



THE SCOTT TRIAL.

Proceeding of the Second Day's Trial.

THE TESTIMONY ALL SUBMITTED.

Arguments Will Begin Next--
Each Side to Occupy
Two Hours.

SECOND DAY'S TRIAL.
McMINNVILLE, June 5.—At 9 o'clock this morning the attorneys for the state rested their case. The only new testimony is the blood found on Scott's shirt that he took off after he was in jail, and a shot-pouch that Sheriff Harris found at Scott's house, with blood on it, hanging in its accustomed place. The attorneys for the state claim that this shows that the gun was reloaded for the second shot by some one accustomed to hanging the pouch back in its place, while a stranger would have thrown it down, and that the gun-pouch was also taken from the cupboard, as some of them were expelled on the floor, and the box replaced, showing a knowledge of the whereabouts of all of the ammunition and a care in replacing it in its accustomed place. The first witness for defense was William Scott. The defendant who testified was 66 years of age; crossed the plains in 1885; lives about one mile from W. Y. Martin's; passed through three gates in going to Martin's; Martin was my most intimate neighbor; slept with my wife the night before the murder; was married October 17, 1889; lived on my place, the farm; wife had a house in McMinnville where we sometimes went and stayed all night; got up the morning of the murder about seven o'clock and built fire; wife was sick through the night; told her not to hurry about getting up as it was Sunday morning; went to the barn to attend to the stock; indistinctly heard a gun fired while I was feeding the stock; I then shoved over some spoiled wheat on the barn floor; heard a second gun fire; about that time I started to the house; heard the dog barking more boisterous than common; thought I caught the glimpse of a man running through the orchard; saw my wife lying on the porch at the same time; ran to her and spoke to her and may have tried to raise her up; don't remember, I was so excited; I then went into the house and found the pillows on fire; put them out and came out and went to the barn, mounted a horse and started to Martin's; came back with Martin and hunted for tracks about the premises where I thought I saw man running; examined the premises with Martin; saw gun and moped stick on bed; don't know how they came there; never saw any other wound only that in the forehead at any time; only the most intimate and fond relations existed between myself and wife.

"To the question 'do you know anything about the murder of your wife, or who did it?' he replied, 'I know nothing whatever about it; I would be glad to know as anyone living, but I know nothing at all about it.' When requested he described at great length the premises and location of various articles offered in testimony against him, telling the story in a plain straightforward manner, beginning after each question of his attorney, occasionally interrupted by a fit of coughing the entire jury paying strict attention to the testimony. Frequently the usually fixed countenance of the witness would light up with a smile and his story would be more animated, as the questions of his attorney brought out the opportunity to show how the blood might get on his clothing, as he had butchered his hogs in December and frequently marked pigs. The attorney for the state objected to the question, 'To what religious denomination do you belong?' and was sustained by the court as immaterial. Scott said he took a dose of medicine out of the bottle of patent medicine on Wednesday after the murder. He took a few drops and poured the drugs about a teaspoonful into the fire. This is the supposed bottle that contained the strychnine that killed the rat at the coroner's inquest, of which Scott said he tried to get his wife to take a dose. His testimony was practically the same as before the coroner's jury. The cross-examination made little change in the testimony. Mrs. Martha Addison, daughter of Scott, testified: Went to her father's house on Tuesday after the murder; found him sitting by the fire weeping; used some of the patent medicine referred to for neuralgia and toothache; swallowed some; Coroner Fellows and Judge Laughlin told all of the relations to go home on Wednesday and to not return until Friday. Cross-examination: Never said my step-mother was willing for father to marry; was about a teaspoonful of medicine in the bottle. Robert Addison, husband of Martha Addison, corroborated his wife. Mrs. Vardaman Scott, my step-mother-in-law, asked to borrow Vardaman's shotgun to kill a China pheasant. B. F. Lewis, member of the

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and coroner's jury testified: Live four miles from McMinnville; first session of the jury was held at Scott's house, last session at McMinnville; Scott's reputation was always good as a peaceable, law-abiding man. M. B. Hendricks and Henry Gee testified to the same as to Scott's character. James McDonald, father of Mrs. Vardaman Scott, testified: Am well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Scott; stayed all night with them; their friendship was very cordial; they seemed to enjoy themselves very much in each other's society; they had family prayers; Mrs. Scott read the Bible and Mr. Scott led in prayer; had a shotgun stolen, also ammunition taken the same day some time before the murder, similar to the gun and ammunition now in evidence; the gun in evidence was not witness' gun. Sarah Scott, 13 years old, testified: Am granddaughter of defendant; saw grandpa take the patent medicine down from the shelf, take some of it and pour the remainder in the fire; on Wednesday morning I saw this. Mrs. A. C. Townsend, testified: Live half a mile south of Scott's; heard load report of a gun in the direction of Scott's house about 7 o'clock in the morning of the murder; looked that way but saw no smoke; this was when in the dooryard feeding chickens; heard another report after I went into the house; Scott came to our house about half hour after the shots were fired, I urged him to eat breakfast, but he was crying and we were all so flustered we ate very little. The defense rested at 5 o'clock. Court adjourned until 8 to-morrow when the argument will be made to jury, two hours being granted to the attorneys for each side.

BOARD OF TRADE PROCEEDINGS.
SALEM, OR., June 6, 1890.
The board of trade of Salem met in regular session at the city hall with President John G. Wright in the chair. Roll call found a large attendance. The secretary read the minutes of previous meeting, which were duly approved. Propositions for membership were read from C. B. Irvine and E. S. Wright, both recommended by R. J. Hendricks, and on motion the rules were suspended and they were duly elected members. The bill of W. F. Seaver, \$7.40 for the expenses of two trips to Albany, was on motion ordered paid. Proxies were read authorizing J. A. Van Eaton to cast the votes of I. A. Manning and the Salem Land and Investment company. E. M. Waite said that \$500 is due from delinquent subscribers to the advertising fund, and S. T. Richardson, attorney, reported they are in hands for collection. The matter of the excursion to Portland was discussed and Mr. Waite, as chairman of the committee reported that the railroad company refused to make arrangements for less than two cars, and the meeting considered that the committee was not restricted. Col. W. N. Ladue addressed the board on the Fourth of July celebration. He said he had attended the celebrations at Corvallis and Albany and the chief attractions in those places was the military, in parade and sham battle, and he moved that it be expressed as the sense of this board that the committee should endeavor to secure the attendance of the seven military companies at the coming celebration. Seconded. President Wright of the committee explained that the funds pledged for their use were not sufficient to meet the demands. Mr. Van Eaton spoke in the same strain. C. B. Moores suggested that a special committee of military men ought to take the matter in hand and raise the extra amount for the purpose named. E. Hofer said he had heard it expressed by military men that there was not a sufficiently warm feeling toward them and he suggested an amendment that there be a committee of military men appointed. An amendment was offered by Jasper Minto that that part of the motion relating to the present Fourth of July committee be stricken out. Carried. Moved by P. S. Knight that a committee of three military men, which was, on motion, increased to five, be appointed to carry out the sense of the above motion. Geo. H. Burnett, Col. M. W. Hunt, Capt. H. S. Jordan, Col. W. N. Ladue, Lieut. Ross Leabo were appointed as such committee. After a lengthy discussion in relation to the matter, Jasper Minto moved that the board proceed to the election of a new set of officers. The secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the board

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