

GRAPHIC STORY OF FATAL FIGHT

Edward Lawrence Describes
Terrific Encounter Between
Beers and Walker.

EPISODE AT THE HERMITAGE

Brought Out by Witnesses—Beers'
Letters to Mrs. Walker Ruled
Out by the Court.

Ogden, Dec. 18.—At 3:40 p. m. yesterday Edward Lawrence was called to the witness stand by the defense in the case of the state against Fred C. Walker, and for an hour detailed the terrible fight that occurred between defendant and Dr. Beers resulting in the latter's death. While he appeared somewhat nervous, he told a straightforward story in a firm tone of voice, which was listened to with intense interest by everybody in the courtroom. He testified that he was born at Provo, Utah, 20 years ago, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence, who were in the courtroom. When a boy he started to learn the electrical work under his father and Mr. Nicolson, owner of the Electric Supply and Fixture company's business. That in 1886 he began to learn his trade and has continued at the work ever since. At the time of the trouble between Walker and Beers he was manager of the Ogden branch of the Electric Supply and Fixture company's store. That he has known Walker since 1896, when he worked with him at Salt Lake City. On Sept. 17, he received a telephone call from Mr. Walker stating he would be in Ogden on the 6 o'clock train leaving Salt Lake. Witness said he went to the depot and met Mr. Walker. He then detailed the same story as did the defendant, of their going to the restaurant, later looked for Detective Shannon, and went to Beers' rooms, but did not see him, and they parted about 11 p. m. on the corner of Washington and Twenty-fourth street, Walker stating he was going to Salt Lake on the morning train.

At this point in his testimony he was asked by Atty. Hutchinson if at any time previous to Sept. 17 he had received a telephone message from Mr. Walker.

To which he replied that on Sept. 9 Mr. Walker telephoned him and said his wife was visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Beers, that her mother was very ill and asked Lawrence to go and tell her to come home. He went to Beers' apartments but did not find anyone at home, so left a card under the door asking that Mrs. Walker come to his office as he had something important to tell her. In a short time Mrs. Beers came to the supply company's store and told Mr. Lawrence that Mrs. Walker was not at her place. Mr. Lawrence called Mr. Walker over the phone, and informed him of what Mrs. Beers had said, and told him Mrs. Beers was there with him if he would like to talk to her. Mrs. Beers took up the phone and said to him: "Mrs. Walker is not with me, there is something wrong with her. Ask Mr. Walker to go and see Mr. Black and ask if Dr. Beers has been to see him that day."

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon he again went to the Beers' apartments in the Colonial roominghouse where he met Mrs. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Beers, Dr. and Mrs. Dailey, Dr. and Mrs. Beers were quarreling and Dr. Beers was on the verge of losing his temper. He called on him to save her, that her husband was going to leave her. Dr. Beers spoke to Lawrence saying, "Speak to her and try to reason with her."

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Witness was then asked to tell of what occurred on the morning of Sept. 18 at the place of business of the Electric Supply and Fixture company, which he did as follows: That on the morning mentioned he went to the store about 9:30, and after transacting a small amount of business the phone rang and he was called by Miss Stone, the stenographer, to answer it. He took up the phone and said, "This is Lawrence," and a voice replied, "This is Dr. Beers. I heard you wanted to see me last night," and witness said, "Oh, is that you, Beers?" Just then Mr. Walker stepped up to him and said, "If that is Beers, tell him to come over. I want to see him." He communicated that message to Beers, and he replied that he would be over in a few minutes. After a few brief moments' talk with Mr. Walker, witness testified he went into the work shop in the rear to instruct the men what to be doing, and



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on coming back into the front part of the store again the first thing he saw and heard was Walker addressing Beers and throwing open his coat, said, "You can search me and see if I haven't anything to harm you," to which Beers replied, "I don't care what you have." Witness testified that he stopped up to the men and told them that if they had anything to talk over to go into the back room. He then told the boys in the front office that if any trouble was started there to close and lock the front door. He then went to the door leading to the rear room and heard Walker say, "I know of your trip to the Hermitage with my wife and your visit to her at the Healy hotel, and I want to know if you registered with her as W. W. Wallace and wife at the European hotel. If you did, by G—, you have been intimate with my wife," to which Beers answered, "Yes, I have been intimate with her more than once and what can you do about it now."

FATAL FIGHT DESCRIBED.

Then witness testified Walker commenced to beat him, Beers picked up a monkey wrench and Lawrence took it away from him, then Beers said "Lawrence, this ain't your fight and you keep out of it."

From that moment the fight never stopped until it was ended. The two men fought all around the store room, hall and workshop in which were boxes of lumber and piles of iron. Walker called Beers a vile name and said, "Oh, you have ruined my wife, you have ruined my home, you have been intimate with my wife," the two men were fighting fiercely, they seemed about evenly matched, Lawrence separated them and told them they had fought about enough, but Walker went at Beers again and in the scuffle they fell on a pile of lumber, Walker was on top and Beers underneath. Lawrence again separated them and kept them separated, although Walker tried to get at Beers again several times, but he would not let him. He said Walker looked like he was crazy. He pushed Walker down on a box and told him to sit there and sat Beers down on the lumber. Walker got up and made a final rush at Beers and struck him several times, they clinched and fell against the wall.

Again Lawrence pulled them apart and Walker vomited blood. He took Walker to the back of the store and sat Beers down on a box and end of the workshop on a box and gave him a wet towel. Beers told Lawrence to get him a cab, which he did. When the cab came he told Beers to get up, but he said he could not. Lawrence and Hardie, one of the employees, helped the doctor up the back stairs and he got into the cab with a little assistance from Lawrence. The cabman asked Lawrence what was the trouble, to which he replied, "That's what a man gets for moneying with another man's wife," and told the cab driver to take him to the hospital.

Witness said he then returned to the workshop and spoke to Walker, who was bent over with his head in his hands, but he did not reply so took a cup of cold water and threw into his face. This seemed to revive him a little and he held him over to the sink and washed him. Then sat him down until he went across the street to the "Togery," and purchased a collar, tie and pair of cuffs for him. He then took Walker across the street to Mrs. Black's roominghouse. Walker staggered as he walked across the street and witness had to almost carry him up the staircase to the room. He then undressed Walker and put him to bed. He appeared to be in a kind of stupor; his hands were badly swollen and bruised; he complained of pains in his stomach and head. Dr. Egan was called and gave him medicine. It was 10:15 when they crossed the street and Walker remained in bed until arrested at about 2 p. m. He further testified that Walker's body was bruised and his hands remained disabled for several weeks.

To the question asked him as to whether anything other than their hands were used during the fight, witness replied, "No, neither Walker nor Beers used anything but their fists." This completed the direct examination and Dist. Atty. Halverson asked for an adjournment until the morning before beginning the cross-examination.

HERMITAGE EPISODE.
John J. Gallagher, who conducted the Hermitage hotel, testified that on the night of September 8, Dr. Beers was assigned to room 9, and Mr. Walker and a lady were assigned to room 10. When he awakened Dr. Beers at 6:45 at his request, he heard the voice of a woman in the room.
Mrs. H. E. Naege, of Salt Lake, testified to being at the Hermitage on the night of Sept. 9 with Dr. Beers and Mrs. Walker. She and Mrs. Walker were to occupy room 10, but Mrs. Walker did not come to the room during the night, and she did not see her again until the next morning, when she came into the room dressed in a kimono. Before that witness had heard voices in Beers' room and recognized the voices as those of Dr. Beers and Mrs. Walker. Witness told Mrs. Walker that she was going home, and told her that Beers did not mean well by her, to which Mrs. Walker replied, "Well, I can't help it, Dr. Beers has an influence over me." At this part of her testimony she sobbed bitterly, and Walker buried his face in his hands.
Arthur Mattson, bell boy at the Hermitage, testified that he took ice water to Dr. Beers' room at about 10 o'clock at night, and Mrs. Walker was in the room with him. Beers told him to take the water to the next room, which he did.
R. E. Hong identified the signature and handwriting of Dr. Beers to letters written at Ogden, dated Sept. 14 and 17, to Mrs. Walker. The defense then endeavored to have the letters introduced, but Attorney Maginnis for the state objected on the grounds that the letters had not been proven to have been written by Dr. Beers to the wife of defendant. The court sustained the objection. These are the same letters that were ruled out at the preliminary hearing. At the request of Attorney Hutchinson, Judge Howell permitted the letters to be copied by the reporters. They are as follows:
"Ogden, Ut., 9-14-07.
"My only darling Joe:
"No one can know how very badly I feel at not being able to see my darling before he left, but dear, it will not be many weeks before I will see you again and only hope it will be for always and that I will not be parted from you again. Dear, it was impossible for me to get away, as Dr. said I must stay. Of course, I could do so but it would be at the sacrifice of everything, and as you, dear, I must get everything in proper shape here before I

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write me how you wish me to address your letters.

I don't know just how long we will be here but you write me and I will get it here and will tell you how to address in the future. Tell the baby Hello and give her a kiss for me and take one yourself in return, thinking of me.

Do not worry, dear, about me doing anything I said I would not do as it is no temptation for me to do those things with anyone else.
Well, dearest one, I will close for this time. Wishing you all good things and hoping to hear from you soon,
Your lover,

STINKER.

Ogden, Utah, 9-17-07.

My Dearest Josephine—

Well, darling, I couldn't wait till I heard from you before writing again and as I am all alone in my room at 9:30 p. m. and have been thinking of you so will write a few lines before retiring. Dear, I am sure you miss me very badly, but do not see how it would be possible for you to miss me as much as I do you, dear.

Of course, I was down to S. L. Sunday; went down at 2 p. m. and came back on the 11:45 same evening, the same train you and I were thinking of taking.

Oh, yes, dear, I was reading the paper this evening and as there was one item of particular interest I will include in this letter so you can see for yourself what chances some folks will take. Of course, the lady wanted some understanding and I told her it was too late at this time and

that there was no use of her coming to Ogden as I wouldn't hear of it, after which she was very quiet and said no more except that she would do as I said, etc.

Well, dear, I am having more bad luck as the State Board of Med. Exam. filed suit against me to revoke license and exclude me from practicing Med. The charge was unprofessional conduct in advertising, improbable facts, etc., etc. Of course, they couldn't do anything but cause me trouble and expense as it will cost me \$100 or \$150 at least. Trouble always comes at once, doesn't it, dear?

Well, darling, I do not know whether you will be expecting another letter from me addressed as before as he sure and write me as soon as you receive this and let me know how you are and how you wish me to write in the future. Also give my love to baby. Be sure dear and write me all about Mr. W.— and you. I mean what he said Sat. night and what you told him.
Will close, hoping my darling is well.
With love and kisses, your lover,

STINKER.

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