## CORONER'S JURY ACCUSES J. P. WEBB

Woman Not Mentioned in Verdict of Inquest Over Johnson's Body.

GRAND JURY ACTS FRIDAY

Mrs. Kersh Walves Examination When Taken Into Municipal Court Where She Shows Contempt for Alleged Murderer.

W. A. Johnson came to his death by the hand of Jesse P. Webb, was the verdict of a Coroner's jury, which sat yesterday to hear the evidence of death. Carrie Kersh, who is accused by the po-lice jointly with Webb, was not men-tioned in the verdict.

Only formal testimony from the peace officers who worked on the case, from the expressman who hauled the trunk with Johnson's body in it, and of the people connected with the hotel where the murder occurred, was heard by the jury. The grewsome relics of the tragedy were examined. About an hour was consumed in hearing the evidence was consumed in hearing the evidence and arriving at the verdict.

Woman Shows Contempt.

Bitter contempt was displayed toward Jesse P. Webb, confessed slayer of W. A. Johnson, by Carrie Kersh, his alleged accomplice, when they met yesterday afternoon for the first time since they were taken into custody Tuesday morning. The woman was brought from the woman's ward and Webb from the adjoining cells upstairs, to be photographed and measured at the detective bureau. Webb made numerous attempts to catch the eye of the woman, but with a fierce frown she turned her head away and would have none of him. Webb's Bertillon measurements were taken and he then sat and chatted coolly with the detectives, while Mrs. Kersh underwent the same operation. He talked of things not connected with the murder and seemed throughout thoroughly self-possessed. When both had been duly registered in the criminal records, they were taken to the County Jail, where they will await the action of the grand jury and Circuit Court. Woman Shows Contempt.

Jail, where they will await the action of the grand jury and Circuit Court. That this will come speedily, is the present indication. The grand jury meets Friday and probably will take immediate action on the case, which presents few difficulties, and Judge Morrow has announced that trial could be had early in July, if the parties are ready.

Examination was waived by both of the accused in Municipal Court. Mrs. Kersh was ushered in by Matron Simmons and took a seat at the attorney's table. She maintained a defiant attitude, staring coolly into the eyes of those who looked at her. Few of the curiosity-seekers in the courtroom knew who the woman was, and they were not enlightened.

Examination Is Waived.

Attorney Henry E. McGinn, who ap-Attorney Henry E. McGinn, who appeared for the woman, walked quickly into the courtroom, caught Judge Bennett's eye and said briefly, "We waive examination in the case, your honor." With that he ushered his client out before the crowd had aroused to the fact that the alleged murderess was in the room. As she passed out she whispered to her attorney, "I want to see my boy."

Equally brief were the proceedings in the case of Webb. Glaring fiercely at the crowd in the courtroom, he was led from the box, admitted that he was correctly named in the information, and listened stolidly to its reading. Attorney John McCue then waived exam ination and the prisoner was led back

the cells.
Willie Kersh, only seven years old, will be held as a witness against his mother. At the conclusion of the pro-ceedings, Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald told the court that the boy's Fitzgerald told the court that the boy's father was in the city seeking to take his son back to Seattle, and that the child's testimony was of importance in the case. He, therefore, asked that Willie be held by order of the court, and the request was granted by Judge Bennett, who directed that the boy be turned over to Chief Probation Officer Teuscher of the Juvenile Court.

### Dead Man's Brother Coming.

A telegram was received at police headquarters yesterday afternoon from Walter Johnson, of Twin Falls, Idaho, a brother of the murdered man, saying that he is enroute to this city. It is ex-pected that he will arrive tonight.

That Webb attempted to buy a bot-tle of chloroform a few hours before the murder was committed, is a report which was current yesterday. While which was current yesterday. While it is of little importance at this time, the case against Webb being established, it will be investigated by the detectives. The story is that a man answering to Webb's description entered the Brooke Drug Company's store on North Third street Monday morning and ested for chloroform. The clerk and asked for chloroform. The clerk reported the request to the proprietor, who told him that he knew the rules,

who told him that he knew the rules, and not to make the sale. The drugstore in question is the nearest to the scene of the murder.

Another link in the chain of evidence was supplied yesterday by Mrs. Tilley, wife of the proprietor of the hotel where the murder occurred. Mrs. Tilley wads her statement to District Atternation. made her statement to District Attorney Fitzgerald at detective headquarters. She said that between 1 and 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the murder, o'clock on the afternoon of the murder, she was passing through the hall and noticed Webb pacing up and down as if standing guard over something. He asked her if she was going to do any chamber work in room 119 and she told him that the work had already been done. He said that he wished to tell her that there was a sick man in the room and that he should not be disturbed.

## Woman Sees Body on Bed.

A little later she passed the door and observed that it was ajar and that the curtain was blowing out of the window; she stepped in to close the window and saw a man lying in the hed. It was Johnson and he was doubtless dead at that time.

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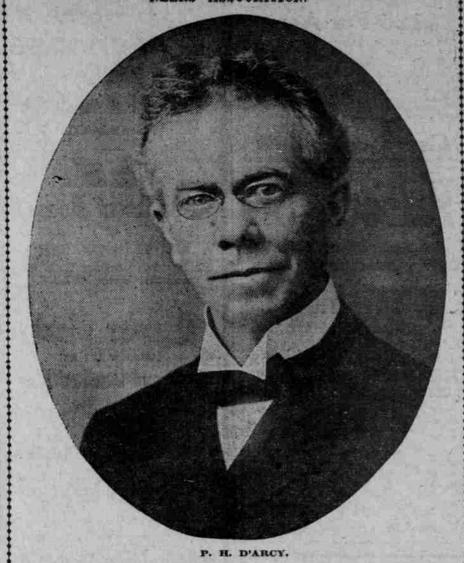
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The most important part of Mrs. Tilley's statement is that about half an hour after this visit she saw Mrs. Kersh listening intently at the door of room 119. This is taken by the detectives to indicate guilty knowledge of the deed on the part of the woman.

Mrs Kersh has from the first, however, and does yet, maintain the strictest silence. Her attorney has instructed her not to talk to anyone concerning

her not to talk to anyone concerning the case. It is roumored in some quarters that she contemplates giving state's evidence against Webb, but the authorities say that she has manifested no such intention and that, if the developments show that she is deeply implicated in the crime she will not be

PROMINENT SALEM MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PIO-NEERS' ASSOCIATION.



P. H. D'Arcy Elected President of Oregon Pioneers.

HIMES AGAIN SECRETARY

Parting of Aged Folk in Breaking Up of 38th Annual Meeting Is Sad-Resolutions Thank City Officials and Auto Club.

The restless march of a determined The restless march of a determined people across the great American desert when the Nation was young, not lured by the lust of gold, but seeking homes, was retold at last night's campfire meeting of the Oregon Pioneers' Association by a score or more of white-haired, battle-scarred veterans gathered at the Masonic Temple.

fore the crowd had aroused to the fact that the alleged murderess was in the room. As she passed out she whispered to her attorney, "I want to see my boy."

Willie Kersh was in the judge's chambers and received a kiss from his mother and was told that she would see him again soon.

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The moment for parting had come. A lull fell upon the assembled pioneers. Some silently shook hands, others stood with bowed heads, while the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner" were played by Henry M. Jackson, a pioneer of 1852, on his violin. Now and then a tear would steal down the cheek of him again soon.

BANQUET IS HUGE SUCCESS ne one of the assembled throng

Soon, however, they fell to shaking hands and saying goodby, and the 28th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association came to a clo

Officers Are Elected.

It was the big night of the reunion, and the campfire feature, which has come to be one of the most enjoyable events of each year, was no disap-pointment. Before it commenced, resolutions were passed of one nature and another and the annual election of officers took place.
P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, 1857, was

P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, 1857, was elected president; secretary, George in Himes, 1853, of Portland; treasurer, Charles E. Ladd, 1857, of Portland; directors, Joseph Buchtel, 1852, of Portland; N. H. Bird, 1848, of Portland, and Cyrus H. Walker, 1838, of Albany.

George H. Himes, who was re-elected secretary, has served his 25th year in that capacity, and no other nominations would be entertained for the place by Retiring President Fraderick

place by Retiring President Frederick V. Holman, who placed Himes in nomi-nation himself, declared the nominations closed and cast the unanimous vote of the association for him. Among those who related experiences

were Major James Bruce, of McMinn-ville; Oscar Canfield, of Canfield, Idaho, who called attention to the fact that two of Oregon's most noted plo-neers are buried at Oregon City in unmarked graves. They are Peter Skeen Ogden and Dr. John McLaughlan. Mrs. N. A. Jacobs and Mrs. Elizabeth Sager Helm; Mrs. John C. Cartwright, pio-neer of 1845, now living at Berkeley, Cal.; Charles B. Moore, of Salem, and many others spoke. Thomas B. Merry, who came to Oregon in 1873 one of who came to Oregon in 1870, one of the state's oidest journalists, delivered a short address, saying he had come back to Oregon to stay, after remain-ing away since 1888.

Speakers Talk in Chinook.

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The campfire was opened by J. D. Lee, who presided. He started by calling it to order in chinook, which occasioned much laughter and started the good feeling. After that nearly all of the speakers used more or less chinook.

A unique feature was the singing of a song in the famous Pacific Northwestern aboriginal tongue by Cyrus H. Walker, of Albany, who was born near Walla Walla in 1838, being the oldest living white man born West of the Rocky Mountains. He next delivered a speech, which met with cheers. After this there was a general cross-fire of questions hurled at eral cross-fire of questions hurled at him in the tongue from all over the

Then came the talks, reciting stories of the trip across the plains, the early days of Oregon life, the Indian wars, the hardships and all the events that have since become history. Out of respect to the memory of the late General George H. Williams, who was one of the most active in just year's reeral George H. Williams, who was one of the most active in last year's reunion, at the instance of ex-Governor T. T. Geer, the members stood for a bare moment, slient, with bowed heads. One of the most interesting of the campfire features was the old fiddlers' carnival. Mrs. S. J. Anderson, of Vancouver, a pioneer, of 1852; Hensy M. Jackson, 1852; George C. Rider, 1852, and D. C. Bowers, 1852. The rendition of each number was the signal for a burst of applause. All the pieces played were the tunes of pioneer days. At one time it looked as if an old-fashioned Virginia reel would be danced when an old pioneer and his wife arose and commenced dancing.

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officers, William Galloway rend the resolutions and they were passed. Before the vote was put, however, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway attempted to have them amended so that the association would be placed on record as favoring the equal suffrage law to be submitted to the voters by initiative in the Fall elections. She was ruled out of order, but took occasion to refer to the ruling as unfair during the "campfire" discussion.

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Historical Society; acceptance of the
invitation of the Pierce Count (Wash.)
Pioneer Association to meet with them
in August; expressing sympathy for
Professor T. H. Grubbs in his illness,
which kept him from attending the reunion, and also to all infirm afflicted
members.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

And consideration.

Fesolved, That to the various transportation lines are due our thanks for courtestes extended; also are our thanks due and are hereby extended to the Portland Automobile Club, which so kindly gave the old ploneers a free ride over the city and the Armory. And be it further

Resolved. That our heartfelt thanks and gratitude be extended to the noble wemen of Portland who at this meeting, as in the past, have been assiduous and unreserving in their attention to every want of the Oregon ploneers attending this annual meeting, not to mention the bounteous repast annually provided with queenly grace and hespitality.

J. D. LEE,

WM. GALLOWAY,

Committee.

Pioneers Enjoy Feast Prepared by

Army of Volunteers.

The "hi-yu-muck-a-muck," always the crowning feature of the annual meetings of the Oregon Pioneera' Association, was just as attractive as ever to the old set-tlers yesterday afternoon. Impatiently they jostled each other in the corridors of the Armory until the signal was given to admit them into the drill hall, where 20 tables, elaborately decorated and loaded with good things, awaited their

Ushers took charge of the old people as fast as they came through the archway, and escorted them to seats. There was no ceremony, no waiting for a deliberate toastmaster to be seated first, no delays that are incidental to a course dinner, no pompous waiters to move majestically along the long rows of tables. The pioneers sat down and began eating when they felt like it, selecting what they wanted from the dishes piled high with substantial food and delicacies. The women who had charge of the tables and their young assistants gave the gray-haired guests the strictest attention, inquired after their wants and did every-thing to make them feel at home and en-

joy the meal.

The clatter of dishes and hum of voices gradually swelled into an uproar as the pioneers filed in and filled the big hall ploneers filed in and filled the big hall to its capacity. Groups of old friends ranged themselves in rows to talk over old times, while they ate. Not a few became separated in the rush and sat alone, but the hardy pioneer spirit dominated the feast. It was a scene of cordiality, freedom and happiness, unostentatious and free from the slightest untoward circumstance to mar the pleasure of the organization, system and detail.

ure of the occasion.

The organization, system and detail, necessary to serve a banquet to 1500 persons were perfect. Covers were laid for 1400. Each of the 20 tables was 60 feet long and seated 70 diners. The menu consisted of 700 platters of meat, 20 hams, 65 veal loaves, 26 large salmon, 160 large cakes, bushels of small cakes, 60 gallons of ice-cream, a wagon-load of bread and a river of coffee. The table service included 1400 tumblers, 1400 cups and saucers, 1800 plates, 170 butter dishes, 210 sugar bowls, 130 small pitchers, 160 large pitchers, 180 salad bowls, 712 platters, 1400 sets of knives and forks and as many spoons:

All the food was donated. Cannerymen furnished the salmon, which were cooked at the Portland and Oregon hotels and the

at the Portland and Oregon hotels and the Arlington and Commercial clubs. The coffee was made by Mrs. A. J. Roberts. of Hood River, who has made coffee for each banquet for 18 years.

The corps of waiters was made up of 120 volunteers from the best families in Portland and the booths where the food was stored required the services of 50 more women. In all 200 were kept busy all day preparing for the banquet and serving it, and they did it without the slightest confusion. The women who had charge of the tables have taken the same part at the banquet for many years and

charge of the tables have taken the same part at the banquet for many years and have systematized the work until it is up to the best standard.

The decorations were beautiful and pre-sented a pretty color scheme entirely by accident. Women in charge of each table selected their own flowers without consuiting the others, and coincidently the tables alternated with yellow and redecorations.

After six years' contest Peter Cooper Hewitt has received patents for his mercury vapor electric lamp. The patents have been in dispute almost since the date where they were first applied for, in 1901.

# PIONEERS JOYFUL

Oregon's Aged Veterans Live Life Over Again at Big Campfire Meeting.

ROYAL WELCOME IS GIVEN

Mayor Turns City Over to State's "Grand Old Men and Women." Campfire Gathering Closes Day Full of Thrills.

(Continued From First Page.)
of your 38th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association. We welcome you to the metropolis of the great State of Oregon, and with pardonable pride we assert that at no period has this state been more prosperous than it is today.
"Compare its present condition—rich in resources, beautiful in landscape and fertille in soil, its great highways of commerce, its churches, schools and universities—with the conditions of the country that confronted you pioneers when your feet first trod Oregon's soil! How should any of you have dreamed at that time what this country was destined to become? (Continued From First Page.)

"I congratulate this association upon the auspicious opening of the reunion, and on behalf of the City of Portland, I welcome you one and all and extend most cordial greetings."

Happy Response Is Heard.

President Holman answered the Mayor on behalf of the pioneers, saying, in part:

"I want to thank Mr. Simon for his kind words," said Mr. Holman, "and on behalf of the Pioneers' Association also do I thank him. The pioneers, sturdy forerunners of the civilization which we do I thank him. The pioneers, sturdy forerunners of the civilization which we now enjoy, are those men and women who made and showed the way to Oregon. The term 'ploneer' is not an hororary degree, to be conferred in a hitand-miss manner, but is only deserved by those who have earned it. What a wonderful thing it was, indeed, to have broken the track for the great inrush of people into this wonderful country! Now these men who did not falter or halt when six months of travel through the wilderness confronted them become tired after walking a few blocks. Father Time cannot be denied, and it behooves us to pay homage to these sturdy people while they are still with us."

"They made Oregon a part of the United States, and the English language is too poor to tell fitly of those people who came out here, overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles and encountering every form of hardship, in the early days. Today the people of Oregon bow their heads in respect to these sturdy men and women, the true pioneers of Oregon.

oregon.

"As has been said before, each annual gathering of the association is saddened by the fact that there are many of these grand old people who have passed to the great beyond since the last meeting. But, as long as there is a viouser living. But, as long as there is a pioneer living, Port-land will be glad to meet and greet you

Dr. McLoughlin Recalled.

"It would be impossible for me to mention you all by name, and tell of the great deeds which you have performed, but there is just one name which I want to recall to you-and it is the name of the man who might well be called the Father of Ploneers. He stood head and shoulders above all, did Dr. John Mc-Loughlin, and you old-timers know what he did in the early days. That man, with his great touch of humanity, Christ-like humanity it may be called, saved Oregon for civilization and the United

"In conclusion, I want to bid you welcome, Godspeed, and a long life to each
and every one of you."

Thomas W. Prosch, member of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington, who was a guest of the Oregon
pioneers on the occasion, spoke briefly ingon, who was a guest of the Oregon pioneers on the occasion, spoke briefly on the natural ties which will always bind Oregon and Washington. Sixty years ago, he said, Oregon and Washington were one state. They have the same history and the same interests, and all that tory and the same interests, and all that led to the separation was the vast area of country which would have been em-braced. Concluding, Mr. Prosch in-vited the Oregon pioneers to the gath-erings of the Washington Association. On account of physical inability, Pro-fessor Frank H. Grubbs could not be fessor Frank H. Grubbs could not be present to deliver the annual address, which was written by him. In his place he delegated J. D. Lee, an ex-president of the Pioneer Association, to read the address, the title of which was "Reminiscences of the Early Schools of Oregon." The story told by Professor Grubbs was unusually interesting and was full of valuable historical allusions. In a clear voice which could be heard over the entire hall. Mr. Lee delivered the address. tire hall, Mr. Lee delivered the address.

## F. E. Yoakum, M.D.

of California, will be in Portland from June 27th to 30th, and will hold meetor California, will be in Portland from June 27th to 30th, and will hold meetings at the Christian Alliance Tabernacle, corner Ninth and East Clay streets, each afternoon and evening, except evening of June 30 meeting will be held at the Centenary Church, corner Ninth and East Pine streets.

Dr. Yoakum's visit is in the interest of suffering humanity. Some years ago he met with an injury in a runaway accident in which one of his lungs was severely injured, and, after consulting numerous doctors without relief, he was divinely healed. In gratitude for his recovery the doctor made a vow to devote his life to divine healing.

The thousands who have been healed under his ministry, as well as those who have been rescued by the Pisga movement, testify to the wonderful work that Dr. Yoakum has been instrumental in doing.

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