

DEAD POLITICIAN'S "SPIRIT CHILD" NOW CLAIMED BY MATERIAL MOTHER; CINCINNATI COURTS ASKED TO SETTLE STRANGE CASE



At the left, Mrs. Dora Funk Guen and her two sons, Samuel and Lorenzo; seated, Louis Kraft (left) and his brother, Fred Kraft.

Louis Kraft, twelve, is the politician and Mrs. Stephen Weeks Center, O., as her son. Fred Kraft, twelve, is Kraft's wife. To prove her claim that she is the real mother of Louis Kraft, Jr., Mrs. Guen has brought her two sons, Samuel and Lorenzo, into court as exhibits to show their alleged resemblance to the "spirit child."

MICHIGAN NEWS

FIND LONG LOST SISTER

After lapse of 33 years Bay City woman is to be reunited with Kalamazoo sister. Through an unusual combination of circumstances, which resulted in the revelation of a story that borders on a fairyland, Mrs. Emil O. Hartig, of 905 Garfield avenue, expects to this week meet a sister whom she has all her life believed to be dead, not having seen her in 33 years. Mrs. Hartig has already left for Huntington, Ind., to visit her long lost sister, Mrs. Crogan, and in two weeks' visit try to bridge the abyss of over three decades of their lives, which to each of them has practically been a blank with regard to the other.

YOUNGSTERS TO GET PRIZES FOR FEEDING BIRDS IN WINTER

Adrian, Mich.—The Adrian Y.M.C.A. has announced that prizes will be given to children of this city for feeding and protecting wild birds during the winter months.

WIDOW GETS ALL

Kalamazoo, Mich.—The entire estate of Horace J. Fuller, amounting to over \$200,000, goes to Mrs. Fuller, according to the terms of the will, barely known. The property includes the Kalamazoo Hack & Buggy Co. and the Fuller theater.

SAVES FAMILY FROM BURNING HOME AS ROOF CAVES IN

Jackson, Mich.—E. M. Sharp, a Summit township farmer, returning home found the upper part of his house in flames and his wife and children in a room below, unaware of the danger. He got them out just as the roof fell. None of the household goods was saved. A defective stove pipe is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

UPPER PENINSULA ENTIRELY FREED OF CATTLE BAN

Detroit Tribune Bureau. Washington.—An unconditional release of the entire upper peninsula of Michigan from the hoof and mouth disease quarantine was announced by the department of agriculture. Several weeks ago the department authorized the shipment of cattle into the upper peninsula from uninfected areas, but it would not permit shipment from the upper peninsula except when infection had been made, and then only for immediate slaughter.

During the recent epidemic of the hoof and mouth disease in Michigan, no cases developed in the upper peninsula. An item of \$2,500,000 to pay for the cattle destroyed in the recent hoof and mouth disease epidemic was carried in the urgent deficiency bill, as reported by the house appropriations committee. Quite a number of Michigan farmers still hold pledges from the federal government to pay specified sums for the destruction of their herds. It was impossible to pay for all the herds destroyed at the time they were condemned in order to prevent spread of the disease.

UNIFORM TEXTBOOKS, IN DISTRICT URGED

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Kalamazoo dis-

trict school directors met here to consider a change in the laws governing rural districts. They will recommend to the next legislature the consolidation of rural districts into uniform work and text books in all districts. In few districts in the state is the school work slanting, it was pointed out.

BIG BLANKET ORDER FROM GERMANY IS DECLINED

Adrian, Mich.—An order for one million blankets from Germany, to be used in the war, was turned down by Clinton Woolen Mills Co., in Clinton, Lawrence county. The fact that the mills are now working day and night on orders for the United States government is given as a reason for refusing the German order.

JACKSON MANUFACTURER FALLS DEAD IN HOME

Jackson, Mich.—Andrew J. Weatherwax, 57, aged 60, a prominent manufacturer and former mayor of Jackson, dropped dead at his home. He was superintendent of the Haven E. C. church Sunday school for 21 years. A son, A. J. Weatherwax, is in business in Detroit. Mr. Weatherwax was a Mason, served the city two terms as mayor and was one of the first manufacturers in Jackson.

Ellet.—The Farmers' Creamery Co. plant at Otisville was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Loss, \$5,000, partly insured.

Kalamazoo.—Amazed at the activity of shoplifters in the city, police are putting forth extra efforts to land the thieves. The police declare that more thefts have been reported this winter than in many years past.

Hillsdale.—Reed Bailey of Lehigh county, who pleaded guilty to a serious offense against a 12-year-old daughter of a neighbor, was placed on probation for three years by Judge Chester.

Lansing.—Requisition papers have gone forward for Stan Medzinski, in Plymouth, Pa., where he has been arrested at the request of Jackson officers. Medzinski took a stove he had bought on contract, out of the state.

Owosso.—John Smith, of Bay City, 29 and single, who was found unconscious beside the Michigan Central track six miles north of Owosso, apparently having been struck by a train, died in a local hospital. He inherited the shipment of cattle into the upper peninsula from uninfected areas, but it would not permit shipment from the upper peninsula except when infection had been made, and then only for immediate slaughter.

Standish.—While the little son of Jonathan Bowen, living a few miles north, was playing with dynamite, it exploded, starting the left hand of the boy and also hitting a little child of Mrs. F. Bowen above the eye. Pieces of the cartridge narrowly missed other members of the family. The little boy will lose two fingers and his thumb.

Muskegon.—Lafayette R. Coston and William Bedford, both convicted of statutory offenses, the latter against his adopted daughter, were given terms at Jackson prison by Circuit Judge Sullivan. Coston got from two to ten years, with a recommendation of two. He is 74 years old. Bedford was sentenced to serve from four to twelve years, with six years recommendation.

Ann Arbor.—E. N. Haislip, of Kalamazoo, who graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan, last year, and remained in Ann Arbor to help look after the big membership campaign which was planned by the Michigan Union, is the editor of the latest university publication, Campus News Notes, which is issued in the interests of the Union.

Flint.—Arraigned in Justice Torrey's court on the charge of being drunk, Vincent Murray admitted attacking Richard Edmunds in a cell block at the county jail. He was sentenced to 15 days. County jail police say that a warrant charging Murray with assault and battery may follow. Edmunds is the police officer who shot and killed Albert Beagle, an alleged local option violator while attempting to arrest him. Murray explains his attack on Edmunds by saying he heard Edmunds had shot the man, and he wanted to avenge the act.

Battle Creek.—While police were debating which of 6 crimes to charge against Mike and Dan Deck—assault with intent to kill, burglary, breaking and entering, carrying concealed weapons, making criminal threats or larceny—Justice M. H. Allen "solved" it by arraigning the men for plain "disorderly conduct." Astounded at the mild charge apparently, the men had the nerve to plead not guilty. Mike Spelo identified them as the men who pulled him from bed Saturday night and pounded him into insensibility, while his wife and two children went into hysterics. It was a European war fracas.

Ann Arbor.—Capt. Alfred H. Atwood of the local Salvation Army has complained to the police of the meanness of which the department has any record. A man who had been befriended was found to be missing from the Army home, and the same time Capt. Atwood discovered that \$45, which had been collected for the Christmas dinner the Army annually gives Ann Arbor poor, had also disappeared. The missing man's disappearance has been telegraphed to nearby cities.

A FAIR WARNING

One That Should be Heeded by Everyone. Frequently the first sign of kidney trouble is a dull ache or pain in the loins. Neglect of this warning makes the way easy for more serious troubles—dropsy, gravel, Bright's disease. This will pay attention to the first sign. Weak kidneys generally grow weaker and delay is often dangerous. Residents of this locality place reliance in Doan's Kidney Pills. This tested remedy has been used in kidney trouble over 50 years and is commended all over the civilized world. Read the following: Mrs. William Nixon, 1020 River Road, St. Clair, Mich., says: "I often had pains through my back and kidneys and whenever I lifted, sharp twinges darted down my spine. At times I was dizzy and nervous and had headaches too. My kidneys were out of order. Doan's Kidney Pills had been used in my family with such good results that I took them. They soon cured me and I haven't had any trouble since." Files too, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a "kidney remedy," but Doan's Kidney Pills. Name Doan, St. Louis, Mo. Foster-McClellan Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y., Adv.

FARM HANDS SEEK COINS

Treasure Believed to Have Been Hidden Along the Historic Route in 1847. Topeka, Kan.—Down in Grant County they are forgetting about crops to look for gold. Recently Pete Anderson, living six miles southwest of New Ulm, found a \$10 gold piece on his land. Before that three gold coins were found, all bearing the date 1847, were found in the same locality. The news of the find of the coins has brought a crop of searchers who are seeking for treasure believed to be hidden somewhere in that neighborhood. Farm hands are quitting work to join in the search and part of the Santa Fe Railroad's extra gang, at work on the Dodge City extension, deserted to make a "gold rush" to the Grant County "find." So far only the four gold coins have been unearthed, but a first class job of plowing is being done on the Anderson and adjoining farms, with the consent of the owners of the land. The old "dry route" Santa Fe Trail passed up the Cimarron Valley at this point and the gold coins were found adjacent to the old trail. The theory is that some transcontinental tourist of the '50s, en route to the States from California, laden with gold, was attacked by either Indians or Mexicans here, bent on robbery. This Cimarron dry route was a favorite holdout for thieving Mexicans and treacherous Indians. The date of the gold coins, 1847, is before the time of California gold, and some think the coins belonged to a Santa Fe trader returning from Santa Fe via the shortest route across the plains. At any event, it is supposed a quantity of the gold coin was secreted or hidden in time of trouble, and those who are now searching for the hiding place believe they will find it in this locality near the old trail.

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