

TRIAL OF FINCH BEGINS TODAY MAYS CANNOT "SQUARE" CASE

Attorneys for Defense Make Vigorous Fight for Delay but Judge Bronaugh Overrules Objections and Orders Case to Proceed--One Juror Secured This Morning.

Fighting every inch of ground on each technical point that could be advanced, the attorneys for James A. Finch this morning made a losing struggle for delay in the trial of their client for the murder of Ralph B. Fisher, the lawyer associated with the case.

Finch himself, seated with four other attorneys, was one of the generals in this ineffective fight. He was assisted by his counsel, and whispered suggestions as to the line of attack. When not thus occupied he looked on the proceedings with the spectators, appearing more than usually serious and now and then running his fingers through his hair.

To Judge Bronaugh fell the duty of trying the case. This puts the stage setting in the courtroom, where a large number of spectators can be seated. Judge Bronaugh announced at the outset that persons will not be allowed to crowd the courtroom by standing, and when all seats are full no more will be admitted.

One Juror Secured. It was 11 o'clock before the actual examination of testimony was reached. The defense submitting motion after motion, which were in turn argued and denied by the court. W. S. Abbott, the first man called to the jury box, was accepted after the defense had challenged him for cause.

As soon as the case was assigned to Judge Bronaugh by Presiding Judge Chamberlain this morning the courtroom was filled with spectators. Finch was brought in custody of Deputy Sheriff Sweeney and took a seat with his attorneys. He appeared in good humor, but serious, the smiles that he exchanged with his attorneys as he greeted them quickly fading away, as though they were forced.

Prisoner's Wife Ill. Mrs. Finch, according to affidavits filed in court, is dangerously ill at the Alwood hospital. Her condition could not come to cheer her husband, whom she married only ten days before the murder of Fisher's prisoner were C. H. Piggett, Charles P. Lord and W. C. Campbell, and later they were joined by Attorney Lord, this quartet comprising the list of defending attorneys. Among the spectators were W. C. Piggett, Charles S. Fisher, a brother of the deceased, occupied a seat within the railing.

None of the questions put to the witness this morning gave any inkling of the line of defense, but there is apparent intention to refer to the affidavits announced plan of self defense, coupled with a state of mind that led Finch to believe that he had been attacked from Fisher. The attorneys for Finch were apparently careful to ask no questions that would reveal any part of their defense and appear to have what "touchy" upon this point when a telephone conversation was referred to.

"Doctors Liars," Says Piggett. "The both," the doctors are liars," exclaimed Piggett, referring to the affidavits made by Drs. J. B. Roth and C. H. T. Atwood as to Mrs. Finch's serious illness. "I have seen doctors that were liars," retorted Fitzgerald.

There seems to be some purpose to force us to trial without giving us a square deal," said the witness. "There seems to have been undue and extra haste in this case, such haste as the defendant could himself not have cured had he applied for it and been anxious to go to trial. Now we are forced to come in without any preparation, we need witnesses upon whom the life of this defendant may depend almost before this defendant has time to turn around."

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald in replying to this said that he was being treated just like other cases. He said that the dock of the court is becoming congested with cases, and that the court has determined to clear up these cases. He referred to the case of Harry Dwyer, indicted at the same time as Finch, who was tried yesterday. Judge Bronaugh, referring to this complaint of the defense, remarked:

"There is nothing here to indicate that there has been undue haste in this case in any event. In any event, it has been taken up with the presiding judge, who sets the cases for trial, and not in this department of the court."

Charles F. Lord led the fight for delay when Judge Bronaugh announced that he would proceed. Lord began by reading an affidavit in which Finch stated that on December 14 he gave to C. H. Piggett five names of witnesses who were to be called. May Finch, W. C. Piggett, Deputy City Attorney E. S. Grant and B. J. Walls, Dr. M. H. Blinger, the two men from Eugene, who are named in the affidavit, were standing on Morrison street when Finch in this affidavit said he could not go to trial safely without their testimony; that W. C. Piggett has not been found by the sheriff and that Finch is seriously ill. In proof of the latter affidavits were presented from Dr. B. Roth and Dr. C. H. T. Atwood. Dr. Roth said that Mrs. Finch is very sick, having a pelvic abscess, and that last night her temperature stood at 100 degrees. Dr. Atwood, who is connected with the maternity hospital at Trenton, where Mrs. Finch now is, says in his affidavit that he believes it would be dangerous to operate on her.

Two Fine Pullmans Arrive. Two of the latest type steel frame Pullmans were received by the O. R. & N. this morning and will be used on the Portland-Spokane run. They are the best put out by the Pullman company and have such new devices as swinging window screens and large and conveniently fitted dressing rooms. The cars are called the "Arango" and the "Eureka," and are the results of the competition afforded the O. R. & N. by the North Bank's Portland-Spokane service.

POISON FOLLOWS FORGERY CONVICTION. (United Press Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 18.—Mrs. May Cottrell, found guilty last night of forging a check for \$52 on Colonel D. P. Jenkins, capitalist and founder of the Jenkins institute, is thought to have taken poison today. She was found unconscious. An empty bottle marked "poison" was in a bureau drawer. The woman was Jenkins' housekeeper. She was suffering from nervous prostration.

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Coldest Night of Year Says Beals. District Forecaster Beals says it will be as cold tonight as it was last night when the temperature fell to 26 degrees above zero. Easterly winds are predicted with increasing cloudiness tomorrow.

Last night's weather was the coldest this winter and ice of considerable thickness formed in many places on shallow water. Puddles of water in the streets were frozen solid and lawns were frozen with frost this morning. Heavy frosts occurred again this morning in California as far south as Los Angeles and a light frost was reported at San Diego.

SOCIALLY CHARMING, TOO

A Well-Developed Figure, Excellent Balance of Proportion, Well Rounded Arms and Neck, Make Homely Women Attractive.

There was recently published the formula of a famous beauty doctor who became wealthy in the profession of figure culture. Many of our famous actresses and society ladies, it is claimed, owe to her advice the charming and exquisite proportion of figures which they enjoy.

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