

ATTORNEY SHORT ATTACKS MACLAY HOYNE IN CLAIRVOYANT TRUST CASE

That the present prosecution of Barney Bertsche and Jimmy Ryan as members of the clairvoyant trust was the result of a dark plot of State's Attorney Hoyne and the Chicago Examiner to "get" former Chief McWeeny and Capt. Halpin, was the charge made by Att'y James T. Brady and Benedict J. Short, counsel for the defense, in their closing arguments yesterday.

State's Att'y Maclay Hoyne came in for a bitter flaying from the two attorneys for his connection with the plot.

Att'y Brady said the Examiner was the boss of the state's attorney's office.

"Why should these clairvoyants go to Bertsche for protection," said Brady. "The clairvoyants advertised in the Chicago Examiner. The testimony showed that solicitors for this newspaper solicited advertisements from the clairvoyants and charged them exorbitant rates. Why didn't they go to the one person who can give protection from prosecution for playing pinochle or murder. The clairvoyants might just as well have gone to the bridgetender at the Clark street bridge as to Barney Bertsche."

Att'y Short, in his attack on Hoyne, said:

"Mr. Hoyne violated his word when he allowed his secretary, Ed Fleming, to tell me he would produce my client without being forced by a writ of habeas corpus. He did not produce Ryan as he promised and his appearance had to be secured on a writ.

"Mr. Hoyne violated the law when he took the prisoner, Ryan, away from the officer who was bringing him back on a governor's warrant from Montana, and was duty bound to turn him over to the sheriff. The statutes hold that a person guilty of interfering with that representative of the governor in such cases may be fined \$500 or given a year's imprison-

ment.

"Hoyne disrespected his oath when he made that violation of the laws which he had sworn to uphold.

"Hoyne was guilty of actions unprofessional and undignified when he tried to persuade Ryan to sign a paper to the effect that he did not want the services of the attorney who had been employed by his friends to defend him.

"Yet, with this action to his credit, Mr. Hoyne can attend the banquet of the Chicago Bar Association and discourse on 'Courtesy of the Bar.' Does this trial comply with the flaming lithographs which we read on the billboards during the last campaign—the lithographs that quoted Mr. Hoyne as saying, 'If I am elected state's attorney the laws will be enforced fairly?'"

"Gentlemen of the jury, it was within the option of these defendants whether they should be tried before you. They could be walking the street free right now or stopping at the county's expense at one of the hotels picked out by Mr. Hoyne if they consented to do one thing the state's attorney of Cook county wanted them to do.

"At present there is a Hearst-Harrison combine. They wanted to make a three 'H' triumvirate—Hearst-Harrison-Hoyne. And who is the victim? Bertsche.

"This combination wanted to get McWeeny, then chief of police, and Capt. Halpin of the detective bureau. I don't know why they want to get them unless it was that McWeeny had neglected to bow down to Mr. Harrison in the city hall sometime.

"By reason of the fact Bertsche cashed the checks of the policemen when they got paid they think he knows something about Halpin. This indictment was voted last May and the purpose was to get Halpin. William Randolph Hearst talks about