

ALDRICH'S HAND GIVES TROUBLE

Senator Forced to Undergo Operation; Goes to Roosevelt Hospital.

United Press Leased Wire.
New York, Dec. 21.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich was taken to Roosevelt hospital today to undergo an operation on his hand, and although it was given out that he was not in a serious condition an ambulance was used to convey him to the hospital.

The ailment is described as a stiffening of the tendons in his left hand, resulting from an accident that befell Aldrich a few months ago. At the time of the accident it was announced that Aldrich was struck by a street car or a taxicab, but no witnesses of the reported accident were found.

Aldrich had gone for a walk shortly before dinner a few minutes later he returned to the steps of his home in Madison avenue and fell unconscious. A report spread that he had been attacked, but this was denied and a statement was given out from the residence that he had been struck by an automobile.

ROAD BED ASSESSED AT \$50,600 PER MILE

Special Dispatch to The Journal.
Eugene, Or., Dec. 21.—The assessed valuation of the Southern Pacific company's road bed on the main line in Lane county has been fixed at \$50,600 a mile by the state tax commission, as compared with \$30,000 a mile last year. Assessor B. F. Keeney has just returned from Salem, where he was called to confer with the tax commission in regard to the assessment of public utility corporations. It was found by the state commission he had placed a valuation of \$50,000 a mile on the road bed of the Southern Pacific company and inasmuch as Assessor Keeney had assessed all other property in the county at an average of 75 per cent of the actual cash valuation, the railroad property was assessed at 75 per cent of \$50,000, or \$10,000 a mile in Lane county.

Counting the public service corporations in the county the total assessed valuation this year in Lane is approximately \$27,800,000, as compared with \$22,000,000 last year.

CLEAN OUT THE GARRET

When discarded furniture and wearing apparel can be converted into cash it is poor policy to have such an accumulation of cast-offs stored away in the garret. Under the heading of "Wanted Miscellaneous" in The Journal you will find a directory of those who will put a price on what you possess in their line.

Winter Has Come.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Today, in the northern hemisphere, is the shortest day of the year, and tonight the longest night. Astronomically, winter will begin at noon tomorrow, according to Washington time, the sun and earth at that hour being at the minimum point of separation. Beginning tomorrow night the nights will become shorter until June 21, when the shortest night and the longest day of the year will be reached.

MANSLAUGHTER IS VERDICT IN TRIAL OF CARRIE KERSH

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and the ballot showed 12 votes favoring that degree of guilt.

Word was immediately sent to Judge Morrow, who arranged to receive the verdict at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Kersh was half carried into the room. The jury filed in, and the verdict was delivered to the court. As Judge Morrow opened his eyes to receive the sentence back in his big swivel chair, he appeared well pleased, looking first at the woman and then at Deputy District Attorney Collier, who had assisted in prosecuting her. When the word "guilty" was reached in the verdict, as the judge read it, Mrs. Kersh completely collapsed, and had to be carried back to her cell in the matron's department of the county jail.

A review of the deliberations of the jury show that they were desperately in earnest. Unusual precautions taken by the court in keeping their actions strictly secret caused more than usual anxiety over their results.

Mr. Tomasin this morning said:

Relates His Attitude.
"My chief reason for holding out for an acquittal was that I believed the state had failed to prove the charge as made in the indictment. According to the testimony, circumstances, and evidence in the case, I could not under my own convictions see my way clear to find her guilty."

Murder in the First Degree.

"There was a possible doubt in my mind that she had conspired to any certain extent in the murder of Johnson. In all fairness, I could not return a verdict of first degree murder. The other jurors except two could not see anything but a first degree verdict."

"I was not alone in this opinion. For the first 24 hours, there were three of us who stood for an acquittal. Besides myself, Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Jarvis voted for an acquittal. The other nine voted for murder in the first degree. Some time Sunday Mr. Jarvis was won over to the extreme penalty, leaving myself and Mr. Whitaker for an acquittal. Late Sunday afternoon the vote showed I was standing alone for her freedom."

Evidence of Some Guilt.
"It was argued that a first degree murder verdict meant hanging. Mr. Whitaker did not strongly believe in hanging anyone on circumstantial evidence. He never voted for a lighter penalty. I could not even see a second degree verdict. However, according to the evidence there appeared to be some guilt, and I made up my mind to give on a lesser verdict, and held this idea for the last 24 hours of our deliberation. When the 11 men came down to a manslaughter verdict, I voted with them."

During the 72-hour contest for a decision in the matter, the jury cast more than 100 ballots. At times, the arguments were hot, but the lone juror held to his convictions and caused the other men to descend rung by rung to the lowest possible penalty.

At no time in the course of their deliberations did the 12 men cease their efforts to reach a satisfactory answer to the charge made by the state. Their drawn faces last night plainly indicated the strain they had been under. Unlike the jury that heard the first trial of



Mrs. Carrie Kersh.

Mrs. Kersh, which spent considerable time in playing solo, the second set of men plainly realized the seriousness of the charge. Four times they came back to Judge Morrow for further explanation of certain points in the testimony and instructions. Twice they asked to be discharged, saying they were unable to reach a verdict. These requests came from the men fighting for a first degree verdict, and is now taken to mean that they thought they could force Tomasin to their side of the question.

Told to Continue.
At each request for a discharge, Judge Morrow sent word for them to continue, not giving any indication that he would let them go until they had reached a verdict and settled the case. When the jurors came for instructions Judge Morrow would offer as much light as possible on their questions and at many points in the conference, Attorneys General Pouts and John McCue, representing Mrs. Kersh, took exceptions to his explanations.

In Judge Morrow's instructions to the jury, he charged that in order to find her guilty of second degree murder or manslaughter, they must find that she was present when Johnson was killed. The story of the murder dates back to Spokane, where Mrs. Kersh was living with Johnson. She had known James P. Webb. The three came to Portland, where Johnson was purchased by the woman a rooming house. Webb was not then known to Johnson. They arrived here June 20, and went to the New Grand Central hotel.

Carouse After Murder.
The next afternoon Webb killed Johnson in the latter's room with a blackjack. That evening Webb and the woman visited road houses, and were arrested early the following morning, when they came back to Portland.

Before leaving the hotel, Webb stuffed Johnson's body in the trunk of Mrs. Kersh, and checked it to North Puget, Wash. The trunk was opened at the baggage room of the Union station, when blood dripped from it. Webb confessed to killing Johnson, saying he did it in self-defense. He also admitted attempting to send the body out of town. He

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CHAPTER 14

Yes, Sirce! Business at Morningside is humming.

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