

# KILLS TO KEEP HUSBAND FROM HIS FIRST WIFE

## Woman Dying From Tuberculosis Practised With Revolver to Slay Spouse

ELGIN, Ill.—The case of Mrs. Henry C. Frederichs, under arrest here charged with killing her wealthy husband, is attracting great attention. It is charged that for weeks preceding the tragedy, Mrs. Frederichs practised with a revolver in the cellar of her home, and stated openly she intended to shoot her husband. It is doubtful, however, if she will ever be brought to trial, as she is suffering from tuberculosis and is at the point of death.

The prisoner's motive is alleged to be jealousy of her victim's first wife for whom he maintains the deepest affection, and who she feared he would wed. The diametrically opposite types of love borne by two women for Frederichs provide a most extraordinary background for the tragedy. Frederichs, the slayer, determined to have him all to herself, even if she had to kill him. Mary Frederichs, anxious to save his life, even at the sacrifice of her own happiness.

While Pauline Frederichs sobbed away one of her few remaining days in jail, Mary Frederichs and her three daughters affectionately attended to the details of the funeral, removing the body to their home from Peoria, Ill., for burial.

Met Him Eight Years Ago  
It is now eight years since Henry C. Frederichs and his slayer met. He was happily married. Nevertheless, she fell desperately in love with him. The sequence of events thereafter are best told by Henry J. Leeb, an attorney.

Pauline met Mr. Frederichs in a business matter, he said. "She was attractive and he was friendly with her at first, but finally found that she was unattached in a situation which was approaching a crisis. He immediately gave the girl up and went to Washington. She followed him there and demanded that he marry her."

Frederichs returned home. He insisted that he was much in love with his wife and was willing to settle the matter in any way that did not involve deserting her. The girl insisted that he obtain a divorce and marry her. She obtained a revolver and money. It was clear that she was desperate and would kill Frederichs if he did not make her his wife.

Mrs. Frederichs also was in love with her husband. She knew all about the other woman and did not blame him for the situation. Moreover, she was jealous Pauline would carry out her threat to kill him. So she came to me and arranged for a divorce. Pauline knew then and knew when she fired the shots that Mrs. Frederichs loved no one but his first wife.

Money Goes to First Wife  
"Even after the divorce Mr. Frederichs insisted on keeping up his financial policies in favor of his former wife. Since his marriage to the second wife, Mr. Frederichs' property has dwindled away until the estate will not amount to more than \$50,000, but Mary Frederichs and her three daughters will have no trouble in obtaining it all."

Since the shooting physicians who examined Mrs. Pauline Frederichs assert that she will live only a few weeks. Her condition has been aggravated by her intense concentration upon revolver practice and her intent to kill her husband. Here she fired away for hours at a cap belonging to her prospective victim. The smoke-filled enclosure, coupled with the excitement, brought about many hemorrhages.

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# CAMPAIGN TO GET JUST FREIGHT RATES

## President Ireland Has Called Meeting in Raleigh on June 3

(By MAX D. ABERNATHY)  
RALEIGH, May 24.—Shippers of North Carolina will this week receive a call from Charles H. Ireland, of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Traffic Association, to attend a meeting here on June 8 for the purpose of strengthening an organization to wage a campaign to remove unjust discrimination against the state in its freight rates.

The program, as outlined by President Ireland in his letter to the shippers of the state is, first, a continuance of the Seaboard rates that have already been granted from the west, corresponding to the Virginia city rates; and, secondly, to secure for the up-state cities the same benefit which has been granted for the coast cities and which the northern trunk lines are now endeavoring to have taken away.

Organization Needs Bolstering  
The North Carolina Traffic Association, recently formed, is functioning at the present time, but needs bolstering and co-operation from the shippers of the state as a whole, the meeting next month having been called with that end in view. The state association is co-operating in the campaign with the South Atlantic States Association, with Matthew Hale as president, which has succeeded in securing the coast city rates corresponding to the Virginia cities rates. This was done largely through the instrumentality of Mr. Hale.

There is an effort, however, being made on the part of the northern trunk lines to abolish these rates, and steps have already been taken looking to that end, says Mr. Ireland in his letter, should act together as a state organization. He points out that South Carolina and Georgia are not going to fight for North Carolina up-state city rates, and appeals to the shippers to join the fight in order to remove "these inequalities."

Employing a Secretary  
Included in the program outlined for the meeting, here on June 8, which will be held at 10 o'clock, in the Senate Chamber, in addition to strengthening the organization, will be the matter of employing a whole-time secretary. If this is done an office of the association will be fitted up and the interests of the shippers of North Carolina will be looked after.

It is said that the Southern Railway has joined in the fight to prevent the northern trunk lines from abolishing the revision rates already secured for seaboard points corresponding to the Virginia cities.

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# FIRST CONVENTION REPUBLICAN PARTY HELD IN CHICAGO

## Approach of Great Meeting Recalls Early History and Organization

CHICAGO, Ill., May 24.—In assembling at Chicago in June the republican national convention will be sitting in the section where the republican party was first named and within 200 miles of where the first recorded republican meeting was held sixty-six years ago. The approach of the convention recalls this early history, though with the passing of the years and the development of new issues the first steps of the party have passed from common view.

Formation of the Party  
"It will probably not be possible to trace to the earliest date the first positive meeting which led to the formation of the new party," writes Francis Curtis, in his history of the republican party. "It is quite likely that there was no considerable gathering of men, nor discussion of plans and policies, until Mr. A. E. Bovay, a Whig, of Ripon, Wis., together with a Mr. Bowen, a democrat, and a Mr. Baker, a free-soiler, issued a call for a public meeting to consider the now alarming situation."

The great issue of the hour was the extension of slavery. Of the political situation prefaceing the formation of the republican party, Mr. Curtis says, "No political party was able to elect enough members of congress to overrule the united will of the slaveholders, and until the anti-slavery sentiment of the north should be so welded together, and its exponents should be so united in one party as to be able to send to Washington enough men to outvote the representatives of slave power, there was no hope that its advance could be checked."

Reference was made to the Ripon meeting by Henry Wilson, when vice-president of the United States, in his book "Rise and Fall of the Slave Power," published in 1874. "One of the earliest, if not the earliest, of the movements," he said, "that contemplated definite action and the formation of a new party was made in Ripon, Fond du Lac County, Wis., in the early months of 1854, in consequence of a very thorough canvass, conference, and general comparison of views inaugurated by A. E. Bovay, a prominent member of the whig party, among the whigs, free soilers, and democrats of that town. A call was issued for a public meeting to consider the grave issues, which were as-

suming an aspect of such alarming proportions."

First Meeting Called  
"The meeting, thus called," wrote Charles M. Harvey in the Chautauquan, September, 1897, "was held in the Congregational Church at Ripon, February 28, 1854. A resolution was adopted in the meeting that if the bill then pending in the senate to throw open to slavery the territories of Kansas and Nebraska should pass, the old party organization in Ripon should be cast off, and a new party, to be called the republican, formed on the sole issue of opposition to slavery extension."

"The bill passed the senate, in which body it originated, on March 3, 1854, and on March 20, the second meeting, participated in by men of all parties, was held, this time in a schoolhouse, at which Bovay was the leading spirit.

"By a vote of the assemblage, the town committees of the whig and free-soil parties were dissolved, and a committee of five, three whigs, one democrat and one free-soiler, was chosen to begin the task of forming a new party.

"At these two meetings was started the earliest systematic work begun anywhere in the country to bring about the coalition of the enemies of slavery extension, who were eventually fused into a homogeneous and aggressive party, adopting the name republican."

Mr. Harvey quoted a letter Bovay

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later wrote to him about this meeting, in which he said:

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First Republican Convention.  
Mr. Harvey, in his article quoted

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in Mr. Curtis' book, concludes:

"It is not claimed here that Bovay is the creator of the republican party. The spirit was active in 1854, in every village and city in the free states, which would have created that party even if Bovay and Greeley had never been born. Bovay, however, was the first person who set out in a resolute, persistent, and practical way to form the party; he was the first to suggest the name, and Greeley, through his paper, which had the largest circulation and influence of any journal in the country at that time, gave his valuable aid in making the party project and name known to the country."

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