

SURE, HE WON OUT.

After Merry Chase With Father and Officers, Couple are Married.

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 11.—Arthur Hagy, 22, and Miss Myrtle Moore, 16, were married at Johnson City, Tenn., to-day following a sensational elopement. Monday night young Hagy drove to the girl's home in an automobile, expecting to steal her out, but she had been locked up and her father, who was in hiding, opened fire on Hagy as he crept under the girl's window. Hagy fled and in so doing returned the fire. To-day young Hagy sent an automobile party to Liberty Hall school and they succeeded in getting the girl into the car. The alarm was given and an officer at Abingdon, Va., undertook to stop Hagy's automobile but was unable to do so until he had shot through one of the tires. Hagy arrived on the scene about this time and began firing. The girl had been transferred to another vehicle some miles back and upon learning this Hagy left the officer in charge of the car he had halted and which he supposed contained the missing girl. The ruse was complete. The couple made their escape and were married at Johnson City.

How They Build the Panama Canal.

No work in the world has a wider or deeper interest for the American people than that done on the Isthmus of Panama in the construction of the great canal. The farmers of the South should watch its progress and await its opening with personal interest. In an article in Collier's Weekly, Mr. Davis thus describes the transformation of the isthmus, under Col. Gorgas:

When Col. Gorgas and his assistants came to the isthmus they found the canal a sewer and Colon and Panama pesthouses. After two years and a half of work, they made the isthmus a place as healthy as any spot in the United States.

They established a strict quarantine, wiped out the swamps, exterminated the mosquitoes, built reservoirs for water, drains for sewerage, streets, roads, aqueducts. And while the medical corps of the army was making the isthmus a healthy place in which to live, the engineers of the army and those civilian engineers who are of the old regime, the survivors of the fittest, made it an extremely comfortable place in which to live. They constructed 2,000 buildings and remodeled 1,700 more. These included hospitals, hotels and clubs. And they organized a department store that every day feeds 35,000 canal employees and their families with the kind of food they want, and furnishes them with everything from khaki overalls to invisible hairpins. They also recognize that, no matter how healthy a man may be, if he is discontented, he is a poor workman, and for the entertainment of the employees they called to their aid the Y. M. C. A. This organization took three months to study the conditions existing on the Zone, and then accepted the responsibility of making life there more cheerful, more interesting and more like home. It organized clubs in which are reading rooms, billiards, bowling alleys, it started baseball nines, debating societies, camera clubs, "smokers" and dances, until now the life of the employe can be as strenuous by night as it is by day, and in exercises that are healthy and helpful.

Well housed, well fed, and magnificently led, it is not surprising that this army of men has fought mightily, or that what is at this moment going on in the Canal Zone is to an American one of the most splendid and inspiring efforts of his own people. Not only as a feat of engineering, but as a triumph of organization, as a lesson in discipline, as a proof that men can handle millions of other people's money, discharging it in every part of the world to people of many nationalities, and with a local payroll of two millions a month, without there being brought against them one charge of graft or self-seeking or personal gain.

The same spirit that inspires the man who disburses the millions inspires the man who is actually building the canal, and those who feed, nurse and shelter him, those men who by relieving the combatant of all responsibilities enable him to devote himself entirely to the fight. All that is asked of the combatant is that he make the dirt fly. Butcher's bills, house rent, tax collectors, are not permitted to disturb him. He is as carefully cherished and looked after as the fighting cock or a star football player. The army of 35,000 is divided into "gold" employes and "silver" employes. That cuts the knot of the color line and a rigid rule that gives each man a house or a room exactly in proportion to his wages wipes out any question of favoritism. If he be worth a good deal to the commission, he is entitled to a house to himself; if he is not worth so much, a half of a house or the first or second story of a house; if he is worth still less,

SENT UP FOR ARSON.

Colored Parties Given Fifteen Years by Judge Memminger.

Laurens, Sept. 15.—The fall term of general sessions court for this county adjourned Saturday afternoon, after being in session five days and disposing of a considerable amount of work.

One of the cases of most general interest was that of the State vs Alvin Woody and Essie Vaughn, both colored, charged with arson. This was the last case of the court, the trial of which consumed the greater part of yesterday. The case was given to the jury at 4 o'clock, and after deliberating about an hour a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was returned, as to both, and the court sentenced each to serve a term of 15 years. On the night of March 20, Mr. W. L. Teague, who lives eight miles south of the city, lost his barn and stock and a considerable amount of produce by fire. Following an investigation of the fire by B. A. Wharton, deputy officer of the insurance department of South Carolina, Woody and the woman, Essie Vaughn, were arrested, charged with the burning. The theory of the State, as developed by the testimony, was that the torch was applied by the man at the instigation of the woman, evidence being offered to show the relations between the two, and the State advancing as a motive evidence that the woman had said that Mr. Teague had helped put her husband, Marshall Vaughn, on the chain gang; that Mr. Teague had some money, stock and buildings, but they wouldn't do him any good. The fire occurred a few days after the conviction of Essie's husband. The evidence of the State included statements of the defendants testified to by Messrs. Wharton and Teague. Other statements and the conduct of the defendants were also placed in the evidence. No direct confession was introduced, all the testimony being of a circumstantial nature.

Because of the illness of Solicitor Cooper, Messrs. R. E. Babb and Jno. M. Cannon conducted the prosecution in this case. Before adjourning the court Judge Memminger sentenced Eugene Davenport to a term of seven years, the defendant having been convicted Friday of manslaughter. Davenport is a negro and killed another of his race last Christmas.

The Stamp Moved.

Two weeks ago I visited an insane asylum in northern Indiana. My guide was the head physician. Pointing out one harmless looking fellow, the doctor said to me:

"Do you see that man? That's Johnson. A month ago I told him he was cured and to get ready to go home in a week. He sat down to write the folks at home the joyful news. Finishing the letter, he sealed it, wet a stamp and started to stick it on the envelope.

"But in some way the stamp fell out of his fingers and on the floor. It happened to light on the back of a fly, but Johnson didn't know that. As he watched it the stamp began to climb the legs of the table, then suddenly it went right off into the air. Johnson sat still for a mom. At. Then he slowly tore up the letter.

"'Darn it,' he said, 'I can't go home for a year.'—Richard Carle in N. Y. American.

Fatal Family Feud.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 15.—Tom Thomas was shot and instantly killed here this afternoon by his brother-in-law, Homer J. Hale. Relatives who saw the shooting say that Thomas was advancing on Hale with an axe when he fired. Coroner Brasher states, however, that Thomas has four bullet wounds, and that all of the shots entered from the back.

Carl R. Lowe was also arrested in connection with the affair.

he gets a room or in one room he bunks with others. With men of family the same rule obtains. They are given accommodations that differ from those allotted to bachelors, but the comfort of these accommodations is in proportion to the earning power of the head of the family. Everything else is "found." Men who wish to keep house, if they have a house to keep, can do so and every article of food and furniture is supplied them almost at cost or below cost. A bachelor has his housekeeping looked after by the commission. When each morning he goes to work he knows that when he returns his bed will have been made, his room cleaned and his supper at the hotel ready. The commission nurses the employe when he is ill, pays the salary of his clergyman, whether he be Catholic, Protestant, or Hebrew; furnishes him with free coal and light and ice at cost; educates his children and pays for their school books; furnishes the billiard tables and bowling alleys in the Y. M. C. A. clubs, to which he can belong if he pays \$10 a year, and washes his clothes for him.—Home and Farm.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST'S FAITH.

"Gentleman" Burglar and Murderer, Has No Fear of Electric Chair.

Boston, Sept. 13.—Fortified by his absolute faith in the Christian Science doctrine of the unreality of pain and suffering, Bertram G. Spencer, convicted of the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone at Springfield, Mass., March 31, 1910, is fearlessly and almost cheerfully awaiting his death in the electric chair, which under the terms of the sentence pronounced in July is to take place during the week beginning September 15.

Bertram G. Spencer, now occupying the death cell in the Charlestown prison, where he is calmly awaiting the end, is in many respects one of the most remarkable criminals known to American criminology. Psychologists and alienists are intensely interested in his case and are inclined to consider Spencer one of the most perfect samples of dual personality.

Spencer is a comparatively young man. He was born about 31 years ago and comes from a good family, with a record which shows no apparent trace of criminal taint. He received a good common school education, in his boyhood, never displayed any evil tendencies and never, so far as is known, associated with criminals of any kind. Having completed his school course, Spencer entered upon a commercial career and worked for various business concerns, making the impression of a faithful, honest and capable employe. His last position was with a wholesale provision house in Springfield, Mass., where he filled the position of shipping clerk, receiving a fair salary, which enabled him to maintain his young wife and his two-year-old son, whom he idolizes, in comfortable style. He lived on Porter avenue, West Springfield, had many social connections and was generally respected.

Gentleman Burglar.

About four years ago Springfield and vicinity became the scene of a number of burglaries which created considerable sensation owing to the personality and unusual methods as well, as the apparent fearlessness of the man who committed them. The burglar, according to the statements of his victims, seemed to be a man of education and, in a manner gentlemanly in his deportment. If his victims accepted the situation with good grace and parted with their money and other valuables without protest, the burglar treated them with great consideration, chatting pleasantly with them while he carefully selected his plunder. If they were unruly, he made short shrift by gagging them and tying them to the bedposts, wardrobes, doors, etc. The "gentleman burglar" never manifested fear of being discovered in his work by the police, but he was evidently determined not to take any risk of being caught. One man, who tried to escape to give an alarm, was shot down by the burglar before he had reached the door. No trace of the burglar was found by the police, although he committed 24 burglaries and hold-ups within a space of two years.

On the evening of March 31, 1910, a burglar entered the house of Mrs. Dow in Springfield through a window and, revolver in hand and his face hidden behind a black cloth, appeared at the door of a room where Mrs. Dow, her two daughters and the guest, Miss Martha B. Blackstone, were engaged in working over a picture puzzle. The women screamed when they saw the intruder and ran into the next room, but were halted by the command of the burglar. Miss Blackstone, disregarding the command, ran screamingly toward the door, when the burglar shot her through the heart, killing her instantly. One of the daughters of Mrs. Dow, who also tried to escape, was severely wounded by another shot.

Locket the Clue.

A locket, containing the picture of two women, which was found on the lawn of a house visited by the same burglar, was identified as the property of Spencer and he was arrested on suspicion. He made a full confession of his numerous burglaries and of having killed Miss Blackstone, after a great deal of incriminating evidence had been found in his house. He was indicted for murder and pleaded insanity. The alienists appointed by the court reported Spencer insane and he was sent to the Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Bridgewater, where he remained to the time of his trial, which began at Springfield, November 13, 1911. Spencer created wild scenes during the trial and was convicted of murder in the first degree on November 25, 1911. Appeals proved without avail, and on July 2, 1912, Judge John H. Crosby of the superior court in Springfield pronounced the death sentence. During his confinement in jail Spencer became interested in Christian Science and under the influence of its doctrines lost every trace of fear of death.

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KILLED ON RAILROAD TRACK.

Union County Farmer's Head Split and Leg Amputated.

Union, Sept. 11.—Bird Ivey, a middle aged farmer, living a few miles north of Union, was found dead this morning by the side of the Southern Railway track, half a mile from the station, with his head cut open and leg amputated. It is supposed that Mr. Ivey was killed by the Southern passenger train which passed here about 2 o'clock a. m.

Followed the Big Noise.

A Scotch story is that of a diminutive drummer in a local brass band who was in the habit when out parading with his comrades of walking by sound and not by sight, owing to his drum being so high that he was unable to see over it. The band, on Saturday afternoons, paraded usually in one direction; but the other day the leader thought he would change the route a little, and turned down a by-street. The drummer, unaware of this movement, kept on his accustomed way, drumming as hard as ever he could. By and by, after finishing his part, and not hearing the others he stopped, and, pushing his drum to one side, he looked to see what was the matter. His astonishment may be imagined at finding that he was alone.

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