

JESTER GOES FREE

Verdict of Acquittal Returned on Third Ballot.

THANKED THE JURYMEN

Spectators Received the Verdict With a Shout.

Alexander Jester, the octogenarian, who has been on trial at New London, Mo., for three weeks, charged with the murder of Gilbert Gates, committed twenty-nine years ago was acquitted last night. The jury took but three ballots. On the first three voted for conviction for murder in the first degree. And so ended one of the hardest fought legal battles of a criminal nature in Missouri.

The defendant prisoner was arrested in 1871, when he resided in Sedgewick county, but escaped from the Paris, Mo. jail shortly after his preliminary hearing. He was again arrested about two years ago in Oklahoma, where he resided, his sister having "turned him up." He was taken to New London, Mo., in the county where the murder is alleged to have been committed. Detectives were employed by the murdered boy's brother, who is a Chicago millionaire, and every inch of the territory traversed by Jester and young Gates was gone over to procure evidence against the old man.

At the trial Jester was tried from Indiana to Sedgewick county, testimony was introduced tending to show that Jester killed Gates in Tulsa's lane near New London. The millionaire spared no means to ferret out the mystery that surrounded the death of his brother twenty-nine years ago. Witnesses from Indiana to Kansas testified for the state. It was proved that Jester sailed under the alias of Hill and had applied for a pension under that name. Records in the pension department were introduced in evidence, but there was no direct testimony connecting the aged man with the buffalo calf with the murder of Gilbert Gates. The trial lasted three weeks, and was tedious from beginning to end. Through all this the aged prisoner sat in silence, taking in every scrap of evidence that was introduced. His attorney made a hard fight for him and they won.

When the jury filed into the court room it was filled with an expectant throng. Jester faced them forward and watched closely every motion of the twelve men who were to decide the old man's fate. Judge Fry, who was in waiting promptly addressed the foreman of the jury, Joseph Barry, as soon as the jury had taken their seats and asked if they had come to a conclusion. Barry answered quietly in the affirmative and handed the verdict to the judge. The latter calmly unfolding the paper, scanned it a moment and then read: "We, the jury, and the defendant, Alexander Jester, not guilty."

The old prisoner, bent with age and worn with watching, sat as if dazed for an instant, while the audience, at first, too amazed to realize that the trial had so quickly come to an end, watched the actions of the judge in breathless silence, and seemed hardly able to grasp the meaning of the words just spoken. Jester finally realizing the import of the verdict, arose and, his face beaming with joy, moved toward the jurymen to thank them. A moment later the spectators awoke and gave vent to their feelings in a shout that made the court room ring. Then, with common impulse, a rush was made for the man who had in his declining years made so brave a fight for his life, and he was almost smothered with congratulations.

After nearly four weeks of tedious testimony taking, the great trial of Alexander Jester had passed into history, with the buffalo calf and Helen Lane, and the old man, after a second attempt to send him to the gallows, had been set free. It had been a trial filled with pathos, presenting at its close the spectacle of a woman testifying against her brother, in an attempt to fasten murder, committed nearly thirty years ago, upon his head.

There were three ballots taken in the jury room. The first showed nine for acquittal and three for conviction. The second and last unanimously for acquittal, was given with a shout by the tired jurymen.

When Jester was enabled finally to discharge himself from the friends who surrounded him he made his way quickly to his hotel, where he surrounded by his children, Harvey Jester, Will and Alvin Hill, he rejoiced quietly. He will leave here at once for his home in Oklahoma, where he was taken prisoner over two years ago.

There was general rejoicing among the townspeople when the verdict became known. W. O. Forrest of Chicago, closed the arguments yesterday morning, speaking four hours for the state. He referred particularly to the strength of circumstantial evidence, declaring that it was stronger than direct. The very fact that all of the evidence in the case did not agree in important details and did as to the main facts, he said, was conclusive that it was not perjured testimony, manufactured on order, as the defense claims.

ARMY LIFE ATTRACTS

Many Return to For Foreign Service—Sergeant Belts Talks

The enlistment for the last two days at the recruiting station on North Main street has exceeded the expectations of the officers in charge, and as a result a number of men will soon be sent away. The men will be sent to the coast, as in all probability there will be ordered to China, as well as those in the first infantry at Leavenworth. The men who have already been sent from here will be drilled at the Presidio, Cal., before being sent away.

The men who have enlisted this week are: James S. Craig, Mr. Hines, Kansas; Harry Anderson, Weir City, Kan.; Claude F. Lina, Newton, Kan.; Claude G. Milligan, Newton, Kan.; Samuel B. Orabough, Halstead, Kan.; C. A. Nicholson, Halstead, Kan.; Joseph Schneider, Goldard, Kan.; B. R. Dwyer, Whitesawyer, Kan.

The men all seem anxious to get into

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the service and are enthusiastic over an opportunity for foreign service. Seventy-eight men have applied for entrance into the service during the month of time which the recruiting station has been opened here, and out of that number forty-five have been taken into the army. The most serious defect seems to be that of eyesight. This is usually in one eye, but in many cases it is in both. Sergeant Belts, who has charge of the station here, said to a reporter for the Eagle yesterday: "A large percentage of the men who have been rejected by us has been on account of defective eyesight. We have refused to accept quite a number on account of not having fully developed chests. Their lungs are all right, but the men fail to give the right measurement around the chest. We have had a number who have been rejected because of deformities which have been caused by accidents. This is often the case, however. The men whom we have rejected at this place have been above the average and have all been anxious to get into the service and prefer to go to the coast for training."

CHESTER I. LONG'S GOOD WORK

Claim for Pension Pending for Thirty Years Obtained by Congressman

Representative Chester I. Long has received word from the commissioner of pensions that the claim of John S. Knowles of Sibley, Barber county, Kansas, has been allowed at the rate of \$1 per month from October, 1862, and \$10 from December, 1864. By the allowance of this claim, Mr. Knowles will receive \$1233 back pension. A check for this amount will be sent him by the pension office at Topeka at the time of the quarterly payment this week. This is one of the largest allowances Mr. Long has secured. The claim has been pending for over thirty years, but Mr. Long just took charge of it within the past year. Owing to the fact that where applications were made prior to 1890, allowed claims were dated back to the time of discharge, Mr. Knowles receives more than the ordinary allowance. Mr. Long gave this claim his personal attention during the last session and was assured by the commissioner just before leaving Washington that it would be allowed.

PONCA CITY COUPLE

Claude H. Baker and Miss Jeanette

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the parlors of the Carey hotel occurred the marriage of Mr. Claude H. Baker and Miss Jeanette Barnes, both prominent young people of Ponca City, Ok. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. W. G. Ogilvie, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ponca City, who accompanied the bride party here, and was witnessed by the family and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. The marriage was not given publicity, as the young couple did not like the publicity incident thereto, and no attempt was made to have an ostentatious display. The bride was attired in a dazzling gray traveling suit and wore a cluster of tea roses at her corsage, while the groom wore the traditional conventional black. The union is regarded as a most happy one.

The bride party arrived in the city yesterday morning and immediately repaired to the Carey hotel, where the wedding was arranged to take place. While both parties live at Ponca City, matters were expedited by performing the marriage here, at Miss Barnes and her parents were spending the summer in Ponca City and the two parties met in this city. It is not an unusual occurrence for people from abroad to come here to get married and Wichita is becoming quite prominent in matrimonial circles.

Those present at the nuptials were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Billwell of Geaborn, Dr. A. T. Robertson of Ponca City, Miss Jessie Fulkerson of Blackwell, Miss Grace Spracke of Arkansas City, H. L. Baker of Ponca City, Mrs. E. W. Hoyt of Ponca City, Mr. Louis S. Barnes of Ponca City. After the ceremony that made the happy couple man and wife the guests repaired to the spacious dining room of the Carey hotel, where an elegant wedding dinner was spread by Host Eaten. The tables were prettily decorated with plants and flowers and the room presented a beautiful appearance. The newly married couple occupied seats at the head of the table and many toasts were made wishing many joys to the young people.

Mr. Baker is one of the prominent young men in Ponca City. He is a man possessed of good business qualifications and is well liked in that community. He is now living in an assistant postmaster there, which responsible position he has held since the appointment was made by President McKinley, and has made an excellent record. He belongs to a highly respected family.

What is said of the groom is also applicable to the bride, as she is one of Ponca City's best young ladies, having lived there for a number of years. She is amiable and a woman of intelligence who has many admiring friends who wish for her numerous joys in the future. Mrs. Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Barnes, a prominent family. Mr. Barnes is in the real estate and loan business at Ponca City.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker left on the Santa Fe train last night for Colorado, where they will spend several weeks before returning to make their home in Ponca City. The Wichita W. C. T. U. will hold a social in the lawn and basement of the court house Friday evening, August 1. Ice cream, cake and lemonade will be served. Music by Professors Shaw and Burns. Everybody invited.

MEDALS OF TRUST

Stimpson's Legion of Honor Cross May be Called In

BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

John Noble Believes They Revert in Cases of Death.

What disposition will be made of the medals left by Herbert Stimpson, the young man who committed suicide last week, is still undecided. They are still in the hands of Mrs. Mosher, to whom they were given by Stimpson to preserve for him, but it is authoritatively claimed that in instances of death the medals awarded by France for feats of bravery are revertible to the government. At least two of the medals in controversy were given by the French government, one for bravery displayed on the battlefield in the African war, which is the cross of the Legion of Honor, and the other was for saving the lives of thirteen people at the charity bazaar fire in Paris. The most likely thing to occur is that the medals will be returned to the government by the French minister to the United States. John Noble, the artist, who was well acquainted with the deceased, and admired him as a friend as someone interested in his work, takes this view of the matter and is of the opinion that Stimpson in one of his confidential moods imparted this to him. This, he believes, is solely with the French government and the medal awarded by King Humbert of Italy, who was recently assassinated, he does not think will be returned to the same conditions at death. Some time before Mr. Stimpson took his own life he gave Mrs. Mosher the medals with the request to keep them for him. In entrusting the medals to her care his manner indicated to her that he wished her to keep them until such time as she could find a suitable recipient, and it is believed that at that time the young man contemplated suicide.

Mr. Noble, during his companionship with the deceased had seen the medals a number of times, and he says they are all beautiful, and that Stimpson thought the world of them. He also said that the young man possessed several diplomas given to him by the French government in connection with the medals for bravery, but these have never been received by Administrator J. E. Howard. Mr. Noble is setting up the small estate. The medals were taken out of the young man's pocket and the signatures of the heads of the French government. What became of them remains a mystery.

The intention of the government in awarding decorations of this character and making them revertible is to guard against allowing any one to have the medals without their being properly earned. It is not known whether or not there is any constitutional provision in America compelling any person having them to return them to the government by which they were awarded.

Otto E. Eckstein, the attorney, who knew Stimpson in Washington, and whose mother was acquainted with Stimpson's mother, has addressed a letter to Lawyer Kemper at Berlin in regard to Countess Ravens, who it is claimed is Stimpson's grandmother, his name having been changed to that of the Countess Ravens. Stimpson's father and mother are both dead, but his grandmother is still living. The letter requested that Stimpson's family connections be ascertained and it found to be true that his father was a German count. It is claimed that the Countess Ravens, who is still living, is the mother of Stimpson's father and mother are both dead, but his grandmother is still living. The letter requested that Stimpson's family connections be ascertained and it found to be true that his father was a German count. It is claimed that the Countess Ravens, who is still living, is the mother of Stimpson's father and mother are both dead, but his grandmother is still living.

CHILD ONLY LAUGHED

Frightful Experience of a Two-Year Child at Norwich

Mr. F. E. Demoreux of Winfield, Kan., who was in Norwich yesterday, reported to a reporter for the Eagle the frightful experience of a two-year-old child in a runaway at that place yesterday. The 2-year-old grandson of Peter Brady, the liverman at that place, had a miraculous escape in a runaway there yesterday. Mother and child were riding together in a buggy, the mother driving the team when her bonnet blew off. She stopped and got out to get the bonnet, handing the lines to the child. Before she got the bonnet the horses became scared and started to run. The speed kept increasing and when people ran out to stop the team the little fellow was in great grief, evidently thinking they were trying to make fun of him. One man stepped to get a twitch on the lines, which jerked them out of the child's hands. The team now became wild with fright, and everybody was horror-stricken at the impending disaster. As the team turned a corner the buggy toppled onto one side and the child and into the buggy top fell seated on the cushion. As the buggy toppled over it struck the curb, and the buggy top was broken off and the buggy was thrown back to an upright position. The little boy rolled from the buggy top over and over onto the ground, but not even a scratch could be found to give evidence of his adventure. The child was then carried in a seemingly miraculous manner. The team ran five miles before it was stopped.

TO COURT OF APPEALS

Case Appeared From District Court of Greenwood County

An appeal from the district court of Greenwood county was filed with the clerk of the court of appeals yesterday, in which W. W. Street is the plaintiff and A. W. Morgan the defendant in error. The case originated from a receipt note brought by Morgan to recover a number of cattle which he is in the possession of Street. The case came up in the district court and Morgan secured a judgment against Street for the amount of the cattle and damages for a small amount for not having them in his possession at a certain time.

CHILD CULTURE CLUB

Will Complete Its Organization at the Meeting Tonight

At the meeting this afternoon at the Plymouth Congregational church the Child Culture club will complete its organization by adopting a constitution and by-laws. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of the mothers of the city, both the young and the experienced, as well as all others interested in the best all-around development of our children. The right start and a good reading course are of great importance. Mrs. C. C. Sibbe and Mrs. "The New Kingdom" and Mrs. Carey will make an address at the meeting. The meeting is at 7 o'clock.

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Herman & Hess

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Gets An Imperial Chainless Wheel

We held the drawing at J. P. Johnson's cigar store last night. Mr. Dick Imboden did the drawing and drew No. 590. Whoever has this number must present it inside of ten days to get the Chainless Wheel. Hold on to your numbers, as this number may have been lost. If so, another drawing will take place in ten days, and you may be the lucky one then.

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OTTO WEISS, Agent

The two parties were neighbors at the time and had often assisted each other in the work of taking care of their respective herds. The cattle had been in the habit of breaking out of their corral and getting mixed, and in this way Street secured possession of the cattle, as stated in the petition first filed in the lower court.

The case was a hard fought one and all of the processes of law were carried out in the first instance, but the case was asked for and refused. At every opportunity after that time the evidence was demurred to, but in each case the demurrer was not sustained. After the verdict of the jury in regard to the case, the attorneys for the defendant filed a motion for a new trial, but this was overruled by the judge of the court. The case will probably come up before January and an opinion given.

TRAMP MAKING HIS TOILET Shows Young Women How to Shave Himself With Piece of Glass. A genuine gypsy habit is prepared to meet all cases of emergency. He is in this world to maintain a living without working, and a great majority of them do so admirably well. This cannot be done by confining his hands to the part of the night a newspaper is spread in a box and his coat used for a pillow. When he thinks it necessary to wash his shirt, which is seldom, he goes to the river, gets a bar of soap from his pocket and plays Simon Chimney for a while. When he wants to remove the lice from his face he produces a razor or a piece of glass or anything that will cut, and does the job without the use of a mirror, which he claims is a useless luxury and one calculated to be detrimental to the gypsy's appearance. Yesterday an annual young ladies were conducting the annual Fa tracks they saw a tramp making his unsightly toilet. He had removed some of the soil from his face and was shaving himself with a piece of glass. The young ladies regarded it as novel and stopped and watched the progress made, which was slow but sure. In a short time whiskers were gone and he looked like a new man.

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