

JURY PROMPTLY ACQUITS WOMAN

Talesmen Decide Mrs. Hazel Maddux Is Not Responsible for Mrs. Real's Death.

MISS NOSS' STORY FALLS

Foreman Insists State Failed to Corroborate Girl's Confession—Mrs. Maddux Thanks Each Juror as They File Out of Courtroom.

Mrs. Hazel Maddux was found not guilty yesterday of responsibility for the killing of Mrs. Mae Real on the Linton road, during the early morning hours of August 5. A verdict was reached by the jury on the first ballot, after retiring from the courtroom at 20 minutes after 4 o'clock. As soon as the jury had been polled and excused, the smiling defendant rushed to the railing and as each man passed she thanked him for his consideration. She was joined at once by her husband, C. W. Maddux, and her mother and brother, all of them insisting upon shaking hands with the jurors. The only person in the hastily constructed line who exhibited any emotion was the stalwart policeman-husband, who had been earlier in the day accused by Assistant District Attorney Page, of lying like a gentleman to save his pretty young wife from the penitentiary. His eyes filled with tears and he was unable to do more than utter a heavy hand-clasp to each man.

Story of Miss Noss Not Believed.

"The jury was unable to accept the confession of guilt made by Mrs. Maddux, Miss Noss as conclusive of her guilt," said Foreman J. C. McGraw. "The state had failed to corroborate that confession in any particular, and we were, therefore, inclined to the belief that the death of Mrs. Real was due to a deplorable accident. The action of the people who occupied the machine which ran over Mrs. Real was reprehensible in a number of instances, but it was not clear beyond a reasonable doubt that Mrs. Maddux was at the wheel of the car which ended the life of Mrs. Real."

The verdict was unanimous, and is accepted as meaning that the charge against the "fair defendant" was not proved. At the opening of court yesterday morning Judge Cleland immediately overruled the motion of the defense that a mistrial be declared, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Maddux and her husband, who had been earlier in the day accused by Assistant District Attorney Page, of lying like a gentleman to save his pretty young wife from the penitentiary, were released from custody. They placed her husband on the stand and required him to admit that his better half had not reached home until 1:15 of the morning of August 5, and that she had been out in company with Frank Rodman. The witness said that when he returned from his evening duty as a police officer the only occupant of the dwelling at 31 East Ninth street was a dog. He saw his wife drive up to the corner of East Stark and Ninth, about 100 feet from the home.

Rodman Questioned Lightly.

Frank Rodman followed on the witness stand and corroborated the foregoing statements at the hour of arrival at the home of Mrs. Maddux. He was not asked concerning the time that he was joined by the defendant in the "joy ride," where they had been or what they had imbibed, although many witnesses, including promoters of the race along the Linton Boulevard, had testified that Rodman had been recognized in that district as late as 12:15 on the morning of the killing, accompanied by a woman. The witness stated that he did not look into the car to his home at Sunnyvale, thus explaining why it had not gone to its garage.

Mrs. Hazel Maddux, the defendant, admitted to the jury that she had gone out with Mr. Rodman, but contended that she had reached her home at 1:15. She admitted that the machine did not drop her immediately in front of her residence and that she and her companion had utilized every means to conceal knowledge of their trip. In cross examination, Assistant District Attorney Fitzgerald was not permitted by the court to go into matters which may have occurred prior to the time of the killing of Mrs. Real, and every attempt to find out where Mrs. Maddux and Mr. Rodman went in the gasoline car, what they did or whom they saw, was blocked by the defense.

Mrs. Rodman Titters.

An important witness for the state is alleged to have been Ethel Sexty, who has become the wife of Rodman since the killing in August. She has sat beside her husband every day since the trial commenced, accompanied by a sister, and has been one of the party which has tittered at and almost openly applauded, every point registered against the state.

In summing up the evidence to the jury the state's representative placed particular stress upon the necessity of protecting the highways of Multnomah County against gasoline juggernauts bearing bunches of "joy riders," and declared it to be their duty to force drivers of such machines to recognize the responsibility attendant upon them, as well as the rights of pedestrians. Assistant District Attorney Fitzgerald traced the progress of the Rodman automobile along the Linton road, among its resorts and back through the city, insisting that the confession of Mrs. Maddux to the Noss girl was true and that after taking aboard a large number of whiskey highballs at Claremont Tavern, securing another assortment of a brand of gin from the Cliff Inn, as well as a beer lunch, Rodman and his companion were in perfect condition to run over any sort of an obstruction which they might encounter on the return to town.

Prosecution Tries Hard.

They were just irresponsible enough for Rodman to give over the steering apparatus to Hazel Maddux, and he did. Rodman was holding Hazel and Hazel was holding the wheel," shouted the state's attorney. "These joy-riders were so enjoying themselves that they did not care when they ran over 'he' and 'she'." I plead guilty to trying to make that Becker woman tell the truth down at my office. I plead guilty to an attempt to protect the people of this county against destruction of life by these advocates of joy, and in trying to find out who was guilty of the snuffing out of that woman's life down on the Linton highway on August 5. She would not tell what she knew and I did try to force her to do it."

Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out that any other theory of the death of Mrs. Real than that she was hit by an automobile would be untenable, showing that she had been walking up the road with her back to the approaching instrument of death. There were graphs on her white dress, wounds on her ankles and at the base of the brain.

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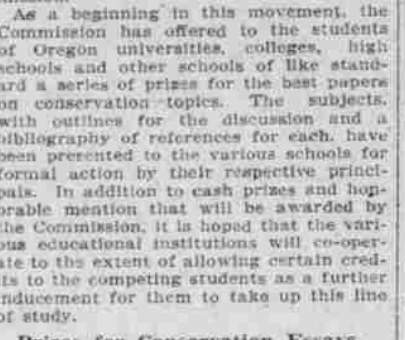
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Railroads Asked to Grant 2-Cent Mileage Rate, Commercial Men Saying They Need It.

A. G. Graves, of San Francisco, representing the Pacific Commercial Travelers' Association, is in Portland enlisting the moral support of the jobbers, shippers and manufacturers of this city in an effort to secure for the commercial men traveling west of Denver better and cheaper mileage from the Transcontinental Passenger Association and to place them upon an equal footing with the commercial men of other associations. The railroads in this territory will be asked to grant a two-cent mileage rate issued to firms without rebate, and interchangeable on all trains, together with a 250-pound baggage allowance.

This movement has the endorsement of the Travelers' Protective Association and the Chambers of Commerce of Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Prominent wholesale men of this city have already signed a petition to the passenger departments of the different railroad systems in the West asking for the concessions which are requested by the traveling men's association. In support of their contention, the traveling men urge that a

lower rate of mileage insures more frequent travel by salesmen, with the result that freight business, which represents about 85 per cent of the earnings of the average railroad, will be increased proportionately as the result of increased sales.

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"In the other passenger associations, where the commercial man is now enjoying the two-cent rate, statistics show that there is an immense increase in both passenger and freight receipts. This in itself demonstrates that the great patrons of the transportation companies should be given a better mileage rate. Another important feature in connection with this

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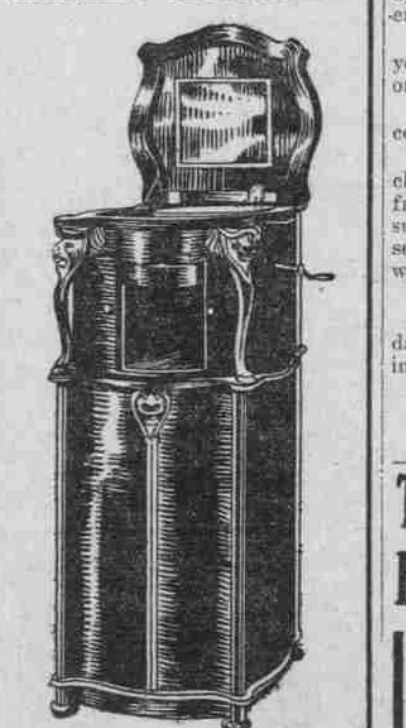
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