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PROVO, UTAH, - MARCH 31, 1894.

## THE VAN PATTEN CASE.

**It is Argued and Submitted.—Other Court Business.**

The courtroom was crowded yesterday morning to hear the arguments in the Van Patten case. Prosecuting Attorney Johnson, of Sanpete county, made the opening argument for the prosecution. He reviewed the evidence in the case in a concise and logical manner, bringing out those circumstances which he considered proved conclusively the guilt of the defendant.

A. D. Hoyt, Judge W. N. Dusenberry and W. H. King argued the case for the defense. The arguments were logical and eloquent. They went to show that Mr. Nielsen had a greater object in killing the deceased than Mr. Van Patten had. The opportunities were more favorable for her to commit the deed than for defendant, and that she had the disposition, they said, was shown by her conduct towards the deceased on several occasions. Counsel appealed to the jury to remember that the crime must be proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, to have been committed by defendant, before a verdict could be brought against her. The defense held that it had not been proven that Mr. Nielsen had come to his death from poisoning. The character of the defendant as a loving wife and mother was contrasted with the character of Mrs. Nielsen, whose testimony, together with that of her simple minded son, was the only testimony that could possibly show any guilt on the part of Mrs. Van Patten.

Mrs. Van Patten wept bitterly at times while her attorneys were speaking.

Prosecuting Attorney Thurman closed the case for the people. He made an able argument, pointing out what he considered the weak points in Mr. Van Patten's explanations of her connection with the case. The jury was cautioned to remember in their consideration of the case the great interest Mrs. Van Patten had therein. Mr. Thurman asked the jury to do their duty faithfully between the defendant and the people.

Judge Smith charged the jury and they retired to consider the case.

### Notes.

George M. Wagoner, a transient living with Mr. Patten, on Provo beach, had a quarrel with a son of Mr. Patten, which culminated in a fight. Each swore out a warrant against the other. Judge Wedgwood fined young Patten $1.00 and costs.

The O. A. R. men of Provo contemplate putting the Atlanta Boy upon the boards in the Opera house at an early date.

J. J. Booth, Frank Mason, C. H. Hallet and J. W. Smith were brought down from the penitentiary last evening. They will be tried in the criminal court. J. J. Booth for larceny, Frank Mason for passing counterfeit money, and Hallet and Smith for the murder of Roy Grant at Westwater.

A number of criminal cases from Sanpete county set for this term have been continued for the term, to be tried at Manti during the May term.

Emil Maeser, of this city, and Miss Lillian Loveland, of Bitchan City, were united in marriage at the Salt Lake Temple, last Thursday. Mr. Maeser leaves for a mission to Germany at an early date.

### Died While the Doctors Quarreled.

Here is the latest episode of Parisian life. The cold weather of late has been rather severe on the unique population of the gay capital, and it was keenly felt by Maurice, the sewer-cleaner of the Jardin d'Acclimatation. When Maurice fell ill, it was decided by the managers of the Jardin that inasmuch as Maurice possessed far more experience in a sewer than he ever could in a school, a regular doctor should be consulted, and accordingly the services of a physician were invoked. On his arrival however, the doctor declared that, as the patient coupled an intermediary place between the quadrupeds and the human, its treatment should devolve upon a veterinary surgeon, who, however, hesitated to assume the responsibility on the ground that Maurice was more human than beast. While the discussion was in progress between the two medicos the monkey died.—Boston Herald.

### An Archbishop on Suicides.

The archbishop of Canterbury, at a church convocation the other day, entered a strong protest against the growing tendency to what is called "coddling suicide."

He protested against the conventional verdict of temporary insanity in order to grant a Christian burial. In spite of the repugnance to speak ill of the dead, suicide is becoming too prevalent, and a healthier public sentiment against it should be encouraged. He regretted newspaper headings, instead of being "Romantic," "Pathetic," "Interesting," should be "Revolting Self Murder."—London Exchange.


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Amos Smith, Defendant.

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The said action is brought to have a divorce of the court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the custody of the minor child, issue of said marriage, namely, Walter Smith, aged about three years, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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