

HANGS ON HAIR

Matted Strands May Seal Williams' Fate.

FOUND IN AN EMPTY GRAVE

Strong Circumstantial Evidence Introduced at the Dalles.

THE DEFENSE IS DEFIANT

"The State Cannot Prove That Alma Nesbitt and Her Mother Are Not Alive Today," Is the Statement of Judge McGinn.

THE DALLES, Or., May 25.—(Staff Correspondence)—Straight to the vital of the Williams murder case went Henry McGinn, attorney for the thin-lipped prisoner, when he made his opening address to the jury this morning.

"Gentlemen," cried the lawyer as he faced the 12 men, "the State of Oregon cannot prove death in this case. There are suspicions, but nothing more."

"And on this single point hangs the fate of Norman Williams. There are no producible bodies of the missing women. The corpus delicti is wanting. Upon a few strands of matted hair and a blood-stained gamsack, disinterred after being buried in the ground for four years, the prosecution must rest all the fabric of circumstantial evidence with which it hopes to overwhelm the defense, and the defense defies them.

Prove It, Says the Defense.

All attempts to pile up suspicious circumstances, previous convictions of the prisoner or evidence of his satanic character for easy inspection by the jury are baffled by the defense. "Alma Nesbitt and her mother may be alive," says the defense to the prosecution. "First prove that they are dead, then prove that Norman Williams murdered them."

So the prosecution with its 40 witnesses is bending every effort, first to show that the wisps of hair found in the grave before Alma and her mother, and, second, to build around the prisoner such a chain of circumstantial evidence that from it there shall be no escape. How strong this chain must be is a matter of doubt.

Conflicting Statements Proved.

The net result of the prosecution's efforts today has been to prove conflicting statements on the part of Williams as to the date on which he last saw the missing women. S. Bolton, Deputy County Clerk, testified that the prisoner told him that he had driven the women to the depot in Hood River on the morning of March 8, and that they had taken the train for Portland from there. Against this the prosecution placed the testimony of the O. R. & N.'s train dispatcher, who stated that the only morning train passed through Hood River at about 5 A. M.

Team Not Back in Time.

It was shown also by the livery stable keeper that, while Williams in this case professed to have returned with the women at 5 o'clock, he did not return the team until after 8 o'clock, at which time he was seen driving into town along the road which led to his homestead.

In another case it was testified that Williams told J. B. Gott, a surveyor, that he had not seen the missing women since Alma's birthday, January 23, on which day a little reunion had been held by the girl's Oregon friends and neighbors in her homestead. This story was also told by Williams to other persons, but was contradicted today by the version told to Bolton and, the prosecution says, will be torn to tatters tomorrow by the evidence of many witnesses, including John Hall, United States District Attorney at Portland, who is to arrive tonight.

Prisoner Has Been Shaved.

All through the day the prisoner sat motionless beside his attorney. He had been clean-shaven early in the morning, the absence of the grayish, close-clipped beard making him look a few years younger, but it showed more clearly the thin and sharp-edged lips, which lend an air of cunning to his face. He rested one elbow on the table and kept his mouth

LIKE UNTO RIOT

Ohio Democratic Convention Is Wild One.

JOHNSON IS BADLY ROUTED

His Man Folk Gets Four Delegates, Hearst Six.

JUDGE HARMON IS FAVORITE

Ex-Congressman Lentz, of the Minority, Freely Passes the Lie With Colonel Taylor When Credentials Committee Reports.

COLUMBUS, O., May 25.—The Democratic State Convention here today nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of State—A. P. Sandies, of Ottawa.
Supreme Judge—Philip J. Renner, of Cincinnati.
Clerk of Supreme Court—Peter Mahaffey, of Cambridge.
Dairy and Food Commissioner—Quilian M. Gravatt, of Wooster.
Member of the Board of Public Works—William H. Ferguson, of Springfield.
Electors at-Large—John A. McDowell, of Millersburg, and A. J. Pearson, of Woodfield.

There were three presidential elements involved. Hearst men originally wanted instructions, but finally limited their opposition to the unit rule. The friends of Colonel James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the Democratic candidate for Governor three years ago, wanted indorsement. The friends of Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was Attorney-General under Cleveland, wanted neither indorsement nor instructions, but the unit rule. The Harmon men eventually won out.

Wyoming Assured for Hearst.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 25.—The Laramie County Democratic County Convention met here today and elected delegates to the State Convention, instructed for William R. Hearst for President. Laramie County is the principal county in the state, and the delegates met here today and elected delegates to the State Convention, instructed for William R. Hearst for President. Laramie County is the principal county in the state, and the delegates met here today and elected delegates to the State Convention, instructed for William R. Hearst for President.

Nominated for Congress.

Twelfth Pennsylvania District—George R. Patterson, Republican, renominated.

Riotous at Times.

The convention was in continuous session almost nine hours, and during the last three hours it was boisterous, at times disorderly to the extent of being riotous. The delegates and alternates-at-large are claimed by the conservatives, who also claimed 20 of the Ohio district delegates. Their poll of the Ohio delegation to St. Louis is 35 conservatives—friendly to Harmon; Hearst 6, and Polk, the Johnson delegates, who are co-operating in other matters with the conservatives, voted for the 3-cent-a-flank plan, as did others from the cities, who insisted it would be inconsistent this year to defeat this resolution, which was a feature of the state platform last year. The vote, however, was very close on the 3-cent-a-flank resolution, and the majority for the plank was only out of a total vote of 72.

Theory of the Crimes.

The theory of the state was then detailed that Williams murdered the women that night, buried them in a narrow grave and later burned the corpses in a great brush fire.

"Goaded by a guilty conscience," said Mr. Wilson, "Williams proceeded to endeavor to create testimony which would go to prove his innocence at that later day when he feared that he would be on trial for his life. We will prove to you that Williams has tried to create a belief that Alma Nesbitt was still alive by introducing other women as Alma Nesbitt. He hoped by this device to be able to call witnesses who would swear they had met the murdered girl after the date of her alleged death. He endeavored to throw her relatives off the track, to cool their ardor in the search for the missing girl, by writing to them that Alma had entered upon a life of shame."

McGinn Opens His Case.

Judge McGinn wasted no time in introductory remarks. Two minutes after he had begun to reply to the prosecution's opening statement, his robust and earnest voice was beating at every jurymen's ear drums.

"The prosecution knows very well the weak points in its case," cried Judge McGinn, "and the young man who so ably addressed you knew very well how best to keep away from them. But I tell you, gentlemen, the State of Oregon cannot prove death. It cannot prove that Alma Nesbitt and her mother are not alive today. It cannot show you that its fine-spun theories are true. And, gentlemen, you cannot send a man to death unless you know that the accusations against him are true. It is not enough to think they are."

"Everything is against this defendant. Newspapers printed in blood have been strewn all over this country, containing

FIND POTTER LAX

Report on Conditions at Chemawa.

CHANGE IS NOT FAVORED

Instead, Reprimand of Superintendent Is Recommended.

HONESTY IS ABOVE QUESTION

While He Is Found to Have Violated Regulations All the Money He Received Was Expended for the Indian School.

WASHINGTON FORESTRY APPOINTMENT IS MADE ON MERIT.
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ALABAMA FOR PARKER.

No Indorsement, but Regards Him as the Most Available Candidate.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 25.—The Democratic State Convention was held in Montgomery today, and dispatched its work in a few hours. Although no instructions were given, the resolutions adopted recite that at the present time Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, is the most available and acceptable candidate for the nomination for the Presidency, and that the sentiment of the convention is for his nomination.

E. L. Russell, general counsel for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, Colonel S. D. H. Malory, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, William H. Richardson, Congressman from the Eighth District, and Rufus N. Rhodes, editor of the Birmingham News, were elected delegates at large to the St. Louis Convention. Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Greensboro, and William H. Sanford, of Troy, were nominated for electors at large.

The four delegates at large and ten of the district delegates favor Judge Parker. The unit rule prevails. Senators Morgan and Pettus were present and delivered short addresses. The platform, which was adopted unanimously, says:

"We emphatically protest against the methods of the present Chief Executive of the United States in defying the laws of the land, in setting up his discretion in opposition to explicit provisions of the National Statutes, and arrogating to himself legislative functions. We condemn imperialism in either the executive or judicial departments of the Government, and especially condemn the flagrant usurpation of power to which this country has been treated in recent years, and the corruption and extravagance of the present National Republican Administration."

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Later details show that 12 persons were killed and 14 injured by the explosion. The boat was the Fred Wilson, belonging to the Monongahela Coal Company, of Pittsburg, and was plying between Pittsburg and Louisville.

OMAHA INDORSES BRYAN.

OMAHA, Neb., May 25.—The contest in the Democratic primaries of Douglas County today resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Bryan forces. The opposition known as the reorganization party was defeated in every ward in the city, and in all but two precincts in the county. The result is an indorsement for Bryan for delegates at large to the National Democratic Convention.

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FINDS NO FRAUD

Jury Clears Tyner and Barrett.

INDICTED ON POSTAL CASE

Only Twenty-Two Minutes Is Required to Reach Verdict.

TYNER IS MUCH AFFECTED

He Weeps in Court, as Do Many of the Men Who Considered the Evidence—Trial Has Been on Since May 9.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Within 22 minutes of the retirement of the jury in the case of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, tried on charges of conspiracy in connection with their duties as law officers of the Postoffice Department, a verdict of not guilty was returned. The throng which filled the courtroom throughout the arguments to the jury hardly had time to leave the building before the jury was back, and the foreman announced that a verdict had been reached.

General Tyner, expecting a longer wait, had been wheeled from the room, and his nephew and co-defendant hastened to give an order which caused him to return.

General Tyner appeared greatly excited as he attempted to face the jury, and when the verdict was returned, he broke down completely. Several of the jurors wept with him, and all of them shook hands with him.

The Tyner-Barrett case was begun on May 2 and has been before the court 19 full days.

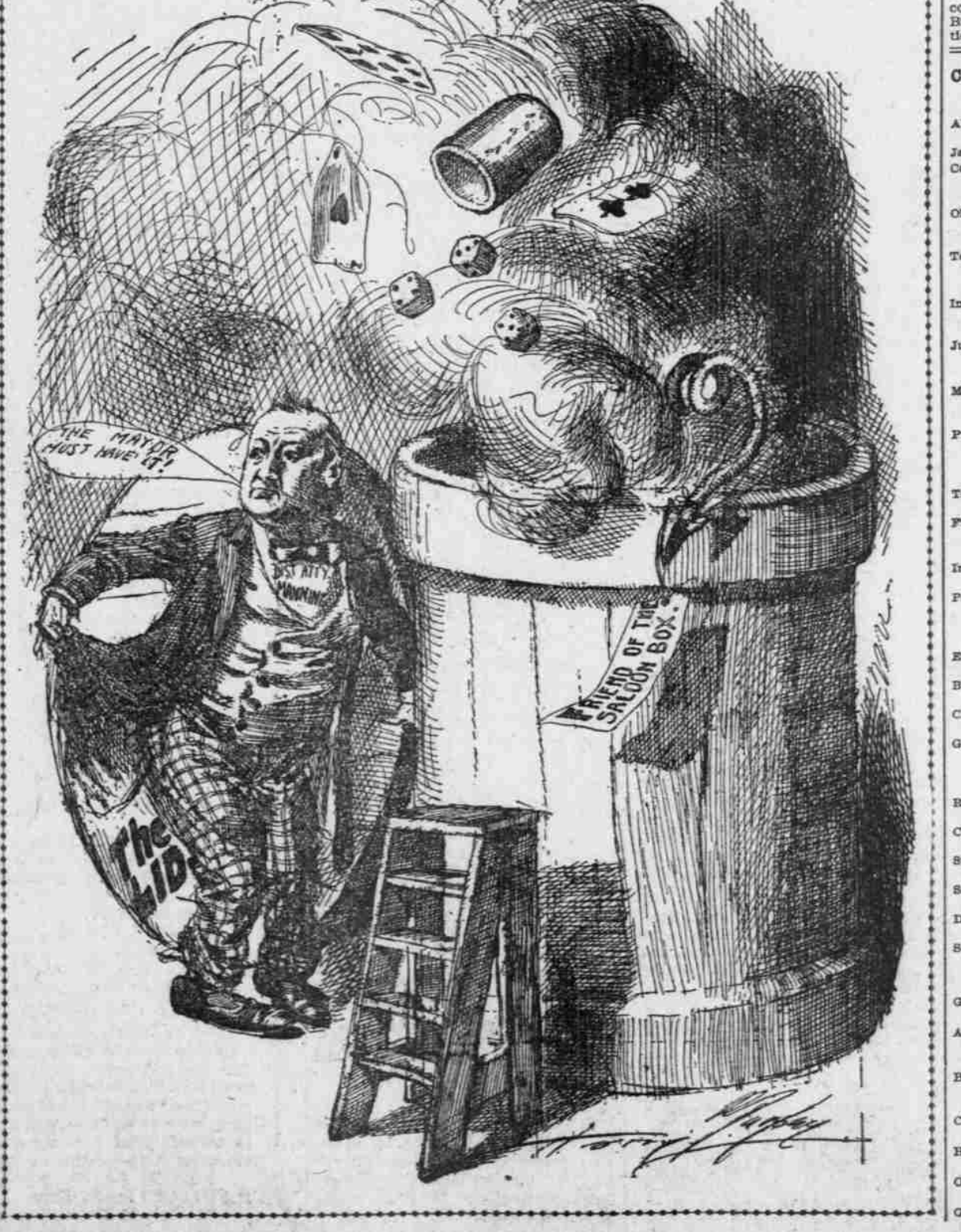
The principal arguments made today were by A. S. Worthington, for the defense, and Major Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the Government, for the prosecution. The latter directed his efforts almost entirely to an attempt to counteract any influence on the jurors' verdict which might result from sympathy with General Tyner. He told the jury that they had no right to entertain sympathy for General Tyner nor the young wife of Barrett, who was a witness in the defendants' behalf.

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PUZZLE—WHO HAS THE LID?



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TENNESSEANS GROW EXCITED.
Democrats Finally Calm Down, and Choose Parker Delegates.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 25.—Late tonight, after wildly exciting scenes, the