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FOUND COUNTRY

JASPER JENNINGS GUILTY
OF MURDER IN THE
FIRST DEGREE.

cell after the verdict had been received, but the boy could not see them. When he got inside of the jail Jasper went to pieces and in a broken voice he said to the sheriff: "They certainly gave it to me hard. I guess I'll appeal the case." Since Jasper has been in jail he has been a model prisoner and has been allowed the freedom of the jail. When the sheriff told him last night that he would hereafter be held in close confinement and have to be locked up he was inclined to refuse at first.

District Attorney Reames began his opening argument at 8:30 o'clock and from that time until 11:30 he carefully reviewed the testimony offered during the trial in the separate trial of Jasper Jennings, finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree.

It took the 12 men who have heard the evidence and the arguments in the trial of Jasper Jennings just one hour and a quarter to reach their verdict.

District Attorney Reames concluded his closing arguments at 8:30. Judge Hanna read his instructions and after the jury had been selected by the jury had been out about four hours they sent word that additional instructions were needed and Judge Hanna, who had gone to the Hotel Sophie, returned to the courtroom.

On his arrival the jury was taken into court at 12:25 and foreman Wm. C. Smith, who had been selected as foreman, said to the court: "The jury is ready."

"Your honor, there seems to be a difference of opinion among the jurors as to whether a prisoner implicated with another in a crime of murder is equally as guilty as the person who has committed the deed," said the foreman.

Judge Hanna read from the statute and the jury filed out. Once again a rap came from inside of the jury room, and the verdict was announced.

When the order came for additional instructions Jasper Jennings had already retired. He was brought into court, and when the jury filed past him he scanned each face closely, as if for an instant he seemed to read no obvious sign and he leaned over and whispered something to his attorney, Harry Norton. Mr. Norton shook his head, for he realized from the nature of Juror Smith's question that they would find his client guilty.

The fatal verdict was handed to Judge Hanna and as he slowly began reading the verdict Jasper, for the first time, seemed to realize the enormity of the crime. He leaned far over the table and glued his eyes upon Judge Hanna. As the form of the verdict showed it had been prepared by the district attorney it dawned upon him that it was against him.

Slowly the words fell from Judge Hanna, "Guilty." Mrs. Jennings, during the reading, clutched with both hands the ends of a black silk handkerchief, and when the verdict had been read tears came to her eyes and she sobbed. Her son, who had been seen to choke for an instant, his hands trembled violently and for the first time since his arrival and during the trial he showed signs of emotion. Mrs. Jennings, as if to comfort him, placed her hand on his shoulder and his brothers and little sister Julia spoke words of cheer two ears that did not hear.

Blanche Roberts did not approach him, but when she realized that the man whom she had justly admitted from witness stand that he was engaged to her had been convicted of murder she hurried from the courtroom crying bitterly. A number of other women who have sat daily through the trial left the courtroom and mingled their tears with the weeping elements outside.

These same women created a scene in the Josephine county courtroom tonight that will not be witnessed again in many years, at least not in a murder trial where a characterless defendant like Jasper Jennings is on trial. When the jury had gone out the crowd in the courtroom began shifting about to get a better view of the prisoner and his aged mother. After waiting half an hour Sheriff Lewis started to the jail with Jasper.

The prisoner walked down the aisle with his hat tilted at a roguish angle at the back of his head and a smile on his face; a dozen more of the morbid women rose and shook hands with the youth. His exit was in the nature of an ovation. They would have repeated the scene when Jasper was led back to his

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Cincinnati, Jan. 16.—Dispatched received today from various points in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky tell of great damage by a severe wind, rain and hail storm last night. During the height of the storm the wind reached the velocity of from 40 to 60 miles an hour.

The telegraph and telephone companies suffered severely by wires being blown down in all directions. At Lancaster, Ohio, several buildings were wrecked and considerable damage is reported throughout the country. The roofs of several dwellings at Springfield and at Hamilton, O., were blown off during the storm. At Lima, O., the Main-street Presbyterian church was struck by lightning and gutted by flames.

At Eaton, O., a school house was razed and many dwellings, barns and small buildings were demolished. Miss Bertha Harland and 25 pupils were in the school building when it collapsed, but aside from a few minor bruises all escaped injury.

Paducah, Ky., reports that a number of houses and sheds were unrooted and other damage done. Several barges in the harbor there and at Rockport and Joplin, Ill., were sunk.

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