

INTERESTING TOWARD THE CLOSE.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Jeffers Murder Case.

What Special Officer May is Prepared to Testify to Jurors and the Newspaper Reports.

All the testimony in the Jeffers murder case was not concluded yesterday, and may not be to-day. The defendant was on the stand the greater part of the day, making nearly a three days' ordeal for him, the effects of which were quite apparent.

Mrs. Jeffers was not in court yesterday, her baby being ill from the effects of the severe draughts of air it has had to undergo at the Courthouse since the commencement of the trial. The jurors are also weary and apparently anxious to get through, while Judge Prewett has not been at all well since the first week, having then contracted a severe cold.

The spectators do not show any evidences of weakening, however, as the crowd grows greater with each succeeding day, the increase being largely made up of women.

As a rule the case has been almost devoid of incidents of a sensational character, the result no doubt of Judge Prewett's calm but firm manner of dealing with witnesses and lawyers. At the first indications of a quarrel the officers are brought up with such a sudden turn by the court that the trial is never allowed to get a start.

Two or three incidents occurred yesterday, however, that under other circumstances would doubtless have been inflated to the verge at least of the sensational, but they were not permitted to materialize.

One was at the close of the day's proceedings, when Judge Prewett admonished the jurors to be quiet. He also insisted that the witness should explain what he meant by the remark, but Judge Prewett had nipped the sensation in the bud by commanding Jeffers to say no more on the subject and to refrain from further excursions of that sort.

While the remark of the witness seemed to rattle Mr. Jones and the District Attorney, nobody else looked upon the incident as a serious one, it being well understood that Mr. Jones ever said anything of the kind to Jeffers it was only as a bit of railery on his part.

More interest was apparently aroused late in the day, than at any previous time since the case was well under way, by the prosecution's offer to prove by Special Officer Dick May that on the morning the Brighton station was burned—and with it the body of Miss Ayres, the operator there—the subject saw Jeffers enter the Orleans lodging-house about 2 o'clock, Jeffers having contended all along that he was in his room all that night until he was called at 3 o'clock in the morning. The court will decide this morning whether or not it is proper rebuttal testimony.

Assuming the cross-examination of Jeffers at the morning session, Mr. Jones asked him if, when George McMullen delivered to him a note from Miss Ayres one evening, he made any effort to conceal his identity, and the witness replied no. Miss Ayres had told him that she had lent money to McMullen when he was making the campaign for Sheriff.

He denied that the conversation concerning McMullen occurred at the Brighton Station, and declared it took place in this city. He also admitted he did not write the telegram signed "Frank" and sent from here December 16, 1892, to Miss Ayres, at Brighton, making an appointment with her. He said it looked like Miss Ayres own handwriting in an effort to imitate his.

Reference being made to the statement made by him in the District Attorney's office, just after his arrest, that he had shaved his beard on the 15th of September, 1892, Jeffers admitted that he may have said so, but if he did it was a mistake, due to the excited condition of his mind. He insisted that his beard was removed the 15th of July, and that Foreman Hull of the round house here said to him on his arrival in the evening of July 14th that the powder explosion at Berkeley that day must have blown off his whiskers.

J streets about 1 o'clock and speak to Special Officer May in front of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank. R. B. Curtis was called by the defense and testified that while he was foreman at the Fashion Stable O'Hern called on several occasions at night and took out a two-seated carriage and horse belonging to Conductor Cox. The first time he returned between 11 o'clock and midnight, and the other time he did not return until near morning.

General Hart said this corroborated Mrs. Kerns' testimony, and she had said that there were two men with O'Hern, but that neither was Jeffers.

The next witness for the defense was Robert Redman, the man who has testified that he called Jeffers at 3 o'clock on the morning the Brighton station was burned. He said that he had found Jeffers sleeping in his engine on several occasions.

The witness denied saying to Dick May that when he went to Jeffers' room to call him on the morning of December 29, 1892, he acted like a man who had not been asleep. Witness described Jeffers to May, and the latter said he thought he had seen him going to his room very late on the night of the 29th.

Mrs. Curtis, the lady who kept the diary, was recalled by the prosecution. The pile of books, some five or six in number, were shown her, and Mr. Jones asked her when and where she purchased them. One, she said, was bought in this State, and the others in Oregon. The entries in the books, she said, were all original, and not copied from any other books. She said she had not corresponded with Mrs. Jeffers between 1889 and 1892. No one had written to her after her return to Oregon, suggesting what entries to make concerning Jeffers' whereabouts on certain days in July, 1892. She first wrote to him after his arrest, and told him that her diary contained in relation to him.

L. P. de Cima, a brother-in-law of Jeffers, testified that he was at Conductor Cox's house one day when O'Hern stated that Ben True had promised him \$50 per day, and to have his black-balls against him raised. O'Hern's reputation was bad.

Witness was with Starkey and O'Hern one day at Second and J streets, who had landed one of them a letter. She was tall, dressed in dark clothes and wore a veil. This was soon after the arrest of Jeffers. O'Hern and Starkey were both drunk. Witness read a portion of it.

Judge Prewett asked what was the purport of this testimony, and General Hart said it was to show that the letter contained a proposition to pay Starkey and O'Hern \$1,000 to testify for the prosecution.

When General Hart asked the witness what the letter contained, Mr. Jones objected and the objection was sustained. To Mr. Ryan witness said they were all drinking, including himself. That was the afternoon of the day on which O'Hern made a statement in General Hart's office.

In response to a question, witness said they were all pretty drunk, but he would not admit that he got Starkey and O'Hern drunk for the purpose of seeing what he could get out of them. He was with them until about half-past 11 that night.

General Hart again recalled Jeffers and asked him if Miss Ayres went to San Francisco on July 7, 1892, on his train, and he replied that he did not. Neither did he recall on his train on the following day, so far as he knew.

"That's our case," remarked General Hart. The prosecution then called Miss Stockwell, who had testified that she had received a message from Miss Ayres on December 28, 1892. The note had not been out of her possession, and was in her pocket. It requested her to call and see Miss Ayres, as she had been suffering from neuritis at the time.

The witness went to Brighton and found Miss Ayres at her work as usual, and in her customary health. She had an understanding with Miss Ayres that certain words used in their correspondence were to have a different meaning from that commonly attributed to them. As a matter of fact, Miss Ayres was not then suffering from neuritis.

Mr. Ryan asked the witness why she did not remain that night with Miss Ayres, but an objection thereto was sustained. General Hart asked the witness if, when she went to town that night, she stopped at a certain lodging-house, and Judge Prewett reprimanded counsel therefor.

Special Officer Richard May was called by the prosecution, and testified that about 2 o'clock on the morning of December 29th, on which the Brighton depot was burned, he was on Second street, opposite the Orleans lodging-house. The street was well lighted at the time.

MURRAY PLEADS GUILTY.

Officer Naghel Tells How He Struck Him From Behind.

James Murray, who was on Monday convicted of disturbing the peace at the Clunie Opera-house, was before the Police Court yesterday on a charge of assaulting Officer Naghel.

E. C. Hart, his attorney, wished him to be allowed to withdraw his plea of guilty of disturbing the peace, as both offenses were included in one act, and pleaded guilty to battery on the officer.

City Attorney Post was willing, and put Officer Naghel on the stand, who testified that five or six young men at the Clunie had some disturbance with the doorkeeper early in the evening. Between scenes they went out, and coming back kicked the buckets in front of an oyster-house on the block into the street.

A man said to them that they ought not to do so, and they followed him into the theater entrance, threatening to smash him. Naghel interfered and told them to desist, stating that he was an officer, when the gang all turned on him. He was standing then off as well as he could when defendant struck him from behind, dazing him. Officer Kripp came to his assistance and knocked Murray down, and they brought him to the station.

At the request of Murray's attorney, Judge Buckley continued passing sentence till to-day.

YOUNG WOMEN CHRISTIANS. Their Third Year's Work to be Reviewed on Sunday Next. A public anniversary meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held in the Congregational Church on Sunday next, the 10th inst., at 3:30 p. m. The work will be presented from the standpoint of an association member, a city pastor, the Coast Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the President, a business man, a returned missionary and others.

The work is nearly three years old, having been organized in March, 1891. The organization is improving constantly, and wishing their friends to know of the advancement, this method is taken to present the work.

On Christmas Day there will be a Christmas tree at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, hence in presenting gifts the public is asked not to forget that the girls need many articles of furniture, etc., to make their rooms still more attractive.

Weather Notes. The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 65° and 43°, with very light and variable winds and clear weather prevailing.

The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. were 30.35 and 30.25 inches, respectively. The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 57° and 44°, with .29 of an inch of rain, and one year ago to-day 32° and 38°, and no rainfall.

Railroad Taxes Paid. The California Pacific Railroad has paid to the State Controller the first installment of its back taxes for the years from 1880 to 1885, inclusive, \$40,027 11. The counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Napa and Solano will get the benefit of their share of the payment. The state gets \$13,172 24; Napa County, \$10,251 94; Sacramento, \$100 22; Solano, \$7,126 45; and Yolo, \$6,399 56.

Officer Scott Retaliates. J. A. Scott, the San Jose officer who came to this city last week after a prisoner, and who had some trouble over a poker game, has sued the San Francisco Chronicle for libel, laying his damages at \$100,000.

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