

SPURRIER, BASSFORD BALCOM ALL GUILTY

Whisky Thieves Come Before Court and Change Pleas and Will Get Their Sentences Later. Polk and Peskul Freed.

Evidently realizing the futility of attempting to refute evidence already submitted by the prosecution, Ed. Bassford, Fred Balcom and Walter Spurrier, charged with the larceny of two barrels of whisky from the Great Northern railway last November, yesterday brot to an abrupt conclusion the trial of the case of the state against themselves and Fred Polk in Judge H. H. Ewing's department of district court by changing their former pleas of not guilty, admitting their offenses and throwing themselves on the mercy of the court.

Broxson's Story Clinches It.

The principal event leading up to the entering of pleas of guilty by Bassford and Spurrier was the testimony of L. S. Broxson, truck driver for what was formerly the Baatz liquor store. He took the stand after the county attorney and his deputy, W. J. Tighe, had used several railroads to prove that the barrels of whisky had been stolen, and, beginning at the point where he had been engaged by Spurrier to drive to the west side on the evening of November 7, he told the jury every detail of the larceny up to the time the barrels were finally caked in the cellar of Peskul's aunt in Black Eagle.

A few days later, witness testified, it was discovered that some of the liquor had been taken out of the barrels and Spurrier again employed him to move the cache. This time, he said, it was taken to another garage by Spurrier, Spielberg and himself and a few days later it was decided to move it to the same parties, assisted by Balcom, depositing it in the cellar at the home of Peskul's aunt in Black Eagle and at which place it remained until it was uncovered later in the month by the police and a party of Great Northern detectives. His instructions to take the barrels to Black Eagle came from Spurrier and Peskul, he declared.

Witness said his connection with the liquor ceased after he hauled it to the cellar in Black Eagle, stating that the next time he visited the place he was accompanied by the county attorney and an officer. There was then also in the cellar a number of jugs and a lot of case

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mackie are in the city from Square Butte. Mrs. Anne Halmes has returned to Belt after a brief shopping visit. A. E. Decew left yesterday afternoon for a brief business visit at Helena. Walter Blomquist returned to Belt yesterday after a brief business visit in the city.

Miss Molly O'Malley left yesterday afternoon for Cascade on her weekly business trip. Neils Roman and Neils Nelson motored in from Belt yesterday on a short business trip. C. A. Sederholm returned to Tracy yesterday after a brief business visit in Great Falls.

Miss Helen Sheldon, after a brief visit in the city, returned to Belt yesterday afternoon. Miss Grace Keeffe has returned to the city from a week's vacation spent visiting friends at Belt.

Deputy Sheriff Bertha Murray returned yesterday afternoon from an official business trip to Helena. Mr. and Mrs. David G. Hilger returned to Geraldine yesterday after a few days' business visit in the city. Mrs. W. L. Melick returned to her home at Belt yesterday afternoon after a short business trip to Great Falls.

Mrs. Margaret St. Denis, who has been in the city for the past few days, returned to Helena yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Myrtle McDonald, Cascade county home demonstration agent, spent yesterday with the home economics class at Geyser.

Sherburne Morse returned to Rynum yesterday after spending the past two days in Great Falls attending to business matters. Mrs. Louis Spady and baby returned to their home at Stanford. The baby was born at the Deaconess hospital two weeks ago.

Mrs. W. A. Gilbert returned to Fort Shaw yesterday afternoon after coming to the city on the morning train to consult a doctor. J. G. Holland, of Havre, was a business visitor in the city yesterday while on his way to Helena to attend to business interests there.

Bob Cullen, who spent yesterday in the city transacting business and renewing old acquaintances, returned to Cut bank last night. Charles M. Halliday, prominent sheep man from Delphine, was a visitor at the Jefferson National forest office in the federal building yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Gotsfrid left yesterday afternoon to return to Spino Kopp spending the past week in the city having some dental work done. W. A. Smith came in from Simms yesterday morning to spend a few days here visiting his daughters, Miss Sadie Smith and Miss Marion Smith.

Mrs. William Skelton left yesterday afternoon for Geyser where she will spend a few days visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Coughlin, and family. Miss Ruby Hartman passed thru here yesterday returning to her home at Flaxville after a several weeks' visit with relatives at Caldwell, Idaho.

Miss Cecelia Murray, who has been in Great Falls for the past few days with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Jones, yesterday returned to her home in Anaconda. Fort Benton passed thru the city yesterday on their way to Helena where they plan to spend a few days on business. Mrs. R. F. Miller, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. E. Montag, at Havre passed thru Great Falls yesterday returning to her home at Lewistown.

Mrs. Floyd Romsey and Mrs. C. M. Romsey returned to Fields yesterday after a few days' visit in the city with Mrs. Floyd Romsey's mother, Mrs. F. J. Whitney. Mrs. Calvin Sherrard and cousin, Miss Mabel Olson, who have been in the city for the past few days having some dental work done, returned to their homes at Belt yesterday afternoon.

Word has been received in the city of the birth of an eight pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cox, formerly residents of Truly but who are now residing at Belgrade, on February 12. Mrs. Hilda C. Anderson returned to her home at Belt yesterday after spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Carlson. While here Mrs. Anderson also made a business trip to Helena.

J. E. Poupore who formerly made his home at the Park hotel in this city is in the city from Vancouver, B. C. for a two or three days' business trip. He is accompanied by his business partner, Peter McVey. Harry Chambers, well known stockman of White Sulphur Springs was in Great Falls yesterday on business. While here he called at the local forestry office in regard to grazing in the Jefferson forest.

Mrs. R. E. Williams who submitted to a minor operation at the Columbus hospital early in the week is much improved in health and returned to her home at 320 Fourth street north yesterday afternoon. A. J. Ogaard assistant state county agent left stopped in the city yesterday for a conference with County Agent Victor B. Sheldon on his way to Havre after attending the short course at Lewistown this week.

Mrs. T. O. Larson and two daughters, Harriet and Elva, were in Great Falls yesterday for a brief visit while on their way from Choteau to Helena where they will visit their husband and father, Senator Larson, for a few days. Mrs. Edna Spover and daughter, Mrs. Hattie B. Bailey and two sons, passed thru the city yesterday returning to their homes at Sloan after a few weeks' visit with relatives at Lehigh. They will make their home on a ranch near Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bony and two sons, Eulent Carson and Melvin Clyde, who have been visiting at Yamhill, Oregon, with relatives for the last few weeks, passed thru the city yesterday on their return to their home at Choteau. Mrs. A. J. Smith left yesterday afternoon for Fort Shaw. She took with her the two small children of her sister, Mrs. Katherine Kelley who recently died at the Deaconess hospital as a result of the influenza. The eldest child is only three years and the baby is but two weeks old.

DR. L. L. MAYLAND Physician and Surgeon. Thisted Bldg. Room 21. Phone 6313 or 6665. TO EXTEND WATER SYSTEM. Special to The Daily Tribune. Cuf Bank, Feb. 14.—The council has decided on extension of water works to the north side of town. This will necessitate going under the Great Northern railroad near the depot. The extension will furnish at least a water station for the residents in a part of the city that has been without a water supply of any kind.

SUNDAY RAINBOW DINNER. A special table d'hotel dinner will be served at Hotel Rainbow each Sunday evening at \$1.25 per plate. Music in Palm room.

PATRIOTIC MASQUERADE. At Luther hall, Wednesday February 19. This will be the biggest masquerade dance held this season. Ten big cash prizes. Dance till 1. Printzess entire orchestra with their latest music. Admission always 75c; ladies free. SAM NEWMAN, Mgr.

YEOMEN. Regular meeting tonight at K. P. hall, business of importance. ROBB R. WILLIAMS, Foreman. F. J. LIENSENFELDT, Correspondent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Special meeting this evening at 7:30, St. Mary's auditorium. LEO P. M'MEEL, Grand Knight.

HEMSTITCHING AND PICOT. Work guaranteed. If not satisfied, no charge. Singer Sewing Machine Co. Phone 9551. No. 8 Sixth street south.

AUTOMOBILE TOPS. Curtains and cushions made and repaired. See us for place-glass windows. We got a bunch at \$2 to \$18. Victor Ario's Saddlery, 310 First avenue south.

NOTICE. I hereby refuse to pay any bills contracted by my wife from and after date hereof, February 13, 1919. JOHN FRANK.

UPHOLSTERING. Box springs, mattresses and furniture upholstered. Phone 5175.

SEE CHACEY. 815 First Natl. Bank Bldg. Phone 9707. Farm Lands, Loans, Insurance, Hotels, Rooming Houses and City property.

BLUE MOON DANCE. Tonight—Temple Auditorium. CRACKED EGGS AND COTTAGE CHEESE. At the Retail Department Great Falls Dairy Products Co., Third avenue south.

KENYON & WHEELER, DRUGGISTS. Pharmacy office headquarters room 9 Thisted Bldg. All accounts and business transactions from this office. Phone 9466.

TAXPAYERS' NOTICE. There will be a meeting of the taxpayers next Monday night at 7:30 at the city council chambers to discuss the commission form of government for the city of Great Falls. R. J. M'DERMAND.

LITTLE CHICAGO DANCES, SUNDAY. Good floor and music by Straiton's orchestra. Admission 75c; ladies free.

Dr. John M. Hanrahan VETERINARY SURGEON. Late of Remount Veterinary Corps, Camp Lewis. Phone 7441. Box 412.

BARTH TRANSFER CO. Baggage and Express. Stand Phone 6832. Model Pharmacy. Res. phone 9557. W. H. EARL, Manager.

HAY FOR SALE. Good clear upland hay, \$22 f.o.b. Great Falls. Write or call Frank Rush, Belt, Mont.

TYPEWRITERS. Bought, Sold, Rented and Repaired. F. M. WEST. 123 Central Ave., Great Falls, Mont.

LOANS. On improved farm and city property. HARRY NEWMAN. 5 Second Street North. STRAITON'S ORCHESTRA. Phone 7065.

MORTGAGE DUE? Under our plan you can pay it off at your convenience. Dirks, Midkiff & Spaulding, 209 1/2 Central avenue.

FOR SALE. Coal on track at reasonable price, Bear Creek, Big Sandy, Roundup, and Sand Coulee from four different mines. Phone 6835 Dahlin, proprietor.

THE STAG RESTAURANT. For Men Only. Sensible prices. 120 First avenue south. Free smoking and reading room in connection.

FOR SALE. The board of county commissioners will receive sealed bids for the purchase of, and will sell to the highest and best bidder, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, February 15, 1919, the following second-hand traction engines: 1 Pioneer—30 1 Reeves—40. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Bids should be marked, "Bids for Traction Engines," and addressed to the undersigned, county clerk, at Great Falls, Montana. JOHN E. MORAN, County Clerk.

THE MECCA INN. Lunches, Soda Fountain, Home-made Candies. Open until midnight.

AUTOMOBILE TOPS. Now is the time to have your auto top and curtains repaired. See us for first class work and reasonable prices. Great Falls Upholsters Co., 925 Central.

BERG'S ORCHESTRA. Phone 7858. Black Coal and Drayage Co. Phone 327.

HERE COMES LITTLE JOHNNY at the Hoffman cafe, 12 Fourth street south with his full dinner pail. He keeps the best and plenty of it. Special rates on meal tickets \$5.50 for \$5. Eat with the little pioneer.

DR. BARTH AND DR. BAKER. Have moved their dental offices to 311 Ford Bldg. FOR RENT: OFFICE ROOMS. Simpson Block. Inquire: Nate Wertheim & Co. 208 Central Ave.

W. R. GRAY. Coal, Feed, Sand, Gravel. Phone 6804. FORD TOURING CAR. For sale or trade for cattle. Motor Inn, or call Frank Rusk, Park hotel.

A BARGAIN. One large Hall office safe at very low price. L.o.b. our office. Released because we have plenty of vault room. Price \$200. Address or apply at The Tribune business office.

WE BUY NIDES, PELTS, FUR. Sacks and Junk and pay highest prices. Ship to American Junk & Machinery Co. (E. L. Vineyard, prop.), 313-315 Third avenue south, Great Falls. Phone 7073. HAY FOR SALE. Good hay for sale, L.o.b. Agrwam, Mont. C. K. Malone, Agrwam, Mont.

FOR SALE. One 10x15 Gordon press in fine condition, released because replaced by automatic feed. Price \$200 f. o. b. Great Falls. Tribune Printing Co.

COAL—WOOD. Bear Creek, Roundup, Wyoming, Sand Coulee. City coal Co. Phone 6922. BIG SANDY COAL. Western Coal & Transfer Co. Phone 9888.

COAL AND WOOD. Excavations and concrete work. N. H. son & Smith. Phone 9459 or 265. WILBER TRANSFER COMPANY COAL. PHONE 5917 — PHONE 6919

LABOR ASSEMBLY TO BACK BUTTE

Great Falls Labor Unions Indorse the General Strike in Big Copper Camp.

Cascade county labor unions will stand solidly behind the general strike of the unions of Butte. That was decided last night when the Cascade county trades and labor assembly voted unanimously to indorse the general strike of the Butte unions. The vote of the Cascade county assembly was taken after the case of the Butte unions was presented by a delegation of three who had come to the city for that purpose, the delegation being composed of Mr. Smith from the street railway men's union, Mr. Martin of the plumbers' union and Mr. La-barge of the engineers' union.

AMDAHL, PIONEER SMELTERMAN, DEAD

John AMDAHL, one of the pioneers of Montana, died yesterday at the Deaconess hospital. Mr. AMDAHL came to Montana over 40 years ago from Norway. He was born at Norstrand, Norway, July 20, 1851, and was nearly 68 years of age. Mr. AMDAHL had been a trusty, faithful worker at the smelter for over 30 years, being a watchman for that company at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Julia, three sons, Martin, Zimmer and Clarence, all at home, one son, Theodore, in Canada, and John L. AMDAHL who is serving with the forces in France, being a member of the Canadian engineers. Martin and Zimmer have just returned from training camps, showing that the AMDAHL family contains no slackers. Four children born to Mr. and Mrs. AMDAHL have died. One daughter is living in California.

Reclamation Official at Fort Shaw Resigns

Fairfield, Feb. 14.—Word has reached here that H. T. Caldwell, who for some years has held the position of fiscal agent of the reclamation service with offices at Fort Shaw, is about to leave that service. He has resigned to accept a position as accountant with a big California corporation. Caldwell's family is already in California, where they went to spend the winter.

WARM WELCOME FOR VISITORS

Young Women's Christian Association Will Open New Quarters This Evening.

At 8 tonight the Y. W. C. A. quarters in the Overland building cease to be "merely a building" and become a home when the officers and members of the Great Falls Young Women's Christian association open their portals to the men and women of the city to whom is extended a cordial invitation to attend the open house.

MAJOR SHERIDAN VISITS IN CITY

Major Charles L. Sheridan of Bozeman is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Strain for a few days. Major Sheridan will be remembered as Captain Sheridan who was stationed here for a time early after the war was declared in command of a company and who was one of the most popular of the officers in the old Second Montana regiment with which he went to the front in France after it had been merged into the 163rd regiment of the new army. He gained a distinguished service medal and other war honors for his courageous service at the front and is conceded to have returned with a record equalled by no other Montana man during the war.

Major Sheridan was in the service with the late Captain Orville Anderson, who was killed by a Hun bullet while fighting with the forces in France and was a close friend to the gallant captain, who was a brother to Mrs. Strain, whose guest he now is.

The Paris in Temporary Quarters. Monday the Paris Dry Goods Company Will Resume Business in the Ford Block in the Room Now Occupied by the Fashion Cloak and Suit Company. Just as soon as the inventory can be taken, The Paris will take possession, and the work of cleaning up the stock of The Fashion will begin. Very soon our buyers will leave for the eastern markets, so that in a very short time we will be able to present an entire new stock. This announcement is important for many reasons: It means that The Paris will begin operations while larger quarters are being arranged. It means that our customers will be accommodated in all departments that the Arkell room will contain. It means a complete clean-up of the Fashion stock and a brand new stock in its place in the shortest possible time. It means that all the energy, all the power, and all the resources of The Paris will immediately be put in operation for the benefit of its many patrons. A Big Sale Monday Morning of Practically the Entire Arkell Stock. This is going to be the biggest cleanup in the history of Great Falls, and when The Paris makes a statement of that kind it means something. We bought the Arkell store for the room alone, and we don't want a single dollar's worth of the stock. This is just a hint of what you may expect on Monday, because everyone knows what happens to prices when The Paris undertakes to clean up stock. By tomorrow, we expect to be able to give you more details, but in the meantime you may plan to attend Monday morning. Our own stocks of the New Spring garments that have arrived and are arriving since the fire, will remain on display at the Rainbow Hotel; rooms 201-202-203. The Paris DRY GOODS CO.