

ARSENIC THE POISON

Testimony of Doctors Agrees in Bowers Murder.

PLANNED TO GO ON A RANCH

Evidence Produced to Add to the Alleged Motive for the Wife to Accomplish the Death of Her Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—With the testimony of three physicians that Martin L. Bowers, was given arsenic poison to end his life, the prosecution in the case of Mrs. Martha E. Bowers, charged with murdering her husband, rested. This afternoon her attorneys began to put in a defense. Drs. W. J. Hawkins, T. B. W. Leland and C. L. Morgan were witnesses. To all of them were put hypothetical questions as to what in their opinion was the cause of death. All replied it was arsenic poison.

The defense in cross-examination tried to break down the testimony of witnesses to the extent of saying that death was caused by ptomaine poisoning. The evidence showed, however, that four grains of arsenic were found in Bowers' stomach by City Chemist Morgan.

Dr. Morgan said that Bowers had been given arsenic three or four times, and each time in large doses, in his opinion. Neither he nor the other physicians would make any admission which could be considered favorable to the defense.

Chief of Police Wittman was recalled this morning, and he testified to replies made by Mrs. Bowers when she was submitted to the sweating process immediately after her arrest. Her statements were largely contradictory, he said. He brought out that she told him Bowers had planned to go to Southern Oregon and purchase a ranch. He had been saving his money for the purpose, and had only a few days before he was taken ill resigned his position at Mare Island.

LESS THAN PREVIOUS YEAR.

County Clerk's Report Shows Saving in Expenditures of 9 Per Cent.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Annual report of County Clerk J. W. Roland for the year 1903 shows that the expenditures of the county were \$41,538.47. This is 9 per cent less than the expenditures for 1902 when the total was \$45,486.66. The expenses of public road building are not included in either the county's desire to remove to Oregon convicted with her desire to remain near Lervey.

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Salary and expenses, County Clerk	\$2,156.00
Circuit Court, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—	
Justices' Courts, witnesses, etc.	2,132.50
Sherriff's office	1,179.56
Clerk's office	1,179.56
Recorder's office	2,732.12
Treasurer's office	269.56
Coroner's office	1,244.00
School Superintendent	1,218.44
Stock Inspector	301.50
Assessor's office	1,179.56
Tax rebates	14.52
Current expenses	2,732.12
Courthouse expenses	2,732.12
Sal and board of prisoners	3,529.33
Care of poor	143.10
Relief of indigent soldiers	22.00
Examination	2.00
Refers School committee	4,028.76
Bridges	1,244.00
Election expenses	200.00
Exhibit at State Fair	100.00
Oregon National Guard	15.50
Miscellaneous rebates	15.50
Total	\$41,538.47

During the past year the county has spent \$4,948.72 for the improvement of roads, bringing the total expense of the county up to \$76,671.19.

TAX LEVIED IN CLATSOP.

County Court Decides 26 Mills Is Necessary to Meet Expenses.

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State, 5.5 mills; county school, 5.5 mills; Nehalem road, 2 mills; Courthouse, 2 mills; Lewis and Clark drainage, 1.5 mills; county, 2.5 mills; 26 mills. On property in the city limits must be added the city levy of 11 mills and the city school levy of 8 mills, making a total of 46 mills.

There was an increase in the property valuations in the county of about \$1,000,000 and in the city of about \$100,000 this year, but a proportionate decrease in the levy was impossible on account of Clatsop County's portion of the state tax being increased about \$10,000, and the county school and city levies being increased.

DUNSMUIR ON THE STAND.

Sharp Cross-Examination Under Counsel for Prosecution.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—James Dunsmuir, defendant in the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case, was cross-examined this morning by L. P. Duff, K. C., whose examination was quite acrimonious, sought to show that the defendant had endeavored to cause the San Francisco business of R. Dunsmuir's Sons to lose money by raising the price of coal 50 cents a ton to them. This the defendant denied, and stated that other dealers had been forced to pay the same price, and had advanced the selling price 51.

The loss of recent years caused by strikes, on account of which defendant had been obliged to buy cargoes of coal in Australia, and the growing up of oil as fuel for steamers, had lessened the demand for coal. The cross-examination dealt solely with the business dealings of the firm.

WORK OF IDAHO PARDON BOARD

Clemency for Man-Slayer, Criminal Operator and Murderer.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—In the case of John Tremelling, sentenced to imprisonment for the killing of Ed Woods in Owyhee County in August 1897, the Pardon Board, after consideration of several affidavits reciting facts not brought out on the trial, commuted Tremelling's sentence to 10 years, which will give him his liberty in a few days.

The board granted a full pardon to R. Z. Alcorn, who has been out on parole for more than a year. Alcorn was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in 1896 for performing a criminal operation upon Cora A. Burke in Harlan, Kootenai County, from the effects of which she died.

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