

TOM RICHARDS IS NOT GUILTY

Jury of Six Acquits Hotel Man of Conducting Disreputable Resort.

SPICY TESTIMONY GIVEN

Sensation-Seekers Crowd Municipal Court to Suffocation—Few Witnesses Fail to Appear—Verdict Quickly Reached.

RICHARDS NOT GUILTY. After 30 minutes' deliberation the jury in the now notorious Richards case late yesterday afternoon brought in the following verdict: We, the jury in the above entitled case, find the defendant not guilty.

After sitting from 10 o'clock in the morning until 6:30 in the evening, hearing the testimony of 14 witnesses for the prosecution and ten for the defense, the jury of six men and six women, after sitting up and maintaining a disorderly house, brought by the city against Thomas I. Richards, deliberated 30 minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

A great legal battle was fought between Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald, representing the city, and C. M. Idlemann, Alex Sweek and J. M. Long, for the defense. Judge Cameron was frequently obliged to decide fine points of law throughout the long trial, and there was not a minute of the session that could be called dull.

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald's 14 witnesses all swore that Richards' hotel bore a bad reputation, and one testified that the defendant himself had confessed to him one year ago that he fitted up the house for immoral purposes. Ministers of the gospel, business and professional men and police officers were among the city's witnesses.

Attorney Idlemann, chief counsel for Richards, had among the ten witnesses he called to the stand, men well known in business circles, to testify that Richards' hotel was a respectable place. Their evidence would have been called, but they were not found by the officers serving subpoenas, and in order to expedite matters, Mr. Fitzgerald admitted certain facts Mr. Idlemann said they would swear to.

Alexander C. Rae, assistant cashier of the Oregon Mortgage Company, and Acting Detectives Kay and Jones were the star witnesses for the city, and Richards was his own best witness. Few Witnesses Fail to Appear. Nearly all of those for whom subpoenas were issued were in attendance.

On cross-examination, Mr. Idlemann questioned Kay, and asked him if he did not desert his wife and family, at the time he left England, which was 16 years ago. Kay replied in the negative, and explained that his mother-in-law had refused to let his wife come to America with him.

Patrolman Smith, formerly on the Richards' Hotel staff at night, swore that he had seen disorderly women enter the place at all hours of the night, and he knew the place to be a bad resort.

upon cross-examination, that he had talked with a few persons living near Richards' place. Henry T. Gibson, formerly a patrolman on the local police force, but now employed as an officer at the Ladd & Tilton Bank, was the first witness called after the noon adjournment.

Detective Kay's Testimony. "Jones and I had been watching another disorderly house next door to Richards' place, on Park street," explained Kay. "We saw a good many things happening at Richards' while we were around the other place, and later we began to watch Richards' place night in and day, and continued from time to time until we

SOME OF THE FACES HARRY MURPHY SAW AT THE RICHARDS TRIAL



Fitzgerald started to cite some authorities relative to evidence, but Judge Cameron said this was not necessary as the case must go to the jury. Richards was then called and gave brief but pointed testimony in his own behalf.

On the night of the raid, Richards said, a waiter came and told him the whole police force was upstairs. He ran up to ascertain the trouble and found Kay and Jones going through rooms and causing a general alarm among the guests.

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court replied in effect, that he could not control the city's case and as the City Attorney said they did not desire him as a witness, I was discharged. "I have been informed that the list of subpoenas was originally very much larger and names had been stricken from it by the authorities, and one gentleman told me a friend of his got his name off by the payment of \$20, but who paid it, and to whom it was paid, his friend would not disclose.

REUNITED BY ACCIDENT

Sellwood Man Discovers Location of Father After Twenty Years. Robert Lee Fagg, whose home is at 542 Spokane avenue, in Sellwood, has discovered the whereabouts of his father from whom he separated when a mere boy 20 years ago.

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DORA JENNINGS IS RED FOR RIAL

Girl Accused of Patriotic Faces Grant's Pass Jury Today.

IS SORRY JASPER KILLED

Sister of Condemned Man is Unconcerned at His Conviction and Strokes Stray Kitten While News is Told.

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