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Season of Delay in Homicide Cases Seems Past.

FIVE TRIALS ON CALENDAR

Matt Johnson Escapes Gallows on Second Degree Verdict—Son Is Acquitted—Start Made in Third Hearing.

One murderer convicted, one man accused of murder acquitted, one murderer placed on trial, two murderers refused further time in which to plead. That is a brief summary of progress made in the State Circuit Court yesterday in dealing with the jaffal of men held for the taking of human life during the past six months.

Matt Johnson, slayer of Fred J. Holock, was the one to be convicted, though the jury let him off with a second degree verdict. His 22-year-old son, John Johnson, held because of having supplied the fatal weapon to his father, was acquitted of the murder charge.

James A. Finch, discredited lawyer and slayer of Ralph Fisher, prosecutor of the Multnomah Bar Association, was summarily ordered to prepare for trial next Friday, his appeal for more time in which to decide on his plea being refused. Finch seemed taken completely by surprise when Presiding Judge Gantenbein refused to allow him one more week in which to plead. When he found there could be no delay, he declined to enter a plea. The court ordered that a plea of not guilty be entered, and set the trial for Friday next.

Harry Daley, murderer of Harry Kinney wanted more time in which to plead, but when it was found that more time could not be pleaded, he pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for next Thursday. Antonio Petarso, murderer of Vincenzo Desantis, appeared for trial yesterday, and the empanelling of a jury was taken up, nine men being secured before night. The jury will be completed Monday morning.

In not one of these cases is there any element of doubt as to the actual killing. The crime in every instance was performed in the presence of witnesses, and the outcome of all the cases will be watched with eager interest, for there is wide public feeling at the series of crimes which have occurred in Multnomah County within the past half year.

Matt Johnson, although convicted on a charge that means imprisonment for life, was in reality overjoyed when the jury came in for the same verdict acquitted his son, John Johnson. The father, who has made three distinct efforts to kill himself within the past week, has been chiefly concerned about the son. The night he murdered Holock, followed a saloon brawl, young Johnson ran home and got the revolver with which the murder was committed. Since the trouble Johnson has frequently said that he had been a neglectful father, and had not done right by the boy.

"But now he is clear, I do not care for myself," he said, when the jury came in.

Part in Jail Corridor.

Half-an-hour later father and son parted company in murderers' row in the County Jail. There was no exhibition of feeling when they walked out, leaving the father to spend the rest of his life behind the bars.

"Take care of yourself," the elder prisoner said in Finnish.

"I'll do that," said the son. "See you later," and he was off without a glance back at the long steel cage in which the murderers were grouped about, watching with wistful eyes the departure of one of their number.

The jury which tried the Johnsons went out at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon and reached a verdict at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. At first, on retiring to the jury-room, there was an inclination to hold the father for first degree murder. The showing as to his mental state probably served to modify a verdict which would have sent the man to the gallows. Acquittal of the son was agreed upon almost from the start. Suggestion was made that he ought to be held for manslaughter because of running for a gun when the elder Johnson was in trouble with his victim, at a saloon at Twenty-fourth and Nicolai streets. But since it had been made clear that Matt Johnson ordered the boy to get for the weapon, it was decided

to place all the blame on him. There was a general belief at the Courthouse that the father was fortunate to escape the gallows.

Although Johnson assured the officers that he would make no further attempt to end his life, he was closely watched again last night. It has developed that on Thursday night he attempted to hang himself in his cell. Falling in this, he cut his windpipe with a razor before court time Friday, but failed to end his life, and after being rushed to a hospital and treated was taken to court to complete his testimony. Later on he attempted to pull the dressing from his wound, but was restrained.

Now that the boy is free I will not try to kill myself again," he told Jailer Hunter in broken English. "I do not care for myself, but when they were after the boy I wanted to kill myself so that I could go to hell and get ready for the persecutors."

Although there has not been a single first degree verdict returned this far in the year by a Circuit Court jury, the belief is current that a beginning is to be made with Finch. From what has happened it would seem that the defense is to be a combination of self-defense and insanity plea. The state has plenty of testimony to show that Finch was mentally sane at the time he must have been merely during the actual commission of the crime, as he assuredly was sound of mind an hour before the murder of Fisher and was able to talk most consistently of everything excepting the murder an hour after it took place.

Court-Tires of Delay?

The action of the Presiding Judge in declining to allow Finch more time to plead would seem to indicate that the court is tiring of the long delays insisted upon in each and every murder trial brought up. A new record is set in Finch's case, as he is to come for trial within a month from the time of the actual murder.

The fellow has settled down to a more serious realization of his offense now. There is little doubt but that the crime grew out of a bitter hatred and an uncontrollable anger. But with two weeks to reflect in the quietude of the County Jail, Finch seems to realize the seriousness of his position and the prisoners in murderer's row say he has hours of alternate horror and weeping.

Harry Daley's defense will be the well-worn insanity plea. He pleaded not guilty to killing Harry Kenney, a saloonkeeper, several weeks ago. Attorney L. W. Humphreys and John H. Stevenson were appointed by the court to defend him. There are many witnesses obtainable, it is said, who will testify to Daley's mental un soundness for the past year, following a steamboat accident in which he was struck on the head. It will be brought out that Kenney, thinking the man harmless and disregarding his threats of violence, actually dared him to shoot, whereat Daley promptly accepted the dare.

Murder at Wedding.

Petarso, who was placed on trial before Judge Gantenbein during the forenoon, shot and killed his countryman, Desantis, at a wedding. The two dined far too deep into the beer at the nuptial party of some Italian friends, and in a quarrel the murder followed. Petarso will claim self-defense. He says the other attacked him with a knife and that he either had to shoot or be stabbed to the heart. The nine jurors secured thus far in his case are M. Kronenberg, R. F. Crawford, J. Fanno, E. B. Gardner, C. H. Clemens, J. G. Dan, H. E. Clemens, J. M. Caldwell and E. O. Daniel.

The jurors who passed upon the Johnson case, and several of whom are now appearing in the Petarso trial, are E. B. Gardner, M. Kronenberg, W. H. Brown, J. W. Caldwell, Robert Service, H. G. Chidoking, A. J. Fanno, R. F. Crawford, Theodore Brugger, E. L. Dixon, J. L. Yarnell and Fred C. King.

FUTURITY CANNOT BE TAXED

Business Is Not Assessable.

Tax assessments cannot be made on the probable future business of a firm or corporation, according to a decision made yesterday by Circuit Judge Bronaugh in passing on the appeal of the Pacific Railway Advertising Company from the assessment made by Assessor Sigler and approved by the County Board of Equalization. This company was assessed \$20,000, it having developed that the present proprietors of the concern paid that amount. The company wished to pay on but \$250, the value of the office fixtures; but the Assessor insisted on making the sale price the basis of assessment, contending that the privilege enjoyed by the concern in putting ad cards on streetcars should be taxed.

Judge Bronaugh said that no assessment could be made except on the actual value of the concession as shown by the books during 1907 and this, he said, authorized an assessment on \$6000 valuation.

ADVANCES NEW IDEA

Democracy in Workshop Cure for Trust Control.

ALSO AID TO CHARACTER

Walter Thomas Mills Closes Local Lecture Series With Appeal for More Individualism on Part of Great Mass of Workmen.

Walter Thomas Mills concluded his series of addresses at Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, last night, speaking on "Either Despotism or Democracy, Both in the Workshop and at the Ballot-box." The meetings were successful, and much interest was manifested, there being an average attendance of 800. In the course of his remarks last night the speaker said:

Mr. Blackstone, in the Commentaries on English Law, says that "a law is a rule of action prescribed by a superior for the direction of an inferior." Mr. Jefferson is reported to have said "that government is best which governs least." If government is an authority vested in groups of people supposed to be superior, to enact and enforce laws for the government of others, it is therefore necessary, if we then I would amend the words of Jefferson by saying that government of that sort would be the best of its sort which would govern not at all.

In his country for a hundred years Mr. Jefferson's words have been a law, that is that a law is a voluntary agreement between equals determining what shall be done with respect to interests which they hold in common, have been in vogue. But such a government would hardly be regarded as the best, because it governed least. Such a government would be best with the greatest capacity and justice, would provide for these interests which the joint governers are supposed to hold in common.

Mr. Lincoln once said "that man has never yet been born who was good enough to be the master of another man." Government which pre-supposes that a superior and an inferior necessarily carries with it the relationship of mastery and servitude, and is therefore necessarily despotic. Governments, however, which attempt jointly to administer the joint affairs of the persons involved are democracies.

A despotism always rules by appointment from the top down. Democracy rules by election from the bottom up. Under a despotism every officer is a master, under a democracy every officer is a servant.

In this country we have two governments, one a democracy with its headquarters in Washington, the other a despotism with its headquarters in New York. In this country we have an industrial despotism existing in the midst of a political democracy.

With the individual units, that is those who possess and exercise a political franchise, the power of the government individually dependent upon industrial masters cannot long maintain a political democracy. Whatever an industrial democracy once established it could not exist at all under political despotism. Whatever form of government is to be established and maintained, either in industry or in politics must prevail in both.

It is admitted that self-government in the industries is greatly to be desired and would be ideal were it possible; but then it is contended that any effort to establish industrial self-government, instead of realizing a beautiful ideal, would result in doing infinite harm. If industrial democracy is to harm society it must do so either by lowering the standard of the production of the workers, or by producing a smaller or an inferior product, or by corrupting the government.

As to the character of the workers, under industrial democracy, self-government would immediately improve the intelligence, the character, the self-possession of the workers. It would do away with unsanitary conditions. It would give leisure for social, educational and religious purposes, and in all these particulars would raise, not lower the standard of the workmen's life.

Again, with all men employed, with the best machinery under scientific management, with free access to the raw materials, the volume of the product would be greatly increased; and as no one could produce more than the production of inferior, shoddy or adulterated goods, self-government would not only increase the production but improve the quality.

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workshop, instead of corrupting politics would so relate each voter to his own employment that no man could afford to sell his ballot or to regard it lightly. Inasmuch as he would vote on the job where he was employed, his ballot would be intelligent as well as interested. Intelligent, it cannot be misled directly; understanding the issues of an election, it cannot be corrupted.

The great private interests whose

private advantage is best served by corrupting politics would cease to exist and go out of existence, the bootlickers would at the same time and by the same process make it disappear.

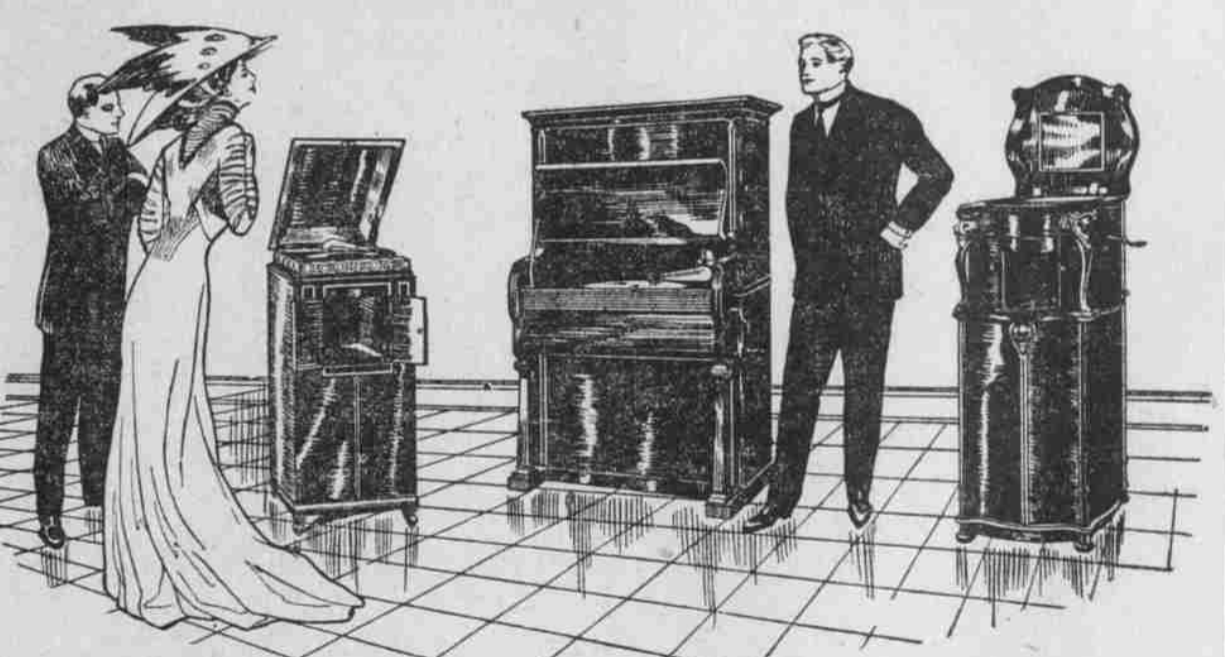
Hence it is seen that in all particulars industrial democracy makes for the social welfare; therefore both po-

litical and industrial despotism are entirely without defense. The modern corporations have already Russified American industry. Just now there is an effort to Russify American politics, to use the public authority of this country as bloodhounds on the footsteps of the Russian reformers.

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