

MAHONEY LAWYERS ADOPT NEW TACTICS

Attempt to Prove Insanity Is Abandoned.

BODY HELD UNIDENTIFIED

Pathologists Create Doubt as to Corpse in Trunk Being That of Missing Woman.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Through the testimony of expert pathologists, the Mahoney defense today began the attempt to prove that the body found in a trunk in Lake Union is not the body of Mrs. Kate Mahoney, wife of the defendant. With the opening statement of counsel for Mahoney, after the last state witness, Captain of Detectives Tennant, had concluded his testimony, it became apparent that the defense will build its case on two points—first, that the state has not established the identity of the body in the mystery trunk; second, that Mrs. Mahoney was alive after the evening of April 16, when she is alleged to have been murdered.

Attorneys Johnston and Schwellenbach did not rely entirely on the evidence of Dr. D. H. Nickson and Dr. Austin J. West, the experts who support their fight to save the defendant. They questioned several persons who knew Mrs. Mahoney, asking witnesses to describe the woman's physical appearance. The defense will attempt to contrast these descriptions with the appearance of the body now in the morgue, it is believed by those following the trial.

Expressman's Story Doubtful.

Last night Mr. Johnston declared he would impeach the testimony of Alvin Jorgensen, the expressman who testified that he took a trunk from the Mahoney apartments to Lake Union the night of April 16.

Dr. Nickson, a practicing pathologist and bacteriologist and former professor of science at the state university, discussed at length the causes and effects of decomposition on a body immersed in water. He made two examinations of the body in the morgue, the first on September 15, taking the physical measurements. Mr. Johnston questioned both experts regarding the shape of the left hand. Both described it as tapering rather than short or thick, with a long and narrow finger nail.

"The body was that of a well-nourished individual, with well-developed bust, larger than the average in a woman of this stature," said Dr. Nickson.

Dr. West, who conducts a bacteriological laboratory in the Cobb building, said the body was "well-nourished."

The witnesses each stated that the decomposition of the body was slight.

"Assuming that the body was put in a trunk on April 16 and remained submerged in Lake Union until August 8, would decomposition under ordinary conditions have progressed to a greater or less extent than that of the body in the morgue?" the defense asked Dr. Nickson.

"I would have expected it to have progressed to a greater degree," was the reply.

On cross examination prosecuting Attorney Douglas wanted to know the effects of lime on a body immersed in a trunk. The witness answered that lime in weak solutions would act as an inhibitory agent, retarding decomposition.

In this examination Mr. Douglas asked if a quantity of moth balls found in the trunk would have any effect of holding decomposition in abeyance.

Moth Balls Affect Case.

"Furnish me first with the chemistry of moth balls," said Dr. Nickson. "I am not familiar with their composition."

In ordinary cases, said the witness, a body will rise to the surface in eight or ten days after immersion.

"If a trunk containing a body is anchored down," Mr. Douglas asked, "would it rise to the surface that soon?"

"I have never examined any body under those conditions."

"Doesn't it mean anything if the body in the trunk is weighed down with a quantity of clothes and rugs?"

"It will depend upon how much weight the body has to raise."

The prosecutor gave the approximate weight of the material found in the trunk. Unanchored, the body would rise to the surface within 20 days after its immersion, the witness thought.

Neither witness would express an opinion of the age of the victim found in the trunk, because the teeth were extracted, preventing the proper examination of the jawbone to give the needed clues. The fact that the head was bald could not be regarded, in the opinion of Dr. Nickson.

"The soft tissues of the scalp were gone as a result either of corrosion or dissection, and I am unable to tell whether the woman was bald before her death," he said.

The witness had examined the wound in the head of the victim. He said he did not believe it was possible to tell whether the wound was the result of a blow dealt before death.

Neither witness made an opinion as to the cause of death, but Dr. West said that the 20 grains of morphine found in the stomach would kill, provided that the drug did not remain in the stomach after it was taken.

Measurements Are Cited.

Dr. Nickson offered the following physical measurements of the body: Bust, 36 inches; waist, 29 1/2 inches; hip, 29 inches; shoulder, 34 1/2 inches. He said that he did not record the measurement of the height on his first examination, but recalled it was 61 inches. He amended this on the second examination to 61 1/2 inches.

The prosecution and defense sparred in the examination of the experts on the weight of the body. Mr. Douglas asked Dr. Nickson to explain the alleged evaporation in the weight of the body, asking a hypothetical question:

"Is it possible for a body weighing between 110 and 120 pounds immediately after death to shrink to 86 pounds through the ordinary processes of decomposition?"

"I don't believe it would get such a shrinkage," Dr. Nickson replied.

A flurry was caused in the courtroom after a comment by A. F. Diller, 2327 First Avenue, who was acquainted with Mrs. Mahoney, identified a black skirt which he "saw her wear a month or two ago." Diller was not cross-examined, taking the stand only to identify the garment.

Mr. Johnston afterwards explained that the witness had meant he saw Mrs. Mahoney wear the skirt a month or two prior to August 16.

Margaret Johnson, niece of the defendant, a young girl with curls down her back, identified a sand-colored coat which she said Mrs. Mahoney had worn. It was marked as an exhibit. The girls had attended all sessions of the trial, sitting beside Mahoney, and today she put her arm

through his affectionately and frequently chatted with him.

Thomas H. Piddock, manager of the Lumber Exchange building, was called by the defense to testify that he did not take anyone into the office of Emil J. Brandt, a lawyer and notary, or introduce any person as Mrs. Kate Mahoney on April 16. Brandt had testified Monday that he executed a power of attorney for Mrs. Mahoney. The state on that occasion asked him if Mrs. Dolores Johnson, sister of the defendant, was the woman. He could not say positively.

OLCOTT ON BUDGET STAFF

GOVERNOR ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP FOR OREGON.

Heads of Committees Selected for Movement to Reduce Burden of Federal Taxation.

Governor Olcott has accepted the invitation of the national budget committee to become honorary chairman for Oregon in that organization's nation-wide effort to gain popular support for the movement to reduce the burden of federal taxation. Announcement of Governor Olcott's acceptance was made yesterday by John T. Pratt, chairman of the committee, whose headquarters are in New York city.

Active heads of local committees are being selected from among business and professional men throughout the state and the programme of the general committee is to obtain co-operation of leading citizens in a thousand cities and towns. Members of the "budget guard" simply pledge their support to the establishment of a businesslike administration of governmental appropriations and expenditures. Every taxpayer who favors a reduction of the present federal tax burden is invited to help in crystallizing public opinion and defeat unnecessary additions to federal expense.

Mayors of Salem, Pendleton, Dallas, Roseburg and Bend have been selected as honorary chairmen. C. S. Hudson is the active chairman of the budget committee in Bend and D. W. Eyre is active chairman in Salem.

PRINEVILLE FAIR TO OPEN

Interstate Livestock Displays to Be Greatest Ever, Says Manager.

The Oregon interstate fair at Prineville, October 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, will open next Tuesday with the largest showing of livestock ever placed on exhibit in that city, according to R. L. Schee, manager, who passed through Portland yesterday en route home from attendance at the Oregon state fair. The capacity of the fair barns has been reserved in advance for the Prineville fair and arrangements are being made to care for additional exhibits by the construction of temporary tents and sheds, Mr. Schee says.

Forty running horses have been entered for the racing programme and many additional amusement attractions. A sham battle will be staged on October 7 under the auspices of the American Legion. Music for the entire week will be furnished by the Shevlin Hixon band of Bend.

Obituary.

Chandler Huntington.

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Chandler Huntington, one of the first children born in Oregon, died at Alameda, Cal., September 17. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Huntington, crossed the plains in 1848, locating near Columbia slough, Or., where he was born in 1849. Later that year they took a donation land claim on the Columbia river near Kelso. The land has been purchased by the Long-Bell Lumber company. Mr. Huntington was a member of the first legislature of the state of Washington. About 20 years ago he moved to California. A widow and a daughter and four brothers survive. Four brothers—Wallace Huntington, Kelso; Edwin and Alexander Huntington, Castle Rock; Spencer Huntington, Yakima—also survive.

Alexander Gordon.

HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Alexander Gordon, resident of Washington county for nearly 50 years, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home near North Plains. He was born September 2, 1845, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He came to the United States in 1870, settling in California. On December 6, 1876, he married Ann L. Conklin, who died December 9, 1909. Of six children born five survive: Elizabeth Gordon Hoene of North Plains, Miss Nellie Gordon of North Plains, Frank Gordon of Portland, Anna Gordon Bailey of Portland, Alfred Gordon of North Plains.

Mrs. Edna Mae Ruth.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edna Mae Ruth, wife of W. A. Ruth, prominent druggist of this city, died yesterday noon, after an illness of several months' duration. She was 25 years old.

Mrs. Ruth came to Eugene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Harvey, from Silverton, Or., 11 years ago.

She attended the local public schools and afterward the University of Oregon. She was married to Mr. Ruth six years ago.

Besides her parents and husband, Mrs. Ruth is survived by an infant son, Robert Harvey Ruth, and a brother, Forrest Harvey of Portland.

Harold Morrow.

Funeral services for Harold Morrow, who was killed in action in the Argonne forest, will be held from Piney's chapel Saturday afternoon. The body will be returned to Portland today.

Mr. Morrow was killed at Montfaucon, France, September 28, 1918. He was a member of company I, 263d infantry of the 1st division. At the time that he enlisted Mr. Morrow was a junior at Oregon Agricultural college.

He was a member of the Kappa Delta Sigma fraternity. He was well known in Portland having attended grammar school in this city and been graduated from Washington high school.

Wirt Minor.

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That's the wonderful message for readers of this paper today—a message that really and truly offers to women release from drudgery of kitchen work—to those, at least, who carefully read and digest every word that follows.

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Electrical appliances in the home—to put the housewife on the "easy street" of domestic duties—and on an equality with her husband's efficiency have made their appearance, but their general adoption by women has been slower; partly because men have failed to realize that labor-saving devices in the home promote mutual welfare and happiness and partly because women have been less accessible than men for application of the necessary educational processes.

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COMPROMISE REACHED ON ERROR IN BUILDING.

W. D. Allingham to Receive \$4250 House for \$3500; Two Weeks' Negotiations End.

W. D. Allingham, instructor in the Benson Polytechnic school, receives a \$4250 home on his lot at 551 East Fifty-first street North, for \$3500, through the fact that he purchased a lot in Portland having attended grammar school in this city and been graduated from Washington high school.

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NORTH PACIFIC GROWS

College Enrolls 575 Students Opening Day of Registration.

On the opening day of registration yesterday 575 students were enrolled in the departments of dentistry and pharmacy at the North Pacific college, setting a new record for the institution. As today and tomorrow are also to be devoted to registrations it is expected the total will reach 700 students, according to the college officials.

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Oregon students represent 27 per cent, while 14 per cent came from British Columbia.

2682 SEEK STATE LOAN

2531 ex-Service Men Ask for Cash Bonus, According to Report.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Up until last night 2531 ex-service men entitled to benefits under the so-called bonus law had filed applications for cash contributions, while 2682 applicants expressed a preference for loans.

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