

JEALOUSY, MURDER CAUSE, MRS. KERSH

Woman, in Interview, Foresees Acquittal in Complicity Case.

SAYS WEBB FOLLOWED HER

Denies That Johnson Was Killed for Money, as She Had That Before Leaving Spokane—First Met Murderer in Seattle.

Mrs. Carrie Kersh, on trial for her life for alleged complicity with Jesse P. Webb in the murder of William A. Johnson in the New Grand Central Hotel last June, in an interview last night in jail, said she was "feeling splendid," is well satisfied with the jury, and expects everything to come out all right.

"Of course, if it does not," she continued, "there are higher courts to which I can go."

These were her remarks when asked what she thought of her chances for acquittal. She said this was the first time she had ever been in trouble of any kind, and the first time she had ever been in jail.

Woman Ignorant of Murder Cause.

Mrs. Kersh still maintains that she did not know until after her arrest that her prospective husband, Johnson, was dead.

"I don't even know it now," she said, "except as I know I am on trial. I don't know why Webb killed him, unless it was through jealousy. It certainly was not for money, as she says I had that money before we left Spokane. Part of the time I had it in my purse, and part of the time it was in my stocking, the same as it was when I was arrested."

"I didn't know Webb was coming to Portland. He and I had busted up. He told me to go with Johnson, and he thought it was best for me, as he says. I didn't know he was coming down until I saw him on the train. Oh, of course, I knew he intended to leave Spokane, but I didn't know where he was going."

"About Mr. Kersh? Well, I don't like to talk much about him. You know how it is. No, I don't want to tell you what his first name is. You can call it 'B.'"

How Mrs. Kersh Met Webb.

"How did you come to meet Webb?" was asked.

"Well, I was working at the Stevens Hotel in Seattle, and when my husband beat me up and kicked me out I went over to Webb's house, and stayed with them. Then I went to the Seattle General Hospital a year ago last August, and had four operations at once. They didn't think for a while I would live. After I was able to leave I went back to Webb's again and stayed with them for a while."

"The statement that I lived with Webb five years is not so. It was only last December that we began to live together. I was only in Vancouver B. C. one night when I ran away from my husband, just long enough to get a boat for 'Frisco.'"

"In 'Frisco' I worked at the Continental Hotel, until a heman whom I never told me he was my husband. I thought I saw him myself, but I saw the same man again, and it wasn't Mr. Kersh, although it resembled him. I waited two days after I heard Mr. Kersh was in town before I did anything. Then I was told that it was surely Mr. Kersh, and I wired to Webb to Nelson, B. C. Then I left with my boy."

"When I was in 'Frisco' it was quite a while before I heard from Webb, I only wrote him once. The letters I received were in answer to those I received from him. I don't know anything about his family affairs; I don't know how he came to leave his family."

BALLOT OVER YARD LONG

Several Tickets Are Given Places in Lane County.

EGGENS, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special).—The ballots in Lane County are printed in two columns and are one yard and two and one-half inches long. Instructions of County Clerk Lee were to have the ballots printed in two columns and 3 1/2 inches is the shortest the list could be made and have the names of the candidates and the issues in legible type.

In Lane County there are three tickets or parts of tickets. The Republicans have a full ticket. The Democrats have a partial ticket. The Socialists have a full ticket and there are some scattering candidates who have different statements after their names. L. E. Bingham has the name anti-assembly. Statement One after his name as a candidate for State Senator from Lane and Lane. The same expression follows the name of Charles Griewood, candidate for the House, and D. M. Kemp and David H. Hill, also candidates for the House, have placed the words "Democratic-anti-assembly" Statement One" after their names.

The words "anti-assembly independent" were placed after the name of Augustus C. Jennings, who was defeated by Hansuel Taylor in the assembly for Treasurer and later defeated by Taylor for the same position in the primaries.

PRESS CLUB GETS BOOKS

Members Contribute Nucleus for Good Working Library.

Responding to a postal "suggestion," members of the Portland Press Club contributed more than 150 volumes as a nucleus of a library to be installed in the clubrooms. The contributions were brought in Saturday and yesterday, and make such a fine showing that members of the club are confident that before a great while the Press Club will be in possession of a good working library.

The library committee, composed of John J. Harrison, N. J. Levinson, and Lute Pease, expressed themselves as greatly pleased over the response made to their preliminary notice to members to join in starting a library for the club. It is their announced expectation that when the club shall have secured more commodious quarters the library will be an important adjunct.

There was an informal "book show" reception Saturday night at the clubrooms in the Merchants' Trust building, attended by a fair percentage of the members, who were served with sandwiches and regaled themselves with pipes and tobacco.

Forest Rangers Badly Needed. LAKEVIEW, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special).—Examination for the position of Assistant Forest Ranger was held here this week, and was participated in by six applicants. On the first day a six-hour written test was given in the local forestry office, while on the following day the final test took place, consisting of riding a saddle horse, packing cooking utensils and bed outfit, compass work, running and surveying lines, properly naming different varieties of trees and figuring out areas of different formed inclosures. It is estimated that at least 400 rangers will be needed this year to protect the National forests, two or three of whom will probably be appointed to the local office. The entrance salary is \$1100.

Talent Honors ex-Talent Men. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special).—Two former Klamath Falls citizens have been given the highest honor in the power of the newly-incorporated municipality of Talent, Or., in Central Oregon. V. M. Dunlap, formerly in the merchandise business here where he lived for years, was elected Mayor of the new corporation, and C. W. Sherman, Sr., for many years a farmer in the Yonka Valley, southeast of here, was elected Town Recorder.

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VALLEY IS STUDIED

Portland Councilmen Looking Into Proposed Franchise.

ELEVEN TRAVEL TO SALEM

Advisability of Requiring Oregon Electric Cars to Stop at All Crossings Within City is Under Consideration.

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They were entertained for an hour at the Illihee Club. The visitors also inspected the new Hotel Marion and some of them were taken on short automobile trips over the city.

Eleven Councilmen There. The visiting party included Councilmen Edding, Callahan, Dunning, Ellis, Rushlight, Annand, Driscoll, Wallace, Menefee, Kubli and Concaunon. Mayor Simon was unable to accompany the party. General Manager Coolidge, Right of Way Agent McDowell, Purchasing Agent Bushnell, E. P. Shannon and Gus Morris were among the officials of the road.

A delegation of Salem people, including Mayor George F. Rodgers, Frank Waters, R. J. Hendricks, T. B. Kay, E. P. McCormack, Frank Derby, F. G. Deckebach, A. F. Hofer, John H. McNary, A. N. Gilbert and H. A. Johnson, met the party.

Several speeches were made. Councilman Kubli explained the reason for the visit. Mayor Rodgers responded, informing the visitors that it might be a surprise for them to know that Salem, in proportion to population, has more miles of pavement and streetcar lines than Portland, and that when the present sewer contracts of the city are completed there will not be a block or lot in the city that is not provided for in this respect.

Cellars Oppose Stops. Councilman Cellars expressed himself as opposed to allowing stops in the center of Portland, save one or two for the benefit of outside travel, inasmuch as he had found such development in the valley that he believed it would be an outrage to demand that the visitors in Portland over the Oregon Electric be discontinued by local travel. T. B. Kay enumerated the commercial benefits to be derived from extension of the line into Portland, and R. J. Hendricks advised the Councilmen to look into the future welfare of Portland, inasmuch, he said, as Portland would continually derive vast benefits from outside trade as the Oregon Electric extends its lines, and population is increasing throughout the valley. A. N. Gilbert acted as chairman.

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PIONEER RESIDENT OF PORTLAND DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS. Joseph F. Jones, a former prominent business man and pioneer resident of the city, died at his home, 557 East Twentieth street, near Powell street, Saturday night at 9:30, after an illness of several years. Mr. Jones was born in North Wales March 8, 1836, and arrived in the United States with his parents a few years later. In 1852 he was married to Miss Martha F. Taylor in Burlington, Iowa, and came across the Isthmus of Panama to Portland in 1853. Joseph A. Strowbridge, a well-known Portland pioneer, was in the same party. For 25 years he conducted a business on Front street under the firm name of J. F. Jones & Son, but has lived in retirement for nine years on account of failing health. His wife died three years ago, and he has no surviving children. J. F. Jones, of Portland, is a grandson. T. I. Jones, Frank U. Jones, of Portland, and E. F. Jones, of Seattle, are nephews, and there are other relatives widely scattered. He had been a member of Taylor-street Methodist Church since 1862. The funeral will be held tomorrow at an hour yet to be fixed.

MEN'S HEALTH GOOD

Little Sickness Among Soldiers in Northwest.

ELEVEN DIE DURING YEAR

Ten Deaths Occur While Men Are on Duty—Engineers Have Done Much Map Work—Service Needs More Money.

YANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special).—The health of the troops of the United States Army during the past year, has been very satisfactory, says General Marion P. Maus, commanding officer. "There have been no infectious diseases of note, excepting five cases of smallpox at Fort George Wright, Wash., and four cases of typhoid fever at this post. The smallpox was undoubtedly carried from Spokane, and the cases of typhoid were caused undoubtedly from water used on practice marches."

General Maus says two dentists in the Department of the Columbia are needed, and he recommends that efforts be made to increase the number of dental surgeons and to put them on a more permanent basis.

There were but 11 deaths in the department during the year, ten having occurred in the line duty.

During the year a great deal of work has been done in military map-making in connection with the general progressive map of the United States, and especially confined to that portion of the country along the Coast where detailed and accurate information is particularly important. During the current year about 6000 square miles were mapped in detail, and mounted reconnaissance was made over important roads in Oregon from the Southern Pacific Railroad to the Pacific Ocean. Six survey detachments were in the field from July 1 to late in October, 1909, and four reconnaissance parties were similarly employed in May and June, 1910. General Maus recommends that \$3000 be appropriated annually until the work has been brought up to date.

General Maus says the operation of the extensive system of communication by cable, land lines and wireless stations in Alaska is of great importance to the Army and to the Nation generally, but it is a difficult and expensive task to perform.

"The reports of the chief signal officer show that there has been a total of over 184 days of interruption during the year, not on the entire line at one time, but parts of it practically preventing through communication," says the General.

"There have been in charge of these lines three officers and 23 enlisted men of the Signal Corps, and 35 men on the line, besides civilians employed."

"The reports of the wireless stations in Alaska show actually more reliable communication between points included than over the land lines."

"Reports indicate that the entrance to the Columbia River has, due to the engineering work and the scouring effect of the current undergone during the year, a marked improvement in the way of greater width, depth and straightness."

Lakeview to Get Catholic Church. LAKEVIEW, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special).

CEGAR TO BE ADVERTISED

Lumber Manufacturers Vote \$20,000 to Exploit Northwest Wood.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special).—The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association at its meeting here Saturday at the Commercial Club, voted to spend \$20,000 in advertising cedar products of the Northwest and also adopted resolutions to petition trans-continental railroads to equalize the rates on cedar.

A resolution was adopted instructing the association's transportation committee to confer with traffic officials for the purpose of having rules as to minimum carload weights modified to conform to the rules governing the shipment of other forest products from the Southern and Northern states.

It was decided to send a committee to meet the Central West retailers at their association meetings and to urge close harmony between producer and middle man.

The resolution asking equalized freight rates on cedar urges that the rate on cedar be no higher than the rate which applies to articles specified in Group C of the trans-continental tariffs and requests that the railroads amend the tariffs accordingly.

Resolutions over the death of Colonel C. W. Griggs were also adopted and a tribute was named to send a floral tribute.

MAN DIES NEAR OWN DOOR

Coroner Says Drink Caused Death, Pasco Police Investigate.

PASCO, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special).—H. C. Fisher, an old resident of Pasco, was found dead yesterday morning, 19 feet from the door of his shanty, by William Shott, his roommate.

Fisher left Stark & Jewell's saloon, where he had been drinking, at midnight, after buying two quarts and a pint of whisky. When he was searched nothing was found; his watch and what change he had left and the whisky had been stolen. There were no marks of violence, except a bruise on the right thigh.

After a post-mortem examination this afternoon Coroner Murphy declared that Fisher died from heart failure caused by excessive drinking. The police have rounded up the floating population of the town and will make a vigorous investigation.

Fisher had been employed as a car inspector on the Northern Pacific Railroad the past three years and has been a resident of Pasco the past 15 years. He was 67 years old, a bachelor and a member of both the Masonic and Woodmen Lodges.

BIG POTATO CROP RAISED

Japanese Dig 525 Tons From 75 Acres Near Montesano.

MONTESANO, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special).—Several Japanese who last Spring rented a portion of the C. W. Arland ranch, east of town, have demonstrated that potatoes can be raised profitably in an adverse season.

BIG RACES COMING

Noted Auto Drivers Gather in Southern Cities.

\$5000 PURSE IS OFFERED

Winner of One Event at Atlanta Will Take \$3000—Savannah to Divide Honors—Caleb Bragg to Turn Professional.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 30.—Many noted drivers of racing automobiles are gathered in Atlanta and Savannah tonight and others are en route to this city to prepare for competition during the next two weeks for some of the richest automobile stakes of the year.

At Atlanta, on November 2, 4 and 5, 19 races will be held on the local two-mile speedway for prizes aggregating \$40,000 in value. About \$2000 is in cash, with the remainder in trophies. In Savannah the grand prize race will be held November 12, preceded by a curtain raiser for small cars on November 11.

On Saturday at Atlanta, there will be a free-for-all 150-mile race for a \$6000 purse, of which the winner takes \$3000, the second \$1000, the third \$500 and the next three \$250, \$150 and \$100, respectively. This is the biggest event scheduled. Friday has been made a city holiday in honor of the race for the City of Atlanta trophy, which is valued at \$7500. The distance is 200 miles. In addition to the trophy, \$1850 in prize money will be distributed among the leaders. Thursday's feature event is a 100-mile race for a trophy and a \$225 purse. Event No. 3 is left blank.

Caleb Bragg, the New York amateur, who defeated Barney Oldfield at the Los Angeles meet, has announced that he will officially turn professional at the races here.

Johnny Aitken, in a National car, circled the two-mile oval in 1:28 today, just two seconds slower than the track record. Aitken's pace was at the rate of 88 miles an hour.

Brownsville to Get Sewer. BROWNSVILLE, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special).

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RALLY IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Keen Talks Mark Meeting of Walla Walla Republicans.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special).—With less than a hundred present, there were 24 speakers at the smoker opening the Republican campaign here last night. "Vote 'er straight" was the motto, and every man present promised he would do so. The talks were all informal, there being no set programme of speakers.

The applause of the evening went to James R. Greene, G. A. R. veteran with seven sons, and when he said that there would be eight Republican votes in his family, as for years, he was given the glad hand.

J. L. Dunham made the principal speech of the evening, talking for the judicial candidates, Charles Painter, candidate for Sheriff, made the shortest speech of the evening and one of the most effective. "I am a Republican," said he.

All the candidates and party leaders spoke. Cigars and music filled out the programme.

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