

SHARP DIES IN CHAIR, PROTESTING INNOCENCE

Executed for Murder of Wife in 1926; Mother's Plea to Governor Fails.

TELLS ALL "GOODBY"

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 19 (AP).—Maintaining his innocence to the last, Frank Sharp, 52, twice convicted and twice sentenced to death for the murder of his wife, Tuesday, near here in March, 1926, was electrocuted in the Nebraska penitentiary at 6:29 a. m. today.

Current of 2,400 volts was allowed to course through his body. Sharp was apparently the calmest man in the room as the attendants strapped his arms and legs to the chair. He was breathing a little heavily and he moved his fingers nervously, but otherwise displayed no emotion.

"Good-by and God bless you," he said to reporters, witnesses and spectators in the room.

Sharp listened attentively while prayers were said by Father Ford and by Chaplain Maxwell.

Visited by Relatives. Sharp repeated a prayer with the priest while holding a small crucifix in his left hand.

When the chaplain extended his hand toward Sharp, the prisoner said "I don't want to shake hands."

"I am not afraid to die, gentlemen," Sharp said while guards ripped his trousers to clamp part of the death harness on his leg.

"There's no reason for me to be afraid."

"All right, air," he told the executioner after a request that he close his eyes. "Fix things to suit yourself. Whatever you do is all right with me."

Even after the head piece was placed on him and the heavy strap over his face, Sharp continued to talk.

"You're smacking my nose," he said twice before the executioner signaled it.

The doomed man had cheerful good-bys for the warden, chaplain, priest and his friends and in one ended by saying "God bless you."

The current was turned on at 6:29 and after 45 seconds was stopped. The doctors examined the body and pronounced Sharp dead at 6:32.

His body was claimed by his family and will be buried in a local cemetery.

The condemned man's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sharp, visited the death cell yesterday evening.

Wife Slain in 1926. Among those who were present at the execution were the murdered woman's brother, Homer Williams, and her son by a former marriage, Art Ostblom.

Mr. Sharp was killed on the night of March 16, 1926. Her body was found mutilated by blows of a hammer, was found in the family of two miles northeast of Haverly, the next morning, after an eight-hour search by local police.

Blood stains on his clothes excited suspicion toward Sharp. Prints near the murder scene were found to coincide with the shoe Sharp was wearing that night.

Other circumstantial evidence also was found, the most important of which was a palm print of the hammer, used to kill Mrs. Sharp.

Convicted on Palm Print. This print was declared by experts to be similar to Sharp's and was a large part in his conviction. It is believed Sharp was the first man to be executed largely on palm print evidence.

His first conviction was reversed by the supreme court on technical errors, but his second conviction was affirmed.

Sharp always contended he was laid up by robbers who bound and held him and abducted his wife. This was the story he told when he refused a ferry home on the night of the murder and to which he staunchly clung during his trials and his appeal to the state pardon board in a final attempt to escape the death penalty.

Without retracting this story, Sharp remained composed and apparently confident. He declared he was ready to die and forgave everyone concerned with his conviction.

"Innocent as a Child." After Warden W. T. Fenton had read the death warrant, the condemned man asserted that he was innocent as a child. "If it will kill me, I will die," he said, "it is all right with me."

He handed his statement to the warden and asked the newspapers to print it. The statement, written in long hand with a pencil, followed.

"I hold no ill-will to anybody. I want to thank everybody that tried to help me in my last hour."

"The state only claims circumstantial evidence in my case and I believe the evidence proves my innocence far beyond a doubt. I wish to forgive everybody that held an evil thought against me and may God bless them."

PAYS CRIME PENALTY



Frank Sharp who was electrocuted at the state penitentiary today for the murder of his wife.

of the governor and of his inability to take further action. Upon taking their leave members of the party said they had no fault to find with the governor's decision of his duty in the case.

MICHEL ASSOCIATES LEFT HOLDING SACK

Incorporator Says He Has Lost \$20,000; Others Seek Collection in Courts.

KANSAS ALSO WAS FIELD

The oil-lease selling campaigns of H. M. Michel, former Omaha operator, who was reported to have escaped from custody of his wife at Pueblo Wednesday after confinement in the county jail of a Colorado Springs sanitarium following the filing of fraud charges in Madison county, Nebraska, were confined not only to Nebraska rural communities, but extended into Kansas, it was related here today by a former associate.

Michel, with costly automobile, a high-power assistant salesman, and a chauffeur, is said to have had no difficulty in unloading oil leases to the tune of many thousand dollars among the Kansas farmers. Returning to Omaha following this expedition, he adorned himself with a six-carat diamond, which he was given in exchange for an eight thousand dollar equity in a Kansas farm, friends say.

It would take "twelve Philadelphia lawyers" to unravel the business tangle left behind by Michel when he severed business connections here and went to Denver, one former business associate said.

Known as Wizard. Wizard, whirlwind, go-getter were some of the terms applied to Michel by some of his friends in describing his many business transactions.

The sale of oil leases on a prospective "dome" near Rushville, Neb., was what brought the criminal charge against him in Madison county. His operations did not affect the Farmers Faint and Oil company in Omaha, but were independent.

This company was organized in 1924, with R. C. Kampfe, Ernest Kampfe, B. R. Fritz and Michel as incorporators, with an authorized capital stock of 15 thousand dollars. In 1927 the articles of incorporation were amended, with Michel as president and B. R. Michel, his wife, as secretary, and with an authorized capital stock of 210 thousand dollars.

"Did Splendid Business." "We did a splendid legitimate business in many parts of Nebraska," said R. C. Kampfe in telling about the company of which Michel was the moving spirit and manager. Under Michel's guiding hand the company operated strings of filling stations, and acquired the Omaha refining plant.

Not content with a good salary and prospective big profits with the company, Michel branched out into independent deals. In selling oil leases, he offered buyers first-mortgage bonds on the refinery plant here, as security in the event he failed to drive the oil and find it. This he had no authority to do, and the offers were in no way binding, it is said.

Mr. Kampfe said he and his family lost nearly 20 thousand dollars to Michel personally. This was chiefly money lent to Michel on his personal notes. Oswald Kampfe, Jr., a relative, living in Gothenburg, Neb., has sued Michel on a personal note for more than three thousand dollars. In answer, Michel filed a statement in answer to "Globe" in a Denver resident and out of jurisdiction of Nebraska courts.

Confinement Seen as Ruse. Ben Aden of Gothenburg, related to the Kampfe family, lent Michel 20 thousand dollars, secured only by personal notes, Mr. Kampfe said.

Mrs. Emma Laube has brought suit here to recover an alleged unpaid balance of \$1,928 on a \$2,400 note.

After leaving Omaha last August 1, at which time Michel is said to have presented stock in his local concerns to a relative, he was reported to have turned over some Omaha filling stations to another relative, and to have transferred some outstate filling stations to a rival oil company, all without authority.

Some of the persons who claim to have been victimized by Michel through his loans say they believe Michel's confinement in an insane asylum in Colorado Springs was a ruse to escape responsibility for his notes in Nebraska and Kansas.

Mrs. Judith Epstein of New York City, national secretary of the Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization, will deliver an address on "Zionism" Sunday evening at the Jewish Community Center. A musical program will be given under the direction of Miss Ida Bishop.

DEMOCRAT GROUP PUT QUESTIONS TO WHITE

Kansas Editor Is Asked When Hoover Became 'Full Fledged Rooster.'

SMITH PRAISE CITED

Independence, Kas., Oct. 19.—The third congressional district democratic committee of Kansas today announced that William Allen White, Emporia editor, has been asked to reply to questions when he speaks here tonight.

The questions follow: "Dear, Unreliable, Erratic Bill White: "Following the precedent set by the republican national committee in submitting the questions to the democratic candidate for president, we are taking the privilege of submitting the following questions to you and would appreciate honest answers to the same. We realize that no one takes you seriously in politics, but we do enjoy hearing you talk and reading your fiction."

"What did you mean when you stated that Charles Curtis was a 'nitwit' and an errand boy in the senate for the railroads?"

"You stated within the last year that Mr. Herbert Hoover was a 'timid, fat cat.' Since when, in your judgment, did he become a full-fledged rooster?"

"This summer in your article in Collier's weekly, you said the Governor Alfred E. Smith was 'clean, honest and had the best brains of any man of this time in political life. Doesn't this qualify him for the presidency?"

"You are reported to have said that 'Tammany influence' would control the actions of Alfred E. Smith if elected president. In his four terms as governor of New York, can you name a single Tammany person of his official cabinet?"

"You further state that association with Tammany would, in all likelihood, corrupt Governor Smith. Did association in the cabinet of the president, wherein one-third of the cabinet members were proved crooks and faithless to the government of the United States, corrupt Mr. Hoover?"

"Mr. Hoover could not have been nominated without the support of 'Boss' V. re and 'Big Bill' Thompson. Mr. Smith could not have been nominated without Tammany. How can you distinguish between Vars and Tammany in favor of Vars?"

"SMITH A NULLIFIER"

Raymond Robins at Lincoln, Nebraska Candidate's Liquor Stamp.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 19 (AP).—Alfred E. Smith is the leading nullifier of the constitution in the United States today, said Raymond Robins, in an address here tonight.

"New York ratified the Eighteenth amendment," said Colonel Robins, "and also passed the Mullin-Gage law for its enforcement and why should Alfred Smith, who has taken the oath of office four times, with the promise to uphold the constitution of the United States, go against his word of honor and by his veto kill a bill which is in accordance with the laws of the country?"

"There are thousands of Catholics in the United States who will not support Governor Smith because he does not typify the best of their type."

AT 102, DIES ON COAST

Isaac Fisher, Born in Ohio, Farmed in Richardson County.

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald. Falls City, Neb., Oct. 19.—Word has reached here of the death at Montecito, Cal., of "Grandpa" Isaac Fisher, 102, former Richardson county citizen.

Fisher settled on a farm near Dawson in 1884. Born in Clinton county, Ohio, November 1, 1825, he moved to Illinois with his parents at the age of 3, and was later married to Miss Mary C. Moulton.

Pre-empting 180 acres of land in the prairie lands of what today is Lynn township, Woodford county, Illinois, Fisher endured many hardships, including the great cholera scourge. He lived in this area 10 years.

Burial was at Ventura, Cal.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mrs. Della McCabe. Mrs. Della McCabe, 60, a resident of Omaha for 40 years, died Wednesday at Kansas City, Mo., where she had lived for the past three years. She is survived by her husband, John; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Fuchs; three brothers, Frank, John and Albert; and three grand children, all of Omaha. The body has been brought to Omaha and funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 8:30 from the Hoffman mortuary to Holy Angels church at 8. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

Peter P. Harrington. Peter P. Harrington, 50, died suddenly at his home, 4515 North Thirty-sixth avenue, Thursday morning. He was the brother of Rev. D. P. Harrington, at one time pastor of St. Cecilia's cathedral, who died several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington had planned to leave Omaha next Tuesday for a trip to Ireland. Surviving beside the widow, Nora, are four sisters, Sister M. Daniel of Milwaukee, Sister M. Victoria of Sioux Falls, S. D., Sister M. Benigna of Temple, Tex., Sister M. Finbar of Malacca Straits, Asia; three brothers, F. P. of Omaha, and Patrick and Tim, in Ireland. Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 8:30 from the residence to Holy Sepulcher church at 9. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

M. Raymond Bries, aged 80, of Paris, recently gave blood for transfusion to hospital patients for the 24th time, he having supplied a total of 116 pints of blood.

HEART ATTACK FATAL. TO W. M. BUSHMAN, 86

Had Been Omaha Business Man Since 1877—Charter Member Omaha Council, K. of C.

William M. Bushman, 86, an Omaha business man since 1877, died at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his home, 3124 Poppleton avenue, following a brief illness of heart disease.

Coming here from his native state, New York, he engaged in the dry goods business first at Thirteenth and Douglas streets and later in the Bushman block between Sixteenth and Douglas.

In 1880 he erected a warehouse at 1013-15 Leavenworth street and since that time had directed the W. M. Bushman United States bonded warehouse business.

He was active for many years in Chamber of Commerce affairs and was a charter member of the Omaha council, Knights of Columbus.

Survivors are five sons, Dr. Louis B., Robert H., George F. and William A., of Omaha, and Francis L. of Cheyenne, Wyo., three daughters, Miss Nettie and Mrs. R. C. Hudson, Omaha, and Mrs. A. L. Stuart, Walnut, Ia., and one brother, Rev. J. A. Bushman, Henry, S. D.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9:45 o'clock from the residence and at 10 at St. Peter's church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery in charge of Heafey and Heafey.

SYNOD NOT IN POLITICS

Lutherans State Voter Should be Guided by Conscience Only.

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald. Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 18.—Politics and the church are separated, a voter should mark his ballot according to his conscience, asserts a statement by the publicity committee of the southern Nebraska district of the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church issued here today.

Replying to a dispatch in The World-Herald on September 23, that the Missouri synod is almost solid for Smith, the statement says:

"Our synod has made no pronouncement with regard to either candidate.

"Our synod leaves it to the individual to vote according to his own convictions.

"We believe in keeping politics out of the pulpit and the pulpit out of politics; therefore, we denounce any attempt to draw the name of our church into politics."

TO HEAR SMITH SPEECH

South Side Democratic Clubs Will Meet Tonight.

South Side democrats will gather in Butcher-Workman hall tonight to listen over the radio to the speech of Governor Smith from Chicago and to hear speeches by General Dwyer of O'Connell, Bluffs, Harry B. Fichtner, candidate for congress, and others.

The meeting will be in charge of the consolidated Sixth and Seventh ward democratic clubs. Women's clubs on the South Side are co-operating with Mrs. James Burke and Miss Wilda Southard, officers, active in the arrangements.

OMAHA AT A GLANCE

Fidelity Storage Co. JA 0288. Long dis. moving, packing, storage.—Adv

Diamonds, watches, optical Dept. Form. Union Outfitting Co.—Adv

Goodyear Tires sold 12 payment plan. Union Outfitting Co.—Adv

Hoover-Curtis clubs have been organized in the Tenth precinct of the Eighth ward with William B. Mills president, in the Seventeenth ward, George, president, and in the Tenth precinct of the Tenth ward, Mrs. L. E. Smart, president.

Anyone leaving town now who will be absent section day at the election commissioner's office before leaving, Secretary Whalen of the Douglas county democratic committee, will be glad to provide a notary seal.

The moral alpine contest, postponed last week because of rain, will be held in Blumwood park Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. It is announced by J. G. Van Avery, official with Billie Earl Phillips, Ned Greevy and T. A. Weir, judges; Walter Johnson of the American Legion, aeronautical committee, referee; Ernest Schreiber, recorder.

The Third ward Hoover-Curtis club will be held at 8 tonight at the home of C. R. Tate, 2804 Davenport street. There will be refreshments and speaking.

During the three days' registration in South Omaha just closed, 1,663 persons registered, the majority new voters. Of these 559 gave their affiliation as republicans and 1,099 as democrats. Registration today until 9 p. m. will be at the old Saratoga school, Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue.

Rabbi Frederick Cohn will speak at Temple Israel on Friday night at 8 o'clock on "The Philosophy of Able's Irish Rose," and Saturday morning at 10:30 on "Disasters."

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For convenience in dialing, use this wrought iron bench which is upholstered in cherry plush.

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100 ampere battery guaranteed for 18 months. Rugged plates and good quality separators. Leak proof composition case.

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Table to match with hardwood top

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7-Tube A-C Set \$204.50 CASH

Everything ready for quick installation. Cabinet has walnut veneer finish with burr maple overlays and artistic carvings. Antique door pulls.

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A circulating heater with cast iron heating unit in Armo iron cabinet with walnut enamel finish. Duplicate grates permit burning coal or wood. Deep firepot, large ashpan, large waterpan. Weights about 275 lbs.

Heatrophonic Heater

Operating on the same principle as the pipe furnace, constructed substantially, finished as handsomely as the rest of your furniture. A large size which heats 3 or 4 rooms. You can depend on this model to hold a fire overnight. Weights about 500 pounds. T. P. Price \$91.55, \$5 Down, \$5 Monthly

Football Players

You Can Save Money on Supplies at Ward's

Marathon Official Football \$6

Heavy molded sole leather, felt lined. Protects collar bone and shoulders.

Stem Type Football

Same quality as above except has stem-type 4-piece bladder. \$5.00

H. S. Shoulder Pad

Heavy molded sole leather, felt lined. Protects collar bone and shoulders. \$2.00

Black Leather Helmet

Felt lined with crown perforations, straps across top. 7 to 12 years. \$2.00

Ribbed Sweat Shirts

Long-sleeved, fleece lined, silver and gray; sizes 32 to 46. 98c

Auto Battery

6-volt, 18-plate in 1-piece acid proof case. Guaranteed 2 years. For Ford, Pontiac, Essex, etc. Your old battery and \$6.59

Side Curtains

For 1928-29 Model 7 Ford. Constructed to permit right side doors to open and close. Easily attached, all fittings included. \$5.50

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7-Tube A-C Set Complete, With Equipment \$166

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30x4.50 4 13.50

30x4.75 4 14.00

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30x5.25 4 15.50

30x5.75 6 20.20

Radiators for Fords

\$8

Honeycomb type without shell for 1917-23 Fords. Guaranteed 18 months against freeze damage.

Auto Battery

6-volt, 18-plate in 1-piece acid proof case. Guaranteed 2 years. For Ford, Pontiac, Essex, etc. Your old battery and \$6.59