

TO PAW FOR CRIME

William Harris Will Serve Sixteen Years.

IS CONVICTED OF ROBBERY

Negro With Two Companions Received Hospitality of an Old Man, Then Beat Him, Tied Him Securely and Robbed House.

Robbery is a very unpopular crime just at the present time. This fact was demonstrated by Judge Sears yesterday when he pronounced a sentence of 16 years and 6 months in the penitentiary upon William Harris, a negro, who had just been found guilty by a jury of robbing Willard Willis. According to the evidence in the case, the amount of money obtained by Harris and his companions, Raymond Jackson and Dan Jackson, was only \$2 or \$3.

The prisoner had certainly not anticipated anything like such severe punishment, and he gave vent to a low whistle upon hearing the announcement, while his face flushed noticeably and his frame shook nervously as he was led away to be returned to his quarters in the County Jail by Penumbra Kelly, Deputy Sheriff.

Harris, who is also known by his companions as 'Bad Eye,' because one of his eyes has an unnatural appearance, doubtless from the effects of an injury, was placed on trial jointly with Dan Jackson, Willis, the victim of the robbery, lives in a little house north of the mill of the North Pacific Lumber Company. On the evening of November 23, Harris, Dan Jackson and Raymond Jackson entered the house and asked for food, which was furnished to them. Harris and Raymond Jackson next demanded money, and when Willis refused to procure his shotgun they intercepted him and struck him on the head with clubs.

Don Jackson, it seems, did not take part in beating the old man. Harris and Raymond bound Willis securely, and after searching the house for money, taking all the money they could find, the trio departed and were arrested two days later at Goble by Detective Hartman.

There was a discussion between Harris and Raymond Jackson after they had tied Willis concerning the advisability of killing him so that they would be safe from identification in the event of their arrest, but they finally decided not to do so.

It was because of these aggravating features of the case that Judge Sears decided to impose a severe penalty. On Monday Raymond Jackson pleaded guilty, and yesterday he appeared as a witness for the state and told the whole story of the crime, expecting a reward to be dealt with identically when he comes before the court for sentence.

Dan Jackson, who stated that he is but 17 years of age, testified that when he took a walk with Raymond Jackson he had no idea they intended to commit a crime, and he declared that he took no part in the robbery whatever, nor in the beating of Mr. Willis. The latter, who testified to the facts of the robbery, and the jury consequently added the following recommendation to its verdict, finding Harris and Dan Jackson guilty as charged:

"In rendering the verdict the jury respectfully recommends that, in consideration of his youth and some mitigating circumstances as developed by the evidence, some degree of leniency might be extended to the defendant Dan Jackson."

Raymond and Dan Jackson will be sentenced later on. Harris is a young man, probably 25 years old, therefore it is possible for him to serve out his sentence of 16 years and 6 months.

SAYS HIS WIFE USES DRUGS.

A. C. Lohmire Gives This Reason for Suing for Divorce.

A. C. Lohmire, the well-known horse-shoer, yesterday filed suit for divorce in the State Circuit Court against Elba Lohmire, to whom he was married in Portland in February, 1888. In his complaint Lohmire sets out that in the year 1889 his wife commenced the use of morphine and cocaine, and ever since has continued to use the same. It is alleged that she commenced the use of these drugs without the same having been prescribed by a physician, and acquired the habit from certain relatives who were habitual users of the drugs.

Lohmire says he owns a comfortable home, provided with the comforts as well as many of the luxuries of life comfortable with his means, and he asserts that he has always furnished Mrs. Lohmire with sufficient money for the purchase of provisions and other articles. Without his knowledge and consent, he says, she has obtained sums of money from merchants to apply in the purchase of morphine, which he has had packed and sent to Portland, and has afterward sold the same and has taken groceries and meats to the home of her mother, who has a son well able to support her.

Lohmire avers further that in order to protect himself from these acts and to prevent his wife from obtaining money or merchandise from merchants he has been obliged to humiliate himself and to inform them he would not liquidate such debts.

On many occasions, he alleges, although amply provided with funds, Mrs. Lohmire has gone upon the street, and represented that her husband had neglected to furnish her with money to pay her fare, and to his great humiliation has sometimes been elected to the cars.

During the month of October, Lohmire states that he was absent on a visit to Eastern states, and while he was gone at the unseasonly hour of 2 o'clock one morning his wife awakened a neighbor who borrowed matches, and so annoyed the neighbor that a box of matches, cost prepaid, was delivered at the Lohmire home. Lohmire also alleges that Mrs. Lohmire has insulted neighbors who visited them, and used indecent language in their presence. Once when he was arranging the strings of his shoe, he asserts, his wife struck him in the face with her feet without any provocation.

The defendant's mother and brother, it is charged, have for many years past and are still addicted to the use of morphine and cocaine. Lohmire says, knowing how impossible it would be to cure his wife of the habit, requested her on many occasions not to associate with them, but she did not obey and went to see them almost daily and told him she would visit them as often as she pleased.

Lohmire says his wife neglected her household duties, and because of her actions has humiliated him, both in public and in private, and caused him to be held in contempt by his neighbors and he has been rendered sick and distressed in mind and body, has been unable to attend to his business, and cannot live with her longer. The parties have no children.

MILLER IS FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Recommends That He Be Given Light Sentence for Shooting Man.

A. J. Miller, proprietor of the Twelve-Mile House, who was tried before Judge Fraser on a charge of shooting Edward E. Strack in the foot, was found guilty by the jury yesterday afternoon and

A recommendation accompanied the verdict that the Court impose a light sentence. The sentence can be made as low as a fine of \$100, and in an aggravated case a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary could be imposed. Miller and Strack quarreled because the latter stopped a traction engine in front of Miller's resort on the evening of September 2, 1903. Miller claimed the entrance to his wagon shed, used by guests was obstructed. He testified that Strack beat him, blacked his eyes and bruised his face, and that he fired in self-defense, and shot at the ground, not intending to hit Strack. Strack, of course, told a different story in which he endeavored to place the fault upon Miller. Because of the injuries he received, Strack has sued Miller for large damages, and the damage suit is set for trial today in the State Circuit Court. George W. Joseph and J. H. Van Zante will appear as attorneys for Strack. At the trial of the criminal case Miller called numerous well-known citizens to testify to his good reputation as a peaceable man.

NO JOKE FOR TUNK.

Was Beaten and Cuffed and Received No Damages.

Richard Tunk, manager of the Columbia Chair Works at Front and Clay streets, failed in his suit against W. B. and Benjamin F. Honeyman to recover \$1000 damages for personal injuries. The case was tried yesterday before Judge George Strack, and the jury returned a verdict for the defendants. The trouble all arose over a mechanic's bench owned by the Honeymans, which the latter forcibly took from Tunk's place on March 13 last. The Honeymans once owned the building occupied by the Columbia Chair Company, and the bench was left in the place. The testimony showed that when the Honeymans went to get the bench Tunk demanded storage, and told them to replevin. W. B. Honeyman went for the bench, accompanied by a couple of his workmen. Tunk declined to let him have it. After some words Tunk called Edward D. Barton to his assistance and they put Honeyman down stairs and out. Tunk's staff had been knocked off and stepped upon by Honeyman during the struggle. Seven or eight men as a crew of reinforcements arrived from Honeyman's foundry, and they successfully renewed the battle for the bench.

Tunk testified that he was beaten, pulled, jostled, cuffed and kicked, his clothing torn and that he was severely injured. The defendants said such was not the case, although they admitted that considerable of a tussle was indulged in. J. C. Moreland, who appeared as attorney for the defendants in conjunction with Wilbur & Hogue, in his opening address to the jury said the suit for damages ought to be looked upon as a joke.

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SURPRISE IN HANDICAP.

Glennville, at Three to One, Captures Chief Race at Ascot.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—The defeat

The Weber Piano Of New York

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The only mechanical device which plays the piano without producing the slightest mechanical effect. Price only \$250. Anybody can operate it. Those desiring may have a liberal length of time to pay for it.

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of Golden Rule in the afternoon high-weight handicap was the feature of today's Ascot programme. Durnell's entry, Golden Rule and Elwood, was made favorite for the fourth race at 6 to 5. Glennville, at 3 to 1, won, Sals second and Best Man third. Golden Rule carried 130 pounds, but did not show as much early speed as usual. Results:

Six furlongs—Rough and Tumble won, Willifielda second, Flea third; time, 1:16.

One mile and 70 yards, selling—Pianotius won, Flourish second, Merwan third; time, 1:47 1/2.

Slauson course—Anitrad won, Almoner second, Brown Prince third; time, 1:24.

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NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY. NOW THAT THE HOLIDAY RUSH IS OVER WE HAVE TURNED OUR ATTENTION TO THE DISPLAY OF NEW GOODS WHICH ARE ARRIVING DAILY FROM THE EAST. IN EVERY DEPARTMENT WE ARE RECEIVING NEW DESIGNS AND NEW PATTERNS WHICH ARE THE ADVANCE GUARD OF THE NEW SPRING GOODS. BY BUYING NOW YOU WILL BE JUST THAT MUCH AHEAD OF THOSE WHO WAIT UNTIL THE WARMER DAYS. SPRING ISN'T SO VERY FAR AWAY AND THE PRUDENT HOUSEKEEPER WILL SOON PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL CHANGES. DON'T DELAY. NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK AROUND.

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POISON, SAY DOCTORS

Bowers Died Under His Wife's Ministrations

AT SANITARIUM HE IMPROVED

Arsenal Symptoms Were Very Marked—Accused Wife Is Becoming Anxious at the Damaging Testimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The trial of Martha E. Bowers, formerly of Portland, accused of poisoning her husband, was resumed this morning in the Superior Court and the testimony went to show that Bowers died of slow poisoning.

Bowers was taken sick last June and his symptoms, according to several doctors who were on the stand today, were those of poisoning. Again in August Bowers began to betray its potent influence over his body. When he was in a sanitarium he slowly shook off the effects of the fatal drug, to which he soon again succumbed after returning to his home on Clementina street, where he was under his wife's care.

Dr. John P. Dillon, Dr. John Lagan, Professor Frank Green, of the University of California, and Dr. McLaughlin told of treating Bowers. Dr. McLaughlin described Bowers' symptoms before death.

"Did the troubles yield to treatment?" "Well, it was a stubborn case," replied the physician, "but the patient gradually recovered while under my care."

"That is, he had yielded to treatment while at the sanitarium and away from his wife?" "Precisely so."

Dr. McLaughlin said he had seen Mrs. Bowers at the sanitarium but once, when she said that her husband was not recovering as fast as he should, and she proposed to take him home. Upon removing the patient, Dr. McLaughlin instructed Mrs. Bowers how to nurse her husband. Soon afterward Bowers grew worse, and the doctor was called in. He found that the sick man had a return of the same symptoms as he had on entering the sanitarium. He remarked it was very discouraging to him.

"The symptoms during the month while I attended him were those of arsenical poisoning, and in my opinion his death was caused by arsenical poisoning," concluded McLaughlin.

The defense in the case of Mrs. Bowers has made known its line of proof after detailing the case of death. At

torney Drury referred to the fact that the defendant had sent for four different physicians, none of whom treated her husband for arsenical poisoning, but they all from the beginning prescribed arsenic, strychnine, morphine and other poisons.

Bowers was naturally a weak and sickly man, suffering from a number of ailments, and had been under treatment for a number of years. Drury said he would show that Patrick Leroy was merely a friend, and that Bowers never made any objection to Leroy calling at his home. Regarding the alleged forged prescription, he said he would show that the defendant did not write it, nor did she cause it to be written or filed. She never had any arsenic in her possession, and none was found at her house. Mrs. Sutton, he said, never presented the prescription to be filled, as alleged.

The District Attorney said that the prosecution would prove that the illness was caused by small doses of arsenic administered in food. That an order for arsenic purporting to be signed by Dr. McLaughlin, but really in the handwriting of the defendant, had been filed for Mrs. Sutton, sister of the accused, at the drug store, and that the medicines which had been prescribed for the sick man by physicians were found untouched in a closet of the house, although Mrs. Bowers had said that she had administered them as directed.

As another circumstantial link, a note, which Mrs. Bowers admitted had been written at her husband's request to his brother, saying that he was ill and asking him to come to him, was found with the medicines in the closet. Attorney McIsaac, for the defense, objected to the statement as prejudicial to his client.

Mrs. Bowers at last seems to realize the serious position in which she is placed, and shielded her pale, drawn face with a thick veil.

COUGHS HIS LIFE AWAY.

Dalles Youth Strangles With Excessive Exertion.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A strange fatality occurred here today in the case of Carl Spinning, the 17-year-old son of a railroad employe of this place, who choked to death while in a fit of coughing. The lad was supposed to have whooping cough, from which he had been suffering for some days, but from which no serious results were anticipated.

This morning he became violently ill, and this afternoon expired in an aggravated coughing spell. The father of the family is at present in Minnesota. Mrs.

Spinning and five other children remaining in this city.

Suspect is an ex-Convict. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—Leon S. Soeder, the man arrested by the police on suspicion of the murder of his brother-in-law, Joseph Blais, is an ex-convict. In 1884 he was sentenced to three years in San Quentin prison for burglarizing a Montgomery-street restaurant.

LABOR DECIDES ON HIGH WAGES. Engineers and Craftsmen Fix Scale for Panama Canal Work.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The seventh annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredge Engineers and Craftsmen of America, closed today. The convention appointed a committee to urge the passage of a bill by Congress to protect organized labor in the construction of the Panama Canal.

The following scale of wages was adopted for Panama Canal work: \$30 per month and board for engineers and \$25 per month and board for craftsmen. Charles E. Bay, of Chicago, was chosen president. John Dillander, of San Francisco, was chosen vice-president-at-large.

BANK EASILY STANDS BUN. Officials Will Keep Open All Night to Accommodate Patrons.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 12.—A run was started on the savings department of the First National Bank today and this afternoon the line of depositors extended out into the street. A notice was issued by the bank officials stating that the bank will remain open tonight until the last person in the line has been paid.

The bank was still open at a late hour tonight, and a long line of customers were being paid their deposits as they were demanded.

President Banks said he could keep open all night if necessary, and pay every one in gold.

Cashier Makes Sure Bullet Will Kill. CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Sigourney, Ia., says: Fearing that his bank could not meet the cash demands of creditors, G. F. Utterbach, cashier of the Sigourney Savings

DR. TALCOTT'S TALK TO MEN. I want every man who is afflicted with any special ailment to come and talk with me confidentially about his case. A word of suggestion will often aid a patient to get on the right road to a quick and lasting cure. If his case is taken in time, even diseases which have reached an advanced chronic stage yield readily to my medicines and distinctive methods of treatment. Are you sick and need a friend? I have made many a man happy who had given up in despair. I can cure you of that unnatural discharge, can give you strength and vigor, and make you a MAN. I have made a specialty of disorders of MEN for years, and will guarantee to cure you or you need not pay a dollar. Our Institution is the largest of its kind, and our offices are especially arranged for privacy. Colored chart of the organs sent securely sealed, free on application. Special attention given to Gonorrhoea, Stricture, Piles, Hydrocele, Contagious Blood Diseases and Acute and Chronic Urinary and Prostatic Inflammations. 250, Alder Street, Portland, Or. San Francisco Office, 1140 Market Street