

ADMITS KILLING ABUSIVE HUSBAND WHILE HE SLEPT

OAKLAND, Cal., July 18.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Manuel De Valle on his ranch near Irvington early Wednesday morning is cleared up today, following the full confession of Mrs. Mary De Valle, the widow, to District Attorney W. H. L. Hayes, in his office, at the court house here.

"My husband abused me for fifteen years," Mrs. DeValle said, calmly and without any apparent attempt to gain sympathy. "Tuesday night, we had a bitter quarrel. He had been drinking heavily, as usual. He threw me out of the house about ten o'clock, or a little later. My three children had been taken in by neighbors, the Peetes. I wandered about the farm for hours. It must have been after midnight when I returned.

Shot Sleeping Husband.
"I lighted a match and went into his room. He was asleep, breathing heavily. I decided to end it all. I lighted another match, aimed my revolver and fired. I'm not glad and I'm not sorry. I just don't care."

Mrs. DeValle exhibited many scars and bruises to substantiate her story of cruelty and abuse by her husband.

The woman was arrested after she had become involved in a mesh of contradictory statements. Suspicion at first was directed toward Joseph Souza, the woman's alleged affiant; because he had a fight in Hayward last Sunday with DeValle. Both Souza and the woman admit that they lived together in San Jose for a time.

Slept in Haystack.

"Souza feared I would leave him and go back to my husband," Mrs. DeValle continued. "He bought a pistol and said he would kill me and himself if I made an effort to return. Meanwhile, I became reconciled with my husband. He promised to treat me decently, and I left Souza, taking his gun with me.

"I was honest in going back to my husband, but he would not believe it. He drove me from home Monday night with blows and curses. I slept that night in a haystack.

"Tuesday, I tried to reason with him, but he would not believe me. He was drunk, and again drove me out. I returned to the haystack, but could not sleep. At 2 o'clock, I decided to end everything—that he should murder me, or I would kill him. I got Souza's gun, which I had hidden under the house, and made my way to his room.

"After the shooting, I took my husband's revolver and laid it by the side of his bed, so people would think it was suicide. Then I hid my gun under the house again and went back to the haystack."

GOOD BILL AT PAGE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

An unusually attractive bill has been arranged for the Page theatre Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Petite Alva, the little girl who made such a decided hit in the opening number of the Pantages bill Wednesday evening, has been engaged to appear both evenings.

This little girl, though only seven years of age, commands a salary of fifteen dollars a day over the Pantages circuit. No one should miss seeing this little tot in her rapid change of costumes, singing, dancing and monologue act.

The California Rodeo, a famous feature in three reels, which is similar but considered better than the Pendleton Round-up, will be run Saturday evening only. Also several other good features.

There will be an entire change of pictures Sunday evening when Petite will reappear in a change of act.

Though this is an unusually expensive bill, no addition in price of admission.

ADVISES RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT HUERTA

LONG BEACH, Cal., July 18.—"Recognize the Huerta government in Mexico," is the advice of Colonel Eges Randolph, president of the Southern Pacific lines in Mexico, who is in Long Beach today.

Randolph denied reports that either federal or rebels in Mexico are molesting Americans but directed that American recognition is the solution of present Mexican difficulties.

MILITANCY OF SUFFRAGETTES IS CONDEMNED

PARIS, July 18.—Lady Aberdeen, wife of the former Viceroy of India and president of the International Congress of Women, passing through this city on her way to Prague today, strongly condemned the militant suffragettes of England and pointed to the United States as the country where women are getting the franchise in the proper way.

"Good and proper behavior," she told the United Press, "sensible talking and legal action will take us much farther along the road toward what we are after, than will militancy. But it is not for me to sit in judgment over my English sisters. They are sincere. They mean well, and I hope they win. But I can't help seeing that in the United States, where violence is unknown among the women workers, we are winning our fight."

"One is led to believe that upon reading of the militancy of the British suffragettes, that we are striving for votes for women solely. That is not true. There are so many ways in which women can help in the affairs of everyday life. Were she permitted to work with men on boards, both political and social, I am sure her influence would be for good."

"What do you think of Mme. Dieulafoy's proposal to teach women to take the place of military clerks, etc., during war, thus liberating fighting men?" Lady Aberdeen was asked.

"That seems to me to be going a little far," she replied. "The true role for women is that of the peacemaker, not the warrior. I firmly believe that were women permitted to share the burdens with the men in the governing bodies of the world, wars would ultimately cease. There are always a liberal proportion of male legislators in every country opposed to war; these, supported by women's votes, would always be in a majority. And have you ever thought of just what that would mean?"

"In the first place the cost of living would be reduced. Taxes would be lowered. Armies and navies would exist only on a greatly reduced scale. Standing armies, 900,000 strong, idling away their time, eating food bought for them by the people, wearing clothes which other people have bought for them would not exist. These men, instead of consuming alone, would produce at least \$2,500,000 a week or \$130,000,000 a year. Yes, the woman should, and would, be a peacemaker.

"Votes for women is only one of the many things we are striving for."

FREE EXCURSIONS FOR ST. LOUIS CHILDREN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 18.—Municipal free steamboat excursions are being furnished the children of St. Louis this summer by the Public Recreation Commission. The excursions are an experiment, this being the first year they have been given. Up to today, they have proved such a success that there is strong probability that they will be made permanent. Wednesday and Friday of each week the steamer Erastus Wells leave at the foot of Markey street at 1:30 with a boatload of wriggling, happy youngsters. The boat returns at 4:30. Each playground in St. Louis has an "excursion day" and the little boys and girls who have given their respective playground teachers no trouble during the week are taken for a steam down the river. The city has donated cookies and lemonade each trip and St. Louis business houses have vied with each other in donating other "goodies and snacks" for the trips.

FRECKLES

Don't Hide Them With a Veil; Remove Them With the Othine Prescription

This prescription for the removal of freckles was written by a prominent physician and is usually so successful in removing freckles and giving a clear, beautiful complexion that it is sold by your druggist under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it fails.

Don't hide your freckles under a veil; get an ounce of othine and remove them. Even the first few applications should show a wonderful improvement, some of the lighter freckles vanishing entirely.

Be sure to ask the druggist for the double strength othine; it is this that is sold on the money-back guarantee.

YOUNG EXPLORER ON HUDSON BAY TRIP



Christian Leden, a Norwegian explorer, 30 years of age, has reached America on his way toward an expedition to the large unexplored territory west of Hudson's Bay for the Royal Museum of Berlin and the University of Norway.

TO LET CONTRACTS FOR O. A. C. BUILDINGS

Senator H. Von der Hellen left Thursday for Corvallis where as regent, he attends the annual meeting of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College to be held Saturday. Bids will be opened and the contracts let for a home economics building and a men's gymnasium, in addition to the regular business of the session. This meeting of the board will be the occasion of the first official visit of Superintendent J. A. Churchill to the college.

LEDOUX KISSES MANAGER GOODBYE LEAVES FOR PARIS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 18.—After a series of arguments, conferences and near passage at arms that extended over four hours of time and several miles of Los Angeles streets, Charlie Ledoux is speeding across the Arizona desert today toward Paris, via New York.

Late yesterday Ledoux suddenly decided that minutes were hours until he returned to Mme. Ledoux, and he acted forthwith. Incidentally he suggested to Manager Galvin that it might be polite to show madame great quantities of American money. He might wish to return to Los Angeles.

It is asserted that Galvin demurred, not being willing for Charles to carry the coin across the seas, even for exhibition purposes.

Two dozen French residents of Los Angeles were impaneled as a jury. Search was made, without avail, for the French consul. Ledoux and Galvin talked louder than the others on the train as it moved up and down Spring street.

Tom McCarey, routed from bed, effected a compromise and Ledoux started for the station in a taxicab, conveyed by a score of other street craft, bearing half the French population of Southern California. He sealed the reconciliation with his manager eight times en route by questionable kisses, each of which Galvin plucked from his cheek and filed for reference.

Ledoux, assuring Galvin and McCarey that all is forgiven, promised to return to meet Kid Williams again in October.

Legal blanks for sale at the Mail Tribune office.

BUILDING BEES RESTORING HOMES FLOODED DISTRICT

COLUMBUS, O., July 18.—They are going to hold at least one "building bee" every day this month in the valley of the Muskingum river—the mad Muskingum last March but peaceful and quiet enough now—and by virtue of this co-operation and assistance between neighbors and the financial help of the Red Cross, homes are going up in clusters in all that rich but devastated district between Gaysport and Beverly, below Zanesville.

The "building bee" scheme was originated several years ago by the Red Cross in Minnesota when the farmers who lost their homes as a result of one of the great forest fires joined hands and built up each other's homesteads. The principle of the "building bee" is simple. The Red Cross organizes a group of farmers, all of whom have lost their homes in the flood waters, into a construction crew and each man's place is visited in turn and a complete two to four room cottage with the necessary out-buildings is reared within twenty-four hours. The cost of the material which is supplied by the Red Cross from funds donated by the American people, runs about \$170 per house but in some cases goes as high as \$210.

That resilient spirit of optimism that has so frequently been shown in American following a great community disaster such as the San Francisco fire or the Galveston tide horror, is very much in evidence in the flood-washed valley of the Muskingum today. There is the aged bridge tender at Zanesville. He is over 73 now and a job close to a quarter of a century's standing was lost when

the crest of the flood hit the bridge with the impact of many thousands of tons and swept the structure away and with it his monthly pay check. Not only did the relentless water take away his work but they swept away his home and left him and his faithful wife without a roof. But the old man is still smiling. They gave him one of the first building bees held in the valley and he now has a two-roomed cottage. The Red Cross supplied funds for garden tools and seeds and his garden will supply funds until the bridge is restored.

BUY

Schmidt's

"GOOD SHOES" AT "RIGHT PRICES" ALWAYS. OPPOSITE POST OFFICE

5 CENTS REWARD

Will be paid to the first party who will show our Mayor and Aldermen or Chief of Police where any place of Iniquity can be found in Medford. He also will be LUNCHEONED ON COFFEE AND PIE AT ALDERMAN MILLER'S RESTAURANT, THE MANHATTAN.

MANN'S CLEARANCE SALE MANN'S

Central Avenue Near Post Office
OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE IS ATTRACTING WIDE SPREAD ATTENTION, and no wonder when one considers the GREAT BARGAINS OFFERED DAILY—DON'T FAIL TO SEE THESE SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

20% Off On All Parasols

Suits and Coats Half Price

- \$15.00 Suits on sale at.....\$7.50
- \$20.00 Suits on sale at.....\$10.00
- \$25.00 Suits on sale at.....\$12.50
- \$12.00 Coats on sale at.....\$6.00
- \$18.00 Coats on sale at.....\$9.00
- \$25.00 Coats on sale at.....\$12.50

SATURDAY SALE OF WAISTS

1000 Waists on sale at very low prices.

- 100 new Voile Waists, all sizes up to 30c.....98c
- 100 new Lingerie and Tailored Waists up to \$4.00 values, each.....\$1.98

SATURDAY SALE of GLOVES

- Just received a new shipment of Kayser's 16 button Washable Chamisette Gloves in all colors, on sale Saturday, a pair.....48c
- Kayser's 16 Button Kayser's patent tip Silk Gloves in all colors, \$1.25 grade, Saturday, a pair.....98c

Outing Skirts and Dresses

- "Khaki" Divided Skirts all sizes, good quality, just the thing for outing wear.....\$2.69
- "Khaki" Dress, all good styles, very serviceable for mountain wear, each.....\$5.00

Saturday Specials

Colgate's Talcum Powder, 25c cans.....12c

Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton 7 FOR 25¢

Women's White Wash Belts 25c grade.....5¢

Women's Linen Collars, 25c grade, each.....10¢

Best quality Darning Cotton a ball.....2¢

Good Safety Pins, all sizes, a paper.....2¢

Good Dress Shields, 15c grade, a pair.....10¢

Good quality Dress Prints, a yard, only.....5¢

Best Cotton Challies, on sale Saturday, a yard.....5¢

Best Washing Dress Gingham, a yard.....9¢

72x90 Bleached Sheets, 60c grade.....48¢

42 and 45 inch Pillow Cases each.....12½¢

32 inch Zephyr Ginghams, 20c grade, Saturday, a yard.....14¢

20% Off On All Dresses

Sensational Remnant Sale

500 Remnants of All Kinds At and Below Cost

Remnants of Calicoes, Ginghams, Lawns and Dimities, up to \$15c values, a yard.....5¢

Remnants of Percales, Batistes, Organdies, Voiles, Suitings, up to 25c values, a yard.....10¢

Remnants of Lace and Embroideries AT GREAT REDUCTIONS

Laces and Embroideries up to 15c values, a yard.....5¢

Laces and Embroideries up to 25c values a yard.....10¢

Women's Vests at a Great Reduction Saturday. Just When You Need Them

All 10c Vests, on sale Saturday.....8¢

All 12½c Vests on sale Saturday.....10¢

All 15c vests on sale Saturday.....12½¢

All 20c vests, on sale Saturday, each.....15¢

All 25c Vests on sale Saturday.....19¢

All 35c Vests, on sale Saturday.....25¢

Women's Silk Boot Hose, 35c grade a pair.....25¢

Women's Fast Black Hose, Saturday, a pair.....9¢