

DENVER WOMAN IS STILL UNDER FIRE; WEARY, DEJECTED

Gertrude Patterson is Severely Grilled by Prosecutor; Her Relations With Strouse Are Being Brought Out.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., Nov. 25.—With head hung low, weary and dejected, Mrs. Gertrude Patterson, on trial for the murder of her husband, Charles Patterson, was still under fire today on the witness stand, the target for a deluge of merciless questions from Prosecutor Benson, who began his cross-examination of the defendant yesterday afternoon.

The prosecutor is devoting his energies in an attempt to bare the woman's relations with Edna Strouse, the Chicago millionaire, with whom she went to Europe, and to whom, she alleges, her husband sold her for \$1500. The rapid fire of questions involved the witness, in numerous contradictions of her own testimony.

Letter is Introduced. The defendant identified a letter which she wrote to Patterson's mother over a year ago, declaring that she would not pay her husband's bills either at the sanitarium where he was confined, a sufferer with tuberculosis, or in Chicago. Yesterday Mrs. Patterson testified that she paid all her husband's bills.

The witness admitted that she had ordered Patterson's mother out of the sanitarium where he was confined. Mrs. Patterson denied the charge by Benson that when her husband found in her purse a letter signed "E. W. S.", which are Strouse's initials, she cursed him, declaring that she cared more for "that man" than her husband, that he would protect her, and that if Patterson did not like it he could "get to hell out."

Made Secret Trip. The charge that while Patterson was in the Denver sanitarium last July, she went to Chicago and remained four days, without telling her husband anything in regard to her intentions, was admitted. She admitted also that Patterson said that he visited her husband during her absence and found fragments of a letter to her signed "E. W. S."

Another contradiction was shown when the defendant insisted that her relations with her husband were unpleasant last July. Benson promptly produced a letter her husband wrote her on July 9, last, wherein he said that his whole thought was for her, and his only regret was that he could not provide money for her. The letter was signed "Chick," the Latin phrase "I love you" appended.

The state introduced a number of letters written by both the murdered husband and his wife. Both express love for each other. One, written by Mrs. Patterson and signed "Gertrude," dated September 14, 12 days before the tragedy, reads: "Dear Chick: Your letter is very sweet. But I am worried about money. One by one things must go—then my preference gets fixed. Just be my sweet little Joe and I'm ready to come home whenever you say. I love you always. I have many compliments about my pretty wife. She is sure the sweetest in the world."

Not Good From Strouse. Mrs. Patterson testified that she had received a total of \$7000 from Edna Strouse, besides \$150 he gave her to buy property. She denied that she promised to withdraw her divorce suit if her husband would withdraw his suit against Strouse, and she also denied threatening to kill Patterson.

Just before the noon recess was taken Prosecutor Benson announced that he would complete his cross examination of the defendant immediately after resumption of the afternoon session.

DISTANCE BUT ONE CONSIDERATION IN "BACK HAUL" FIGHT (Continued from Page One.) \$19.91; total losses, \$103,936.74; reductions, per cent, 12.5.

Oregon Short Line—Revenue under present rate, \$20,727.07; indirect losses one year, \$25,569.92; indirect losses, due to relative adjustments, \$5787.15; total losses, \$41,357.07; reduction, per cent, 20.

Great Northern—Revenue under present rate, \$881,739.71; indirect losses one year, \$9016.06; indirect losses, due to combination rates, \$9032; indirect losses, due to relative adjustments, \$82,252.50; total losses, \$92,299.56; reductions, per cent, 10.4.

Northern Pacific—Revenue under present rate, \$1,461,434.97; direct losses one year, \$45,798.99; indirect losses due to combination rates, \$19,036.92; indirect losses due to relative adjustments, \$186,590.97; total losses, \$251,426.88; reduction, per cent, 17.1.

Totals of four railroads—Revenue under present rate, \$3,056,455.16; direct losses one year, \$126,920.94; indirect losses due to combination rates, \$49,092.84; indirect losses due to relative adjustments, \$112,458.42; total losses, \$489,070.36; reduction per cent, 16.

Expenses and Revenues. Commissioner McChord also gives a table analyzing the business of the four roads for the year 1910, as follows:

Table with columns: Name of Operating Carrier, Operating Revenues, Net Operating Expenses, and Net Income. Rows include O.W.R. & N., G.N., N.P., and Totals.

It will be observed that the total loss estimated by carriers even including the large amount said to be due to relative adjustments, is less than one per cent of their net operating revenues, says Commissioner McChord. "Financial conditions of these defendants

Bold Burglar by Night; Worker by Day Modern Jekyll-Hyde Guilty of Murder

Bertram G. Spencer and Miss Martha B. Blackstone, whom he murdered in cold blood, while attempting to rob her home in Springfield, Mass.



Springfield, Mass., Nov. 25.—After deliberating for five hours the jury in the case of Bertram Spencer, the "Jekyll-Hyde" character, who killed Martha Blackstone, while attempting robbery March 31, 1910, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree at 3:10 o'clock this morning.

Despite the early hour at which the verdict was found, the courtroom was filled with spectators when the verdict was read. Spencer apparently did not realize its import, but his wife, for whom it is believed he robbed and slew, collapsed and was carried from the room.

Spencer is one of the most remarkable criminals ever produced in New England. A peaceful and law abiding worker by day, at night he became a robber of the greatest daring and plundered scores of homes in Springfield,

taking chances of capture which have never been surpassed. After a career of thievery which resulted in a veritable reign of terror in Springfield, Spencer's final came one night when he entered the home of Miss Blackstone, held up the woman and two of her friends with a pistol and, on leaving, shot her down in what was seemingly pure wantonness. Then he fled.

For days the police sought the slayer in vain. Then a peculiarly shaped watch chain belonging to Spencer was found in a vacant lot near the Blackstone home. It was traced and the arrest resulted. Spencer's home was searched and the loot from a score of robberies was found. Then he was arrested. He declared he had no knowledge of the killing and put up a Jekyll-Hyde defense.

He not possibly be telling the truth. He will be expected to cite incidents regarding McManigal, who he is expected to say, he knew simply as a fellow unionist; to show that the latter was "under suspicion" as a spotter for the National Erectors' association for more than a year.

Stories Will Have Effect. And the manner in which the jury contrasts the two stories is expected to have a decided effect on the final verdict. With eight men permanently sworn to try the case and with the defense reduced to seven peremptories, it was believed certain the jury must be completed within two weeks. Judge Bordwell's ruling that opinionated jurors, even though that opinion is strong both that the Times was dynamited and that the defendant is guilty, are fully qualified as long as they say they can be fair jurors, will shorten the case.

Greater defense case, the four seats left to be filled only once. Then they will have three challenges left, and when they are gone it will not take more than a day to get the four men, and the jury will be sworn at once.

SACK OF POTATOES MEANS 100 POUNDS, AFFIRMS TAZWELL. A "sack," when mentioned as a receptacle for potatoes, is a unit of measure and means 100 pounds, according to a decision rendered this morning by Judge Tazwell in the municipal court.

In the case against Paul Smith, of 8 Union avenue north, who is accused by C. D. Lazenby, a teacher at the Jefferson high school, of selling him six sacks of potatoes, yesterday afternoon Judge Tazwell, in determining what a "sack" was supposed to represent. Accepting the measure commonly used among the trade as a standard, the judge found the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of \$15. To settle all future disputes as to the meaning of a sack, Judge Tazwell made it clear that it meant 100 pounds.

Lucky Auto Accident. (Special to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., Nov. 25.—Congestion of traffic on Main street in front of the court house yesterday afternoon caused a serious automobile accident. Joseph Sheehan, son of William Sheehan, a wealthy mill man of this city, was driving his big touring car north on the street when he found himself pocketed by a truck. His speed slackened, and, seeing an opening between two large trucks, guided his machine into it. The driver of a car owned by Chester Ellen of Molalla going in the opposite direction also tried to pass between the trucks and the two automobiles collided. The mud guards, lamps, fenders and front wheels of both cars were smashed.

Three Tickets at Winlock. (Special to The Journal.) Winlock, Wash., Nov. 25.—At the general election in Winlock December 5, there will be three tickets in the field to be voted upon. The Citizens ticket consists of T. J. Elliot for mayor, W. Toy for treasurer and C. E. Leonard and C. A. Cook for councilmen. The Socialist ticket is composed of Charles L. Smith for mayor, J. M. Brown for treasurer and Thomas Coombs, William Jobst and Martin Viste for councilmen. The People's ticket will be nominated at a meeting to be held Tuesday night.

ESTATE OF MINING MAN DISSIPATED

Stewart Linn of Baker Ends Meteoric Career in Jail for Fraud.

(Special to The Journal.) Baker, Ore. Nov. 25.—Descending in a few years from a position of prominence as a wealthy property owner, Stewart Linn of this city yesterday landed at the bottom of the social scale, when he was thrown in jail for issuing fraudulent checks for small sums to local business houses. Inheriting a large fortune from his father, the late James Linn, one of the pioneer placer miners of eastern Oregon, who by operation of claims at the old El Dorado camp amassed considerable wealth, and soon became one of the largest property owners in Baker county. When he came into his inheritance he started on a wild career of dissipation. It has taken he and his brother nearly 12 years to get away with the estate, but it is said that there is not a single piece of property left. Linn is about 30 years of age, and while never before in the toils of the law, he has several times recently been involved in questionable methods of obtaining money.

GARBAGE EXPLODES, FOUR ARE HURT, AT CITY'S INCINERATOR

(Continued from Page One.) powerful explosive gas was formed and the refuse in the furnace was blown clear to the rafters in the roof over the dumping floor. About six barrels of the sawdust were hauled to the plant by George Sauer, a scavenger. This material was concealed under a pile of wet garbage and straw, the scavenger being unacquainted with the dangerous explosive properties. When the load was dumped the garbage went into the furnace first, and owing to the fact that there had been a slight downpour of rain on the wagon when it was being loaded, the greater portion of the pulverized mixture struck to the wagon, only a few pounds of it dropping into the fire. Main Saves Lives. Engineer David E. Otis, in charge of the crematory, says if the whole load had been dumped the force of the resultant explosion would have been so terrific that the plant would have been a complete wreck, with the probabilities that every man in it would have been killed or maimed. Immediately after the explosion a hurry call was sent in to Mayor Rushlight and City Health Officer C. E. Wheeler. Doctor Wheeler arrived first with bandages and medicinal lotions for the injured men. He found that the burns were superficial and dressed the injuries in half an hour. Two of the men were able to resume their work at once and the other two will be able to work within a week or ten days. Mayor Rushlight was greatly relieved to learn that the accident proved to be less serious than he had expected. It would be from the first report he received. During the recent low water period when the water front sewers were causing a nuisance, many residents of the vicinity in which the crematory is located, blamed the plant for the bad odors that were in evidence. One man, whose identity is unknown to the mayor, telephoned that unless the nuisance were abated he would go down to the crematory and dynamite the plant. Feared Dynamite Plot. "When the first word of the explosion came to me," said the mayor, "I feared that something of this kind had happened. I am very glad that the accident was no worse. This ought to be a lesson, however, and it demonstrates the immediate importance of establishing a system of municipal garbage collection. It is hard to educate some scavengers as to the absolute necessity of segregation of the explosive materials from other refuse, but if the city has charge of the collection the men can be made to obey instructions. In my annual message to

Thanksgiving Number Journal Magazine

Various Holiday Features for Sunday Readers. A THANKSGIVING POEM. Timely verse by Margaret G. Hays, with full page illustration in color. —Page 1. 250,000 POUNDS OF TURKEY. Consumption of 125 tons turkey at Portland's dinner table next Thursday predicted. —Page 4. ON THANKSGIVING DAY. Plea for November holiday by Marlon Harland that harkens back to the days of the Pilgrim fathers. —Page 8. THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR ALL PURSES. Mrs. Anna B. Scott rectes list of menus for annual feast to suit all housewives. —Page 8. THANKSGIVING STORIES FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS. Holiday spirit invades Polly Evans' Story Page in this number. —Page 10. THE SUNDAY SMILE. EXPLOSION IN FUN BY MILES OVERHOLE A HUMOROUS FEATURE OF LOCAL APPLICATION THAT IS DISTINCTLY ORIGINAL. Watch for THE SUNDAY SMILE each Sunday, beginning tomorrow. DANGEROUSLY DANGEROUS AND DANGEROUS. What organized fight for pure milk has accomplished in Portland. UNCLE SAM'S MARINES AT HOME AND ABROAD. Novel duties devolving upon these "trustworthy" Soldiers and Sailors Top. SEASIDE HANDS ACROSS THE STATE. How Portland fosters new "Get Acquainted" spirit as evidenced by recent Lewiston excursion. TERRORS OF BROODISH MOTHERHOOD. Where daughters are sold into slavery; twins are boiled to death, and if babe cuts its upper teeth first, it is roasted. AMERICAN VS. IMPORTED AXELSES. If ours are beefy, as Mr. Dickens may have said, all the others are, too. HEALTH AND EFFICIENCY. Sane and vigorous comment on health topics by Mrs. Lora C. Little. Tomorrow

COMMISSION FORM FAILS IN ADOPTION

Oregon City Charter Committee Recommends New Form of Municipal Rule.

(Special to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., Nov. 25.—The charter committee at a meeting Friday night virtually decided against the commission form of government for Oregon City and it is believed that the "business form of government" will be adopted. A tentative plan was agreed upon as follows: The city council shall be composed of five members instead of nine, as at present, two from the city at large and one from each ward. The terms shall be three years for the councilmen from the wards and two years for those from the city at large. The arrangement provides for three holdovers at each election. The mayor will be chosen by the council and must be one of its members. A business manager of the city to receive a salary of not more than \$2500 a year is to be elected by the council. He may be removed by the board at any time for cause. After the first election the successful candidates for the council are to draw lots for one, two and three year terms in order to provide for three holdover members after each election. The council will name the recorder, the treasurer and attorney.

Tooze for Council. (Special to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., Nov. 25.—Superintendent of City Schools F. J. Tooze today announced himself a candidate for councilman in the Second ward, to succeed Dr. M. C. Strickland, who will not be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Tooze is a member of the commission appointed by Mayor Brownell and the city council to revise the city charter. Friends of Daniel Lyons, the capitalist, who has been urged to make the race for councilman in the Second ward, said today that he had declined. The election will be held December 4 and next Wednesday will be the last day petitions can be filed.

Contract for Paisley Project. (Special to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 25.—The report that the Morson Irrigation project had been considered by the desert land board and a contract drafted was an error as the contract was one to be submitted to the Portland Irrigation company on the Paisley project. Morson has been left to pursue his own way in peace so far as the desert land board meeting of the past week have been concerned.

LA FOLLETTE MEN MEET AT BAY CITY

Progressives Plan for Delegates for Wisconsin Aspirant for Presidency.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Nov. 25.—With the avowed intention of launching a boom which will send the California delegates to the Republican national convention of 1912 under the banner of Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin for the Republican presidential nomination, hundreds of prominent Progressive Republicans from all parts of the state gathered here today. They met in the Palace hotel at 1 o'clock this afternoon. In view of Governor Johnson's attitude, which practically assures the holding of a presidential preference primary in California, and his indorsement of La Follette, the Progressives are determined to inaugurate a thorough canvass of the state in behalf of their chosen standard bearer. Among the 250 Progressives who have signed the call for the La Follette conference and who will participate in the meeting today are Governor Johnson, Ex-Governor George C. Pardee, Chester H. Rowell of Fresno; Congressman William Kent, Railroad Commissioners John M. Eshelman and Alexander Gordon, and a score of members of the California legislature.

Senator Dryden Dies. (United Press Leased Wire.) Newark, N. J., Nov. 25.—John F. Dryden, widely known as the founder of industrial insurance and ex-United States senator from New Jersey, died here last night, aged 73 years. He was a director in the United States steel corporation and had been active in Republican politics for many years.

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