

LAWYERS WRANGLE IN A. C. LEWIS CASE

Deputy Prosecutor Spencer and Attorney Mendenhall Clash Over Testimony in Fraudulent Registration Cause.



A. C. LEWIS.

Continuous wrangling on the part of attorneys throughout the trial of A. C. Lewis, in Justice Reid's court, on the charge of illegal registration, culminated this morning in a sensational and scathing denunciation of Attorney Ed. Mendenhall, representing the defendant, by Deputy District Attorney Spencer. The vituperative outbreak of the deputy was caused by the statement of Mendenhall that he was District Attorney Manning's friend. At the same time he accused the district attorney of having sent an emissary to Lewis, with the information that the charges would be withdrawn, if he supported the district attorney in his efforts at re-election.

"I cannot express what I feel toward a man who in one breath will declare he is another's friend, then in the next breath will with such accusations, it is cowardly, contemptible, dastardly, disreputable. I care not whether he is a lawyer, gutter-snipe or what not, it is base beyond description."

"You seem to know the meaning of gutter-snipe," interrupted Mendenhall.

"Yes, my duty as an attorney has forced me at times to have dealings with such as you," retorted the assistant district attorney.

Judge Reid Interferes.

Mendenhall's remarks were equally vicious, and the discussion was assuming a violent aspect, when by the grace of the court, the disputants were prevented from making good their bluffs. Judge Reid quietly instructed them to proceed with the case, and out came the unseemly verbiage. They did so with apparent reluctance, though the services of none of the crowd which had gathered was necessary to separate the threatening antagonists.

In the course of his testimony, Lewis declared that he had been approached by an emissary from the district attorney's office, and told that if he would vote and work for Manning the charges of illegal registration would be withdrawn.

Waves Back Tempter.

"I spurned the tempter," said Lewis, or words to that effect. "Begone, base villain, chase yourself back to your master and tell him that I scorn the proposal. I cannot enlist my support in behalf of one who would make such an offer."

Lewis, according to his statement, is in the service of the Portland club, where he hopes in response to a bell and serves drinks to the thirsty. He was met by the alleged emissary at First and Alder streets and again at the club. He did not know the name of the man who made the proposition, nor had he ever seen him since. He was long on description, however, and gave exact and minute details of the man's appearance, clothing and height, as accurately as the Bertillon system.

Attorney Mendenhall insisted that the case was being prosecuted merely as a bluff, a grandstand play, to secure votes for the district attorney. Various hand-writing experts were summoned to testify concerning the signature of Lewis, which is said to have appeared on two different registration books. However, no two of the experts agreed.

Warm Session Yesterday.

Yesterday's session was a running fire of abuse between Attorney Mendenhall and District Attorney Manning, who was present. Mendenhall objected in a sarcastic and aggravating manner to every procedure of the prosecution. Deputy District Attorney Arthur C. Spencer arose and Mendenhall also rose. Looking about the courtroom he said:

"Where is Deputy District Attorney Adams? He ought to be here too."

"Are you interested in our case?" asked Spencer.

"I object to this proceeding," said Mendenhall. "In the first place, Mr. Spencer is not the deputy district attorney, according to the word of Mr. Manning."

"Who told you so?" asked Manning, half rising.

"You told me so yourself," said Mendenhall.

"When and where?" asked Manning.

"In a saloon the other day."

"I guess you must have been drunk," said Manning.

"You weren't full, either," retorted Mendenhall.

"Proceed with the case," commanded Justice Reid.

Deputy County Clerk W. G. Kerns, who has charge of the registration books, and who first challenged Lewis when he appeared in company with his brother and Nate Solomon on May 13 and asked to be transferred from pre-

STOTT'S CLAIMS CUT 50 PER CENT WILLIAMS GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE

HIS FRIENDS APPALLED BY THE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN WHICH HE NOW IS MAKING FOR THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF—ANTI-GRAFTING PLATFORM POPULAR.

The Republican machine is sorely dismayed over the waning prospects of its candidate for sheriff, Jim Stott, in the ground every day, and whereas his friends were asserting two weeks ago that he would be elected by a 3,000 or 4,000 plurality, they are now making faint-hearted claims of only 1,000 or 2,000. That they have really lost all confidence in Stott's election is very apparent.

As Stott has declined, Tom Word has risen in popular favor, and he is now easily the leader in the race. In the country precincts as well as in the city he has made surprising gains. The railroad men and the traveling men are working tirelessly in his behalf, and in the large business houses Word has an overwhelming majority of the votes. The number of Republicans who avow their intention of voting for him seems to increase every day.

Among the taxpayers Word is regarded with strong favor on account of his pledges that he will run the sheriff's office on business principles, and that he will put an end to the grafting which has made the office notorious in the past.

"I want no compensation except the salary which the law allows," Word has repeatedly declared. "If I am elected there will be no grafting in the sheriff's office. All fees will go into the county treasury and not into my pocket. There will be no raffle-off on the printing of legal notices, for litigants and their attorneys will be free to have them printed wherever they can get it done most cheaply. I mean to run the office in the interest of the people."

Word's frank expression much indignation at the underhanded attacks made upon him by the Oregonian, which is asserting that because he is not a property owner he should not be elected. Word formerly owned a home on the east side, where he resided for a number of years, but having met with serious financial losses he was compelled to sell the property six years ago in order to pay his debts. Since that time he has had to contend with many reverses and with a protracted illness which unfitted him for work for a year. Undismayed by misfortunes which would have disheartened a weaker man, Tom Word persisted in his uphill struggle, determined to overcome the obstacles in his way. He built up a business sufficient to maintain his family and himself, and among those who know him no one is more thoroughly respected than Tom Word.

His credit standing and business men who have had dealings with him speak of him in the highest terms.

Endorsements of this character come from Republicans as well as Democrats. A member of one of the largest wholesale houses in the city, employing over 100 men, said this morning: "I intend to vote for Tom Word, and I think he will have the vote of every man in our employ. All of them will vote for him, regardless of politics, for they know him and like him."

E. N. Wheeler, of Bradstreet's agency, declares that though he is a "died-in-the-wool Republican," he is for Word, "but I have always been a Republican, and I am doing all I can for Tom Word, and I don't care who knows it. I have had business dealings with Word for a number of years, both while he was in Alaska and here in Portland, and his course was always entirely satisfactory. He is an honest man. The fact that he does not own property in the county should not work to his detriment. It is a very poor argument to bring against him."

Many similar expressions are made by other business men who have dealt with Word.

So many Republicans have declared their intention of voting for Word that it is apparent that there is a heavy scratching of the Republican nominees. Still further inroads will be made upon Stott's strength by Storey and Bird. The latter is likely to prove more formidable than the former, and many labor union voters express belief that the fight is between Bird and Word, relegating Stott to third place.

MISS PAFFRATH LEADS FOR QUEEN

FIRST WEEK'S VOTE IN CARNIVAL CONTEST SHOWS SPIRITED RIVALRY—MORE CANDIDATES WILL SOON ENTER THE FIELD—PRE-FORMERS ARRIVE NEXT WEEK.

The first week of the queen-voting contest in the carnival and festival season in this county there, will be placed on the official ballot for some of the following results:

Miss Margaret Paffrath 567
Miss Anna Simmons 479
Miss Fanny Hendes 398
Miss Pearl Jones 385
Miss Lolla Russell 276
Miss Bessie Aaron 235
Miss Retha Fowler 214
Miss Anna Matkinson 211
Miss Tabitha C. Kern 191
Miss Mae Mason 108

There are now ten candidates, but several more names have been recommended and are now under consideration by the management. These will be announced in a few days.

The work of preparing Multnomah field for the various exhibits has begun. The great fair will be one of the great attractions. The performer descends a path winding around and around in the form of a spiral, on a gilded globe. The path of his descent is outlined by thousands of electric lights.

Performers who are to appear at the carnival will leave for Portland next week.

FREEDOM OF THE HOG TO BE BALLOTTED ON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., May 28.—At the coming election in this county there, will be placed on the official ballot for some of the precincts, to be voted for or against, the proposition whether or not hogs shall be allowed to run at large in the forks of the Santiam river. A petition, signed by the requisite number of voters in that section of the county has been received by the county clerk, and the proposition has been entered placed on the official ballot.

The precincts voting on the matter and to be affected by the result are those of Foster, Fox Valley, Jordan, North Lebanon, South Lebanon, Lacombe, Rock Creek, Santiam, North Solo, South Solo, Shelburn, Sweet Home and Waterford.

JURY INQUIRES BUT FINDS NO ONE-HALF HOUR TO COME TO CONCLUSION AND BUT THREE VERDICTS HIS ATTORNEY DEMANDS NEW TRIAL.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

The Dallas, Or., May 28.—Over Daniel Norman Williams, so long immune from detection, so long the bearer of a murder-stained, crime-warped conscience, looms the gibbet. At 8 o'clock last night the jury, which had been weighing the evidence placing the murder of



DANIEL NORMAN WILLIAMS.

Alma Nestitt and her aged mother at his door, returned a verdict of guilty and that, too, in the first degree.

It required but three and one-half hours to reach this conclusion, a comparatively short time where only circumstantial evidence weighs against a man's life.

The close of the trial was not filled with the usual garnishments of such a tragic proceeding. The arguments were either brief and technical, or abandoned. Owing to the fact that the defense devotes its closing to discussion of the much contested term corpus delicti, the prosecution was practically barred from any of the usual flights of oratory and was compelled to merely attempt, through refutative argument, to sway the jury once more to a calm deliberation of the case.

Brief, too, were the instructions of Judge Bradshaw, occupying but 20 minutes of the afternoon in a clear, concise statement of what corpus delicti meant and removing from the minds of the jurors whatever confusion might have arisen through the technical mass.

At 4:20 o'clock the jury filed out and the court room became nearly empty, the belief prevailing among the spectators that some time would probably be required for the rendition of a verdict.

In the jury room the first ballot showed nine ballots for a first degree conviction, two for acquittal, and one blank. A second showed ten for conviction and two for acquittal, and it was decided to rest until after dinner. Immediately thereafter a vote was taken which showed the unanimous result and the judge was thereupon notified.

Reading the Verdict.

In a few minutes the court room was crowded, the news of a verdict having been reached calling from every portion of the town a throng of those intent upon witnessing the final scene.

Williams preserved his self control, but with palpable effort, no unusual pallor or nervousness marking his face. Only by the tense drawing of his eyebrows and the gripping of his hands did he indicate that for him the forthcoming announcement meant life or death. Not once did he glance at the jurors until after the verdict was read, and then with a single swift, malevolent sweeping of his shifty eyes.

Prescience must have told him the inevitable outcome. If he needed more the judge's repression must have told him he was as close at the command "stand up" as the witness.

As in the final arguments there was nothing to distinguish the reading of the verdict from that in thousands of other murder cases. The usual silence, the customary straining of ears and stretching of curious necks, the regulation shambling stand of the culprit and the formal reading of the court clerk. Nor was there the element of the unusual in the polling of the jury, as all jurors seem alike in their hushed response where by their word they admit the gravity of a finding.

With almost a sneer of anger the condemned man seated himself, but the crowd, curious and interested in what to it was a memorable trial, remained in the court room, eagerly watching Williams and intent on hearing the last words.

Will Demand New Trial.

Attorney McGinn asked for 60 days in which to prepare a motion for a new trial and file exceptions. The court announced that sentence would be passed Wednesday and the prisoner was marched out, still erect and perhaps still defiant, but with the sharp rat-like look which comes to one of his apparent moral cowardice and shiftness when the end has been reached.

Not until then did the crowd realize that nothing more was to be seen and slowly filed out at the exits.

Williams, when placed in his cell after the verdict, called Jailer Fitzgerald to the door.

"I want you understand what I tell you—I want no one who ever to see me, no matter who. Do you understand?" he said.

REVOLT OF NATIVES IN DUTCH INDIES

(Journal Special Service.)

The Hague, May 28.—An official dispatch this afternoon reports that there is a revolt in the Dutch East Indies and that a fight occurred between the troops and the natives, in which 72 of the latter were killed.

Corvallis has a village improvement society that will give an entertainment the evening of June 2.

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the harbor as though reconnoitering. Merchantmen report encountering the same vessel at various points along the Baltic sea. It is feared that Japanese naval operations are taking a wider scope and that an entirely unforeseen attack may be made in Baltic waters.

KUROPATKIN IS SURPRISED.

Japanese Strategy Greater Than We Expected.

(Journal Special Service.)

Niichwang, May 28.—A Russian staff officer arriving here from Mukden says that the deliberation and precision of the Japanese movements surprises General Kuropatkin, who had heretofore believed their campaign to consist in the main of a dashing recklessness rather than that of a cool strategy and fixed plan.

TO DYNAMITE TUNNEL.

Japanese Plan to Blow Tunnel Where It Would Effectually Block Traffic.

(Journal Special Service.)

Mukden, May 28.—An internal machine has been found in a railroad tunnel near Harbin, and four disguised Japanese arrested. A number of bombs were found in their possession, indicating that they are the agents to a plot to destroy the railway lines of communication. The discovery of the bomb was barely in time to prevent its exploding in the tunnel, where it would have formed such an effectual blockade that many days of work would have been required to again open the line.

DOGS FOR RED CROSS.

London, May 28.—The efficiency of dogs on the battlefield, a favorite idea of the German army, is about to have its first real test in the Manchurian campaign. According to a dispatch from Glasgow a Major Richardson of that city, who for a number of years has made a specialty of training ambulance and war dogs, has just received an order from St. Petersburg asking him to forward as many ambulance dogs as he has on hand for immediate service in the far east.

Camera Club Excursion.

The Oregon Camera club was formed by a few camera enthusiasts in 1898. It has prospered, and two years ago was incorporated with a membership of about 200, being the medium of encouraging the pleasing art of photography to a large number of the people of Portland and other parts of Oregon. The club, once a year, gives an exhibition of its work, second to no amateur work in the country, and which is second only to

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Gold Hill, Or., May 28.—At the ball to be given by the Degree of Honor ladies, refreshments consisting of strawberries and cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee will be served during the afternoon and at night. The proceeds will be used for the furnishing of their lodge hall.

The large brick hall of the I. O. O. F. here has been newly papered and painted and the floor provided with a fine Brussels carpet.

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