

With the holidays approaching
 And the coming Christmas cheer
 And the usual commotion
 At the closing of the year.
 Our thoughts are now reverting
 In happy, jingling rhymes
 Of how to make these holidays
 Appear like olden times.
 Of course we'll have our dinners
 With our turkeys and our pies,
 And the same old story telling
 And the swapping of big lies.
 But what we lack in this dry place
 To make the welkin ring,
 Is some good old Tom and Jerries
 Or a bowl of whiskey sling.
 But what's the use of wishing
 For these liquid blessings here
 In this land of prohibition,
 At the closing of the year.
 For there's not a chance of drinking
 Or our fiery thirst to quench
 While Murray's on the look out
 And Judge Pollock on the bench.

William Pope and Ed. Fuller owned some wheat conjointly and about two weeks ago some one stole 120 bushels of it and sold it to the Mayville mill. It is said that the losers are aware of who took the wheat but are keeping his name quite owing to his extreme respectability.

Jim Thompson's wife left him last week. Jim always was a lucky fellow.

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THE LUXTON TRIAL.

Mary Luxton's trial for the murder of Ole Halverson, was called at Grand Forks last Thursday morning. Her attorneys were present in her behalf and during the week several witnesses from Inkster and Crookston, were examined by the state. Saturday morning States Attorney Hamilton surprised everybody present by saying the state would rest its case.

The witnesses examined testified to practically the same story as appeared in The Pioneer shortly after the murder.

The jurymen selected, are: Thos. Steadman, Jr., Robt. Milne, M. C. Cosgriff, J. E. Dow, George W. Aker, C. L. Graber, Isaac E. C. Elwood, L. A. Newton, John Lynch, George B. Winship and A. Abrahamsen.

Monday morning Miss Luxton's attorney Mr. Cochrane, addressed the jury for the defence, as follows:

"I congratulated the county and the defendant that in this case they have an extraordinarily intelligent jury. This was not a case to be decided by sentiment or prejudice, but it needed men whose intelligence and impartiality was such that they could weight and balance the condition of mind of the defendant, at the time the fatal shot was fired. The statutes of this state say that a person cannot commit a crime who is deprived or bereft of the reasoning faculty so that she could not distinguish the wrong of such an act as Mary Luxton was on November 27, cannot commit a crime.

The young girl charged under this information, is the daughter of a man who was addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and who died in Canada when she was seven years old. When she came to Dakota she went into domestic service. She inherited from her parents a decidedly nervous temperament and at various times has been subject to pueral insanity, and what is known as falling sickness, during attacks of which she would fall over in fits of unconsciousness. On three occasions the defendant while a child was thrown from a vehicle, which also affected her nervous system. Though but 23 years of age she had suffered from palpitation of the heart, such as also affected her mother before the attacks mentioned.

When she came to Dakota she took service with the same employer as Ole Halverson and after an acquaintance of three or four months they became recognized as lovers. He was her first love of manly form, and in many respects a generous disposition, and paid her the little attentions which so cement a woman's love. He took her to Sunday school and together they sang from the same book. They became definitely engaged in January, '06, and until the time of the visit home to her mother in Canada he was constant and devoted in his attentions.

During the harvest season she went to work for Duncan Park in order to earn more to start their home. On the advice of her sister and for her protection from insult among the threshers, this revolver was purchased for her by her sister. This is not a case where a revolver is purchased for the purpose of revenge, but Ole knew she had it a year ago and taught her how to use it, driving with her over the prairies shooting gophers.

Last May she had been engaged to be married, and she had worn his ring for six months, though they had tacitly understood each other for more than a year. She then arranged to visit her mother in Canada and he arranged for for their marriage at the close of the threshing season. At Hope at that time her lover, under his solemn promise of marriage, he overcame her virtue, and on more than one occasion he had sexual intercourse with her.

When she returned to Hope from her visit to her mother, bringing with her such goods as had clothes and other furnishings for her expected home, Ole met her on her return in a loving way, and she again went into service, the marriage still being arranged for the end of September, but soon after her return he asked to have it postponed, to which she consented. Again and again the marriage was postponed and we shall show by evidence the gradual change in the condition of her mind, caused by the fear which finally crept upon her that he did not intend to fulfill his promise, but that his love was waning.

Under such circumstances is it any wonder that her mind should have got into such a state, that at the time of the shooting, when he definitely told her that he would cast her off, that he would not marry her, is it any wonder that for a time she lost her reason, and fired the shot for which she is on trial today."

Mrs. Andrew Morgan, of Hope, a sister of the defendant was placed on the stand Tuesday morning and testified as follows: "Mother was subject to nervous and hysterical spells. She had three girl children by her first marriage, and two by a second husband. Mary had stopped with witness at Hope when she first came to Hope, and had been at her house a good deal. Witness bought Mary a revolver and gave it to her when she was going out with Duncan Park's boarding car the second year. I first knew Ole Halverson four years ago next Christmas, when he brought Mary out with him from Hope, and they stayed all night. After that he was a frequent visitor, usually with Mary or to meet her at my house. They were engaged to be married.

He had given her an engagement ring, after they had been going together for some time. They got very friendly and affectionate. He would often kiss her, and would lie with his head on her lap. One time I saw them when she was combing his hair.

They had arranged to be married at my house October 10, and Mary had made arrangements for house keeping. She had provided her wedding dress, bed clothing, some silverware and other household goods. Mary was considerably troubled by female irregularities when at Hope, which affected her nervous system to some extent. I arrived in Grand Forks on the Tuesday after the shooting, and stayed in the jail with Mary, who could not sleep. Mary had visited Canada during the summer of '06. Witness saw Mary soon after October 1 at Hope. Prior to that time she had been of a bright, lively, sunshining disposition. Ole spent the Friday, Saturday and Sunday before he went to Inkster, at my farm, with Mary. Ole had been in the habit of taking Mary to church, to the opera house and parties while he was at Hope.

Mary got a letter from Ole about October 1, which has since been destroyed. That letter referred to his engagement to Mary, but stated that he has decided to give it up. He also said that she need not answer the letter. It was addressed to Miss Luxton, instead "Mary", and said that after what she had told him at Mayville he thought they had better part. She took it very hard but did not seem to love him less, and showed no evidence in any way of any desire for revenge."

From the address of Atty. Cochrane it appears that the defense will be justifiable homicide while temporarily insane, and this, with other points brought out, will probably prove to the jury such was the case, and the chances are that she will be acquitted.

Later.—Miss Luxton was on the stand yesterday for about three hours, and testified to about the same as Attorney Cochrane outlined the defence.

An editor died, says an anonymous writer, and slowly wended his way down to where he supposed a warm reception awaited him. The devil met him and said: "For many years thou hast borne the blame of bad spelling that printers have gotten off in the paper. The paper has gone for one dollar and alas the dollar has failed to come in. The printer has bedeviled thee for wages when thou hast not a farthing to thy name. People have taken thy paper without paying for it and cursed thee for not getting out a better sheet. Thou hast been called a dead beat by the railroad conductors when thou hast shown thy pass to their envious gaz. All these wrongs thou hast borne in silence. Thou shall not enter here." And as the editor turns and walks away, Satan muttered: "Heaven is his home, and besides if I had let him in here he would have been dunning his delinquent subscribers and thus created discord in my kingdom."

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