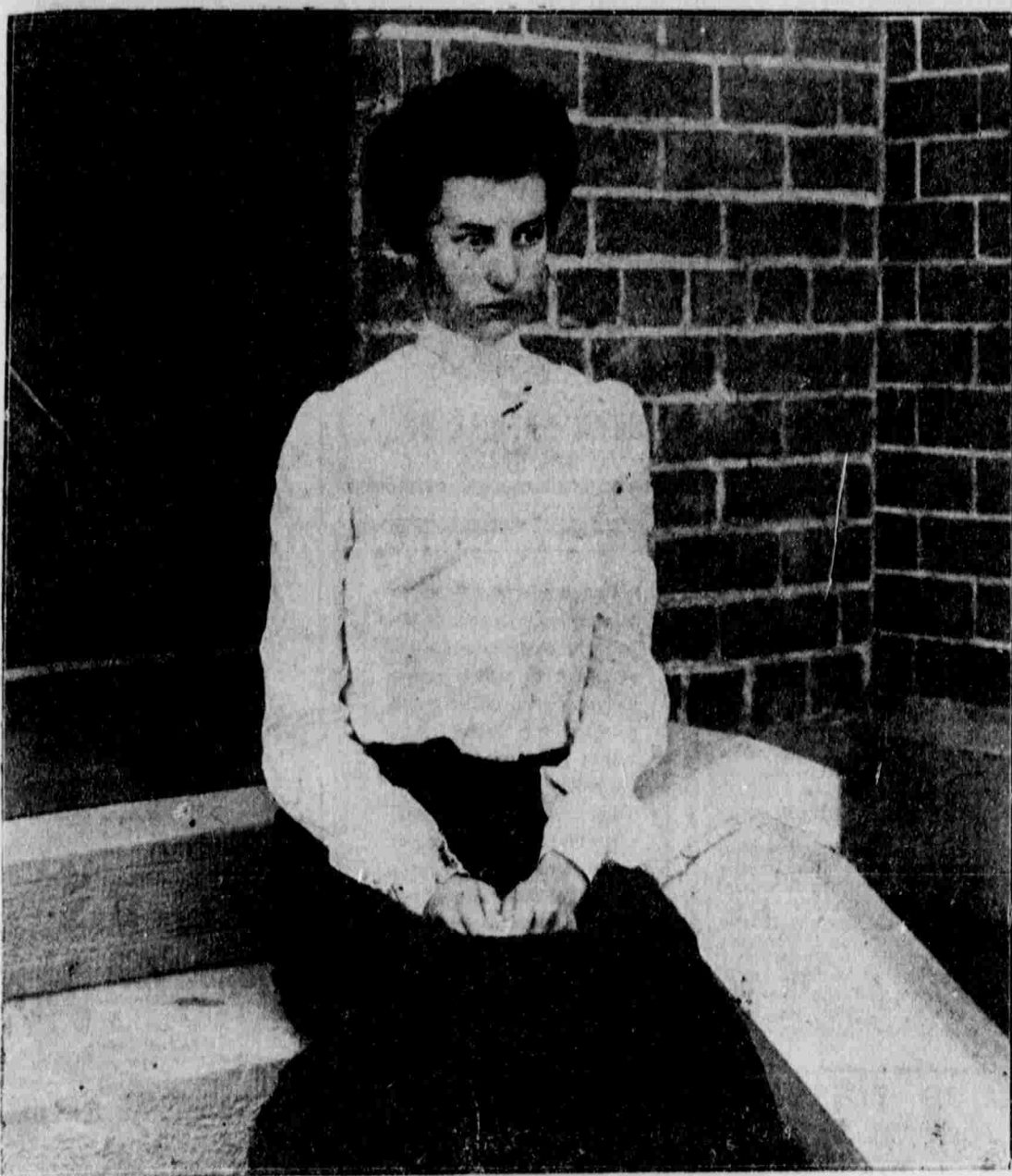


## SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. AURORA HODGE.

Self-Confessed Slayer of William X. Ryan Succumbs to an Operation for Appendicitis—  
She Preferred Death to Imprisonment and Did All She Could to Hasten Her  
Speedy End—Word Awaited From Relatives.



MRS. AURORA HODGE.

At 10:25 o'clock last night Mrs. Aurora Hodge died at the Holy Cross hospital from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, performed on last Sunday afternoon by Dr. Mayo. She was thought to be recovering up to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at which time she, for a second time, deliberately tore the bandages from her wound and thus caused the crisis in her condition, which resulted fatally. During her brief illness she had undoubtedly determined to die in order to escape the disgrace of a trial for murder and a probable conviction and sentence to the state prison.

After her bandages were replaced she told the nurse that the next time she would jump out of the window. She said that they were just trying to make her well so that they could put her in the penitentiary, and that she would rather die than go there. The nurse tried to quiet her, but her efforts were unsuccessful. She became unconscious about 6:30 o'clock, and Dr. Mayo was summoned and stayed with her until her death. The remains were removed to S. D. Evans' undertaking parlors, awaiting word from

her brother, Alfred Larsen of Denison, Iowa, as to their disposition.

### CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Mrs. Hodge, at the time she was taken with appendicitis, occupied a cell in the county jail awaiting her trial for the murder of William X. Ryan, a spectacle peddler near Murray, on the night of July 11. Her trial was first set for last Monday but was continued upon motion of her attorneys, C. F. and F. C. Leobow, until the January term of court. Ryan's body was discovered by three smallmen on the afternoon of July 14. It was lying on some bedding at his camp and was covered with some quilts. The body was horribly decomposed, the hands, arms and ankles were bound with pieces of straps from the harness and there was a bullet hole in his head.

### CONFESSED THE CRIME.

For a time the greatest mystery surrounded the murder. Finally the officers secured a good description of the woman who had traveled with Ryan since about the first of July and identified her as Mrs. Hodge. She was located at her home in Denison, Ia., but before she could be arrested, she was warned and made her escape. From Denison she went to Chicago and there

secured employment at a summer resort in Michigan. She worked at the resort until the early part of August, when, tortured by a guilty conscience, she could endure her condition no longer and surrendered herself to the authorities at Grand Rapids and confessed the crime.

### OTHER DETAILS.

She was brought back to this city by Sheriff Emery and to him she said that she killed Ryan to defend her honor. Strong circumstantial evidence had been secured against her by the state. Witnesses had been found who identified her as the woman seen with Ryan in his camp. Two Pullman employees identified her as the woman who rushed into their car just a few seconds before the train left this city for Hutto on the night of the murder. They said that she was hatless and that she appeared nervous and greatly excited. She seemed to have plenty of money and tendered the Pullman conductor a \$20 gold piece in payment for her berth to Butte, saying that she had no change. It was the general belief of the authorities that she killed Ryan for his money. During her incarceration at the county jail she has been a model prisoner. At the time of her death she was only 22 years of age.

the month of \$480,493.82. The disbursements for the month amounted to \$232,589.05, leaving a balance on hand on Nov. 30 of \$247,904.77. This balance is distributed among the various state funds as follows:

General fund	\$12,518.74
State district schools	141,691.51
Trust fund	42.42
State school lands	15,414.41
University	572.97
Agricultural college	416.35
Public buildings	6,129.73
Reservoir	62,982.73
Insane asylum	1,063.52
School of mines	1,299.55
Deaf and dumb school	1,087.36
Reformatory school	217.26
Normal school	452.25
Institution for blind	536.97
Miners' hospital	4,308.57
Suspense account	1,491.91
Sheep inspection fund	1,436.84
Total	\$227,694.77

A kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure in time. Sold by Johnson-Pratt Drug Co.

FIFTY DOLLARS for the best story submitted not later than Dec. 5. To consist of not more than 500 words.

CHRISTMAS NEWS PRIZES.

Twenty-five DOLLARS for the best Christmas poem submitted not later than Dec. 5. To consist of not more than 120 words.

Twenty-five DOLLARS for the best article submitted on "Salt Lake City in 1910," closing date Dec. 1. To consist of not more than 2,000 words.

Ward Entertainments.

At the Ninth ward meetinghouse, corner of Fourth South and Fifth East streets, will be held a fair, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. On Wednesday night the business session, "The Deedrick Skule," will be rendered by members of the ward, and selections given by J. S. Donelson and Sam Kenyon, banjoists; Clavson and Margrets, comedians, and the Royal orchestra. Thursday night a musical act, introducing 15 instruments, violin solo by Prof. Claude J. Nettleton, vocal selections by Miss Enid Edmonds, Joseph Polk, A. E. Braby, John Williams and Albert Stirling; piano solo by Miss Ethel M. Nettleton; recitation by Miss Mildred Brown; mandolin solo by Miss Roselle Pickering; club singing by Hugh Ripeto, and other numbers will be given. Friday night an impromptu concert and dance with grand march led by most popular lady as indicated by a voting contest, will comprise the program. A side show, several gayly decorated booths, guessing contests, etc., will be features of the fair. Doors open at 7:30. Concerts at 8:15. There will be no charge for admission, but voluntary contributions will be received at the door.

The people of the Twenty-sixth ward will give a Christmas missionary benefit in the ward house on Thursday night next, to which the public is invited. The program, which begins at 8 o'clock, is as follows:

Opening chorus, Returned Missionaries Invocation.  
Solo, Mrs. R. B. Morrison.  
Recitation, Sarah Stanley.  
Character song and dance, Master Thomas and Miss B. Phenix.  
Vocal solo, Miss Ruth Wilson.  
Recitation, Miss Jones.  
Maori song, Miss Jones.  
Solo, in English and Norwegian, Miss Lund.  
Graphophone selections.  
Dental and barber shop—teeth pulled free and hair cut while you wait.  
Piano solo, Hazel Williams.  
Prognostication, Nellie Reeves.  
Letter-Christmas greeting to missionaries.  
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Seare.  
Solo, Beatrice Seare.

There will be a dancing party in the Second ward meetinghouse next Thursday night, and the invitations to the same are printed on grocery wrapping paper, in phonetic spelling, as follows:

Thares goin to be a Dancin Party at the Meethin House next Thursday night, and we want you to cum and be mabe the gudest and the gudest with us. Don't by no elos for the doins cum in yur gud plane cloes, leev the rules of etiket at the dor and be lik a real famly.

Please giv the dor-keeper 35 cents as a donashun for the nu meetinhouse, and if yu belong to the genteler sex 15 cents will be enuf. We will have lots of deaght forgit Thursday nite, Dec. 3rd, 1903, beginnin at ate 8 o'clock.

### CALIFORNIA FOR HOMES.

The Best of Soil, Climate, Society and Schools.

California offers more attractions to one seeking a place for a comfortable home than any other place on the globe. Its extensive area gives it an almost unlimited variety of climate, save that it has nowhere the intense cold of the Eastern winter, nor the cyclonic disturbances of the middle West.

Its soil is as diversified as its climate. From the loose, friable, granitic wash of the Sierra valleys and foothills, and the black, rich adobe of some of the interior valleys, there may be found soils of almost any consistency, all fertile and well adapted to be "tickled with the hoe" to respond to an abundant crop.

Thousands of acres of excellent land nestled in charming valleys and running far up on the foothills, water to be had in abundance for the developing, the waiting hand of industry to convert them into productive and pleasant homes. A half dozen families selecting some one of these valleys could in three years convert it into a veritable paradise. And from the beginning the little colony could be entirely comfortable, and almost self-sustaining.

Such lands can be bought at a low price, and if desired on long leases, with improvements are being made. The additional value conferred upon the land by its improvement will be materially enhanced by the natural accretion of value always going on in a new and growing country.

Nor will such a place remain long isolated and without the accommodations of older settlements. The law of the state is wisely framed to provide for new settlements. New school districts are easily formed, and the smallest of these have public money enough to ensure a good school for the greater part of the year.

It is often thought that a man must be already wealthy to secure a comfortable California home. This is not the case. A few hundred dollars to begin with, backed by industrious and frugal habits, will in an incredibly short space of time build up a home with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. These lands are already in the market and are gradually being purchased, and it needs only that the leading facts shall be generally known to secure an immediate and rapid addition to the home-making population of the state.

For illustrative literature descriptive of California, address:

D. R. GRAY,  
G. A. So. Pac. Co., 201 Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Walker's Store.

PRICE, REDUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.



Entire Stock of Women's Suits and Dresses  
At \$35 And Upward—Half Priced.

As great a bit of fortune as ever befell the woman in need of a smart street suit, fashionable dress or visiting gown. Think of paying but half regular price for the most charming in the whole Walker Store stock! As choice a gathering as we—with all the help makers could give by presenting us the season's favorites—were able to form. Not more than three months ago the first comers were invoiced and new ones have been added since. Black, colors and mixture effects. Every approved style. Every body's size. Thursday, Friday, Saturday—

Entire Stock Selling at \$35 and Upward—  
Half Regular Prices.

Men's \$1.25 Percale Shirts—85c

You have the entire line selling at this price to choose from—every one a split-span new shirt of this very season. Light colors and dark with figure or stripe patterns. Made well, cut well, the best shirts we could get to sell at \$1.25. Thursday, Friday, Saturday—

\$1.25 to \$2 White Shirts—85c.

A broken line lot, although there is every size something. Excellent shirts, well made, every particular, but for the reason given, a clearance is demanded. Were formerly \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2 each. Thursday, Friday, Saturday—85c for any one.

Men's Underwear at Half Prices.

Broken lines of union suits and separate piece garments. All wool, all cotton, a few silk and wool mixed. Formerly \$1 to \$12, three days—HALF THESE PRICES.

65c Angora Tam O'Shanter—39c.

Boys' Caps at—Half Price.

Angora Tam O'Shanter in all white, red, blue and fancy colors that sell regularly at 65c each, reduced to—39c.

Some dozens of boys' winter caps, blue, brown and fancy mixtures, double bands, sell at 50c, 55c and \$1 each, Thursday, Friday, Saturday—HALF THESE PRICES.

Assortment of Odd Pottery Pieces—Half Priced.

About a dozen pieces, no two alike, any one will make a pleasing Christmas gift. Large vases, small vases, and queer shape things that couldn't be given a name. Rich pottery from foreign countries. \$1.50 up to \$10 regular price. Thursday, Friday, Saturday—HALF THESE PRICES.

Chiffon Pattern Veils at Half Price

Since no woman can have too many veils—they make a very pretty and appreciable gift. These are the chiffon pattern veils in black, navy blue, brown, green, lavender and the black and white and white and black effects. Sell regularly at \$1 each, but in a great many, may last Thursday, Friday, Saturday—HALF THESE PRICES.

Pretty Fancy Silk Collars Instead Of \$1 and \$1.25 Each—75c.

Charming little Christmas gifts. The open-work or fagotted silk collars with tabs. White, black, red and dainty pink and light blue shades. A goodly group for selection, but Thursday, Friday, Saturday will no doubt see them all cleared away. Reduced from \$1 and \$1.25 to—75c each.

Stationery, Toilet Soap.

A box of stationery is not an unusual Christmas gift. This offering is of some fine "Hurlbut"—the Bannockburn brand in violet, white, swiss blue and mazarine. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, instead of 50c a box—25c.

Toilet soaps—different kinds, different odors, sold at 15c a box of three cakes, very special for three days—10c a box.

Walker Brothers Dry Goods Co.

### SCHOOL INSURANCE.

Report of Committee Objected To and Referred Back.

It took the city board of education only half an hour to transact its business last evening. The committee of the whole recommended that all the insurance be placed with the board companies. There were some objections to the report because it was stated that the state university had secured better rates on insurance than the board of education, so the report was referred back to the committee for further investigation. The appropriations approved for the month of November amounted to \$7,101.73. The treasurer's report for the month showed an overdraft of \$61,070.31. The report was approved.

The board concurred in the recommendations of the committee on teachers and school work, and appointed Miss Nellie Goss as teacher of mechanical drawing at the High school at a salary of \$20 per month. The salary of Miss Angeline Holbrook, a High school teacher, was increased from \$50 to \$60 per month. The new contract with the Martin Coal company containing the advanced rates for coal was approved upon condition that the price should be decreased when the coal difficulty is settled.

There were two applications to lease the old Thirteenth ward schoolhouse, one from the Salvation Army and the other from the Home mission. The latter offered \$40 per month for it. The matter was referred to the committee on buildings and grounds. Fourteen applications for positions as teachers were received and referred to the committee on teachers and school work.

### Report From the Reform School.

G. C. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicines we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless." Sold by Johnson-Pratt Drug Co.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness of any sort instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

### A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Martin F. Holmberg Falls to His Death At Portland Cement Works.

Martin F. Holmberg, a painter, met with a distressing death yesterday afternoon, at the Portland Cement works. He was painting the inside of a new steel building at the works when he stepped on a live wire. It rolled under his foot, and he grabbed an iron rod. This made a circuit, and Holmberg was rendered unconscious. His brother tried to catch him, to pre-

vent him from falling, but was unsuccessful, and the unfortunate man fell 25 feet, striking his head on the machinery below. His skull was fractured, and death resulted immediately.

The deceased was 28 years old, and a native of Alta. He was a resident of Granger, where he leaves a wife and young babe.

### HEALTH OF CITY.

During the Month of November Was Decrease in Mortality.

The report of the board of health for the month of November shows a decrease in the mortality of the city, 45 deaths having been reported during that month, as compared with 50 for the month before and 65 for the month of September. Of the deaths reported, 22 were males and 23 females, all whites. According to nativity, 8 were natives of Utah, 13 were natives of the United States, and 24 of foreign birth.

As compared with October, deaths among children under 5 years of age decreased 5, and doubled among adults.

This is the season of the year when Scott's Emulsion does some of its best work. Fortifying the system against the ravages of winter is one of the most effective uses of Scott's Emulsion; it builds up the strength of the whole body and puts one in a healthy, vigorous condition.

Weak lungs, throat troubles or bronchial affections get more positive help and relief from Scott's Emulsion than from any other source.

Cod liver oil itself is very scarce just now; cheap adulterations and mixtures of inferior oils are offered everywhere.

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over 65 years old. There were 18 deaths of persons over 65 years of age, 5 of the number being due to diseases of the respiratory apparatus, 3 to nervous diseases, and the balance to Bright's disease and senile debility. Four deaths resulted from tuberculosis, 4 from cancer, and three each from organic heart disease, pneumonia, and typhoid fever.

Of contagious and infectious diseases reported during the month, there were 16 of diphtheria with one death, 25 cases of typhoid fever with 2 deaths, 2 cases of scarlet fever, 6 cases of smallpox, 3 of chickenpox and 1 of whooping cough, making a total of 53 for the month, as against 109 for the month preceding.

Of the houses fumigated by the department fumigator during the month, 17 had been infected with diphtheria, 3 scarlet fever, and 5 smallpox, having a total of 14 rooms.

Twenty-five samples of milk were tested by the city chemist during the month, and all but two were found to meet the requirements of the city ordinance; of 3 culture tubes submitted for examination for the diphtheria germ, 3 were found to contain them. The birth rate for the month is the same as for the month of October, 115 white births being reported, 51 males and 64 females. Two still births were also reported during the month.

Coughs, Colds and Constipation. Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they are getting the best. It is a constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opium, is safe and sure and will not constipate. Sold by Johnson-Pratt Drug Co.

### TWO MORE CLERKS.

Council Decides to Give the City Recorder Extra Help.

For three hours last night the city council wrestled with the revised ordinances of the city and made considerable progress in reading and adopting them. It was voted to allow the city recorder two additional clerks and one additional stenographer. The clerks will receive \$900 per year and the stenographer \$720. The two junior deputies in the office will receive \$1,080 per year instead of \$900, as heretofore.

Just before the council adjourned it granted permission to the contractors for the new Y. M. C. A. building to use part of State street in front of the building site for piling building material.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Financial Statement of the State Shows A Balance of Half a Million.

State Treasurer Dixon today filed his report for the month of November with State Auditor Tingey. The receipts for the month amounted to \$369,191.50, and the balance on hand on Nov. 1 was \$91,302.32, making a total on hand during