

WEBB STOOD AT MERCILESS ATTACK

Prosecutor Pours Forth Bitter Argument in Closing Murder Trial.

URY TO GET CASE TODAY

Attorneys Complete Talks to 12 Men to Decide Fate—Judge to Give Instructions as Court Convenes.

The Webb murder case did not reach the jury last night. It will go to the jury this morning. Judge Morrow, in his closing argument, said the case is being heard, will deliver his charge beginning at 9:30 in the small room at the south end of the courthouse instead of in Judge Chandler's large department. Deputy Fitzgerald completed his argument at 5 o'clock last night. The jury, which has packed the courtroom since the trial began, was sworn in ever yesterday, extending well to the corridors. In the courtroom very inch of standing room was taken, and balliffs were stationed at the doors to keep others from crowding in. Two deputy sheriffs stood guard over Webb all day, and a part of the time Mrs. Kerah was in the courtroom. Mrs. Kerah and her daughter sat beside the prisoner all day. Mrs. Webb bore up well, although she was evidently very nervous. She was seen to weep several times. The girl was unable to bear the strain yesterday, and once or twice broke into tears. Webb remained silent, and when the argument was over he poured hot water from the lips of Prosecutor Fitzgerald, he busied himself with reading a part of the subscribed testimony in the case. Mrs. Carrie Kerah, Jesse P. Webb's fiancée, was bitterly denounced by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald in his argument yesterday afternoon before the jury which is trying Webb for a life. In fact the terms used by Fitzgerald were such that Judge Morrow, in whose department the trial is being held, once suggested that he reconsider terms.

"I am telling the jury nothing but the facts," was the reply of the Deputy District Attorney. The attack upon the character and testimony of Mrs. Kerah was made more bitter on account of the fact that she had been sentenced to a term in the penitentiary by Attorney John C. McCue in his argument. "While my learned friends here were getting the Bible, if they had remembered the injunction of Christ, 'he that cast a stone, they would not have been so anxious to besmirch the reputation of this little woman, Irene Trumbull,' said Attorney Fitzgerald. He has no interest in this case, and she here only when compelled by subpoena of the State of Oregon to do so, and she is more likely to tell the truth than Carrie Kerah, whose neck at stake.

"Do you think for a minute, gentlemen, of the jury that that woman was giving Spokane with Johnson without Webb's consent? She says so. But Webb, but it didn't do any good. She is the woman who said, 'All right, if you get a better home for your child, I'll go.'"

"I tell you the truth of the matter, gentlemen. When she found Johnson had some wealth she talked it over with her paramour, like every paramour. These two people knew they were going to leave together or they would not have taken their baggage down together. The man who says he must have had some wicked purpose in their hearts, too, when they stepped on the train the way they did, remembering that they did not know each other."

"Another thing you ought not to overlook. Why did Webb register at the Grand Central Hotel as A. C. Powers, of Spokane, when the woman knew him, and knew his name was Webb? He must have told Johnson he was Powers, for he never would have signed the name Webb. He didn't want Johnson nor anyone else to know who he was. Should his crime be discovered?"

"You are not responsible for this man's situation," said Mr. Fitzgerald, in reply. "He did this act himself, and it is his will. If Johnson had not been unfortunate enough to accumulate this money, he would have been alive today."

Attorney McCue said he was defending Webb for \$2,750. "I don't care what the attorney for the defense says," replied Fitzgerald. "When this case is over here'll be a scrap for this \$2,750. Mrs. Kerah is even more astonished. She said Attorney McCue objected to this statement. "He is only answering your argument," said the judge.

"Well, I object to it," persisted McCue, and I want the record to show it." "Your objection is sustained," said the judge, switching from his first position. "After these folks got through with the man he didn't have a red cent," continued Mr. Fitzgerald. He had for his general clothes a shirt, a pair of drawers, socks and garters, and Mrs. Kerah suggested him her trunk for a toilet. Even the last nickel of the \$2,750 Webb says he loaned him was gone. "Another thing, Mrs. Kerah was sick on the morning, but in the afternoon and at night she certainly must have been feeling fine."

help. You may hide your sins for the moment, but somewhere, somehow every man pays the penalty for his wrongdoing. "Those holes in Johnson's head were not punched with this blackjack. They were punched on both sides. When Webb found that was too slow a process, he took the poor fellow's shirt and tied one knot in it. But he kept pulling and pulling on it till he strangled him."

"Whose key did Webb lock that trunk with? The key to this trunk was found in Mrs. Kerah's purse at the police station. I believe she put clean sheets on the bed and took off the bloody ones while Webb went to the depot with the trunk. The boy was locked in the other room during the crime, and Mrs. Kerah stood at the door on guard, like Lady Macbeth, while Webb was putting his victim out of the way."

Attorney Fouts, in his argument, said if Mrs. Kerah and Webb had planned this murder they would have had the trunk zinc-lined to hide the evidence of crime. Webb tried to drown his sorrow in drink, he said. He accused Deputy Fitzgerald of wanting only another scalp for his belt.

Manslaughter Is Admitted.
Both John C. McCue and Seneca Fouts, Webb's attorneys, admitted they believe Webb guilty of manslaughter. McCue futimated it by asking the jury to bring in a lesser verdict than first degree murder. Fouts boldly said so. He told the jury he stipulated with Webb when he took the case that he would try to secure a verdict of manslaughter.

Attorney McCue finished his argument at 11:20 yesterday morning. He did not neglect to denounce bitterly Irene Trumbull as a stool pigeon. "You can buy this kind of cattle for \$5 a piece any day in the year," he declared. "Personally I am not paying \$250 for the testimony of a witness like that."

Attorney Fouts, who argued for a half hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon, laid particular stress on Webb's testimony that he was given the "third degree" to make him confess. "Mr. Brown," he said, addressing one of the jurors, "your boy and I were in the Philippines together and we gave the 'water cure' there when we were up against it for information. I don't think it's right to do it, but these detectives are no more human than Bill and I. Their jobs depend upon the number of men they send to the penitentiary or to the gallows."

Then he plunged into a discussion of Johnson's motive in giving Mrs. Kerah \$1800, when he had known her only a few days.

"Don't you know, love is a form of insanity," he said. "When a man is desperately in love, he is insane. Do you know, I have fallen in love harder in three weeks than I ever did in three months. That's the hardest kind of love, the kind you get 'kas-bing'! The man he gave her \$1800 is not remarkable. I rather think that if he had had \$18,000 he would have given it to her. He was a man who had a dandy in the line of business he followed, and take it as a rule, such men think they can make a hit with the ladies."

"Woman, lovely woman, is the cause of more tribulation in this world than anything else. God love them, we can't get along without them. Get it right down to the crux, and it was love for woman, not money, that was the cause of this crime."

Reed Popular Joy-Rider.
Reed says he came to Portland about two weeks ago, and secured rooms on Hamilton avenue. He is formerly from Chicago and Ohio. He was apparently not working the "refrigerator" game for big money, but by scraping acquaintance with chauffeurs and "stringing" them as to his business, Reed was enabled to take many joy rides in company with foolish girls and women. Traffic agents will make a thorough investigation of the record of the man and look into the great mass of correspondence which was secured in a search of his room.

FRANCHISE IS OPPOSED
PROPERTY OWNERS APPEAR BEFORE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
Citizens Would Compel Oregon Electric Road to Stop at All Corners for Local Passengers.
Thirty property owners made a determined fight yesterday before the street committee of the City Executive Board against the granting of the proposed railway franchise desired by the Oregon Electric Railway Company on the line from Front to Tenth, and along the latter from Salmon to Flanders street. The speakers declared that there would be no objection to the adoption of the franchise, if it should first be changed to provide that cars must stop at every street for the accommodation of local passengers.

The property owners of the city, including Fulton Park, have had great difficulty in obtaining a water supply under the present system, owing to the fact that a large amount of technical proceeding are required, which involve long delays and expense. It has been found almost impossible to obtain contractors to bid upon this class of work. The Fulton Park people are at present without any water supply whatever, except from private wells. Although this district has been in the city limits more than 20 years and has paid city taxes for that period of time, the residents of this block have been unable to obtain a water supply under the old system, although they have made numerous attempts to do so.

BAD MILK BRINGS ILLNESS
Complaint Is Issued Against Owner of Diseased Cow.
Milk from a cow suffering from an inflamed udder has been peddled about the northwest portion of the city and several persons have been rendered ill by it, says City Chemist Smith, who found almost impossible to obtain contractors to bid upon this class of work. The Fulton Park people are at present without any water supply whatever, except from private wells. Although this district has been in the city limits more than 20 years and has paid city taxes for that period of time, the residents of this block have been unable to obtain a water supply under the old system, although they have made numerous attempts to do so.

BOGUS OFFICER

J. H. Reed Announced Wedding Which Hadn't Come Off.

GIRL'S NAME IS USED

Los Angeles Belle Alleged by Pretended Secret Service Agent to Have Married Him After Stern Parent Was Etuded.

Coupling the name of Miss Florence Cooper, a Los Angeles society belle and daughter of one of the wealthy citizens of the Southern California city, with his own and causing a fictitious story of their marriage to be announced in a Portland evening paper, led to the arrest

of J. H. Reed while he was lounging in the lobby at the Imperial Hotel during Wednesday night. Reed caused it to be said that he was a secret service agent of the United States, and that the wedding was the culmination of a romance which had its beginning while the pretended officer was in Los Angeles a year ago. Pictures of the lady and the bogus officer were printed, and it was said that they would immediately go to Middleton, Or., to spend their honeymoon. An irate papa was artistically worked into the story.

Even Photograph Was Bogus.
The wedding never took place, the picture published was not that of Miss Cooper, but one of Miss Helen Bouse, of Loraine, Ohio, and a girl whom Reed says was a former sweetheart of his in Middleton, Or. is a place of such small importance that its postoffice was recently discontinued. Reed says that he did not know Miss Cooper at all, but that he had heard of her.

Reed's desire to keep in the limelight led to his action in giving out the wedding story. When it was read by Secret Service Agent Glover, the latter hastily ran through his list of names of agents of the Department, and could not locate the man. In company with Special Officer Nicholson a hunt for Reed was started and the officers located him on the streets. Trailing him into the lobby of the hotel the officers watched Reed engage a guest in conversation, and caught a glimpse of the star which adorned the bosom of his fashionable vest. They invited him outside and when the sidewalk was reached relieved their man of custody of a .25-caliber revolver, a pair of handcuffs, a pair of brass knuckles, and an assortment of photographs. The photos showed the alleged officer in his street clothing of the very latest style, and while wearing different disguises.

Police Time Cars
Fifty Patrolmen Find Most Chauffeurs Overspeed.
WATCH SNAPPED ON MANY
Chief Cox Stations Men on Well-Paved Streets to Keep Tab on Automobile-Rushers—Many Are Warned of Arrest and Fine.

Aroused by an exposition of the number of fatal and near-fatal automobile accidents of recent occurrence in Portland, Chief of Police Cox ordered every man of the day relief to report for extra duty at 6 o'clock Wednesday night, in plain clothes, and stationed them at various points on principal thoroughfares throughout the city to time all passing automobiles. While no arrests were made, the experiment proved the contention of city officials that violations of the speed regulations are common.

More than 50 patrolmen participated in the investigation, being stationed in pairs at crossings on the well-paved streets popular with joy-riders. Every car that passed was timed, and fewer were found that were not going the full speed allowed by law, or faster.

Many Are Warned.
Cars were stopped by the policemen and cautions were administered to the drivers. The work Wednesday night was only a preliminary. At intervals in the future the patrolmen will be sent out without warning, and on the next occasion arrests will be made. No records of the speed of the passing cars were kept by most of the policemen, but reports were made covering 13 cases, the names being those recorded with the Secretary of State as the owners of the cars.

30-Mile Speed Made.
The lowest of these speeds is just within the legal maximum of 15 miles an hour, while the highest is at the rate of nearly 30 miles an hour. Chief Cox is satisfied with the showing of his men and will use the method largely in the future. He has expressed to Judge "Farwell" his conviction that violators of the speed regulations should be dealt with severely, and the schedule of fines increased materially.

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Dynamite Found Near Henry Home Left There by Workman.
Dynamite found Wednesday afternoon near the residence of C. K. Henry in Laurelhurst, was left there innocently by a grading contractor, say



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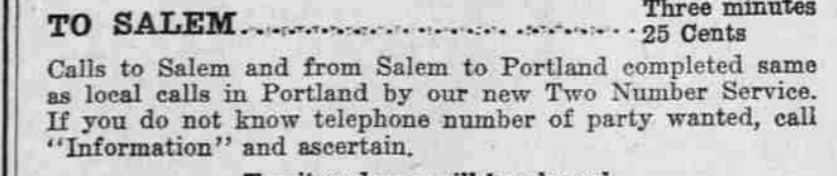
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