

THE McCLINTOCK CASE
READS LIKE FICTION

In a Chicago court room sits a lawyer—interested in a criminal case as he has never been interested before. He is William Darling Shepherd, now on trial, charged with having killed his "millionaire orphan" ward, Wm. N. McClintock with typhoid germs.

Shepherd and his wife, Julie G. Shepherd, were co-guardians of "Billy" McClintock thru the will of Mrs. McClintock who died in 1909. The Shepherds were living with Mrs. McClintock at that time, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. McClintock having been school day friends. McClintock, Sr., was killed in an automobile accident shortly after the birth of "Billy" which brought the Shepherds into the McClintock home.

Shepherd Faces Jury
On Murder Charge



Young McClintock, who had just passed his twenty-first birthday and was engaged to be married to Miss Isabelle Pope, died in the Shepherd-McClintock home, Dec. 4, 1924.

A will, drawn by Shepherd and tested by Shepherd's house servant a few months after young McClintock had reached his majority, made the Shepherds chief beneficiary. It also provided for Isabelle Pope an annuity of \$8,000.

The fact that Miss Pope had waited outside the sick room with a license to marry him, as young McClintock died, attracted public attention to the case.

Rumor followed rumor as to the attitude of the Shepherds toward their ward's fiancée at that time, until the district attorney was startled.

The investigation developed evidence which brought Harry Olson, a Municipal Court Chief Justice, into the case with charges that the plot of the Shepherds to obtain the McClintock fortune also involved the deaths of McClintock's mother and Dr. Oscar Olson, the judge's brother who had been the McClintock's physician.

In the midst of a Coroner's inquest, which Judge Olson instigated, Shepherd was indicted March 18th, this year.

The disinterred bodies of Mrs. McClintock and Dr. Olson, buried 16 and three years, respectively, revealed mercury in sufficient amount in Mrs. McClintock's body to have caused death, examiners say.

The confession of C. C. Faiman, head of a science school in Chicago, that he had supplied Shepherd with typhoid germs, taught him to keep them and administer them—and that he was promised \$100,000, is the state's strongest card.

Faiman was jointly indicted with Shepherd but granted a separate trial.

Mrs. Shepherd was named in the verdict by the Coroner's Jury as being guilty with her husband—but was vindicated when a Grand Jury refused to indict her.

That is the "McClintock case" to date. It is holding the interest of the whole nation as the trial progresses. What will be the verdict?

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

Accursed Distribution.
Samuel Rubel, He Saved.
They Prayed, It Rained.
We Eat Too Much.

It costs more to carry a sack of potatoes from the train to a store in New York City than it does to ship the sack 1,100 miles by railroad.

The farmer raises the calf, weans it, feeds it, feeds and milks the grown cow, and gets for the milk a quarter of the money paid by the person that drinks the milk.

You can bring freight across the Atlantic or Pacific oceans for less than it costs to take it across the North River in New York City.

The curse of business is the high cost of distribution. Production we understand, in distribution we are as backward as Fiji Islanders.

Samuel Rubel came from Russia a few years ago. He hadn't a dollar, but he did have a distinct idea that a dollar was worth having; also he realized that the only way to have many dollars is to save the first few. A little while ago he was peddling coal for a living, today he is head of his own \$50,000,000 ice and coal concern.

Young gentlemen, it pays to save even a LITTLE.

The prices of automobile tires have gone up from 10 to 12 percent in London. They are going up here. If you need tires, go and buy them. They will be much dearer before they are cheaper.

The United States Government investigates what happened to wheat, when the price suddenly dropped from \$2 to \$1.40, making millions in profits for "shorts." They are gentlemen that never dug in the ground, ran a harvester or a tractor, but that know enough to rig the market.

The government may investigate but it won't do much to protect farmers from cutthroat manipulation until it imitates the French Government.

That nation passed a law to punish with imprisonment with hard labor for life certain kinds of grain gambling.

Last week, led by the Rotary Club, the business men of Denver, standing in silence for two minutes, prayed for rain, and the next night, in almost every part of the state, rain fell in torrents, and the weather bureau announces more.

Nothing could be more edifying, but farmers in Colorado are puzzled. They cannot understand why Providence should answer the prayers of business men that only deal in crops after ignoring the prayers and heavy losses of the farmers that RAISE the crops. However, the ways of Providence are beyond human understanding, and farmers ought to know it.

It is possible to be a criminal and not be a complete fool. Harry Valkes, of Pittsburg, makes and sells bootleg whiskey. He tells the judge: "It is all right to sell, but to drink myself, nothing doing! Only fools drink now; wise ones sell."

Business on a big scale is growing in big things and little things. One chain of grocery stores does a business of more than \$352,000,000 a year.

One five and ten cent store chain a little while ago announced as its ambition a business of \$60,000,000 a year. It does now more than \$250,000,000 a year.

In retail business there is unlimited prosperity for the man that understands the meaning and use of the three magic words—"ORGANIZE, DEPUTIZE, SUPERVISE."

Professor Max Rubner, of Berlin, says Americans eat more on the average—3,308 calories daily—than any other nation. England comes next, with 2,997 calories.

It is certain that this country eats too much, and wastes about as much as it eats. Half we eat keeps us alive. One quarter keeps the doctors alive, and one quarter supports the undertakers and cemetery owners. Eat half, leave the table for ten minutes, and once digestion starts, you'll know you've eaten enough.

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At The Auditorium

A REAL LINCOLN FINDS HIS WAY TO THE FILMS

George Billings Gives Impersonation of Great President That Startles Lincoln's Lifelong Friend, Senator Cole.

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When ex-United States Senator Cornelius Cole met George Billings, who impersonates the great man, he exclaimed: "You look so much like Lincoln that I was shocked when I first saw you. I last saw President Lincoln the afternoon of the day he was assassinated, and you look enough like him to be him."

Senator Cole was one hundred and one years old September 17, 1923, and for many years he was a close personal friend of Lincoln, both before and after his election to the presidency.

Mr. Billings is the same height as Lincoln, has the same gait, mannerisms, voice, temperament, physiognomy, and the same gentleness of spirit. He is modest, not at all stagey, and hasn't the least idea that he is a great artist.

His application to play the part in "Abraham Lincoln" was a simple request to be given a try-out.

The great thing in his favor was the fact that of all the professional stage and screen Lincolns, he was equipped to play Lincoln both as the young man and the elder statesman, the character of Lincoln appearing in picture play at the age of twenty-two and continuing thru to the assassination. After a thro' try-out, Mr. Billings was entrusted with the role. While studying the role as written into the scenario by Frances Marion, Mr. Billings also deliberately went to work to uphold his physical condition to withstand the long weeks of arduous labor before the camera.

And how do you suppose Billings went about building up his impaired health? In the most appropriate manner. He went out to Sunland, where the Rockett Company was building the log town of New Salem and there split logs and chopped wood in the mountain air until he became as hard as Lincoln himself—for that's the way Abraham grew strong and hardy, says his biographers.

A Lincoln acceptable to the American public was the first essential to be considered in the making of the picture. Mr. Billings' long preparation, in combination with his native dramatic ability and natural artistry is so apparent in the completed picture that producers, authors, directors and all who have seen his work proclaim it to be a revelation in screen characterization.

He does not act Lincoln, he LIVES Lincoln. Especially in the Civil War sequences is he the great War President incarnate, arising to heights of power when occasion demands it, but preserving always the spirit of gentleness and mercy that differentiates Abraham Lincoln from all rulers of history in times of war. Realizing that Lincoln was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," that his life had been a continuous battle against the elements of adversity, luck and limitation, leaving little time for recreation and laughter, Mr. Billings seized every occasion offered to inject into the action of the photo-drama the bit of mirth and humor that was Lincoln's habit even in the midst of the wreck of war and of personal adversity.

Mr. Billings' role covers the years from 1830 to 1865, and it will be noted that he plays the part of Lincoln both as a youth and as the elder statesman.

That this man could do both made it possible to produce a satisfactory picture of the life of Abraham Lincoln.

"THE MILLIONAIRE COWBOY"

At The Auditorium, Wednesday Evening, June 3rd.

Charles Meredyth, wealthy New Yorker, is greatly concerned over the wild conduct of his son, known along Broadway as "Gallop," and after a particularly disgraceful incident decides that he must plan some way of bringing the boy to his senses. Accordingly he "frames" the youth, making him think that he has killed a taxi driver in a drunken brawl in which the wayward boy has been involved.

The elder Meredyth promises to get "Gallop" out of the scrape on the condition that the young man place himself in his hands and do exactly as he is ordered for one year. The boy agrees. He is forced to use an assumed name, and is dropped in a deserted town on the Mexican border, where the only inhabitants are Truce, the old demoted founder of the once thriving little city and his daughter, Pauline. "Gallop's" total assets are a new one dollar bill and a sense of humor.

Truce, living still in the days when Truceville was a real town of several thousand persons, makes "Gallop" sheriff; and from then on the boy's troubles begin. Graftor Torso, a bad hombre from over the border,

brings Mexican bandits into the town frequently, where they gamble and riot at the old Casino. After several encounters with the bandits, "Gallop" manages to get the upper hand, and soon after learns that old Truce has stumbled on a great discovery in an oil well which he extracts from desert cactus, and which has remarkable properties. Eventually the youth is able to interest capital in the venture, and puts the product on the market. He builds up the deserted town and at the end of the year discovers that the "murder" charge which he thought was hanging over him is only a "frame-up" so he is free to marry Pauline and is reinstated in his father's good graces.

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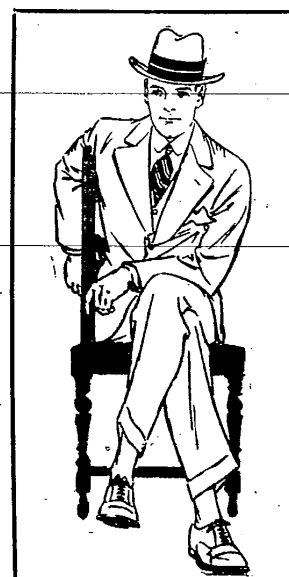
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