

MURDER MOST REVOLTING DONE AT OWEN SOUND

James Creighton Slays Wife and Daughters DEVOTED TO LATTER

Ghastly Sight for Neighbors— Murderer Well Connected.

(Special to The Free Press.)

Owen Sound, May 27.—A terrible triple murder was perpetrated here yesterday, followed later by the attempted suicide of the murderer.

The victims are:
Mrs. James F. Creighton, formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich., married a year ago, shot and throat cut; dead.
Kathleen Chapman, her daughter, aged 18, shot and stabbed, dead.
Clair Chapman, her daughter, aged 16, shot and stabbed, dead, and James Creighton, in a critical condition from a bullet in the head.

The crime was revealed by the cries of the would-be suicide, when about six o'clock he appeared at an upper window of his home and called to a boy to proceed to the house of his brother, George Creighton, and tell him that something of a terrible nature had happened.

Soon another shot rang out and neighbors ran to the place. Creighton again appeared at the window and called to them that a horrible murder had taken place. He asked that they force open the doors. Communication was at once held with the police authorities and Policeman Anthony Shute, arriving in a few moments, the door was forced.

Upstairs, attired in his night shirt, and lying across the bed, was Creighton, blood flowing from a bullet wound near the right eye.

On seeing the men enter, he directed them to the front across the hall, where the most horrible sights that could be imagined met their gaze.

Lying on a couch lay the body of Mrs. Creighton covered with blood. A terrible gash had been made in the throat and bullet wounds were visible on the unfortunate woman's head, besides several stabs with a knife on the upper part of the body, while to complete his gruesome task the murderer had tied a leather shoe string around her throat.

In another room lying on the floor was the mutilated body of her young daughter, Clair Chapman—Creighton's stepdaughter—aged 16 years. Her face was shattered almost beyond recognition, the result of a shot at short distance, and her throat had

also been cut, besides numerous stabs on the body.

Half-way out of the bed the corpse of the elder girl, Kathleen, hung. She had escaped some of the terrible mutilations inflicted on the younger sister, death having apparently taken place from the effect of the first shot. Both girls were in their night robes, which, with the bed clothing, were covered with blood.

The position of the younger girl indicated that a desperate struggle had taken place, probably after the shooting of the mother and elder girl, and that the poor girl had been overcome by the superior strength of her assailant.

Medical aid was summoned, and Dr. Cowper was speedily on the scene. He gave his attention to the wounded man.

Amid groans Creighton told the doctor that he had risen from bed shortly before 5 o'clock in the morning and committed the awful deed.

He said the revolver would be discovered under his wife's arm, while a heavy dagger was also found through his directions.

He would give no reason for committing the deed, but it is supposed that the meditated departure of his wife on account of domestic differences had weighed heavily on his mind. The murder of his stepdaughters cannot be accounted for, as he is known to have been devoted to them.

The victims of the tragedy have been resident of Owen Sound about a year. Mrs. Creighton, prior to her second marriage, was the widow of a man named Chapman, who resided in Michigan. The daughters, children of the first marriage, were well known and respected here and attended the Collegiate Institute.

The murderer after committing the crimes apparently went down town with the probable intention of purchasing poison, as he was seen standing in front of the window of a local druggist, but probably he thought he might attract attention, so returned home, and after staying with the bodies of his victims all day, he made an attempt on his life with the revolver.

An inquest will be held today. Creighton is under arrest, but his condition is critical.

Creighton is well connected, his father, who is dead, was Indian agent for many years at Cape Croker; his mother is still living here, aged 81. Creighton was addicted to drinking bouts when he would be very abusive. It is not known whether he had been drinking before he committed the deed.

He was rational and had left a letter addressed to his brother, George P. Creighton, telling him of the terrible affair and explaining that he was in an awful state and liable to go insane.

Fortune-Teller Told A Youth That a Girl Was After Him

Mrs. Coheen Allowed to Go on Suspended Sentence.

AMUSING EVIDENCE.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday, in the County High Court, Anne Goheen appeared before Judge Harding on a charge of telling fortunes and was allowed to go on suspended sentence. It will be remembered that Mrs. Goheen was arrested some time ago and appeared before Magistrate Jackson. The charge was read by County Crown Attorney Devin and was as follows: That Anne Goheen did on the 18th and 19th of April unlawfully undertake to tell fortunes, contrary to the criminal code, section 433.

Before Mrs. Goheen pleaded, Mr. Dearmid read the original charge upon which she elected to be tried, and stated that it was different to that read by the Crown Attorney. The original charge he stated was, that Anne Goheen had attempted to tell where certain stolen goods were to be found by dividing a pack of cards into three parts. The Crown Attorney said that the constable had had his fortune told and that Mrs. Goheen had attempted to tell it. He cited several cases substantiating his action and the Judge ruled in his favor. Mr. Dearmid asked to have the case confined to one day instead of two, as stated in the charge, but the Judge could not consent and the case went on.

Chief Vincent was the first witness and stated that he knew the prisoner, and knew her to be a fortune teller. County Constable A. L. Minthorne, of Mariposa, also knew the prisoner. He called on Mrs. Goheen on the 10th of April and had his fortune told. He asked a man on the street where he could find a fortune teller and was sent to Mrs. Goheen. He paid her 25c, and had his fortune told.

To Mr. Dearmid he admitted that he went over at the instance of Chief Vincent to get evidence to bring her into court.

"You were hunting for a place to make a dollar?"

"Yes."

The Chief told him that this woman was carrying on a fortune telling business, and asked him to go over.

Mrs. Goheen told him that he had lost some goods and he said yes. Mr. Dearmid did not think that fortunes were things of the past, but of the future. The witness stated that he was told to go to a certain house and he would find the quilts, but he did not go.

When asked to tell what occurred in the Goheen home, he said he was brought into the parlor. From there he went to the kitchen, where a pack of cards were produced. He had a word of conversation, which he took

down ten minutes after it was said. Mr. Dearmid asked the witness to produce the book, which he read. Continuing his evidence, the witness stated that Mrs. Goheen said the goods were gone in the direction of the north-west. They were taken to a house, something like a brick house, and then there were two women and a small man, but only one woman knew about the transaction. She said he would have trouble getting the goods back again.

Then the cards were cut again, and she turned up a Jack of spades which she said was him. She asked him to wish and he wished for a good time, but the cards did not come out right. He then paid her the quarter and left the house, but he did not believe a word she had spoken.

To the Crown Attorney he told of pouring a cup of tea into a saucer and from there she said she received her inspiration.

James Davy was the next witness. Mr. Dearmid objected to this witness and asked to have his evidence confined to the 20th of April. Judge Harding ruled in favor of the objection. The witness stated that he went into Mrs. Goheen's residence one afternoon. Mr. Goheen came in the door and he was given a chair in the hall. About ten minutes later he was taken to the kitchen and was handed a pack of cards. The cup of tea was there also. She said there was a girl who wanted to see him badly. She was living in the country where he was working. She told him that he was working at a dangerous job, and was going to leave in two months and work in a mill. He had left the railroad then, he stated, but was working on a farm now. She told him that he was boarding with a railroad roader was the thief. Such was not the case. She told him he had two sisters west of Lindsay. This was not true, as he had six in the old country. She turned up a queen then and showed him again the girl who was looking for him. She also told him that he would never go back to the old country. Summing up the whole tale, there were several untruths in it. When the fortune telling was finished she asked for 50c, but he only gave her 25c.

"You are a good witness," said the Judge, as the prisoner finished.

He admitted to Mr. Dearmid that he was given 25c, by the Chief to go over and have his fortune told, and when he returned he received \$1 for doing it. He did not know whether there was any girl looking for him, but he was looking for her.

His Worship, after reviewing the case, believed that the prisoner had deceived the people, and as it was her first appearance he did not wish to send her to jail for a year, but would allow her to go on suspended sentence with a warning.

The magistrate also highly commended the action taken by the Chief of Police in the case.

HIGH PRICES FOR WHEAT PREDICTION OF AN EXPERT

THE MONETARY TIMES THINKS THERE WILL BE THREE YEARS OF PROSPERITY.

A higher average of prices for wheat and flour is prophesied by the Monetary Times for the next three years. In arriving at that deduction our contemporary says:

The recent estimate furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture, covering the world's wheat crop of 1907, gives the aggregate production for the year as 3,103,922,000 bushels, or about 330 millions less than the preceding year. In going over the statistics presented by the department it is apparent that there are two countries which will rapidly increase their wheat exports, viz., Argentina and Canada, while to all appearance the Asiatic export will not increase much over present figures. It will require a world's total yield in the vicinity of 3,500,000,000 bushels before prices fall back to normal conditions.

The year 1907, with a yield of 2,234,461,000 bushels, was one of the shortest crops in the past twenty years—a year of famine in India, and of

short supplies in all countries—and it was followed in 1898 by a world's aggregate crop of 2,943,400,000 bushels, the record of that date. While the acreage continued to increase the yield diminished during the next three years, until in 1902 a crop was produced exceeding that of 1907 by nearly 20 million bushels. Again, while the acreage under crop in 48 countries shows an increase ranging from 20 to 30 per cent. during the past 20 years, the total yield per acre shows a decrease of from 5 to 20 per cent.

The 1906 crop was the largest in the world's history; yet more than an average price was secured on account of the poor prospects for the 1907 crop. One must go back to 1900 to find a lower world's crop than was produced last year. It cannot be expected that complete recovery of the world's reserves can be made in less than three years, which indicates that there will be a higher average of prices for wheat and flour during that period.

The exporting countries will continue to be the United States, India, Australia, South America and Canada, the two latter of which show the largest increase in their shipments.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION ESTABLISHED IN TORONTO.

A bureau of information for bicyclists has been established in Toronto under the auspices of The Associated Bicycle Interests. The purpose of the bureau is to afford free information to all inquiries regarding roads and routes in the different parts of Canada, and to afford publicity for track and road racing events so that qualified contestants from all parts may have an opportunity to enter. Lists of these events, and the prizes when available, will be supplied on application. But the information bureau will not deal with the question of handicaps or the past record of riders. All enquiries, as well as communications regarding bicycling and bicycle races, should be addressed to The Associated Bicycle Interests, room 30, Saturday Night

LOST CATTLE AND HORSES IN THE FAR NORTH.

Canora, Sask., May 20.—John Goodrich has returned from an exploring trip to his ranch some 75 miles north, during which he had an unusually trying experience. About a month ago Mr. Goodrich left here for his ranch with sixty head of cattle. During a snowstorm that intervened the cattle scattered around the country in bunches of from five to ten. To make things worse he lost his team while crossing a bog about fifty miles north, the animals suddenly dropping out of sight, and he was unable to rescue them. During the search for the stock he was one night attacked by a large pack of wolves and forced to spend the night in a tree. His clothing was wet and froze to his body, and he was in an exhausted condition by the time the wolves dispersed in the morning.

Aged Lady Passes Suddenly Away

TOOK A PARALYTIC STROKE AFTER SUPPER—REMAINED UNCONSCIOUS TWO DAYS

Suffering from a paralytic stroke, Mrs. Annie Margaret Newman, relict of the late George Henry Mitchell, who passed away four years ago, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. M. McFarland, Fenelon Falls, at 12.15 Monday morning.

The deceased lady was one of the joying splendid health up till Thursday evening, when she took a stroke of paralysis after eating a hearty meal. She became suddenly unconscious and remained in that condition until she finally expired.

The deceased lady was one of the most highly esteemed and widely known residents of Fenelon Falls, and the intelligence of her sad demise will be learned with deep sorrow and regret.

She had lived on the farm at Verulam with her husband for sixteen years, and shortly after the death of her husband moved to Fenelon Falls and took up residence with her daughter, remaining there until her death. She leaves behind her three daughters, Mrs. Barret, of Toronto, Mrs. A. McFarland and Miss Ada Mitchell, of Fenelon Falls, and two sons, Richard, of Orillia, Washington, U.S., and Fletcher Mitchell at home. She had two sons dead. One was pushed into the water by a companion a few years ago and was drowned, while the other died some years before. Mr. R. Newman, of Carleton, is a brother.

The funeral will take place from the family residence to-day at 2 o'clock.

Beautiful Your Homes With Vines and Creepers

There are few plants that add so much to the attractiveness of the country home as vines and creepers. Verandas, summer houses, fences, rocks and old stumps of trees can be covered with vines with good effect. There are two classes of climbers that can be used for the purpose, perennial or woody, and annual. The former include Virginian creepers, Japanese or Boston ivy, various kinds of clematis, honeysuckle, Dutchman's pipe, wisarias, and so forth. In this short article, only the latter class, the annual climbers, will be dealt with.

The most popular of these plants is the sweet pea. For variety of color, delightful perfume and continuity of bloom, it is difficult to surpass. The chief requisite to its successful culture are early planting, plenty of moisture and good drainage.

An old-fashioned flower that deserves a place somewhere about the home is the common morning glory. (Convolvulus major). To obtain the best results, the seed must be sown fairly early in spring, say from the middle to the end of March. The Janapese morning glory (Ipomoea imperialis), is larger than the ordinary kind and more brilliantly colored. The cypress vine (Ipomoea Quamoclit) and the moon flower (Ipomoea grandiflora) also are good annual climbers. The best position for all these kinds is an eastern aspect or a place where they will not be exposed to the hot noon-day sun.

Nasturtiums are excellent climbers to furnish flowers for cutting. Do not plant in soil that is very rich for the plants will run to vine rather than to flowers. Choose a site that is exposed to full sunlight most of the day. Sow the seed at once, about two inches apart in the row and from one to two inches deep. After the plants are well established, thin them to six inches apart.

Both the plain and variegated types of Japanese hop are very pretty climbers. They grow rapidly. Sow the seed towards the end of May and when the plants are large enough, thin them out. When the new seeds form on the vines, pinch them off or they will spoil the fine effect that is desired.

A free-blooming climber is the scarlet runner bean. They like a deep, rich soil and plenty of water. The seed should be sown when there will be no danger of frost after the young plants appear above ground. The east or north side of a building, if not too shaded, is the best location.

Although a perennial, Cobaea scandens can be treated as an annual when grown outside, as it winter-kills. As the seeds of this should be sown indoors or in a hot bed early in April, it will be necessary now to buy the plants from a florist. Plant them in the open towards the end of May or the first of June. This climber likes a light, rich soil.

There are many annual climbers, but those described are the best. The canary bird vine, the Madeira vine, ornamental gourds, the wild cucumber, and Lophospermum scandens are excellent for special purposes and positions. The latter is a very effective trailer for hanging baskets for window boxes.

—The Lindsay Horticultural Society, which has had much to do with the noticeable improvement in the town's appearance of late years, recently distributed nearly 300 packages of choice Aster seeds to third-grade students in our public schools. Prizes will be offered at Lindsay Central for the best flowers produced therefrom. An excellent and praiseworthy idea.

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Great Floods in Texas Many Persons Drowned

Immense Damage to Crops, Railway and Other Property—Thrilling Rescues Reported—Thirteen Men Take Refuge on Water Tank

WICHITA, TEXAS, May 27.—Persons dead, others missing and believed to have suffered a like fate, property valued at millions swept away, thousands homeless and being cared for by charitable organizations, train and wire service demoralized—such are the conditions prevailing in the northern and central sections of this state, the result of a recent breaking rise in the Trinity river and other streams, following a downfall of unprecedented severity.

The crest of the flood passed Dallas Monday night, but in the north rain is again falling, and another rise in Trinity river is not improbable.

Former President G. L. Belew and Secretary Dorsey of the Texas Grain Dealers' Association, estimate the damage to grain crops of Texas as a result of the floods at \$3,000,000, the loss of the roads at \$1,000,000, and damage of \$2,000,000 to the crops of Oklahoma.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 27.—With the waters of the Trinity river still near the summit of the banks another great volume of water began pouring from the west fork of that stream towards the city last night. The river is rising at a rate of six inches an hour, and with such conditions as already prevail the outlook when the crest of the second rush of waters reaches this city cannot be foretold. That considerable additional property loss and suffering will result is considered certain. From Sunday night until noon Monday the river was receding but slowly. During the afternoon the water was at a standstill. By night the second rise began.

The number of dead stands at ten. Two of the bodies of those drowned Saturday night have been recovered. One was that of a man named Welsh,

an employe of a saloon, and the other a farmer named Peple. The railway situation shows but slight improvement. The Rock Island is making no effort to run trains in any direction. The joint track of the Texas & Pacific, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, and the Cotton and Texas, and Texas, are held before Thursday at least. The Missouri, Kansas, and Texas is making no effort to run trains north, and the "Frisco" is stopping all south-bound trains at Carrollton and turning them back.

A conservative estimate places the loss of the railways at around \$3,000,000.

A serious situation has developed here in regard to the city water supply. The mains are filled with black, muddy water, unfit for drinking even after being boiled and settled. The city authorities declare it may be a week before they can restore the normal water supply. In the meantime those who can afford it are buying water from private artesian wells, and those who cannot are drinking the water that comes from the mains.

Thrilling rescues were reported from Carrowton and Grapevine. Thirteen men, women, and children were caught in the overflow of the Denton river. Their condition became so precarious that they were forced to hold their children upon their shoulders in order to keep them from drowning. These people stood in water almost to their necks for ten hours, until rescued.

Thirteen railroad employes engaged in repairing a bridge at Grapevine were hemmed in by rising waters on Monday. They sought refuge on top of a big water tank, and at last accounts were still on the tank, surrounded by four miles of water.

Said to Have Thrown Eggs at Young Ladies

WERE TRYING TO PREACH AT FLEETWOOD — LAWSUIT BEING PUSHED.

It was learned Tuesday that the two young lady preachers who tried to address the citizens of Lindsay Monday night, received very little sympathy in Fleetwood last week. They went out to the village to speak, and it is said they were stoned with rotten eggs by a gang of rowdies from Janetville. The speakers were forced to move on, but there

LOST FORTY DOLLARS.

While down town on Wednesday morning, Mrs. Jackson, of Mount Horeb, had the misfortune to lose forty dollars. In some unaccountable way, her purse became unfastened, and the money dropped out. The money consisted of six bills, wrapped together. There were four five dollar bills and two tens.

The Body of a Young Man Who Drowned Last Year by the Falls

(Where Joseph into the torrent this picture.)

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Real Estate

Mr. G. H. Falls, has disposed of his residential property overlooking the Lake to Mr. W. paid was in \$1,400.

Mr. Heard was slain about July

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