WHERE IS MAGGIE HOEL?

Young Girl Vanishes in a Very Mysterious Manner.

EVERY INDICATION POINTS TO HARM HAVING BEFALLEN THE GIRL.—TRACKS IN THE UNDERBRUSH.

Where is Maggie Hoel? Dead or alive?

This is the question that is puzzling the officers of Pueblo today and which may continue to be a mystery to them for some days to come.

The indications are that she is dead and that in her death a most foul murder has been committed.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Maggie Hoel was seen alive and in good health. Since that time she has been missing, and the evidence, what little there is, attached to her disappearance make the officers shudder at the probability of a terrible crime.

The Hoel girl lived with the family of Charles Beatty whose house is located in a lonely spot three miles west of the city about a quarter of a mile west of the Eighth street county bridge and about three hundred yards south of the north side reservoirs being between the reservoirs and the Arkansas river. The country surrounding the immediate vicinity of the house is heavily wooded and overgrown with underbrush. Not far away is a camp of men who have been working on the reservoirs.

At 1 o'clock yesterday Mrs. Beatty, who is a sister of the missing girl, left the house to make a neighborhood call, leaving Maggie in charge of the baby. At 3 o'clock she returned and found the baby which had been asleep when she left, standing in the doorway crying loudly. Maggie was nowhere to be seen and a hasty search revealed the fact that she was not in the near neighborhood of the house.

When Mr. Beatty returned home in the evening a systematic search was begun but no trace of the girl could be discovered. The officers were notified and a number of neighbors joined in the hunt, but at 1 o'clock this morning Maggie had not been found.

Through the underbrush leading toward the river a newly made path was found, the brush having been crushed down by some heavy body. Tracks that had apparently been made by a No. 10 shoe were found and in two places along the path there were smaller shoe tracks that had apparently been made by a woman's footgear. The trail disappeared at the river, but whether the persons who made them went up on the Eighth street bridge near which the trail terminated or went into the water, could not be determined.

There seems to be every indication of a person, presumably a woman, having been half carried half dragged over the pathway. The trail indicated that the man who made it wore a rubber overshoe on one foot and an ordinary shoe on the other.

When last seen the girl wore a common wrapper and an ordinary working apron, such as women use in kitchen work. Not a single article of her other clothing had been taken and all her effects were also found in the house, undisturbed. Maggie is about 18 years old and is quite a pretty girl. She is a blonde and is of medium height.

The girl came to Pueblo to make her home with Mrs. Beatty about a year ago from Lockwood, Mo. Her mother and father are dead and besides Mrs. Beatty her only other near relatives are two brothers now in Utah. Maggie was greatly attached to her sister and was fond of her life here which makes it all the more improbable that she went away of her own accord. The Beattys are confident that some harm has befallen the girl and they kept up the search until an early hour this morning, using lanterns to assist them in the hunt. Deputy Sheriff Shurtz and Detective Harry McNeil were on the ground half the night, but were unable to find any clue. The officers do not care to venture an opinion as yet but seem inclined to think much as does Mr. Beatty.

The girl hardly knew a person in Pueblo, according to Mr. Beatty and certain he says, had no acquaintances outside of the immediate neighborhood. He does not think that she would have gone away with anyone, leaving the house alone, no matter whether she knew them or not. She was a girl of unusually timid disposition and was very shy to strangers.

Mr. Beatty, who is a teamster, has lived in Pueblo nearly twenty years and is well known throughout the city. Speaking of the girl's disappearance last night he expressed himself as firmly convinced that she had met with foul play of some kind, but said that he would never relax his efforts until she was found, dead or alive. The hunt will be resumed this morning and will be continued until some trace of the girl is discovered.

tone of wonderful breadth and opulence, notably in the lower register of his instrument which he causes to sing with extraordinary beauty. He possesses furthermore an abundant equipment of technic and rare expressive quality.

Albeit the concert was nearly two hours in length, it may be said to have been one of the most entertaining of the series.

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January 10 at the Grand opera house Pueblo-ans will have the pleasure of hearing Edward Strauss and his famous Vienna orchestra, composed of fifty of the world's greatest musicians. Strauss is a caterer to the masses as well as the classes and but few there are who have not heard a Strauss waltz. The orchestra gave its opening concert at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, October 21, and since that time has been touring the country and everywhere has had to turn people away and there is no question but that the capacity of the Grand will be tested.

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Mrs. J. D. Kellogg, who has just returned from an extended course of voice culture in New York, will give a concert the second week in January, under the auspices of the Monday Musical club, some of the members of which will assist her. The date was originally set for next Friday, but owing to the illness of several members of the club it has been thought advisable to postpone the concert.

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Society will be well represented at the testimonial concert to Miss Gussie Fuegel, pianiste, to be given Monday evening in the Woman's Club rooms. In addition to Miss Fuegel's numbers, the Andonegui trio will play several selections, thus affording to those who have not attended the Sunday afternoon concerts an opportunity to hear this organization. Many tickets have already been sold and it is anticipated that a large audience will attend the concert.

PERSONAL.

Byron Graves went to Denver yesterday.

J. E. Morris has returned from a visit in the east.

Charles Guy is down from Denver for the holidays.

W. W. Montellus is down from Denver and registers at the Grand.

Mrs. I. W. Bach and children have gone to Denver to spend the holidays.

Thomas Cooger, representing the Knights of the Royal Arch, is in the city.

Charles Cook is home for the holidays from his studies at Park college, Parkville, Mo.

Miss Amy Peakman has returned from Salida and is temporarily at the C. F. & I. hospital.

Miss Alma Shafer, of Newton, Kas., is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Shafer, of 1220 Wabash avenue.

Cards are out for the marriage of Will O. Unfug and Miss Grace Waldrip at the home of the bride's parents, 218 east Evans avenue, Wednesday, December 26.

Forest Rutherford, assistant superintendent of the Great National smelter at Aguas Callentes, Mexico, stopped in the city yesterday. He is on the way to Denver to visit his sister.

The many friends of Mrs. Frank O. Shafer, of Wabash avenue, will be pleased to know she is convalescent, after the very severe operation which she underwent at St. Mary's hospital October last.

Mrs. H. S. Branscum has received the sad intelligence of the death of her brother, S. C. Hamilton, of Butte, Montana. Mrs. Branscum left immediately for Butte to attend the funeral, Mr. Branscum not being able to go. Mr. Hamilton was a young man and unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Branscum have the sympathy of their many friends in their sorrow.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

KINGS DAUGHTERS—The Kings Daughters will hold special service in the county ward of the Pueblo hospital at 10:30 o'clock on Christmas morning.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION—Rev. R. A. Chase will read the paper before the Ministerial association this morning. Subject: "The Saloon."

TO THE HOSPITAL—Charles Herbert, who has been confined in the