

Fred C. Walker Takes Stand in
His Own Behalf—Tells
Story of Life

BEERS' TREACHERY REVEALED

Broke Up Family of His Friend
And Audaciously Defied
Wronged Husband

Walker's Efforts to Free Wife from
The Spell of the Be-
trayer.

Ogden, Dec. 12.—Fred Walker, defendant in a trial on a charge of murder, created a profound impression this morning when he detailed the conversation between himself and Dr. Hogg.

Ogden, Dec. 14.—Fred C. Walker, the accused murderer of Dr. Earl S. Beers on Sept. 18, for the first time when his accuser was in the courtroom with Dr. Beers' wife, allowed Beers to sneer and snapped his fingers at Walker then asked if there had been any improper relations and Beers answered sneeringly, "Well rather; more than once."

"Then I do not know what happened after that," said the witness in a straightforward manner. "I lost control of myself, I know." The quietness of the courtroom was intense. Walker looked now under cross-examination.

Yesterday afternoon, and for upward of three hours he sat in the witness chair detailing the circumstances which led up to the assault on Beers. Mr. Walker told the sad story in a monotone of voice and unhesitatingly, before a crowd that taxed the courtroom to its capacity.

He commenced his testimony by stating that he was born in San Jo-

aged mother, two brothers and a sister are still alive. He testified that after finishing the eighth grade in school he was employed as bellboy at the Templeton hotel. He was later employed as bellboy at the Knutsford hotel.

He left the Knutsford to go to the Salt Lake Electric Supply company, owned by Mr. Nicol. He had been there ever since, working up from apprentice to general manager. He was married eight years ago last November. His wife's name was Josie Ebsen.

They continued to keep house until the summer of 1907. Then they took a residence at the Lenox hotel.

MEETING THE BEERS.

While rooming at the Lenox he met Dr. Beers and his wife. He met her about the middle of August. His wife introduced him to Mrs. Beers and her husband. Social relations existed between the two families for a time. H

His wife, Walker said, had suffered from epilepsy for years. About the middle of August his wife was troubled with the disease and she was treated by Dr. Beers. The treatment lasted about a week after they met Beers. In conversation with Dr. Beers the latter said to Walker that he would treat her and thought he could effect a cure. The fee was \$10. He paid Dr. Beers that amount.

his wife went to Ogden. He allowed his wife to go to see Mrs. Beers and also get further treatment. Sometime after he telephoned to get Mrs. Walker at the Broom hotel. Mrs. Beers said they would live there. He did not find her. He telephoned Lawrence, manager of the Ogden branch of his firm to find Mrs. Beers and tell Mrs. Walker to come home, as her mother was very ill.

phone and said, "Walker, do you know where your wife is?" I said, "No." I thought she was with you." The Mrs. Beers said, "Your wife was at the Hermitage yesterday." This was Monday, Sept. 9.

Mrs. Beers called him again that day and told him his wife was at the Hermitage Sunday; asked him to find out if Beers was in Salt Lake Sunday as he said he was going there, but

He received a telephone message from his wife. He told her that he and mother was very ill and to come home and she promised to return on the 6 o'clock train. His wife returned on the Monday evening.

That night his wife began to cry and sob and he thought she had an attack of her trouble. I took her in my arms and said, "Josie, I tell me what your troubles are," and she said, "I

"Dr. Beers," She told him that during the treatments Beers had told her that he loved her and that she was his affinity. Two like that should live together he said. Beers, she said, seemed to exercise an influence over her. His wife went into the hall and went to Mrs. Detochue's room. She would not come back.

He said to his wife, "Jessie, this is a true love this man has for you." She told him that she wanted to see a doctor.

Walker then told of telephoning Mrs. Nagle, corroborating the testimony of the other witnesses yesterday.

an hour. When he returned his wife