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CHARGES BY SOCIALIST LOCAL THAT BRUTALITY WAS EXERCISED NOT SUSTAINED AT INQUIRY LAST NIGHT.

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Bend?" asked Councilman Allen.  
"Yes. I also got some in the morning before I went out to the ranch."  
"Had you been drinking the day before?" asked Attorney Goss.  
"Yes."  
"You didn't have what is known as a holdover, had you?"  
"No."

Levi Heisner was the next witness called. After he was sworn Goss asked him when he had seen the prisoner on Saturday.

"I saw him shortly after 6 o'clock," said Heisner. "I came to find out what was the trouble. I must have been at the police station nearly three quarters of an hour."

"How did you find him acting?"  
"He was stamping around his cell in an intoxicated condition."

Heard Him Yelling.  
"What attracted your attention to Doyle?"

"I heard yelling along the street and found out who it was. I thought it might have been the man my driver brought over from North Bend and went down to see. I found Gordon Smith turning the hose on Doyle just as I came in."

"What kind of hose? Garden hose?"  
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It was the kind I use around the barn. Smith put it down when I came in and started sweeping the water out before I went back to the cells."

"Did you do anything about it?"  
"No. I wanted to find out where Doyle's wife was, and Jack Carter, who came in, asked Doyle where his wife was. I thought he'd be all right there for a while anyway."

"Did you speak to Smith?"  
"Yes. I asked him what he was doing. He said he was giving Doyle the water cure."

"What was Doyle doing?"  
"He was hollering."

"How was he dressed?"  
"Doyle Was Prepared."

"He had on oilskins and rubber boots. I think the boots were rolled down."

"Was there anybody else in there at that time?"  
"There was a couple of young fellows who I didn't know."

"Was Doyle's oilskin coat buttoned up?" asked Councilman Albrecht.  
"No," answered Heisner.

"Did you ask Jack Carter about it?" asked Councilman Winkler.  
"Yes. He said it was not a regular occurrence and that it would not happen any more."

At this point a new arrival in the city, named Sinclair, stated that he was present in the firehall, where the jail is located. He was sworn, stating that he had been in the city a couple of weeks and was stopping at 246 North Front street. He gave his occupation as that of a farmer.

"Did you see Doyle?" he was asked by Goss.  
"Yes. He was up the street a couple of blocks. He was drunk and was hollering and swearing. I was in the firehouse when I first heard him."

"How long have you known Gordon Smith?"  
"About two weeks."

"Had Doyle a scar when you saw him?"  
"No."

"Do you know who brought him in?"  
Sinclair stated that he didn't know the name, but he pointed to Officer Shoupe, stating that the latter and two or three others carried Doyle in.

"What happened then?"  
"Doyle was stamping, hollering and shaking the bars of his cell. Smith tried to get him to stop, and when he continued Smith threatened to turn the hose on him."

"Was he successful?"  
"No. He tried two or three times and then played the hose, about the size of garden hose, on him for about half a minute. Doyle kept on hollering. Finally he quieted down, hollering and kicking at intervals."

"Was Doyle soaked?"  
"I don't know how wet he was. I left half an hour after."

"What was the temperature of the room?"  
"It was not cold. I was sitting in the same room and it was all right."

"Did you see Heisner there?"  
"No. Not until the using of the hose was over. He talked a little with Smith."

"Did Smith abuse the man in talking to him?"  
"No," replied Sinclair.

Ed Howatt was the next witness. He stated that he had known Smith for two years and that he went to the firehouse occasionally to see the chess games.

Howatt Plays Chess.  
"Do you play chess often?"  
"Do you play chess often?" asked Goss.

"No," replied Howatt. "I play at it."

His testimony was similar to that of Sinclair. He emphasized the fact that Gordon Smith had used every effort possible to get Doyle to stop swearing so that it could be heard by women passing on the street. He declared that turning water on Doyle appeared to amuse the prisoner, who responded with an enlarged quantity of language. Smith then turned the water on Doyle's face, he said, and the man quieted down to some extent.

Hal Stutsman was called to the stand. He told of finding Doyle had fallen out of his bunk, and that Gordon Smith insisted on getting a doctor, for fear the wound might become infected. Dr. Mingsus was sent for, he said, and fixed up the wound.

"Was it cold in the room?" asked Goss.  
"It didn't seem to be," replied Stutsman.

"Were you there when Heisner was present?"  
"Yes. Somebody asked him if Doyle was one of his men and he said 'no.'"

"Did you see any bruises on his head when Doyle was brought in?"  
"No."

Dr. Mingsus Testified.  
Dr. Mingsus, on being called to the stand, was questioned by Attorney Goss.

"What condition did you find Doyle in?" he was asked.  
"He was lying in his bunk, apparently intoxicated."

"Did you see any injury on his head?"

"There was a slight flesh bruise on his forehead."

"Was he soaked with water?"  
"Some parts of his clothes were wet."

"What part?"  
"Around his collar and face."

"Was Doyle cold?"  
"He was quite warm."

"Was there any indication that he might catch cold?"  
"No. He was lying on a dry bed."

"Was it wet in the cell?"  
"There was a little water, but not very much. I saw no place marked by blood which might indicate where his head had struck. There was some blood on the floor."

"How much blood was there on the floor, doctor?" asked Councilman Winkler.

Blood on the Floor.  
"Two or three spoonfuls, I should say," replied Dr. Mingsus.

"What was the height of the bunk?" asked Winkler, of Gordon Smith.  
"Twenty-two inches," replied Smith.

Gordon Smith was the next witness.  
"When did you first see Doyle?" asked Goss.

"In front of the Pioneer Hardware store," he replied. "I assisted the men to place Doyle in his cell."

"Was he violent?"  
"Yes. I held his feet, while Mr. Bliven and Officer Shoupe took his head and arms. We laid him on his bunk, but he sat up and kicked the side of the cell and commenced swearing at the top of his voice. I told him to stop swearing as women passing on the street could hear him. He cursed me and the women. I then made a bluff that I was going to wet him with the hose if he didn't shut up. Before I turned the hose on he called me everything he could think of, and Mr. Nutwo d, across the street, told me that he could hear him. I aimed the hose at his face and turned it on."

"Was the hose close to him?" asked Attorney Goss.  
"No," replied Smith. "It would not reach and there was the bars of the cell and the corridor between us."

"Did you clean up the water?"  
"Yes. There was about a gallon and a half on the floor. Jack Carter and I swept it up and I went out to supper. I got back at 7:30 and asked Hal Stutsman how the man was getting along. Stutsman said he had fallen on the floor. We picked him up and laid him on the bunk. I had changed the bedding before going to supper by taking the stuff from the upper berth to the lower one. I put my hand inside Doyle's coat and found that his shirt was not wet except around the collar."

"Was it cold in the room?"  
"No. There was a fire in the stove a short distance away."

Mayor Straw then questioned Smith.  
"Do you not remember me telling you some time ago that I thought it would be a good idea to stop the noise from unruly drunks by giving them a shower bath?" he asked.

"Yes," replied Smith. "I remember you saying something about it, but thought that was a josh."

"Did you get any orders to use water on all drunks or only some of the worst?" asked Councilman Winkler.

"I didn't get any orders of any kind to turn water on prisoners," declared Smith.

Officer Shoupe was the next witness.  
"Did you arrest this man Doyle?" asked Attorney Goss.

"Yes," replied Shoupe.  
"Was he drunk?"

Says He Was Crazy.  
"He was not merely drunk," declared Shoupe, "he was crazy. It took about five of us to carry him bodily to jail."

"Were there any bruises on him?"  
"No, I didn't see any until afterward."

"Did you strike him?"  
"Yes. He was causing a row. I

told him to go home. He swore and struck at me, and I pulled out my club and hit him on the side of the head."

The testimony of L. E. Bliven, who assisted to take Doyle to jail, was similar to that of the officers.

Art Storgard, whose signature appeared on the complaint sent to the Council, was called next. He appeared so youthful that Attorney Goss felt there must be some mistake.

"Are you Art Storgard?" he asked.  
"I am," replied the witness.  
"How old are you?"  
"I am sixteen."

"Are you secretary of the Socialist Local?"  
"I am."

"Is Doyle a member of your body?"  
"No."

"Why did you take this matter up?"  
"Somebody had to take it up and stop the brutality in the police station."

On being questioned Storgard stated that the Socialist Local had taken the matter up and as secretary he had appended his name to the document. He stated that he had witnessed the arrest of Doyle, but that when he attempted to enter the firehouse with the others he had been refused admittance.

"Then what you state happened in the firehouse was hearsay?" asked Councilman Allen.

Storgard did not answer.

At this point Mayor Straw took the stand. He stated that he was in the P. K. saloon with a friend when Doyle rambled in, considerably intoxicated. The bartender refused to give him liquor and the man became abusive, said the Mayor, who stated that he had told the man to go home. Doyle became abusive and as he stepped out of the saloon Officer Shoupe touched him on the shoulder.

When he saw Shoupe's star he commenced to use profane language toward the officer, who then started to arrest him.

Would Drown Culprits.  
Following the Mayor's statement Councilman Ferguson also had to make. He declared that Doyle had appeared at the Council inquiry, he recognized in him a man who had cursed and abused him on the street some time ago when he (Ferguson) had happened to get in his way. Ferguson declared that on this occasion Doyle was perfectly sober and that his swearing and abuse of people appeared to be a habit.

"I have only three weeks more to serve as Mayor," declared Mayor Straw, on hearing this testimony, "but I want to state that we will stand for this kind of language being used toward people on the street and in the hearing of our women folk. It is going to be stopped if we have to drown some of the culprits."

As all the testimony had been heard, it was decided to close the matter by taking action at once and Councilman Ferguson moved that the charges made against the police force and Gordon Smith be dismissed. This was seconded by Councilman Allen and carried unanimously.

J. W. Bennett, who testified at the meeting on Monday, was sworn and reiterated what he said in regard to having seen Doyle fighting the officers from his office window.

Officer Walter Richardson, also testifying along the same line as the rest of the witnesses, asked Mayor if it was possible that the police were expected to allow men as Doyle curse them, their mothers and everybody connected with them. He declared there was reason in all things and that he thought the police had some right since they were sworn to preserve the peace.

It was after this statement of the Council proceeded to examine the force from brutality in the handling of Doyle.

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