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WIFE SLAIN
BY HUSBANDScene of the Tragedy in Front
of the Warsaw Postoffice
Sunday Afternoon

Charles Slater of Milford, former insurance and restaurant man of Warsaw, shot and killed his wife and then turned the gun on himself, both dying instantly, in front of the Warsaw postoffice Sunday afternoon.

Slater is believed to have become angered because his wife filed a suit for divorce in the Kosciusko circuit, court recently.

The double shooting took place on the sidewalk in front of the postoffice. Slater is said to have fired at close range at his wife, the bullet taking effect in the breast near the heart.

After she fell, witnesses said, Slater calmly walked to her and fired another bullet into her body. He then deliberately held the 32-caliber revolver to his temple and pulled the trigger. He fell alongside his wife's body.

The shooting took place at 3:30 o'clock, approximately five minutes after Mrs. Slater arrived in Warsaw from Milford, where she has been operating a grocery store since she filed divorce proceedings three weeks ago.

An adopted daughter, Ebadna, age 17, survives. She is a student at the Milford Junior High school and has been living with her parents.

The Slatters were married on July 4, 1907.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Slater separated about 18 months ago, they came to Milford last June and engaged in the grocery business. Two weeks ago Mr. Slater left their home in Milford and had not been back since. The grocery store was sold by Mrs. Slater on Saturday, last week.

Slater, before entering the insurance business, operated a downtown restaurant in Warsaw. Both had lived there many years and Mrs. Slater's aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Hoppus, is said to be seriously ill. Relatives said Mrs. Slater came to Warsaw Sunday afternoon to visit her mother, intending to return to Milford the next morning.

Slater, it was recalled, was temporarily insane for a period of several months three years ago, following the sentencing of an adopted daughter, then 15 years old, to the state girls' school at Claremont for incorrigibility. The Slatters had no children of their own.

Mrs. Slater was a cousin of Mrs. Leon Rosezelle, residing in Syracuse.

Funeral services of Mrs. Slater were held at the M. E. Church in Warsaw Wednesday afternoon. Interment at the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Private funeral services for Chas. Slater were held Wednesday morning at the Dukes' Funeral home. Interment at the Oakwood cemetery.

KOSCIUSKO CIRCUIT COURT

The Kosciusko Circuit Court was adjourned last Saturday until Monday, February 2, when the February term will open.

The following jurors were drawn for the February term:

Grand Jury

D. E. Maxwell, Warsaw.
Lawrence H. Losure, Wayne
Tp.

Jacob. McCarter, Washington
Tp.

Willard Hatfield, Clay Tp.
Sherman Coy, Turkey Creek
Tp.

James Sutherlin, Washington
Tp.

Petit Jury

Charles Kurtz, Van Buren Tp.
Frank Gebert, Washington Tp.
Irvin S. Parker, Seward, Tp.
George Myers, Harrison Tp.
William Stackhouse, Scott Tp.
Frank Dredge, Lake Tp.
Walter Fisher, Jackson Tp.
Orrin Treesch, Wayne Tp.
Owen Stackhouse, Scott Tp.
Clarence Leininger, Franklin
Tp.

Curtis Lenwell, Washington
Tp.

Mat Rittenhouse, Warsaw.

THE ECLIPSE

Although a hazy sky made observations difficult, the eclipse of the sun was visible here Saturday morning to all who looked for it. Shortly before eight o'clock only a slight rim of the sun was visible. The shadow gradually lifted after eight o'clock and disappeared in about two hours.

INDIANA IS AT THE BOTTOM

One of the matters of greatest importance to come before every session of the Indiana legislature and of paramount interest to everybody who is interested in education, is the appropriation bill for the institutions of higher learning in the state. A little comparison is interesting.

While our own Indiana universities are awaiting legislative action on financial provision for the coming two years and hoping that the appropriations will approach somewhere near the amounts needed and which they have made in their estimates as moderate as seems possible if the institutions are to flourish, along comes Ohio State University with a demand upon its own state legislature that would take away the breath of Indiana lawmakers. The Ohio University has submitted a tentative budget of \$16,000,000 for the next two years. It wants about half of this as a building fund and the other half for personal service, maintenance of the plant, equipment and additional land. Ohio claims now to have reached the rank of fourth among state universities so far as attendance is concerned, its registration for the current school year having reached 10,473, to be exact. Trustees expect a rapid increase in the number of students and want to be ready for them.

Ohio is a rich state and larger than Indiana, and perhaps \$16,000,000 will seem to the legislature and the public only a reasonable outlay for the higher educational purposes for the next two years. Doubtless the appropriation, if made, will be used to the advantage and great credit of the state, possibly to the extent of adding another president of the United States to its list of six, not counting our own Benjamin Harrison, who was born and educated in Ohio.

The total registration of Indiana's two state universities approaches 8000, and both institutions are growing, but together they are asking less than half of the sum called for by the Ohio educators. It seems, in comparison, as if these calculations were carefully made and by no means extravagant.

Dr. Wm. Lowe Bryan, president of Indiana University, is authority for the statement that Indiana is far behind other states in her generosity to the state institutions. Says President Bryan:

"Where does Indiana stand? Indiana stands at the bottom of the great northwestern states—Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana—in the provision made for its universities. Indiana is the bottom."

PURCHASED REAL ESTATE

The first eighteen months of the Indiana gasoline tax produced a total revenue of \$7,478,125.93, it was revealed in Indianapolis by Charles Benjamin, gasoline tax clerk in the office of the auditor of state. The tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline sold in November, the tax on which was paid in December, totaled \$428,783.75, as compared with \$384,392.59 in November of 1923, a gain of \$44,396.16. This indicates that approximately 214,394 gallons of gasoline were sold in Indiana in November, 1924, as compared with 192,196 gallons in November, 1923. The total receipts from the tax in 1924, paid on gasoline sold from December 1, 1923, to December 1, 1924 were \$3,925,371.82.

And still an effort is being made before the present legislature to add two more cents tax on each gallon of gasoline used in the state. It's hard to give up a good thing or even let it alone.

THE WARNER ROAD CASE

Ellsworth Davis has purchased the Anderson Strieby farm near this city and will take possession about the first of March. In the consideration Mr. Strieby took over the Davis residence on South Huntington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gants have purchased the Tillman Hare residence on East Main street. They expect to move into their new home as soon as the new residence which Mr. and Mrs. Hare are building, is completed and ready for occupancy.

OLDEST TREE IN STATE

The largest tree in Indiana and probably the oldest living thing in the state is the bur oak tree on the Berkey farm, four and a half miles southwest of Warsaw. Many people from all parts of the state come every year to see the "big tree" as it is known in Kosciusko county.

This tree measures thirty-one feet in circumference, is approximately ten feet in diameter and was a big tree when the early settlers arrived nearly one hundred years ago.

DIED OF SCARLET FEVER

June Burson, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burson passed away on Sunday morning, January 25, of scarlet fever. Burial was made on Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the Union cemetery. This was the second visit of the Grim Reaper at the Burson home and claimed one of the children. Last week Ethel, the twelve year old daughter having succumbed to the same disease. There are two members of the family, a boy fourteen and a girl nine, still very seriously ill with the same terrible disease, but hopes are entertained now by physicians of their recovery.

GROUNDHOG DAY

Next Monday, February 2, is Groundhog day. According to tradition, Mr. Groundhog on that day emerges from his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow, he immediately goes to bed again, which means six more weeks of winter. If, however, he does not see his shadow, he remains in the open, which means an early spring. If you don't believe this, just wait and see.

The silent partner usually has the last word.

COUNTY BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT AT MILFORD

The stage is all set for the county basketball tournament which will be held at the Milford gymnasium on Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31. Tickets for the tournament are \$1.50, session tickets 50c.

Following is the schedule:

Friday Afternoon

2:00 P. M.—North Webster vs. Pierceton.

3:00 P. M.—Milford vs. Leesburg.

4:00 P. M.—Etna Green vs. Syracuse.

Friday Evening

7:00 P. M.—Burket vs. Claypool.

8:00 P. M.—Mentone vs. Beaver Dam.

Saturday Morning

8:00 A. M.—Silver Lake vs. Atwood.

9:00 A. M.—Sidney vs. Winner.

2 P. M. Friday.

10:00 A. M.—Winner 3 P. M.

Friday vs. Winner 4:00 P. M. Friday.

11:00 A. M.—Winner 7 P. M.

Friday vs. Winner 8 P. M. Friday.

Saturday Afternoon (Semifinals)

2:00 P. M.—Winner 8 A. M.

Saturday vs. Winner 9 A. M. Saturday.

3:00 P. M.—Winner 10 A. M.

Saturday vs. Winner 11 A. M. Saturday.

Saturday Night (Finals)

8:00 P. M.—Winner 2 P. M.

Saturday vs. Winner 3 P. M. Saturday.

Will Smith and Harry Coolman have been chosen as referees.

THE GASOLINE TAX

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THE WAYSIDE CHATTER

Editor Journal:

On our way to the Southland we drove three different routes through the states of Indiana, Tennessee and Georgia. Very soon after we cross Eagle Mountain in Southern Tennessee we come into the Sequatchie valley, a long narrow range of mountains on the west and Waldron's Ridge on the range of Raccoon Mountains on the east, nowhere exceeding five miles in width. In places it is very narrow and we pass many mountain peaks on either side. In places the Dixie Highway has been chiseled out of solid granite stone. We pass many substantial looking cottages and houses. We are told by the natives many of them are built of red Cedar more than one hundred years ago. As we drive along this valley we meet and talk with many of the natives. We ask them a number of questions. We wonder how they live as they have no gardens or truck land. They tell us they work in the mines. Under those mountain ridges and peaks are assembled all the elements of prosperity, iron ore, coal, lime stone, granite, cement and sand. They are here in great quantities. They tell us this valley is more than one hundred miles long and the mountain ranges on either side hold their own in height all the way.

We drive in this valley forty miles then we cross the river twenty miles west of Chattanooga and at once begin the climb over Waldron Ridge and Raccoon Mountain. In driving the distance of one half mile we are in three states. It took five hours to cross the river. We camped one night two years ago in this valley near the town of Jasper.

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