

WEBER JUROR VISITS THE SCENE OF DREAFFUL TRAGEDY. ACCUSED LAD VIEWS RUINS OF HIS HOME FOR FIRST TIME SINCE ARREST.

Quails and Covers Eyes With Handkerchief



GUARDIAN OF ADOLPH WEBER, WHOSE TRIAL ON THE CHARGE OF MURDERING HIS MOTHER, MARY WEBER, BEGAN AT AUBURN YESTERDAY BEFORE JUDGE PREWETT OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, AND ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS IN THE FAMOUS CASE.

Special Dispatch to The Call. AUBURN, Feb. 6.—The trial of Adolph Weber, accused of the murder of his mother, Mary Weber, began this morning. The feature of the day was a visit to the ruins of the Weber home. Judge Prewett, the jury and the attorneys on both sides and the prisoner viewed the scene of the awful tragedy. Adolph Weber's composure during the trip was most remarkable. As he entered the grounds where once had stood the pretty Weber home he raised his handkerchief to his eyes and kept it there for several seconds. As the silent visitors passed to the front of the Weber house where the terrible tragedy had been enacted, Adolph turned his back upon the ruins of his old home and leaned against the basement wall. He was very pale. During the visit Weber's eyes never for an instant roamed to the interior of the ruins, but were cast at all times on objects far away.

and well at 6 o'clock and at 8 o'clock they were dead. POINTS TO DEFENDANT. "Now we shall show you that Mary Weber, the mother, was murdered by her first born, her son, who sits there before you, and we shall also show you that at the same time the other members of the family also were killed. We shall produce before you evidence showing that death came to them through a 32-caliber revolver. We shall show you that the defendant immediately after he had committed this terrible crime rushed into the American Hotel and was in the act of washing his hands when he suddenly discovered that there was another occupant in the room. He rushed out without shutting off the water and drying his hands. "We shall also show you his entire course after he left the hotel until he came to the scene of the fire. We shall show you how he stood in front of his burning home and saw the burning bodies of his mother and sister carried out; saw his little brother, Earl, still alive, rescued from the flames—all without offering a helping hand, or in the slightest degree showing any interest in them. We will show you how he stood there during the midst of this terrible excitement—when the bodies were laid upon the ground, when the men were fainting and tears were in the eyes of every man who saw the ghastly spectacle, calm as if he was witnessing a play which he had often seen played before. He calmly looked upon the body of his mother whose sightless eyes were turned toward heaven, but never for an instant did he proffer any assistance. "The property of the Webers is worth \$50,000 or more, and the defendant sitting here is the sole survivor and as such the sole inheritor of the Weber estate. We will show you that the defendant on the night of that tragedy, when he left his home, took an entirely different course to reach town from the course which he outlined when he gave his testimony before the coroner's jury. "The first witness called was L. F. Warner, County Surveyor, who testified mainly to the blue print maps that had been distributed to the jury at the opening of the case. Three of these blue prints showed the Weber home, the Weber barn where the pistol was found and the general location of the hill on which the property was situated. The fourth map shows the town of Auburn and the hill over which Adolph Weber walked on the night of the tragedy. This ended the morning session. The afternoon session began at 1:30. Warner, when again called to the stand, produced a photograph of the Weber barn, Attorney Johnson took

exception to the admission as evidence of the picture and suggested that the court visit the barn. Judge Prewett at once acted upon this suggestion and ordered the jury, the attorneys concerned, the prisoner, Sheriff Coroner and Court Stenographer Adams to be taken to the scene of the tragedy. Following the advice of the court, it was decided to go over the exact route which Adolph Weber swore before the coroner's jury he had taken on the night of the murder. Shortly before 3 o'clock, headed by Judge Prewett himself, the party left the courthouse. Immediately behind the judge came the two jurors. With them was Attorney Fred F. Tuttle, who described the different places along the route. Behind the jurors came the other attorneys interested. Adolph Weber, in the custody of Under Sheriff William L. Mav, Sheriff Keena and Coroner Shepard came next walking side by side. In the wake of the officers and prisoner were prominent men of the town and many others. SOLEMN PROCESSION. "As the solemn procession passed out of the courthouse down the hill to Main street, where they went to view Cohen's store, crowds of people rushed to windows and sidewalks to see what was going on. The news spread like wildfire that Adolph was in the streets of the city once more, and from all points people came to take a look at him. He was the cynosure of all eyes. Business in the town was temporarily suspended as the procession passed quietly on its way through the town. Leaving the main portion of the town the party slowly passed up Brewery lane, past the brewery and then up to the ruins of the Weber house, where they were led by Attorney Tuttle about the ruins. He pointed out to them the different points where the bodies of the Weber family were found. The scene was a solemn one. Standing back and away from the visiting party were the sisters and nieces of the murdered woman. They were dressed in deep black and stood with heads bowed. The day was still and calm and only the voice of Attorney Tuttle, who was explaining the situation, broke the silence. After viewing the ruins the court passed slowly and silently down the hill and over the bridge to the Weber barn, where the bloody pistol was found and where the \$50,000 in gold was also discovered. From there they proceeded to the Henney house, and then across to College lane and back to the courthouse. They had covered the exact route that Adolph Weber stated he had run over on the night of the tragedy. DOCTOR AS WITNESS. It was 4:30 o'clock when the courthouse was again reached. John Davis, the builder of the Weber house, was then called to the stand to give testimony regarding the construction of the house. He was examined first by General Webb and then cross-examined by Attorney Johnson. Dr. R. F. Rooney, who made the autopsy upon the bodies, was next called. He gave a description of the bullet wounds on the bodies of Julius, Mary and Bertha Weber and of the wound on little Earl's head. He also produced diagrams showing the course of

WEBER A PLACE OF MONUMENTS. Thus Asserts Unitarian Pastor in Quaint Discourse to His New Jersey Flock

PAVEMENT YARN FALSE SWINDLING IS ALLEGED

Lake City Man Announces That He Will Resist Attempt to Extradite Him

Special Dispatch to The Call. ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 6.—The Unitarian congregation of All Souls Church last evening listened to a quaint discourse by its pastor, Rev. Arthur H. Grant, on "Dreamland, or a visit to Hell." Mr. Grant said: "I was met on my arrival by an old man with keen, bright eyes, who acted as my guide and told me that he was Satan. The place contained many monuments dedicated to men and women of this earth. One monument was of a woman and a child, with figures emblematic of law and justice. This was dedicated to a lawyer called William Croft, who started to devote his life to the care of the poor and the oppressed and to accord them justice. On the reverse side of the monument an inscription said: 'He found that the corporations paid better than the widows and orphans, so he became an oppressor of the poor.' "An imposing monument was like a mausoleum with four figures, three of which were Industry, Justice and Love. The name on it was James Fenwick. My friend said he was one of the great reformers. He had thought it all out and was going to devote his life to humanity and show the better way to live; industry was to take the place of war, justice was to crown the life. This man, however, spent his life sitting on a barrel in a crossroads store, whittling, and was buried in a pauper's grave. "There was no monument to Washington or Lincoln, but particularly the first of the two, and I expected to find monuments to the politicians. The inscriptions were nearly all alike—I am going to serve my country, and on reverse, I think it better to have my country serve me. "In the poet's corner, I saw a beautiful ideal of Lord Byron. "I began to see what people meant when they say: 'Hell is paved with good intentions.' My friend said: 'I don't know anything about pavements, but these are monuments to politicians and this is hell.' They call me Satan; of old they called the accuser. I keep these monuments well kept and the grass green; it is the best kept cemetery in the universe. Each man, according to his ideas, stands out great and strong, and he can see his monument to what he might have been. "I didn't ask if there was a monument to me; I wanted to get away. Satan was what I expected to find. He was simply one who stands out against man and in the court of the Most High pleads against men for their higher accomplishments."

MEN IN SHOPS COMPLIMENTED

Divine Sees Intelligence in Faces of All Railroad Employes at Sacramento

Socialistic tendencies as found among the working classes and the condition of the less fortunate of the land were some of the problems considered by the Rev. H. C. Morrison, the noted Kentucky minister and evangelist, before a large body of Methodist preachers at their weekly meeting yesterday. The speaker considered the subject with great earnestness and laid particular stress upon what he called the necessity for the church to come into close touch with the "unenchured." He described the men he had found in the railroad shops at Sacramento, saying that he had not encountered a weak, stupid or uninteresting face among them. Every man, he said, looked serious and intelligent, many having heads and faces that would be a credit to United States Senators. By way of parenthesis, he hoped that their work would be better than some United States Senators'. He said that the great mass of workmen think seriously, and need only stalwart, conscientious men to direct them rightly. When they saw millionaires planning to come west, and on the other hand saw a starving woman singing a lullaby to a baby and unable to buy a steak for their own sustenance to enable her to nourish the infant, they felt the necessity of doing something to counteract such evils. The greed of men having more money than they could count and still eager to make more was sure to make the strong, burly will of the masses rise in rebellion. Mr. Morrison felt that the clergy should preach in the shops and get in touch with the masses, but not necessarily to abuse the classes. To reach the masses they should resort to the newspapers, to pamphlets, advertising and even broad hand. The Wednesday he said, of Socialistic tendencies who are drifting toward anarchy, but if reached their influence could be turned to the building up of society. The Rev. A. C. Austin addressed the Baptist Ministers' Association on "The Pastor's Duty and Authority in Church Government." The Rev. W. J. Fisher addressed the Presbyterian Ministers' Association in favor of "Union between the Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church." Dr. Walter M. White of the Christian Church Ministers' Association opened a discussion of Lyman Abbott. Bishop Nichols spoke to a large meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at Grace Church in the afternoon.

LEUTENANT DESERTS FROM FORT LEAVENWORTH

William H. Plummer Disappears While Serving Sentence as Result of Court-Martial.

LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Feb. 6.—Lieutenant William H. Plummer, Sixth Infantry, has disappeared from Fort Leavenworth and is looked upon as a deserter from the service. Before leaving he disposed of some of his property. Lieutenant Plummer was recently court-martialed and sentenced to remain on the reservation for six months. Last summer he disappeared from his quarters and was found at a farmer's home at Hiawatha. He was court-martialed and it was this sentence he was serving. Lieutenant Plummer's home is in Rhode Island. He was an actor before the Spanish-American war. During the war he served in a Massachusetts infantry regiment.

COURT DECISION DOOMS FOUR MEN TO DEATH

Colorado's Capital Punishment Law Is Declared to Be Constitutional. DENVER, Colo., Feb. 6.—The Supreme Court of Colorado decided today that the capital punishment law was constitutional. Four murderers, whose execution has been postponed from time to time awaiting this decision, will now be hanged. Murder was punishable by hanging in this State from 1871 to 1897. In the latter year the capital punishment law was repealed, but two years later it was reenacted.

Held on Murder Charge.

BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 6.—Justice McLaughlin today rendered his decision in the preliminary hearing of Frank Evans and Elmer Browning, charged with the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer. Evans was released and Browning was held to the Grand Jury, which will meet on February 20.

At both sessions of the court big crowds were in attendance. At the morning session Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Charles Hess, Charles Meyer, sisters and brother of the murdered woman, and Miss Bertha Hess and Miss Dorothy Hoyt, nieces of the deceased, were in attendance. The two sisters sobbed convulsively whenever the name of their murdered sister was mentioned.

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DELMAS OPENS DRAMATICALLY Attorney for Proponents in Yoell Will Contest Begins in Startling Manner. An artistic and effective bit of melodrama, introduced by Attorney D. M. Delmas, enlivened the Yoell case yesterday. When the contestants rested their case in the morning Delmas rose and gave an eloquent sketch of J. Alexander Yoell's career. At the close of the peroration he suddenly said: "I will call as a witness the leader in the assault on his father's character." "Very dramatic," remarked Yoell quickly. Delmas caught the attention of the gathering in Judge Kerrigan's court and held it till the last dramatic sentence was spoken. Sensational charges were hinted at in the attorney's speech. Mr. Delmas said: "The task before me is a painful one, but I could not evade it. I must tell you that I intend to show no bitterness or resentment, but I shall proceed without fear if some of the blows aimed at the man who did so much for his children recoil upon his assailant. He is the man who got me into a hearing today. "The whisper that a sensation was to be sprung by the proponents in the afternoon drew crowds to the courtroom. The testimony was not of such a startling kind as was expected. Rumor says the heaviest bolt of the prosecution is held back for to-day. Evidence intended to show that the pioneer's resentment against his son, John H. Yoell, had some foundation, was introduced. Letters from a younger son, William Yoell, assailing the pioneer's character, were read. This letter from this member of the family declared that his sisters were cold and proud and that "Johnnie," his brother, was the cause of all the family trouble. The letter runs: "I am sorry that you are so unhappy and that your children are proud and when they come to see you, I can't understand who it was that brought the girls up that way. Whenever any little money came to play with me my mother would ask who his people were or if they had money. They were always cold and proud to me. I never had a sister's love or respect. "When I was home, if I knew these things, I would have acted differently. I treated both you and my mother badly. I was only a hearing boy. "In another letter William Yoell writes of his brother Herbert, saying: "Herbert is here. I do not want my wife to meet him. I do not think him fit to meet the girls who are living with a woman here. He has treated me shamefully and wrote a letter to mamma with a lot of lies about me. Because I owed him a little money he came to my employer and tried to get my salary. He let me eat at his house once and charged me for the meals. Nice, brotherly conduct, wasn't it? "Johnnie is at the bottom of all your troubles. Mamma ought to have learned that he was her evil genius. I believe that you have acted nobly and that you are not as black as you are painted. Though you are a woman, you are wrong and sins of your children, remember you have one son who loves you. "A ghost leveled at John Yoell in one of the letters caused a titter of amusement. "It was an attack on higher education. "At college, boys are taught to smoke and drink," declares William. "I never knew a college man who amounted to anything." Delmas brought out the fact that the Yoell children had all received good educations. John H. Yoell was on the stand most of the day, and at times displayed evidence of a ruffled temper. The introduction of William Yoell's letters was strenuously objected to by the contestants. The case will be resumed at 10:30 today.

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