

KERSH TRIAL ON; TASK WEIGHTY ONE

Jurymen Must Pass on Webb's Guilt Again in Deciding Woman's Case.

MANY VENIREMEN EXCUSED

Feeling Among Men That They Would Find Difficulty in Declaring Woman Guilty of Murder Cause for Prejudice.

WEBB TO BE SENTENCED THIS MORNING. Jesse P. Webb will be sentenced to the gallows by Circuit Judge Morrow at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The jury which is to try Carrie Kersh for complicity in the murder of William A. Johnson will not only be compelled to find evidence of Mrs. Kersh's guilt before conviction, but in doing so will be compelled to pass again on the guilt or innocence of Jesse P. Webb, convicted last Friday.

In examining prospective jurors yesterday Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, who appears for the state, explained this point to them.

Panel Questioned Closely. "It will first be necessary for you to determine the guilt or innocence of J. P. Webb," said Attorney Fitzgerald to C. Spamer, one of the jurors examined, "and then to decide whether this defendant, Carrie Kersh, aided and abetted him in any way."

"Do you think a woman who is a defendant should have a different trial from a man?" asked the prosecutor. "No."

"Do you think the state should be required to produce stronger evidence in trying a woman than a man? Do you think you could prevent this defendant's sex from influencing your verdict?"

So the prosecutor went over the entire ground with his questioning. Juror's Mind Like Sponge. Attorneys Seneca Fouts and John C. McCue, representing Mrs. Kersh, were equally anxious that the juror should not be prejudiced in the state's favor before the trial began.

When court adjourned at 5 o'clock last night ten veniremen had been excused for cause, and it may be necessary for Fouts to call a different trial order more names drawn from the panel to make up the jury.

One Too Sympathetic. Some of those excused for cause yesterday said they would not convict a person on circumstantial evidence, and others said they would demand stronger evidence to try a woman than they would to convict a man.

Those now sitting in the jury box, but upon whom peremptory challenges may be made, are: Henry Peterson, of Peterson & Peterson, 50 Franklin street; George W. Tucker, brakeman S. P. Company, 469 North Twenty-second street; J. A. Amero, foreman, 116 Montague avenue; H. P. Nicks, laborer, 67 North Thirteenth street; C. Spamer, 172 North Eighteenth street, bookkeeper for Portland Furniture Company; E. Peterson, musician, 134 East Twelfth street.

Those in the jury box not yet examined are: F. Beier, real estate, 441 Prescott street; J. Frank Lee, publisher, 574 East Third street; E. Anderson, contractor, 114 East Thirty-fourth street; William Neuberger, salesman, 394 Clifton street; L. M. Davis, dentist, 488 Commercial street; Herbert Holman, 787 Overton.

BRIBERY CASE PROGRESS SLOW. Accused Man Questioned as to Bar Association Testimony. The trial of Howard A. Guilford for alleged bribery of H. M. Barton, a juror in the W. Cooper Morris case, dragged slowly along yesterday afternoon before the jury in Judge Kavanagh's department of the Circuit Court.

TRUST FUND UP TO COURT. Friendly Suit Begun to Settle George A. Price Estate. A friendly suit to settle the trust estate of George A. Price was filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by David M. Dunne. Besides George A. Price, the defendants are John H. Price, George J. Price and Mattie E. Butt. George A. is the son of John B. Price,

and the other defendants are the children of George A. Price. John B. Price died in Victoria, B. C., August 3, 1887. His will was filed eight days later, and John H. Mitchell, Henry Fielding and J. N. Dolph were appointed executors. The will provided that the estate be divided among the children, but a provision in the codicil that two-thirds of the estate should be sold and the money held in trust for the children of George A. Price, he being allowed only the income from all money. Should any of the executors die the children were to name their successors.

ORAL AGREEMENT FAILS. Man Compelled to Pay \$1500 Note Indorsed With Proviso. Circuit Judge Kavanagh decided for the plaintiff yesterday in the suit of the Lumbermen's National Bank against H. C. Campbell, for the recovery of \$1500 on a promissory note.

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HARD WORDS USED

Dr. Riley Refers to Rev. W. A. Wasson as "Renegade."

SALOON FORCES ASSAILED

Minneapolis Pastor Says He Would Rather Undertake Justification of Hell-Conditions in East Touched Upon.

Rev. W. A. Wasson, of Grace Episcopal Church, Riverhead, L. I., was denounced as a "renegade rector" at the White Temple last night by Dr. W. E. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis. Rev. Mr. Wasson opposes prohibition, while Dr. Riley is fighting for prohibition.

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Presiding State Circuit Judge Cleland by the county grand jury yesterday afternoon. Both cleared the defendants of statutory offenses. One was or Youth taro Pulli and Mrs. Marie Albuschies, wife of George Albuschies, and Henry Meyer.

BLAST AGAINST NEGROES. Writer Thinks Colored Race Should Have No Say.

VALE, Or., Oct. 22.—(To the Editor.)—With reference to an editorial in The Oregonian of a recent issue on the "Anti-Negro Tract," The Oregonian is "away off."

Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, said once in the United States Senate that "the greatest mistake the Republican party had ever made was to have given the nigger the right of the ballot." The time will come when the North, which live in perfect accord together, but will not mix with others, any more than oil will mix with water.

The yellow races hold all other races in contempt, and frown down any attempt of commingling in the least with each other. They are right. We may not agree with their opinion as to their superiority over the white race, but we certainly agree with them in the principle of preserving racial integrity.

Would a newspaper editor marry his daughter to a nigger? If not, then you'll admit that Mr. Nigger has no right to the same privileges as you have in the shaping of the laws and destinies of this great white republic.

LODGE FRIENDS GREETED. Banquet Follows Social Evening With Masonic Members.

With a glimpse of the social side of Masonry, the officers and members of Harmony Lodge No. 12, A. F. and M. last night entertained some 300 members of their families and invited friends at the second annual affair undertaken by the lodge.

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