

**BRAMLETT ENTERS
PLEA OF INSANITY**

**Defense Offers Evidence Along This
Line During First Day of Trial.**

Greenville, Sept. 2.—In the first day of the trial of Hugh T. Bramlett, building contractor of Greenville, charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. C. McHugh, the defense offered testimony which in effect was to substantiate the defendant's plea of insanity which was entered at the beginning of the trial this morning. The State rested its case this afternoon after the examination of a number of witnesses, the principal of whom was Miss Peopla McHugh, who was also shot and seriously wounded by Bramlett at the time her mother was mortally wounded at their home on Pendleton Street. About an hour was consumed in empanelling the jury which is composed largely of middle aged farmers. The evidence probably will be closed tomorrow afternoon.

The defense produced affidavits from two witnesses who were ill and unable to appear in court to the effect that insanity runs in the family of H. T. Bramlett. It was also stated that the defendant's father committed suicide and that Bramlett himself had been sent to Morganton for treatment. Miss Peopla McHugh testified that

she and her mother and another woman were sitting on the porch, that Bramlett drove by in a closed car and came back. He got out and bounded up the steps, cursing and saying, "Stop, I got you. I'll kill you this time." She said he fired and a bullet struck her, and that he went down the steps and started to shoot again and hit her mother. She said he had been drinking heavily.

She testified as to various domestic troubles and said that before and after drinking Bramlett had violent spells.

G. R. Hurgiss, a farmer, testified that on the afternoon of the killing, Bramlett came out to see him and tried to get him to find out if Mrs. McHugh and children were at Martin McHugh's home. He said Bramlett took a drink of some dark substance and after taking it remarked that he didn't hope to live until daylight. Referring to his mother-in-law Bramlett was quoted as saying, "If that old lady's on the porch as I go back I mean to kill her."

Chief of Police Noe, testifying as to Bramlett's arrest, said that Sheriff Rector shot him, and that Bramlett threatened to shoot the officers. After he was overpowered, it developed that his gun was unloaded. He testified as to past trouble the police department had had with Bramlett and said that

**WAIFS MOTHERED BY ASH CANS
FIND LIFE COMICALLY TRAGIC**

**First Production by Mary Pickford's
Own Company is a Master Portrayal
of Greatest Human Problems.**

"Daddy Long Legs", the motion picture production of the great story by Jean Webster, in which Mary Pickford will be seen at the Opera House next Monday, is an attraction which will have universal appeal, for it is filled with children, and their doings. Moreover the children are not those we see every day, with fathers and mothers to care for and protect them, but little children who are the charges of an asylum which is sadly mismanaged.

Miss Pickford has the role of Judy Abbott, a twelve-year-old girl, full of life and fun, who dodges the cruel punishments of the superintendent of the John Grier Orphanage, to run off and help the little ones who are faring ill on the miserable diet and poor care they receive.

More than a score of orphaned children, some of them the most clever child-actors who have ever been seen on the screen, aid Miss Pickford in this earlier part of the picture, which shows scenes in the big orphan asylum. Clad in striped cheap cloth, fed upon prunes and thin soup, forced to work at hard tasks, and above all lacking the kindness and love which should be given children, these babies grip the hearts of everyone, who sees the picture.

Miss Pickford is assisted by a number of children among whom is the funniest and most freckle-faced lad ever seen in a picture. How he and Mary provoke and carry through a "prune strike" is one of the episodes of the picture in which humor and pathos have a constant struggle for the upper hand.

**TEN FOLD ADVANCE
IN COST OF LIVING**

**Prices of Necessaries Continue to Soar
in Japan.**

Tokyo, July 27.—Soaring prices for food and clothing as well as house rents show no diminution in Japan. The cost of living, according to The Yodozu, has increased tenfold since 1887 while wages have advanced only fourfold. As against 36 yen a koku, for instance during the rice riots of August, last year, the price of rice has now risen to 56 yen a koku (five bushels) and a grave food crisis has resulted.

Japan is a country of large families and with rice costing about \$28 for every five bushels the head of a family has to do some hard thinking. Other food necessities, especially sugar, which Japanese use considerably, have risen in proportion to rice. It is the great middle class of Japan, the people working on small salaries, which is raising the greatest cry.

Although wealth has increased as a result of the war the real wealth of the masses has decreased and the people of Japan are relatively poor. At the same time national tastes have changed and the Spartan simplicity of olden times is no longer endured.

Low salaries in public services have so depleted the personnel that government institutions like the postoffice, telegraphs, police force and schools, are all undermanned. Industrial companies, however, are paying dividends of from 50 to 100 per cent, and distributing big bonuses, lands and rents are rising in value and the farmer is hoarding his rice until he has pushed the market to its highest notch.

The distress of today is chiefly felt by the law abiding class of the nation. No riots have occurred like last year. The press generally blames the government for not finding a suitable remedy. "The situation calls for urgent action," writes the editor of the Kogumin. "Some people are about to famish. The continued advance in prices has developed a kind of reign of terror."

"If it is impossible," says the Yodozu, "to bring down the price of rice and other necessities, the government must devise means of increasing incomes. Otherwise peace and order in society can not be maintained and the very foundation of the nation will be endangered."

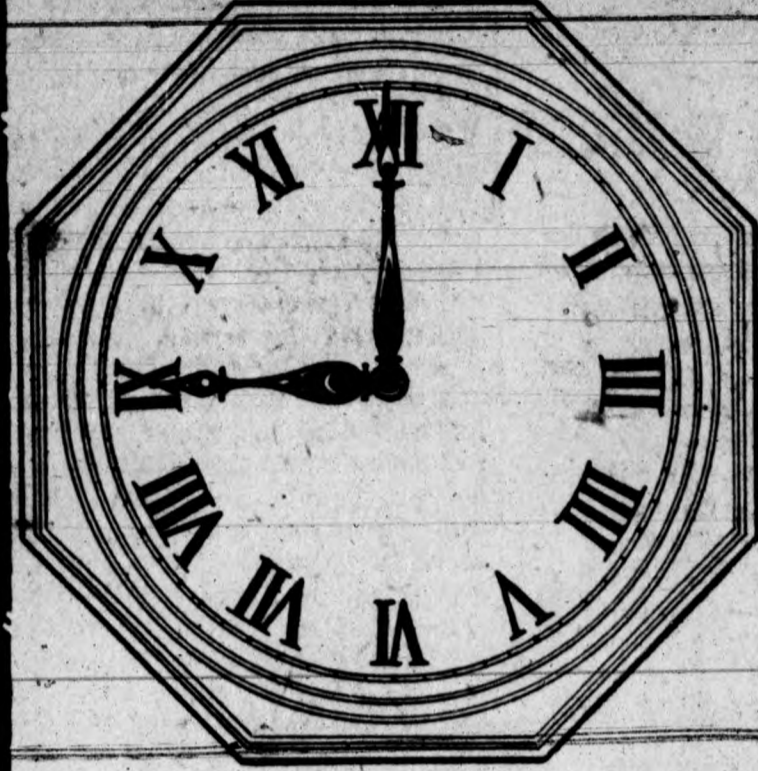
It was necessary one time for Sergeant Smith to beat him over the head. The court room was full to overflowing and scores of spectators were turned away.

Much interest centers in the trial on account of the prominence of the parties and the unusual features of the case.

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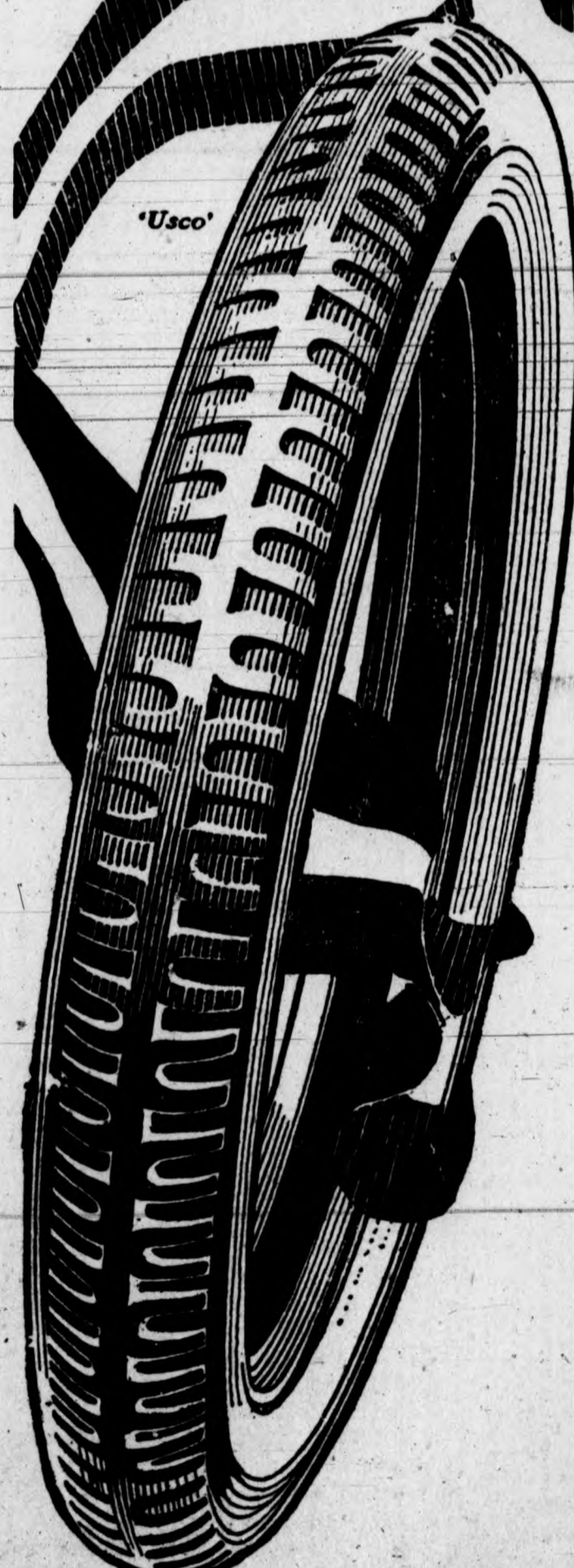


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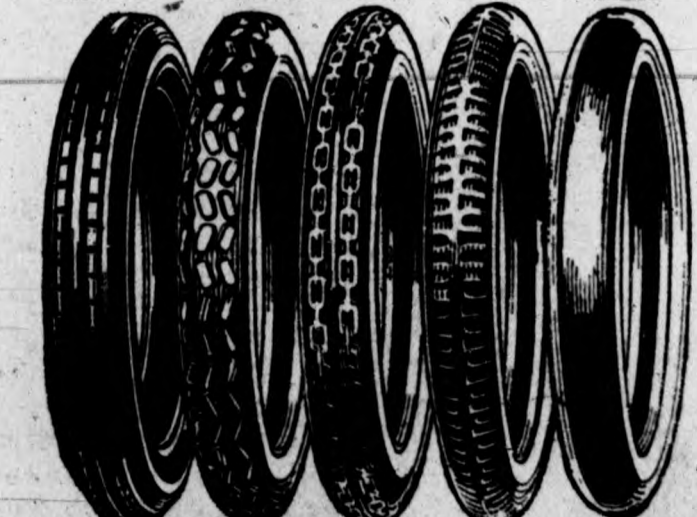
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