

MURDER TRIAL IS BATTLE OF RICHES

Eyes of All People of Southwest Centered on the Famous Sneed Case.

(National News Association)

WORTH, Tex., Jan. 29.—Whether she will sacrifice the love of the man for whom she had professed undying affection to save the life of her husband whose trial for the murder of her affiancé's father was begun today is the difficult problem which Mrs. J. B. Sneed will have to decide before going on the witness stand to tell the story of her elopement with A. G. Boyce, Jr., which was the beginning of the romance which ended so tragically.

The probable decision of the woman in the case is causing considerable anxiety to the parties vitally interested, as well as to a number of the most prominent business men and social leaders in Texas who have taken sides in the matter.

Engagement Broken.

One of the serious disruptions caused by the tragedy was the breaking of the engagement between Sneed's sister and one of Boyce's sons.

Ever since the night that J. B. Sneed one of the wealthiest bankers in the southwest, stepped on the veranda of the Metropolitan hotel and after a short exchange of angry words drew a revolver and shot to death his friend and neighbor of years, A. G. Boyce, there had been continual forming, breaking and reforming of factions among the wealthiest factions of the Lone Star State. A great many of them have taken the part of the dead man and have brought powerful influences to bear in an effort to induce the young woman to renounce her husband and stick to her lover who with his three brothers has sworn a readiness to sacrifice every penny of the Boyce millions if it would result in sending Sneed to the gallows.

Sneed's father, who is a Baptist minister, is being aided in his fight to secure his son's freedom by a number of equally wealthy people and the coming trial is expected to be the greatest criminal court battle in the history of the state, both sides having retained the most able lawyers in the southwest.

It is taken for granted that counsel for the defense will make a plea of temporary or emotional insanity, basing their plea on the claim that the prisoner's mind must certainly have been effected by the events leading up to the tragedy.

Hard to Get Jury.

Owing to the bitter feeling that the affair has aroused among the people living in the vicinity of the Boyces' and Sneed's it is hardly possible that a satisfactory jury can be chosen from the special venire of 100 men that has been summoned and it is expected that it will be necessary to call a second venire before twelve men agreeable to both sides can be picked.

Sneed and his beautiful young wife lived directly opposite the Boyces' residence, the families occupying the two handsomest mansions in the town of Amarillo. Boyce owned the famous Capital ranch which is known as one of the largest in the world. The banker and the ranch owner had been friends for years and never had a disagreement of any kind until last November when Sneed's young wife ran away with the son of her husband's best friend.

Before leaving town young Boyce drew \$10,000 from the local banks and Mrs. Boyce stocked her trunks with \$15,000 worth of her jewelry. Supplying himself with liberal funds the grief-stricken husband tracked the couple to St. Louis and then to New York where he lost track of them. The couple were finally located in Winnipeg, Canada, and placed under arrest. Mrs. Sneed defiantly declared that she would never return to her husband, that she loved Boyce and would stand by him forever. But the agents of the banker, who hurried to Canada, caused her to change her mind and she returned with him to their Texas home. Boyce was held by the Canadian authorities awaiting further instructions from Texas.

Charges Dismissed.

Boyce was accused by Sneed of abducting his wife, asserting that she was suffering from a mental ailment at the time he had induced her to escape. The grand jury handed down an indictment charging abduction and theft. Here the wealthy Boyces of Texas stepped in and resisted the attempt to extradite their relative and fighting the case at every turn they finally succeeded in having the charges dropped entirely, Jan. 18.

The dismissal of these charges threw Sneed into a terrible fit of rage and on the evening of the same day he accidentally met the elder Boyce. The former friends, now bitter enemies, engaged in a wordy quarrel which resulted in the banker drawing a revolver and shooting the cattleman to death.

Sneed was arrested and placed in the Tarrant county jail to await a preliminary hearing. His wife whom he had placed in a sanitarium upon their return from Texas, was prostrated when she received news of the tragedy. But in telling her story before the grand jury that conducted the hearing which resulted in the indictment of her husband for murder, she admitted that she still loved young Boyce.

She admitted that although he was not mean, her husband neglected her that she did not know any reason why he should kill the father of her affiancé, and pictured herself as a martyred sweetheart leaving her lover in Canada because of the pity aroused by the earnest pleadings of her heart-broken husband. Sneed was held without bail charged with murder in the first degree. Monday Jan. 29, was the date set for the beginning of the trial.

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AMERICAN WOMAN IS LONDON SOCIETY PET



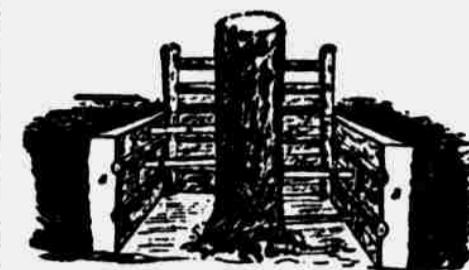
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CONCRETE SAVES OLD TREE

Elm Is Preserved by Construction of Concrete Wall, So That Entire Trunk Was Free From Dirt.

C. L. Miller, in Suburban Life for August, writes of the preservation of an old elm through the medium of concrete. The street on which this particular elm was growing had been filled up all of four feet, and in the course of a few years this began to affect the tree, which showed unmistakable signs of dying. So, in order to save it, the ground was dug away from the tree to the street's original level, and a concrete wall, together



with a rustic railing, was placed around the tree, so that the entire trunk might be free from dirt, as it was originally.

The construction of the reinforced concrete wall is very simple. After the hole was dug to the desired width and squared properly, the posts for the railing were set so that they rested on the bottom of the hole and extended about four feet above the ground. These posts were connected each by four cross-pieces, two below the ground and two above, which made a sort of fence around the tree. The false work to hold the cement in place until it was set was so constructed that the part of the posts below the ground, as well as the cross-pieces connecting them, would be half embedded in the concrete. This concrete wall, approximately nine inches in thickness, was reinforced with strong iron wire cut to the required length, and put in place in the manner of open network while the concrete was being poured. Braces extended from the tree to the boards wherever it was deemed necessary, so that the false work might be strong enough to hold the concrete back of it.

Above the ground, a rustic railing was carried out, constructed so that it might be strong enough to permit of the small boys' climbing over it.

LITTLE SNOWBERRY IS HARDY

Small Shrub Bears Fruit in Clusters and Is Easy of Propagation by Seeds or Cuttings.

The snowberry is a small shrub which bears fruit in clusters and is easy of propagation by suckers, seeds or cuttings.

These shrubs are excellent for covering the ground under trees, or planting in masses or in borders where a low-growing plant is desired.

They are very hardy and thrive well in almost any soil, even in heavy clay or dry gravelly tanks. Their habit of suckering enables them to cover the ground rapidly and effectively.

The snowberry is practically effective because it retains its fruit until it



is forced off and one species retains its foliage through the winter. For these reasons they are pleasing additions to the winter landscape.

A Good Apple.

Stayman winesap as a commercial apple is surpassed by no other. By some authorities it is called the most successful apple grown. It is of medium size, a beautiful dark, rich red, good eating as well as good keeping fruit. It is far superior to and the tree much stronger than the original winesap; long lived, early bearer, good yielder, a later winter variety.

Protect Fruit Bushes.

Currant and other bushes that are liable to be broken down by heavy snows, may often be protected from such damage by simply tying them together in an upright position so that the snowdrifts cannot bend and break the canes.

TWO DOGS POISONED

The epidemic of mad dogs and resulting dog scare is believed to be responsible for the poisoning of two dogs that took place yesterday. A dog was poisoned on Butler street, and was shot by an officer.

While the family was at church yesterday morning, some one gave arsenic to the valuable collie owned by William Secker, of South Fourteenth street. Restoratives saved the dog's life.

TRouble in BRAZIL.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 29.—Fighting broke out in Bahia today between advanced political factions. Gov. Vienna, who sought refuge in the Venezuelan consulate on Saturday is now under the French flag. Nearly 100 persons have been killed in the past 24 hours of fighting.

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He Will Be Victor In Race Against Time



GROUND IS CLEARED TO HOLD INSTITUTE MUSKEGON "DRY" NOW

Active Work at Hawkins Park Near at Hand.

Of Local Sunday Schools Latter Part of Week.

Hope that the new municipal playground on the site of the old Hawkins estate will be constructed before the end of this year, is being entertained by the officers of the Richmond Lake and Park company. Several hundred trees are being cleared off by a gang of men working under John Hickson, and with the removal of these and the mass of undergrowth, the land will be in good condition to start the more important work.

John Miller, of New Castle, according to a report given out by C. W. Jordan, secretary of the lake and park company, has barely completed his plans for the monster dam that will make the artificial lake for the new park. As soon as Miller finishes this work, the directors will consider propositions for the construction of the dam, and the engineering work will commence at once.

The big state convention will be one of the most important of the many state meetings to be held in Richmond this year, say the people at the head of religious affairs here. It will mean that 1000 guests from out of town will spend a week in this city to attend the conferences in East Main street Friends' church. The program, which is among the best in the history of the state association, will include discussions by many religious leaders of the United States.

To arrange for this event, all Richmond Sunday school people will attend the city institute Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at the First Baptist church. In addition to George N. Burnie, secretary of the state association, several Richmond people will give suggestions on how to best conduct the big event in June.

An interesting feature of the city institute will be discussed on much-needed improvements in local Sabbath schools. Mrs. W. A. Ellis, A. M. Charles, D. D. Ramsey, and E. M. Haas will each give short talks on how to increase Sunday school attendance, while Rev. S. R. Lyons, Miss Fannie Robinson, Miss Jane Dunlop, and C. A. Reigle will outline some ideal Sunday school programs.

The coming city institute has secured the interest of all local Sunday school teachers and superintendents, and promises to be a prominent feature of religious work here this winter.

NEWARK, N. J., HAS GREAT FIRE TODAY

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NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 28.—Fire started at 5 o'clock this morning in the heart of the business district and by 8 o'clock has completely destroyed the M. Mullin & Sons' Furniture store together with two other adjoining business buildings with a loss estimated at \$350,000.

Traffic was completely tied up for over two hours during the early morning rush. Three alarms were turned in which called out every piece of fire equipment in the city. One woman was reported burned to death.

Building Permits.

T. F. Whelan, two frame buildings at 424 and 428 North Third street, cost \$450 each.

Deaths and Funerals.

MEREDITH—William Elisha Meredith, aged 61 years, died at midnight Saturday, at his home, 439 South Tenth street, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife. Mr. Meredith was a member of the Richmond Lodge of Odd Fellows. The funeral will be from the house, 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, under the charge of Rev. Howard. Interment will be in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at the home any time.

LUIS—Isaac Lucas, aged 51 years, died Saturday evening at his home, 405 North D street. He is survived by his wife and one brother. The funeral will be 9:00 a. m. Tuesday from the residence, with Rev. Trapin officiating. Burial will be at Williamsburg. Friends may call any time.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gehring, of Newman's Hill, ninth child, a son, Lewis Charles Gehring.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Koehring, 229 South Seventh street, ninth child, a son, Alvin Christian Koehring.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Howe, 129 Chestnut street, third child, a son, Lawrence William Howe.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simmons, 312 North Fourth street, first child, a son, Wayne Franklin Simmons.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson DeVoe, 412 Pearl street, first child, a daughter, Harriet Edna DeVoe.

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A THRILLING TRIP OVER MISSISSIPPI

Party of Thirteen Land in Kentucky After a Night Full of Peril.

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WICKLIFFE, Ky., Jan. 29.—A party of thirteen people thought to have perished trying to cross the Mississippi river at Cairo by boat landed safely here today after a thrilling experience. The party drifted helplessly and were buffeted about from two o'clock until shortly after midnight. They suffered from fright and cold but there were no serious results. All were compelled to walk two miles to Wickliffe after landing below.

TRAINMEN KILLED

DURAND, Mich., Jan. 29.—Conductor James Williams of Detroit and Fireman H. B. Kather were killed in a head on collision of freight trains on the Grand Trunk railroad early today.

STREET CAR WRECK.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 29.—Motorman Swanson, and John E. Johnson and Peter Parson, passengers, were probably fatally injured, and twenty others including several women, were more or less hurt this morning when a Selby avenue street car's air brakes failed to work and crashed into and telescoped the car ahead, which had stopped for passengers.

COUNCILMAN WESSEL NOT DISCOURAGED

A renewal of the water works and gas franchise agitation is promised for next Monday night when at the meeting of the city council, Councilman Wessel will again offer his resolution, which was ruled out of order at the last meeting and then indefinitely laid on the table, the resolution which started an overflow of pyrotechnics and verbiage such as is seldom witnessed in a council meeting, provided that it be taken as the sense of council that the board of works not take up a gas franchise until the waterworks franchise and contract was disposed of, and that the board not reject any waterworks bids now offered unless they were certain that lower ones could be secured and that the city would be amply protected at all events.

An Ancient Almanac.

The British museum contains a 2,000-year-old almanac written in red ink on papyrus.

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