and influential, by which they will be exempt from the law.

That it will prevent parents from educating their children in private schools both inside and outside of the State, as they cannot even send their children elsewhere to be educated.

That so far from being united in support of the Bill, the Masonic Fraternity in the State is divided, many of the leading Masons are openly opposed to it, and the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge has publicly denied that the Grand Lodge endorsed it.

That the best elements in the social, religious, educational, and political life of the State are opposed to the measure.

That the educational leaders, inside and outside of the State, are opposed to the Bill. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, says: "It should be called a Bill to render the American system of education impossible in Oregon." The Presidents of Yale, Princeton, Chicago, Leland Stanford and other great Universities have emphatically condemned it.

That the private schools, under the existing law, are required to conform their course of studies to the public schools standards, the English language is made compulsory, and they are subject to the inspection and supervision of the State authorities.

That the proposed law will close up every orphan asylum, home for defective and dependent children, and other private charities, where any elementary instruction of the inmates is attempted.

That it destroys the rights of minorities, the most vital and valuable principle of Americanism, and the one that has preserved this country from the tyranny of Old World Governments.

THE ARGUMENTS UNANSWERED against the bill are contained in the "Voters Pamphlet" issued by the State. The chief points of the same are as follows:

Arguments unanswered

1. THE LUTHERAN ARGUMENT: "If you see fit to send your child to a school in which your religion is taught, not one day in the week, but every day, and the whole training of the child is permeated by such religion, the State, under the Constitution, must not prohibit you from so doing. This bill is manifestly unconstitutional."
2. THE PORTLAND CITIZENS' AND TAXPAYERS' ARGUMENT: "If the number of children now attending the public schools is to be increased by adding those now taught in the private schools, it is inevitable that overcrowding must result unless new buildings are supplied, and it is also certain that taxes must be materially increased."
3. ST. HELEN'S HALL (EPISCOPAL) ARGUMENT: "No invidious fact or condition affecting public interest has been called to our attention that would furnish in the slightest degree an excuse for the proposed legislation."
4. THE PRINCIPALS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS' ARGUMENT: "It is against the best American ideals of freedom, in that it denies to men and women freedom of thought and action in the choice of environment and influences for their children."
5. THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS' ARGUMENT: "We are not at all certain that a man educated in the public school is more intelligent than if he were educated in a private or sectarian school, nor have we heard any convincing argument that a person is necessarily more patriotic if educated in a public school, than if he were educated in a school not supported by public taxation."
6. THE CATHOLIC ARGUMENT: "There is no occasion now for agitation that will estrange old friends and neighbors, and that will divide our people into classes and factions. No greater misfortune can befall us than movements calculated to create divisions."
7. THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' ARGUMENT: "It is based on the philosophy of autocracy—that the child belongs primarily to the State; it is an unjustifiable invasion of family authority, and threatens ultimately the guarantee of our American liberty."

The foregoing "Negative Arguments" are as strong today as when written and filed. They remain unshaken and unshakable, after three months of public discussion.

The great International Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Portland recently, adopted strong and unequivocal resolutions condemning this bill.

The State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its meeting in Salem last August, refused to entertain any movement looking to an endorsement of the bill, by the express ruling of the Presiding Bishop.

Upon the foregoing statement of the case we invoke the fair and intelligent judgment of the voters of Oregon, confident of the result if a regard for the inherited and fundamental principles of reasonable liberty are to prevail in this state.

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