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### FINCH'S DYING STATEMENT.

It Is Made Public by Dr. Hill, of Albany.

The following from the pen of Dr. J. L. Hill, of Albany, is published in the Albany Democrat:

ALBANY, ORE., Nov. 15, 1909.—I stated in a former issue of the Democrat that I would give the readers of the paper a dying statement of Jas. A. Finch of the cause that led to his execution. From newspaper accounts I have been led to believe that Finch was the deliberate murderer of Ralph B. Fisher. In years past I was intimately acquainted with Finch and having known him under the most trying ordeal of adversity, followed by prosperity, I could only account for the commission of the crime by him through temporary mental aberration from indulgence in drink.

#### Would Not Go to See Him

The details of his awful crime were so horrifying I quickly decided I would not go to see him, and in harmony with sensational newspaper accounts would regret I had ever known Finch, and indirectly for self protection, would forever refrain from letting the uninformed know I had ever been a close friend of his. During his incarceration I kept aloof from him until the day of his death, on the 12th day of November, 1909, when by phone request, I visited him in his death cell, with no other thought than the interview would be a firmly convinced me that the tragedy was premeditated and precipitated by Finch.

I had known Finch for so many years, and under so many vicissitudes and had never known him to tell me a falsehood to shield himself when I had felt it my duty to upbraid him for frailties in judgment of indulgence in drink. I felt assured he would not tell me anything but the truth when he knew death was certain and soon. To listen to a story of debauchery, murder and gallows, I felt would be painfully harassing, but to conform to the axiom, "A friend should bear a friend's infirmities," I broke the affirmation that I would not go to see him and did comply with his request. I am now very glad I did see him. His account of the tragedy to my mind clears him of the guilt of murder.

#### The Dying Statement.

Here is his dying statement: "Doctor, I called you down so you could make an examination of my head where I was struck with a seal thrown by Ralph Fisher. And I particularly want you to write a statement of the difficulty that put me here, for it has not been possible for me to get a fair hearing through the papers. The reporters have misrepresented me on all occasions. I know I have but three and a half hours to live and at the end of that time I fully expect to meet my God. I could not tell anything but the truth under such a terrible ordeal."

"Fisher phoned me twice to go to his office before I went. I went at his request."

"(Finch then took a pencil and paper and drew a diagram of Fisher's office.)"

"Stepping into the first room where Miss Burkhardt was writing I inquired for Fisher. I then opened the door that led into his room and said 'hello Ralph,' just as the girl said, and that was all she heard or saw. For I stepped into Fisher's room and closed the door behind me. Fisher was sitting at his desk writing a check. I waited until he had finished it and filled out the stub. He then turned around in his chair and was mad because Grant had signed a petition to remove disbarment proceedings against me. Fisher said, 'I'll tell you what to do. You let that charge stand just as it is and serve your time out. If you do not I'll fix you so you can never practice law again. I'll have you permanently disbarred for signing Piggot's name to a pension paper.'"

#### Fisher Got Excited.

"During the controversy Fisher rose to his feet and struck me with a seal and knocked me down. When I fell I didn't know anything. I was dazed for a time. I rose on one elbow and drew my pistol and fired."

The direction of the shot on the wall will show this to be true. After I got up the fatal shot was fired. I was standing up and the seal I was struck with was lying on the floor near my foot and Fisher was lying on the floor with his head partially under the table." (As I understood Finch, Fisher was reaching for a pistol.) "Fisher was not sitting in a chair as the testimony of the girl made it. The first person to reach Fisher was an osteopath doctor who rushed in and dragged Fisher from the position he was in and attempted to sit him up in a chair."

"The girl could not have seen anything of the tragedy or heard any of the conversation for she was hysterically screaming her head off in the first room and the door was shut between us. They hid the girl away so we could not have an opportunity to question her. They put the seal back in the drawer and even tore the carpet from the floor so we could not offer it in evidence. If the carpet could have been produced it would have shown blood stains in the positions I have diagramed and would have shown the evidence against me to be false in every particular."

#### Did Not Assassinate Fisher.

"I did not assassinate Fisher and I am innocent. I know I have but three and a half hours to live and at the end of that time must meet my God. This is the saddest time of human life, but the Burkhardt girl is now suffering more than I am and she will finally wind up in the insane asylum. The truth will come to the surface and those who have wronged me will be known. A reporter was in the habit of coming to the Multnomah Jail while I was there and as he passed up the hall would say, 'Hello Jim, how are you this morning?' I would answer, 'All right.' That would be every word spoken between us but when the paper came out it would contain an account of a long interview with Jim Finch."

#### Was Not Drinking.

He quickly replied, 'I was not drinking. I was no more drunk than I am now. The newspapers said I

was drinking, but it is not true. Had I been drinking I would have set that up in my defense."

Now, I have given the account of an awful scene as related to me, and leave it with the public for its decision. Jim Finch was always emphatic when engaged in conversation of deep interest, and in this last statement he was very decided, but not more excited than I have seen him when describing an incident of small moment. I advised him to meet death without a quail of fear, and he replied, 'I will meet it nicely. I expect to live again, and if I do I will know it soon and will return.'

I said, 'Jim, this should be an awful warning to others against carrying pistols in a civilized country.'

'I have been railroaded to the gallows unjustly by the gang, and that is why I want you to write up this last statement for the public. I don't ask for mercy, but I do ask for justice.'

I then said it should be a warning against drinking.

He answered, 'I was not carrying the pistol with any thought of doing any injury. I put it in my pocket to take it home. I had fifty cartridges in my pocket. (I think he said fifty.) You know I would not have been so foolish as to start out with that number of cartridges if I was going to kill someone.'

#### Expects to come back.

I remember to have heard him express himself years ago that it was his belief that the departed might return to earth invisibly but effectively.

I am now glad I did not go to see him before his execution for, to me, his explanation is his exoneration. I am confirmed in this belief doubly because he insisted that a post mortem examination of his head be made which he said would show he had died with the fortitude of innocence. "Cowards die many times before their death."

The valiant never tastes death but once."

Had Fisher lived long enough after the fatal shot, and could have made an ante mortem statement, he doubtless would have corroborated the dying statement of Finch. It now seems to have simply been a fight between the two, ending in the tragic death of both."

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HILL.

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