

LIKED GIRL BEST

Walla-Wallan Elopes With His Step Daughter

First Steals George Sam's Wife, and Then Leaves Her to Skip With Her Daughter

Walla Walla, June 10.—Not content with robbing George W. Sams of his wife, L. E. Nolan, an ex-convict, eloped Wednesday evening with Sam's 17-year-old daughter. This final act capped the climax of one of the most sensational dramas in real life ever seen in the Northwest.

No traces of Beate Sams and her lover can be found, but it is certain they did not leave the city by rail, as all trains are being watched.

On Monday Nolan tried to commit suicide, on Tuesday he got drunk, and last night he disappeared with the girl. Sams is heart-broken, and does not seem to care what happens now.

Ten years ago Mrs. Sams visited the state penitentiary with a friend who had a relative in prison. Nolan was the cellmate of this friend, and was serving time for forgery.

Mrs. Sams met him, and despite the fact she was ten years his senior, fell in love with the convict. A short time after their first meeting Nolan was released, and for a number of days he stayed at the Sams house. Then he was ordered to leave, and complied, taking Mrs. Sams with him. The two went to Pendleton, were married, and returned the next day. Sams commenced criminal proceedings, but ceased for the sake of the children.

Mrs. Sams had been married 19 years before meeting the convict and was the mother of five children.

G. W. Sams, the woman who was both his and Nolan's wife, and the convict, have lived together for the past 10 years in seeming peace, but Sams long since ceased to regard the woman as his wife.

Mrs. Sams-Nolan has a child eight years old who addressed Nolan as "Daddy."

A year ago Nolan ceased to love his wife, transferring his affections to that wife's 17-year-old daughter, Beate. The girl evidently returned his love, and Wednesday night ran away with him.

Sams has no more real interest in life, and according to his statement, he wants to see Nolan back in the penitentiary, and hopes to put him there.

Nolan cannot marry the girl, because he has a living wife, and he is open to prosecution for criminal intimacy, as she is less than 18 years of age.

Stock Ranges Very Good

Stockmen who have recently visited the various range sections of Eastern Oregon, say the supply of water and grass in the high mountains is better, if possible, than usual, in most every locality.

The water supply of the Grant county districts is excellent, on account of the heavy snowfall last winter. In Union county, where the water is usually very low at this time of the year, the streams are all running yet, sufficient for stock purposes.

The Blue mountain section of Umatilla county is being fenced up more and more every year, but all the outside range there is very good. Much of the timber land that has been cleared off has become coated over with a good quality of grass, and the range area susceptible increases as the timber supply decreases.

One of the most interesting developments in the mountain districts of late years is the gradual seeding of large tracts of mountain uplands to timothy, by the chance scattering of seed by teamsters and animals. On every moist flat, no matter what the altitude, timothy grows luxuriantly, and in many places could be cut with a mowing machine.—East Oregonian.

The Meadows Are a Lake

The incessant rains in the Blue mountains have made a lake of the government meadows in Umatilla county, says the Walla Walla Union. Recent excursions of plowmen from Walla Walla to the grassy plateau in them all.

the mountain tops have been disappointed. Last week it rained there every day, and the rain Saturday afternoon and night simply made a lake of the country.

Rains have been general and unprecedented over all the Blue mountain ridges, extending from Columbia county south and west. W. H. B. Kent, agent of the bureau of forestry, spent several weeks in the Columbia county mountains, and reports that it rained most of the time.

At Russell Springs, in Umatilla county, the rain came down in sheets during the forenoon of July 4th, and began again about 9 o'clock, and continued three or four hours. Every gully on the canyon side ran a torrent. Thunder and lightning accompanied the rain.

The mountain roads were badly washed in places by the rain, although the improved thoroughfares in the foothills stood the downpour without injury.

Another Room Being Arranged

Another business room is being arranged in the new Odd Fellows' Temple, on the Court-street side of the building, to be occupied as soon as completed by Johnson & O'Flynn, the coffee roasters, now in the room adjoining the undertaking parlors of W. T. Rigdon. The new room is to be in the space between the present location of Johnson & O'Flynn and the tailor shop east of that place, in the rear of the corner drug store. In the room arranged originally for ice cream parlors. The brick wall is to be torn out and a plate glass front will take its place, the glass for which is already on the ground. Three steel eye-beams 25 feet long, and each weighing about 850 pounds, have been received to be placed over the glass front to support the brick wall, the work of tearing away the brick and placing in position the eye-beams to be commenced at once. When the work is completed and the tenant takes possession of the new place Mr. Rigdon will occupy the room now used as a coffee store for an office for his establishment.

Smashed the Show Case

Last night, at 11 o'clock, while a crowd surrounded the show of the Quaker Doctors, a sneak thief of the worst kind broke the show case in front of the Holmerson store, just one block away. The case contained a dozen chateleine bags, and the thief evidently intended to steal these, but the noise made by the rock in shattering the glass, and by the falling of the fragments, startled the thief, and a lady residing across the street, looked out in time to see the sneak running up Court street. A notorious local character was seen a few minutes prior to the attempted robbery, coming out of the alley near the Holmerson store, and it is probable that he is the man wanted for the attempted robbery. The officers are working on the case, and may succeed in arresting the guilty party.

Defendants Got the Bull

The case of F. Goffin, plaintiff, vs. L. L. Aral and Mary Aral, defendants, tried before a jury in Justice of the Peace Morgan's court yesterday afternoon, was concluded at 6:30 last night, when the jury found a verdict for the defendants, after being out but a few minutes. The case may be appealed to the circuit court for review. There were about 20 witnesses at the trial, the entire neighborhood having taken sides in the case. Many of the witnesses were compelled to give their testimony through an interpreter.

Appleyard Discharged.

The charge of disturbing the peace, lodged against George Appleyard, the well-known prospector, was dismissed in the city recorder's court this afternoon, and Mr. Appleyard was discharged, there being no one at hand to substantiate the charge when the case was called. Appleyard was arrested on complaint of Col. W. H. Burghardt, the mining man, in whose office, it was alleged, Appleyard had raised the disturbance.

Appraisers Report.

C. N. Potter, Amos Vass and Newt Rosenbaum, appraisers of the estate of Robert T. Ray, deceased, this forenoon filed their report, showing the property of the estate was valued at \$2620.

Sir Thomas Lipton might get a supply of rabbits' feet, when the Echo canner gets started, and he may need Walla Walla to the grassy plateau in them all.

NINE FEET HIGH

Montanas Big Pre- historic Man Re- cently Found

His Wife Was Also Big and His Dog was Larger Than the Average Cayuse

Big Timber, Mont., July 10.—Wonderful finds of fossils and bones of prehistoric animals are being found in the Fish Creek country by Professor Marcus S. Farr and a party of students from Princeton college. The party is composed, in addition to Prof. Farr, of C. D. Thompson, Laurence Thompson, S. A. Halsey, Gordon Forbes, Walter Kimball, Charles H. Dugro and L. S. Adsett.

The remains of a stone age city have been found, by which are bones of animals of great size, along with stone implements of all kinds, many of which are ornamented with gems. In a mound near the creek was found the almost complete skeleton of a man. The bones showed that the man, when alive, measured nearly nine feet in height, and was of powerful build.

Near by was the skeleton of a woman, a trifle smaller in size, and a foot, also dug up, was that from the skeleton of an animal that resembled the dog of today, except that the animal must have been as large as a small horse.

If Russia and Japan really want to fight there is no one over this way that will object. Other people's troubles make the pot boil more easily.

Another Foundryman.
Sheriff Brown, of Baker county, this morning brought to the penitentiary C. W. Hoff, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses, and sentenced to serve one year at hard labor.

not been blow up. It is not even married.

To the Asylum.

Mrs. Eva Morgan, of Central Point, Jackson county, was brought to the asylum this morning by Sheriff J. Rad-

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The proprietor of Wiggins's Implement House recently spent a day in this mammoth factory at Chicago, and comes back to sell them to the farmers of the valley, more than ever convinced of their superiority. One could fill a whole page of this paper with points of superiority over other machines, but the best test of their merit lies in the fact that the farmers who operate them never change.

MAIN WHEEL—One of the principle features of a binder, and one that so strongly emphasizes the great worth of the McCormick, is the high and wide main wheel—the highest and broadest wheel ever built for a binder, and this fact explains the success of the McCormick in the most unfavorable conditions of wet and muddy ground. The main wheel on the new McCormick binder for 1903 is specially designed to secure the necessary strength and rigidity to support the machine and furnish ample power to operate the working parts. All these qualities are well combined in the McCormick main wheel. A large part of the machine is supported on this wheel which is so constructed that the strain is equally distributed upon all the spokes, enabling it to withstand sudden and severe jars without affecting its perfect alignment and stability. The rim is made of cold rolled heavy steel plate, and it is impossible to bend it out of shape even under the roughest usage. These features are specially valuable when it is necessary to harvest grain on rough, stumpy ground.

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