

J. R. FINCH KILLS RALPH B. FISHER

Prosecutor Shot by Lawyer Whose Disbarment He Had Brought About.

GIRL WITNESS OF TRAGEDY

Murderer, Although Caught Red-Handed as He Tries to Flee, Denies All Knowledge of Shooting When Locked in Jail.

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crime, was overcome by the ghastly spectacle. She and the child, the latter still ignorant of the cause of the commotion and the crime against himself, were quickly hurried away. At her home, 887 Schuyler street, she is prostrated, though trying bravely to bear her cruel burden.

Finch, the murderer, is also a husband, though he is childless. He was married last Tuesday to Mrs. May Betty, a nurse or attendant at the East side resort known as Dr. Atwood's Maternity Hospital. It was late in the afternoon before his bride of four days was notified of her husband's deed. Evidently she was deeply affected, though, so far as could be learned she made no effort to see the prisoner last night. The woman is the mother of several children as the result of a former marriage.

Incurred Hatred of Finch.

Mr. Fisher was a member of the law firm of Baker & Fisher. He was 25 years of age and had been practicing law in this city for four years. He was a graduate of the Monmouth State Normal School at Monmouth, and studied law with a firm at Troy, Idaho, where he was admitted to the bar. He was prosecutor for the grievance committee of the Oregon State Bar Association and by his vigorous performance of duty incurred the hatred of Finch.

James A. Finch is 38 years of age and was admitted to the practice of law eight years ago. He is a native of this state and practiced for brief periods in both Albany and Salem. He is said to have figured in one or more "gun plays" and was recently disbarred from practicing in this state for a period of one year.

It was 1:30 o'clock when Finch entered the front room suite, 322 Mohawk building, where Baker & Fisher's offices are located. Mr. Fisher, seated at his desk in the rear office, and Miss Burkhardt, the stenographer, at her desk in the front office.

Shot Down Without Warning.

Entering the front office, Finch asked if Mr. Fisher was in. The stenographer replied that he was and Finch asked if he was busy. Miss Burkhardt rose and opened the door and Finch entered the office, holding the door open as Finch approached. Fisher, who seemed to be occupied with papers on his desk, did not raise his eyes till the visitor spoke to him. "Hello, Ralph," said Finch, and before his victim could reply, opened fire with a revolver. He fired three shots, all of which took effect, one striking Fisher in the temple, causing instant death. Fisher uttered two piercing screams and fell dead upon the floor.

Face Distorted With Hatred.

"But the face of the murderer will haunt me forever. It was drawn and horribly distorted. And there was a look of diabolical triumph as he saw Mr. Fisher fall from his chair. But I could not stand it and ran screaming for help." Finch, seeing his supposed adversary bleeding and dead upon the floor, calmly replaced the weapon in his pocket, then sat and walked down the corridor towards the elevator. Dr. W. A. Roberts, a dentist, whose offices adjoin those of Baker & Fisher, heard the shots, and, leaving a patient in the operating chair, rushed into the attorney's office. He found the body of Mr. Fisher lying upon the right side, near the desk where it had fallen. He tried to raise the body, but immediately discovered that the attorney was dead.

Follow Finch to Elevator.

"At first, for an instant, I didn't know what she meant, for I thought it must have been shot, but I quickly realized what she meant, and followed the man to the elevator. He walked slowly and deliberately down the stairs and I overtook him at the cage door. Other men came running up about that time.

HOLDS UP 4 TONS; LIVES

Greek Run Over by Heavy Wagon Loaded With Feed.

Although the wheels of a truck bearing four tons of feed passed over the body of Kalmos, a Greek, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, he still lives. Kalmos is a laborer employed at Latourelle, Or., on the O. & N. Railroad, and was crossing the street at second and Morrison streets when the accident happened.

Police Take Their Prisoner.

Desk Clerk Casey and Officer Harms responded from headquarters to the call from the John Davis for the police. As

CITY MAN ON LIGHTING PLANT

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Points Out His Enemy.

"I was in Mr. Fisher's office Wednesday," he said last night, "and he was looking out the window into 'his' court. Suddenly he said, 'Come here, quick; there's the man Finch, who has said that he was going to kill me.'"

MEMBERS OF BAR SHOCKED

President Declines to Say What Action Will Be Taken.

The assassination of Attorney Ralph B. Fisher at the hands of Attorney James A. Finch, came as a tremendous shock to the members of the Oregon State Bar Association, especially those who attended the recent annual meeting and banquet of the association. Just what action the association will take is not known. Mr. Fisher was a prominent member of the association, and his death is a great loss to the profession.

WARNING LETTERS WERE SENT

Fisher Repeatedly Told He Would Be Killed.

Threatening letters had been received by Ralph B. Fisher for several weeks. The letters contained threats against his life and warnings that he was to be shot. They were turned over to the Police Department, and detectives assigned to ascertain their source. Whether the detectives made such attempts is not known, but it was generally believed that they originated with Finch or others who had been prosecuted by Mr. Fisher.

NO ADVANCE CONTEMPLATED

Josselyn Says Proposed Rate Is No Higher Than Present One.

That the new bid of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company does not contemplate an advance in the price of city lighting is the statement of President Benage S. Josselyn. He maintains that the rate is no higher than the present cost to the city, the rate per light being the same as that now charged. Mr. Josselyn also proposes a compromise settlement with the city in the hope of ending the present controversy over the bills of the company for lighting the city during the past few months, which have been held up. In discussing the lighting situation, President Josselyn said yesterday:

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Makes shoes last. All dealers.

25 per cent off on out-gait at Metzger's, 548 Washington street.

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Says It Is Important Problem.

"While there are many grave problems before this city now," declared Mr. Kellahe yesterday, "I hold that the situation as to municipal lighting is by far the most important of them all. That a city of this size and importance could be held up by a single corporation, as is at present the case, is a crying shame, and the only way out is to install a municipal-owned plant, to purchase or install a distributing system, and to go into business to furnish our own lights. I should say that an initiative petition would be just the thing to bring this about. I guess the people are sufficiently weary of being at the mercy of a corporation that they will vote to bond the city for \$2,000,000, and may put in our own plant and be forever rid of the dependence upon outsiders."

Bids Referred to Council.

The Council, at its next session, will have an opportunity to go on record regarding city lighting as the Executive Board, Electric Railway, Light & Power Company to the Council for consideration. It is virtually certain that the Council will refuse to have anything to do with the matter, and that it will send the bid back to the Executive Board for action. The Council investigated city lighting matters five months ago, and recommended that Mayor Lane and decided that the city could save nothing by installing its own plant or by purchasing the distributing system of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

DAVID LUMBER COMPANY TO SPEND \$500,000.

Engineer Stephenson Also Says \$1,000,000 Project Will Soon Be Announced.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The Lester W. David Lumber Company intends to build a \$500,000 sawmill and docks on the Columbia slough just below the Steel bridge of the North Bank road, and work will begin on the new plant within 15 days. There is another project on foot in the same locality which will involve the expenditure of \$1,000,000, but the facts about this matter cannot be given out just now. L. D. Stephenson, general superintendent of the Swift Townsite Company and consulting engineer of the David Lumber Company is authority for the above statement.

French Flagship at San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 28.—The French steamer Catal, flagship of the French Pacific squadron, arrived at San Pedro today for a week's stay. The officers were greeted by a reception committee from the Los Angeles French colony. It is understood that the flagship will proceed from San Pedro to South America.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAYS OF PERIOD FURNITURE THIS WEEK Exhibit and Sale of Navajo Blanket Rugs. A direct consignment from the most important trading centers in Arizona and New Mexico—a careful and varied selection of the clever weavings and designs of the crafty Navajo Indians—a large range of sizes that assures satisfactory selection for every purpose to which these rugs are adapted—couch coverings; lounging robes; floor rugs and wall decorations for the den and other rooms where quaint furniture is used. This sale is both suggestive and opportune for choosing appropriate and appreciable gifts for your Eastern friends. Sale and exhibit for three days—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Sixth Floor. A number of these rugs now displayed in our Morrison-street window. Sizes ranging from 2ft. 6in. by 3ft. 4in. up to 4ft. 6in. by 7ft. Prices from \$3.50 up to \$20.00.

Graniteware Specials. A long list of bargains in the French gray enameled-ware, Monday and Tuesday in the basement. 10c Basting Spoons at each 5c, 10c Skimmers at each 5c, 15c Milk Pans at each 10c, 20c Milk Pans at each 15c, 30c Milk Pans at each 20c, 15c Jelly Cake Pans at each 10c, 15c Covered Buckets at each 10c, 20c Covered Buckets at each 15c, 25c Wash Basins at each 15c, 20c Lipped Saucepans at each 15c, 25c Lipped Saucepans at each 20c, 20c Bread Pans at each 10c, 25c Bread Pans at each 15c, 30c Preserve Kettles at each 20c, 40c Preserve Kettles at each 30c, 40c Drip Pans at each 25c, 40c Berlin Kettles at each 30c, 50c Berlin Kettles at each 35c, 60c Drip Pans at each 45c.

Bedding Sale—Monday, Tuesday. A two days' sale—offering opportune bedding bargains in Blankets, Comforters and Pillows. The Bedding Section—Sixth floor. White Wool Blankets, a dependable quality; 4-lb., 4 1/2-lb., 5-lb., 5 1/2-lb., 6-lb. and 7-lb. weights; at, per pound \$1.25. Heavy Outing Blankets, in cotton and wool, dark gray, per pair \$1.75. Cotton Blankets, gray, tan and white; \$4.00 vals. pr. \$2.95.

Comforters and Quilts. Full-size fluffy Comforters, in dainty-silkline coverings; each \$1.15. Extra heavy saten-covered Comforters, on sale at each \$1.95. Our finest \$4.50 and \$5.00 values, of which the quantities in these comforters are limited; each \$3.25.

Foreign Wall Papers. Productions from the most prominent foreign centers of fine wall paper making—creations in wall coverings that display good taste and artistic merit—metal, leather, silk, damask and tapestry superbly reproduced. Our Decorative Department is now displaying the most beautiful and comprehensive line ever shown in this city. We employ only the most skilled workmen in all decorative work, and can design and execute the most artistic and novel treatments for all rooms. Special attention given out-of-town work.

TULL & GIBBS Complete HOUSEFURNISHERS. Wood and Coal HEATERS in the BASEMENT. Prompt and Careful Attention Given to MAIL ORDERS and Out-of-Town Inquiries.

BIG MILL ON PENINSULA. DAVID LUMBER COMPANY TO SPEND \$500,000. Engineer Stephenson Also Says \$1,000,000 Project Will Soon Be Announced.

JESUS' COMING FORETOLD. Adventist Says Jews Might Have Known When to Expect Him. That the Hebrews of Christ's day could have known by studying the writings of the Old Testament prophets, the exact time to expect the Messiah's appearance, was the assertion of Elder C. W. Flaiz, in his sermon at the East Portland Seventh Day Adventist Church, East Eleventh and East Everett streets, yesterday morning. In support of his statement, the speaker quoted Daniel (ix): "Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks."

KIRWIN IS PRESIDENT. Chicago Man Is Elected to Head Building Trades Department. DENVER, Nov. 28.—The building trades department of the American Federation of Labor today elected the following officers: President, James Kirwin, of Chicago; first vice-president, G. F. Erick, of New York; second vice-president, James G. Hamblan, of Chicago; third vice-president, Frank M. Ryan, of Chicago; fourth vice-president, W. J. McSorley, of Philadelphia; fifth vice-president, M. O'Sullivan, of Pittsburgh; secretary, William J. Spencer, of Dayton, O. The convention adjourned to meet at Tampa, Fla., the second Monday in October, 1909.