

SHOCKLEY JURY DODGES DECREE.

AFFIDAVIT OF WIDOW SMITH.

It Recommends Life Imprisonment at Hard Labor for Notorious Murderer.

AVOIDS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Verdict a Surprise to the Public—Prisoner Greatly Pleased—Sentence Set for Friday Next.

At 5:08 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of the State of Utah against James M. Shockley returned into Judge Armstrong's court with a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree as charged in the information but with the recommendation that the defendant be sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor instead of being executed. Notwithstanding this recommendation it is within the discretion of Judge Armstrong to disregard it and sentence the defendant to be executed should he so desire. It has, however, been the custom with other judges as well as Judge Armstrong to heed the recommendation of the jury and it is believed that this case will be no exception to the rule.

PRISONER GOT NERVOUS.

During the hours that Shockley was awaiting his fate he showed considerable nervousness and was continually passing the time of day by reading a newspaper, part in talking with the deputy sheriffs who had him in charge and with newspaper men and in staring wildly at the blank wall ahead of him. When the jurors filed into the court room he gave them a look of intense interest and then leaned back in his seat with a firm determination to receive the news as firmly as possible. When the verdict was read by Clerk Howard A. King, Shockley gave a sigh of relief and plainly showed his satisfaction at the result of his second trial.

PRISONER WAS GLAD.

In speaking of the trial Shockley said that he was extremely anxious especially for his mother's sake. He believed that the verdict meant that he would end his days in the state prison but he thought that the ends of justice would be met as well that way as though he had been acquitted. He said that he would not conduct himself that the jury would never have occasion to regret their verdict. He praised very highly the efforts of his attorney and also spoke of the fairness of the district attorney in his prosecution of the case and of Judge Armstrong in his rulings.

SENTENCE ON FRIDAY.

After the court had set the time for passing sentence for Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Shockley was handcuffed and led out into the corridor and as the jurors filed out he thanked them and shook hands with each one. On his way back to the court room he was permitted to stand at the legal office where he sent the following brief message to his mother:

"Better luck this time," letter will follow."

He was then taken to his cell and locked up to remain until the court passed sentence on him on Friday morning.

TRAGEDY RECALLED.

On the night of Jan. 6, 1904, Shockley attempted to hold up Motorman Amasa L. Gleason and Conductor Thomas Brighton in the car on Aug. 18, 1893, east of South street line near the University, when the men resisted and with drawn revolvers undertook to capture him. Shockley shot and killed both men and made his escape from the car. Information which resulted in Shockley being given the name of his victim by his roommate, Percy L. Prothero. A few days after his arrest and after being taken to the state prison to prevent mob violence, Shockley made a complete confession, in which he said that he shot the conductor because he was afraid of him. He was sentenced to death by Judge Armstrong on Aug. 18, 1893, and was executed on Sept. 24, 1893.

THE WITNESS.

The purpose of this affidavit is that my testimony to the truthfulness and divinity of plural marriage may live after I shall have passed away; and in this spirit I commend it to all whom it may concern.

ANNEPHINE PHILLIPS SMITH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January, 1905.

L. JOHN NUTTALL

(Seal)

Notary Public.

My commission expires March 26, 1904.

JURORS EXCUSED.

After the verdict had been returned yesterday afternoon Judge Armstrong thanked the jurors for their services and excused them for the term.

THIS WAS THE JURY.

The following was the man who tried and recommended life imprisonment for Shockley:

J. J. Hunt, Edward Rushton, Joseph J. Lahee, E. S. Case, William G. Sheppard, Frank C. Reilly, Charles H. Burks, John C. King, John K. Nicholson, Joseph C. Lindsey, H. A. Ahlers, Edward Whittemore.

SMOOT PARTY RETURNING.

Will be Back From Grand Canyon Party on Saturday—Had Fine Time.

Special to the "News."

Kanab, Utah, via Modena, Utah, Sept. 27.—Senator Smoot and party have returned to civilization, after two weeks' absence on Klondyke plateau. The party failed to meet Delegate Smith and party of Arizona, the trail across the canyons being impassable by recent storms. The Utah party had some thrilling experiences and ranged their fine buckles. A number of oil wells were struck on the senator today. The party will arrive home Saturday evening.

DENNIS COMES BACK.

Painter Who Went Away From Federal Building Has Been to the Coast.

W. H. Dennis, the painter contractor whose unexplained absence of two weeks occasioned wonderment at the Federal building, and considerable trouble for General Contractor Campbell, and which resulted in charges of attacking his paint stock and Mr. Campbell being called to do the painting himself, recently returned to the coast with his wife, and professes inability to understand why any one should have been made over his absence.

Judge Hills came in for the second time this week, on the middle of the morning, when it came to the city attorneyship. Charles Mostyn Owen liked the style of Judge Hills, and hastened to second his nomination after S. P. Armstrong had made it. He further moved a unanimous nomination, which carried with the whole of the day.

The rest of the state went through again, the only threatened breach coming when M. H. Walker was put for city treasurer. He stopped the discussion by calling in his friends.

J. Daly, who was watching of the convention, and who flashed a section of the *Tele. Kearns* press string at the last convention, sprang to the stage as a final act, and moved that the city committee be empowered to fill all vacancies on the ticket, caused by death, resignations, removal or otherwise.

SEX. HEYBURN IN WASHINGTON.

Special to the "News."

Washington, D. C., Sept. 27.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho arrived in Washington this morning from New York, where he has been on legal business. The session of Congress is to begin on Oct. 1, and he expects to attend a few minor matters before the departments and expects to start for Wallace, Idaho, Thursday night.

JOSEPH PERFORMED CEREMONY

Will Meet in Grand Theater at 10 O'Clock—Morris for Mayor.

VAIN EFFORTS OF MEMBERS OF THE RE-ORGANIZED CHURCH TO GET THE DECEASED ED TO RECAST HER TESTIMONY.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Phillips Smith, widow of the late Patriarch Hyrum Smith, will be held at the East Jordan meetinghouse Friday, Sept. 29, at 10:30 a. m. Friends are invited to attend.

The passing of Mrs. Smith removes from active a woman who left a notable message in the form of an affidavit made something over two years ago.

Her affirmation is to the effect that she was the plural wife of Patriarch Hyrum Smith, and that the ceremony that made her such was performed by the Prophet Joseph, his brother. There have been efforts made to persuade her to make a denial of this fact. But always and everywhere she refused to do so. She was most positive in her position on this point. In a mind that was clear and strong to the very last she maintained the accuracy of her statements.

WOMULDN'T RECAST.

Some time during the present month certain members of the Reorganized church called on Catherine Phillips Smith at her home in West Jordan with the object in view of having her deny her testimony regarding her marriage to the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, which she had refused to do. In a statement given on Sunday last, Sept. 24, in which she was speaking of the event, Mrs. Walter Cooke entertained lightly at cards this afternoon.

MARTINEAU CHOSEN.

The Democratic city campaign is likely to go forward under the leadership of Lyman R. Martineau, who was last night chosen chairman of the city committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Alvin T. Trent.

The chairman is well known in business circles and was nominated Monday night for the city council from the First municipal ward. His active work will doubtless begin immediately after the city convention, when the Democratic campaign will commence in earnest.

Mr. Martineau when seen by a "News" man today declared that his selection as chairman of the Democratic party came as a great surprise to him. The man intimate he had had the matter when he was picked up a morning paper at his breakfast table. Accordingly he is taken entirely unaware and is in doubt about the acceptance of the position. He says he is a very good and not easily touched with politics and that he does not care for the work of conducting a campaign. He is simply desirous of the city getting the best possible business men it can to administer its affairs. If he were in the council he desires to work hard and do his duty in every way possible. But the conducting of a campaign is quite another thing. However, he is being lured by leaders as to whether he can so arrange his affairs as to accept the chairmanship which Mr. Thomas will vacate in the convention.

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Miss Annie Dick and C. L. Schettler were married, the ceremony being performed at the home of the groom, with Rev. Dr. Green officiating. The rooms were prettily decorated in asters, carnations and plumbosa, and a large number of friends and relatives were present. The bride was dressed by Mrs. Anna E. Wedgewood, and Emily Schettler and William Peters was best man, while a number of intimate friends and near relatives attended the wedding. The bride wore a white gown of pale green crepe de chine over taffeta, and carried bride's roses. The bridegroom was gowned in white. Miss Ruth Palmer was maid of honor to the bride after Oct. 15, at 229 Washington street.

Miss Edith Sherman will entertain at a bridge party next Friday night.

Mrs. Hubbard Reed will entertain at an afternoon affair on Friday.

Mrs. James C. Dick will entertain at cards tomorrow afternoon.

The Sewing club met today with Mrs. Child.

Mrs. Walter Cooke was hostess at a dinner and party yesterday her entertainment being eucalyptus. The rooms were effectively decorated in yellow and prizes were won by Mrs. William Currie and Mrs. Benjamin Raybould.

Mrs. George Hancock entertained the Spirit of Liberty chapter this afternoon, the new president, Mrs. M. F. Allen, giving the address of the day.

A number of informal luncheons were given today at the Country club.

The Up-to-Date Dresser

is ever on the latest fashions cut in the most stylish way. The art of neat dressing is always on the increase. And those who are particular about their Fall suit or Spring suit, etc., naturally ask themselves where they can get the very best. To all girls who are truthfully say, try Peter Anderson, at Loft No. 125½ South main, and your troubles will be at an end.

Classified advertisements cannot be assured publication in all the Editions, and in proper classification, unless received in this office before noon on Saturdays.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Elder W. LeRoy Nuttal, writing to President Smith from Laramie, Wyoming, states that a lady of that place named Elsie Olsen is very anxious to ascertain the address of Dorthia Rasmussen, late of Karby, Marion, Hosen, St. Denmark, who emigrated to Utah about twenty years ago.

WEATHER REPORT

Record at the local office of the weather bureau for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today:

Barometer reading at 6 a. m. 30.30 inches; temperature at 6 a. m. 56 degrees, maximum 56; minimum 52; mean 55, which is 5 degrees above normal.

FORECAST TILL 6 P. M. THURSDAY.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity:

Pretty cloudy with possibly showers to-night and Thursday, cooler Thursday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Precipitation occurred over portions of Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Assinibina, Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, New Mexico, and New Mexico, and the mountains of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and the Cascades.

Front was reported at Scranton, N. Y., and Northfield, Vt., and a cold front at Spokane, Portland and Victoria.

Clouds were scattered over the mountains at 6 o'clock this morning.

WEATHER FORECAST.

R. J. HYATT, Local Forecaster.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

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