

WITNESSES DOUBT HASSING'S LUNACY

Idea of Feigning Insanity May Have Come at Lambert Trial is Intimated.

CASE GOES TO JURY TODAY

Closing Argument in Trial of Wife-Slayer to Be This Morning—Defendant Still Maintains Attitude of Listlessness.

Fred Nicholson caused a sensation yesterday in the case of Jans William Hassing, being tried on a charge of murdering his wife, in rebuttal of the evidence presented by the defense to prove that Hassing has insane tendencies, he asserted that the defendant, after attending the trial of Lambert, who shot his wife, had said that Lambert would escape punishment because of his insanity. Hassing's alleged prediction came true, and it was not long afterward that Hassing killed his wife in almost the same way.

Hassing's Attitude Listless.

Hassing's attitude was the same yesterday as it has been throughout the trial, and nothing said by witnesses or attorneys seemed to rouse him to the realization of what was going on about him. This only time he changed his position and withdrew his eyes from the table in front of him was when the court adjourned yesterday afternoon when he looked along at his three sisters who crowded about him and held with them a subdued conversation.

Dr. W. T. Williamson, at one time superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, was placed on the stand yesterday morning to explain the various phases of insanity, but he did not express his opinion regarding the insanity of Hassing. He treated the subject of insanity from its scientific possibilities, and told what might be the result in a case like Hassing's, where the mental derangement was in the family.

In rebuttal to the evidence presented by the defense along the line of insanity was the testimony of one of Hassing's dead wife, testified that she had never seen anything about Hassing's actions to indicate insanity.

Actions Seem Sane.

Mrs. I. Albin, who had been for many years an intimate friend of Hassing's dead wife, testified that she had never seen anything about Hassing's actions to indicate insanity.

In rebuttal to the testimony of Murderer Webb, J. C. Tallor testified yesterday that he had seen nothing about Hassing to indicate that he was insane.

Doctors B. E. Joseph and William House, who had examined Hassing in regard to his sanity, testified that they had been unable to discover in Hassing at the time they examined him anything to indicate that he was insane. Dr. Joseph said he was of the opinion that Hassing had been feigning insanity.

Dr. E. B. McDaniel, who treated Hassing after the killing, returned to the witness stand yesterday and testified that Hassing had appeared, while in his care, to be sane. Dr. McDaniel, Mrs. Hassing's brother, was recalled to testify also, and swore that he had never seen anything in the conduct of the accused man that would indicate insanity.

Testimony is Completed.

The taking of testimony was completed by 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning, but court was adjourned until 2 o'clock because the arguments were begun.

Deputy District Attorney Joseph H. Page made the opening argument for the state. He reviewed the evidence carefully, and endeavored to prove that there was nothing in the acts of Hassing to indicate that he was insane when he killed his wife. He branded the defendant as a man of mean instincts, and said that the very acts that are alleged by the defense to indicate insanity were simply the acts of a naturally mean man.

W. L. Cooper, one of Hassing's attorneys, took up the argument in behalf of his client, when Page had finished. He also reviewed the evidence, but in a way to show that Hassing was subject to insane actions.

When court adjourned John J. Jeffery, attorney for Hassing, was making his final effort to save Hassing's life. Although the defense produced no evidence at any time in an attempt to prove that Hassing had not fired the shot that killed his wife, Mr. Jeffery wanted the jury to look with favor upon Hassing because he declared there had not been conclusive evidence that he had killed his wife. Mr. Jeffery then took up the argument of insanity as an excuse for the crime. He will complete his argument when court convenes this morning, and will be followed by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, who will make the final speech in behalf of the state.

Courthouse Notes.

Contending that she had received injuries to her tongue while her teeth were being drilled and worked upon at the Rex Dental parlors, Susie Burke brought suit against the Rex Dental Company yesterday in the Circuit Court for \$5000.

Julia Simon, as guardian ad litem of her 17-year-old daughter, Clara Smith, filed suit yesterday against Frank Manning for \$2000 as damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by the girl in being run over by Manning's automobile at East Main and Ellis streets, January 17 of this year.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. L. Funk, of Oskaloosa, Ia., is at the Bowers.

L. Thomas and wife, of Clatskanie, are at the Perkins.
A. C. Sanders, of Gladstone, registered at the Bowers yesterday.
C. L. Mackenzie and wife, of Colfax, Wash., are at the Oregon.
G. S. Smith, a real estate dealer of White Salmon, is at the Imperial.
J. H. Frank, of Frank's Tours, is registered at the Bowers from Chicago.
A. J. Dealy, of Wardsen, Idaho, was registered at the Perkins yesterday.
R. C. Wescott and wife, of The Dalles,

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were registered yesterday at the Cornwell.

G. W. Ingram, a merchant of Mount Hood, was registered at the Imperial yesterday.

George Steinhilber and wife were registered yesterday at the Cornwell from Silverton.

Herman Wise, ex-Mayor and merchant of Astoria, was registered at the Imperial yesterday.

Herbert H. Mock, Mrs. Mock and son, of Wichita, Kan., are in Portland to make their home here.

Mrs. J. P. Quastler and Miss Constance Quastler, of Centralia, Wash., were registered at the Cornwell yesterday.

H. C. Atwell, president of the State Horticultural Society, was registered at the Oregon yesterday from Forest Grove.

L. G. Wilson, interested in the coal mining industry, was registered at the Oregon yesterday from Centralia, Wash.

Z. G. Spalding and J. H. Parker, prominent business men of San Francisco, were registered at the Bowers yesterday.

L. C. Drummond, of Boise, Idaho, is in the city looking for a site preparatory to the proposed establishment of a sash and door factory here.

CHICAGO, March 27.—(Special.)—Portland people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows: G. H. Fior-

ance, at the Brevoort; A. W. Bartlett, at the La Salle.

CHICAGO, March 27.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows:

From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Slattery, at the Congress; Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith, at the Auditorium.

A. W. Raymond and E. A. Landberg, at the Manhattan; A. J. Lillburn and A. R. Palmer, at the Breslin; C. W. Smith, at the Hoffman; M. C. Small, at the Broadway Central.

From Seattle—J. R. Wilson, at the Bartholdi; J. I. Parker and Mrs. J. I. Parker, at the Grand Union; Mrs. F. L. Fliske, at the Latham.

NEW YORK, March 27.—(Special.)—Northwestern persons registered at New York hotels today are:

From Portland—M. J. Burns, at the Seville; N. Fox, at the Marlborough; A. W. Raymond and E. A. Landberg, at the Manhattan; A. J. Lillburn and A. R. Palmer, at the Breslin; C. W. Smith, at the Hoffman; M. C. Small, at the Broadway Central.

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ADAMS, W. D. Wheelwright and J. C. Adams, who refused to qualify.

The Governor stated that the Commission must do its work and he has named these members so that the Commission will be placed on an active working basis, with a quorum with which to do business.

Of the new appointees Henry M. Esterly, an attorney with offices in the Corbett building, is the only one to assert positively that he will serve.

"Governor West called me on the long-distance phone today and tendered me the appointment and I accepted," said Mr. Esterly.

Mears is Noncommittal.

S. M. Mears, president of the Portland Cordage Company, said that he had been absent from the city more than four months and was not familiar with features that had arisen in connection with the Port of Portland's affairs, but until he had received official advice that his name had been selected for a place, he expressed a disinclination to make a statement.

"It was entirely a surprise to me and the only intimation I received was from the press," said Joseph Goodman, secretary of the Goodman Bros. Shoe Company, when asked last night for his views on the Commission. "I had not even thought of such a thing and until I have time to consider the appointment I do not wish to discuss it."

Mr. Mears is looked upon as an strong material by many, as he has figured in public life in connection with the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce and other work.

Suit to Be Pressed.

As soon as it is known whether all appointees are willing to serve, steps will be taken to press the proposed suit to determine whether the old Commission remains in power or the men holding gubernatorial commissions step into office.

Meanwhile the affairs of the organization are being conducted as of yore, all departments being managed on the same basis and way as in the originally outlined. Since the Commission took a stand against vacating office on the ground that the recent act creating a new body was unconstitutional, no new business has been transacted.

There will be nothing done to embarrass the new Commission should it be organized.

EDITOR BROWNE

Of the Rockford Morning Star

"About seven years ago I ceased drinking coffee to give your Postum a trial.

"I had suffered acutely from various forms of indigestion and my stomach had become so disordered as to repel almost every sort of substantial food. My general health was bad. At close intervals I would suffer severe attacks which confined me in bed for a week or more.

Soon after changing from coffee to Postum the indigestion abated, and in a short time ceased entirely. I have continued the daily use of your excellent Food Drink and assure you most cordially that I am indebted to you for the relief it has brought me.

"Wishing you a continued success, I am Yours very truly,

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The drugs natural to the coffee berry affect the stomach and other organs and thence to the complex nervous system, throwing it out of balance and producing disorders in various parts of the body. Keep up this daily poisoning and serious disease generally supervenes. So when a man or woman finds that coffee is a smooth but deadly enemy and health is of any value at all, there is but one road—quit.

It is easy to find out if coffee be the cause of the troubles, for if left off 10 days and Postum be used in its place and the sick and disordered system begin to disappear, the proof is unanswerable.

Postum is not good if made by short boiling. It must be boiled 15 minutes after boiling begins, when the crisp flavor and the food elements are brought out of the grains and the beverage is ready to fulfill its mission of palatable comfort and renewing the cells and nerve centers broken down by coffee.

"There's a Reason."

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Mears, Goodman and Esterly on Port Commission.

ESTERLY TO ACCEPT PLACE

Governor, in Making Appointments, Declares Board Must Do Its Work and Trio is Chosen That Quorum May Be Had.

Governor West yesterday appointed S. M. Mears, Joseph Goodman and H. M. Esterly as members of the Port of Portland Commission to succeed C. F.

the courts decide that the measure is constitutional, and only routine business will be taken up pending the outcome of the litigation.

OREGON PIONEER IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary A. Russ Was Resident of Portland for 35 Years.

Mrs. Mary A. Russ, a well-known pioneer woman and wife of Dr. Hiram N. Russ, died at her home, 245 East Eightieth street, Montavilla, Sunday, after a short illness. Mrs. Russ was born in Indiana 65 years ago. She moved with her parents to Wisconsin, where she was married to Dr. Russ October 18, 1855. With her husband she crossed the plains in 1864, reaching Salem, Or., in 1865.

They resided in Salem, Albany and Eugene for a short time, when they moved to Portland, where they lived for 25 years. Three years ago Dr. and Mrs. Russ, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. During the Civil War Mrs. Russ was interested in the sanitary work in behalf of Union soldiers.

She is survived by a husband, Dr. Hiram N. Russ, and the following children: Mrs. Mary Estella Guthrie, Portland, Or.; Mrs. Ida Belle Warren, Oak Grove, Or.; Mrs. Emma McKecher, Portland, Or.; Mrs. Anna Hatz, Los Angeles, Cal., and several grandchildren. She had a wide circle of friends in Portland and other portions of the state. The funeral will be conducted at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from Grace Baptist Church, Montavilla, and the burial will be in Riverview cemetery.

MURDER SUSPECT FREED

Identification Not Made of Man Taken at Salem Sunday.

Another belief of the police that the murderer of Barbara Holman had been captured went glimmering yesterday when Mrs. Bertha Nelson was unable to identify as the man who had rented a room from her March 14 George F. Brown, a suspect picked up in Salem Sunday and brought to Portland yesterday by Detective Day.

The man suited the description furnished by Mrs. Nelson better than any who had been previously brought before her. He had the brown mustache tinged with gray, the pallid cheeks, age, height, weight and other characteristics of the man wanted. Mrs. Nelson, in order to satisfy herself thoroughly, placed the man in the same position in which the man being sought stood when negotiating with her for the Barbara Holman was found March 13. She admitted a striking likeness to her lodger, but was finally forced to shake her head in the negative.

GRANTS PASS TEAM IN WILD FIGHT.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—In an exciting runaway Sunday, James Flowers escaped death narrowly. He had just rounded his team on to the Sixth-street paving, when an automobile rushed by and frightened the big

delivery team. Flowers was unable to check the horses until they had reached L street, circled a block, and again swept up the same street. They were then brought to a standstill by someone from the crowd of onlookers. Flowers' foot was jammed through the wagon-bed and he was unable to dislodge it in

the mad race of the steeds. Despite his danger he kept a cool head and managed to keep the team in the streets.

Gladstone Warriors Beat Drums.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Peter Wells, of Gladstone, is the leader of a drum corps composed entirely of old soldiers. It is said to be the only G. A. R. drum corps on the Coast composed solely of old soldiers. Wells and his drum corps will participate in the Astoria Centennial. All members of the corps live in the Willamette Valley, and all saw long service in the Civil War.

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We have disposed of our lease on the Litt store at 351 Washington street and must vacate by April 15. Our entire Spring stock has been marked down regardless of cost. ABSOLUTELY THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER OFFERED IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND.

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New Lingerie and Marquissette Dresses All Go in This Unrestricted Removal Sale

Most of these new Frocks are Parisian models; in others, features from imported models, are cleverly adopted and introduced. All are distinguished by some of the out-of-the-ordinary in design, coloring and trimming. You have your own choice at a great Removal Sale Reductio n.

\$12.50 DRESSES, now \$6.95 only
\$20.00 DRESSES, now \$12.95 only
\$25.00 DRESSES, now \$16.50 only

\$30.00 DRESSES, now \$19.85 only
\$35.00 DRESSES, now \$24.95 only
All Silk Pongee Tailor-made Suits, now at HALF PRICE



Spring Models in New Tailor-Made Suits

35 new models to select from. Plain and braid-trimmed styles. Men's mixtures, gray, tan and cream Serges and the new black Wool Back Satins, Whipcords and Diagonals. Farewell prices are so astonishingly low every garment will soon be gone. We are only too glad to say farewell to them, as our landlord wants the premises and we must vacate.

\$25.00 SPRING SUITS \$14.95 now
\$30.00 SPRING SUITS \$19.85 now
\$50.00 SPRING SUITS \$34.95

\$35.00 SPRING SUITS \$24.95 now
\$40.00 SPRING SUITS \$27.50 now
\$50.00 to \$60.00 COATS \$34.95 now at only

Advance Styles in Women's Street and Afternoon Coats

Present displays include distinctive models in black satin, fine mixtures, serges and diagonals. Top Coats in imported tweed diagonals are:

\$20.00 COATS, now at \$12.95 only
\$25.00 COATS, now at \$14.95 only
\$30.00 COATS, now at \$19.85 only

\$35.00 COATS, now at \$24.95 only
\$45.00 COATS, now at \$29.85 only
\$50.00 to \$60.00 COATS \$34.95 now at only

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somewhere between Midnight and Dawn, between Lobster Lane and Crab Alley. No use looking for it in condiments or drugs—Nature will restore it in a natural way if you eat Shredded Wheat and live a simple life.



The delicate, porous shreds of cooked wheat, which are full of body-building nutriment, are easily digested by the most delicate stomach. Puts you on your feet when everything else fails.

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heated in the oven to restore crispness and served with milk or cream (hot milk in Winter) will supply all the strength needed for a half day's work and will keep the stomach sweet and clean and the bowels healthy and active. Also deliciously wholesome when eaten in combination with stewed or fresh fruits.

Try them for breakfast for ten days and you will eat no other cereal—they are so satisfying and strengthening. Your grocer sells them.

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