RIAL MAY SOLVE OF PROF. J. VAUGHN

Wealthy Widow and Family Physician Indicted for Murder of Kirksville, Mo., Normal Teacher.

Rirksville, Mo., May 14.—Mysteries of an unusual character remain to be solved in the case of Professor John T. Vaughn for whose death his widow, Mrs. Alma Proctor Vaughn, and her family physician, Dr. James R. Hull of Monroe City are soon to be placed on trial. The case of the widow is on the court docket for next Monday, but it is understood strong efforts will be made to have the trial delayed, probably until the fall term of court.

Professor Vaughn, who was instructor in American history at the State Nor-

Professor Vaughn, who was instructor in American history at the State Normal school, died October 14 of last year at his Kirksville home under peculiar circumstances. He had been in perfect health and attended church in the evening. At 10 o'clock Professor Vaughn left the church after he had informed one of his friends that he had some work to do at home and could not stay in church any longer. Half had some work to do at home and could not stay in church any longer. Half an hour later a message was received at the church that Professor Vaughn was in convulsions and 15 minutes later the news was brought that he was dead. Although the circumstances surrounding the professor's sudden death were peculiar, only a few persons considered the case suspicious and those were inclined to believe that Professor Vaughn had accidentally taken poison.

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Woman Arouses Suspicion.

The body of Professor Vaughn was buried at Monroe City, the home of his widow, who did not display much grief over her bersevement. Ten days after Vaughn's death Mrs. John R. Kirk, wife of the president of the state normal, whose guest Mrs. Vaughn was after the funeral of her husband, heard her guest play Mendelasohn's Wedding March on the piano in her parlor. She was greatly shocked and considered Mrs. Vaughn's action suspicious enough to speak to her husband about it. President Kirk communicated with Professor Vaughn's brothers and they began a quiet investigation. After they had gathered some material they placed the imiter before the oproner, who took official cognizance of the matter and ordered an investigation. In spite of the protests of Mrs. Vaughn and her attorneys the body of Professor Vaughn was axhumed and the viscers, were turned over to Dr. Paul Schweitzer of the Missouri State university for analysis.

When Dr. Schweitzer reported that he had found 49-55 of 8 grain, or nearly a whole grain of strychnine, in the stomsch and liver of Dr. Vaughn, the coro-

le grain of strychnine, in the stom-and liver of Dr. Vaughn, the corosch and liver of Dr. Vaughn, the coroner's jury gave a verdict in conformity
with the findings and the grand jury
indicted Mrs. Vaughn and Dr. J. R. Hull
of Menroe City, for the murder of Professor Vaughn. Both were arrested and
placed under heavy bond for their appearance for trial, which was set for

With the remarkable expert and direct
testimony of Dr. George Cathay of Portland and expert testimony of Dr. E. F.

Dr. Cathay's testimony was unusual
in its clearness and terseness, and because of the care which he took with
Dr. Ralph Matson in analyzing the digestive ergans of the murdered woman

May 16.

Mrs. Vaughn, who is 35 years old and quite attractive and vivacious, is the daughter of Dr. James M. Proctor, a wealthy bank director, and the niece of Dr. Proctor, president of the Monroe City, Mo., bank. She is reputed wealthy in her own right and has many wealthy and influential relatives in various parts of the stephane according to the step and influential relatives in various superior court was on the stand for a parts of the state. She became acquainted with Vaughn when she was a pupil in the Paris. Mo. high school, of which Vaughn was at that time time. Vaughn was at that time the ncipal. They were married shortly er she had completed her course, although her relatives opposed the mar-riage to a man 15 years her senior. They seemed to live happily and had one child, a little girl now almost seven

Motive Bot Pecuniary.

It is the general belief that, if Mrs. Vaughn had in some way caused the death of her husband, her motive was not to obtain possession of his estate, which is said to be considerable. It is axpected that the trial will throw some startling light upon the relations which are supposed to have existed between Mrs. Vaughn and Dr. Hull, for several years the family physician of the Vaughns. Dr. Hull is 50 years old and has a wife and married daughters. It is understood that the state will try to prove that Dr. Hull met Mrs. Vaughn secretly in Quincy several times and

to prove that Dr. Hull met Mrs. Vaughn secretly in Quincy several times and carried on a rather intimate correspondence with her.

Neither Mrs. Vaughn nor Dr. Ruil showed any disposition to evade service with the papers haved against them, and R is considered a strong argument in their favor. It is an actual fact that Mrs. Vaughn voluntarily came from Monroe City to Kirksville to accept service. She as well as Dr. Hull deny that they were in any way responsible for the death of Professor Vaughn or shat they had the slightest motive for removing him. Mrs. Vaughn has made the statement that her late husband had been in the habit of carrying medicine with him and that on the night of his death, shortly after his return from church, he had taken a white paper which he said was quinine, wrapped in which he said was quinine, wrapped in a piece of tissue paper. The paper was found in the stomach, together with

PEPOON DEFENSE ATTACKS STATE'S

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to bring out the fact that several times to bring out the fact that several times crossen, after the murder of the women, threatened the life of George Pepcon and at one time tried to borrow a gun for that purpose.

Told you not tell George-Pepcon 18 days after the death of his wife that you would no longer remain at the rapic for you heard footsteps and the ratio of Edith Pepcon everywhere? unantoned the attorney.

Did you not say you would go crasy for grist if you stayed?

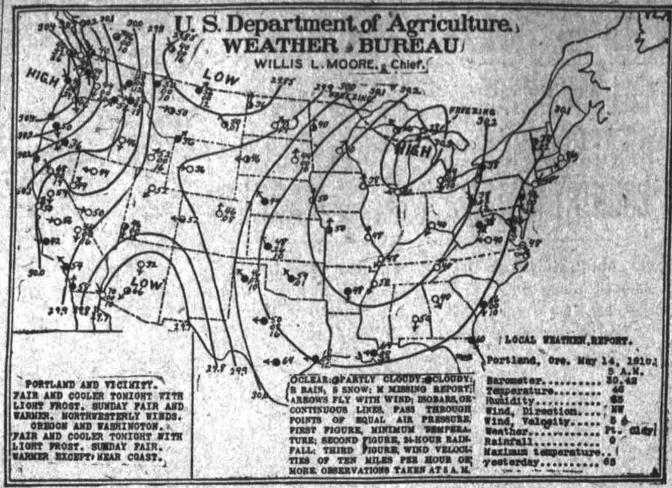
("rossen was not allowed to answer either question.

Defence's Motion is Loss.

Defense's Motion is Lock.

Moving for an instructed verdict, J. A. will find of the defense challenged the afficiency of the evidence to austain an furnation for murder. Judge Kennen used the motion.

Challenging counsel for the defense to the se opening statement, Prosecutor G. Eliripatrick asked the court to truck the attorneys. Counsel for the terms said they did not desire to make abother statement.



health officer at the time of Edith Pe-poon's death, took the stand for the de-fense, but his testimony was so startlingly favorable to the state as to cause sensation. He was asked regarding the burial certificate which he signed. He said that from what witnesses to the death of the woman had told him, he was inclined to the belief that Edith epoon died from heart failure.

Doctor Gives Testimony. "Have you since heard testimony which would cause you to change your opinion," asked Assistant Attorney General Lee, on cross-examination. 'Yes," answered the physician

"From what now do you believe the coman died?" persisted the prosecutor. the camp of the defense, for the physician had been expected to be the star witness for Pepoon. Dr. Wells said, however, that he had prescribed laudanum and morphine for the woman. J. C. Harrigan, editor of the Colville Exammer, the next witness on the stand, told of an article about the case which he wrote at the dictation of Morton Court then adjourned until

EXPERT TESTIMONY OF PHYSICIANS PROVES DAMAGING TO DEFENSE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Colville, Wash., May 14.—The state closed its case against George L. Pepcon with the remarkable expert and direct

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F. G. Slocum, cashier of the Northport State bank, was called by the state to tell of getting a letter from George Pepoon, asking him to honor a check drawn by him in favor of Ray Wilcox, the missing convict, for \$100, Septem

Then D. W. Williams, express agent at Northport, told of shipping the organs of the dead woman to Portland for analysis February 25, 1910.

Dr. Cathay's testimony as an expert was so remarkably clear and concise as to occasion comment and cause counsel on both sides to commend him. He first "Strychnine poisoning," replied Dr. on both sides to commend him. He transfer was a bombshell in told of testing the remaining contents the camp of the defense, for the physical had been expected to be the star by Mrs. D. W. Wolcott after the funeral finding it to be strychnine. The and finding it to be strychnine. The test was made last Wednesday night, as stated exclusively in The Journal Thurs-day, and was the customary one used by chemists to determine the presence of alkaloid with a sulphuric acid base and potassium bichromate. When the conpotassium bichromate. When the contents of the vial, to which water had been added, was poured in to test the substance, color play was caused, the mixture flitting in color from blue to violet, then red and to orange, pink and finally yellow which remained. One of the most tange moments during the trial the most tense moments during the trial occurred when Prosecutor Kirkpatrick asked in unswer to Dr. Cathay's statement that only one substance can produce reaction, "What is the substance?"
"Strychnine," answered the physician,

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to bring out the fact that George Pepcon the symptoms as had been described to was the only witness there in her behim indicated Edith Pepcon died from strychnine poisoning. He strengthened the state's case materially as did Dr Cathay's testimony. With the testi-mony of the two experts the state closed its case. One strong point in Dr. Cathay's testimony was the fact which he brought out that the analysis performed on the woman's remains showed that the digestive organs contained more than two grains of strychnine, which is sufficient to kill a number of persons. Dr. A. W. Fell, superintendent of the female ward of the state asylum for the insene, who cared for Edith Pepcon while she was confined at the Medical Lake institution, was the first witness for the defense, which opened the case without a statement.

YALE WILL HONOR PRESIDENT'S SON

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New Haven, Conn., May 14.—President
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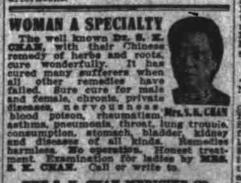
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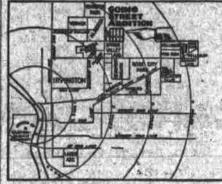
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