

INSANITY IS THE DEFENSE

Viola Horlocker Said Not to Have Been Responsible for Her Act.

GIRL IS LED ON IN UNHAPPY INFATUATION

Employer is Blamed for Encouraging Her Weakness Until an Innocent Woman is Converted into a Degenerate Being.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The work of securing a jury to try the celebrated Horlocker-Morey poisoning case was resumed at 9 o'clock.

Before court convened there were many women present and the room soon filled with eager spectators. In less than ten minutes after court opened three of the six remaining talesmen out of the thirty who had been summoned had been examined and excused for cause.

When Mr. Isaacs was called to qualify as a juror it was learned he had departed from the court house and was not to be found. The court ordered the clerk to issue an attachment for Mr. Isaacs, but before the attachment could be served Mr. Isaacs found his way back to the court house and resumed business. Judge Adams ordered the sheriff to summon twenty-five more talesmen so that there would be no lacking in the making of a jury.

Whenever a talesman was found who acknowledged to having any prejudice against a defense using the insanity plea in defense of a crime, he was challenged for cause. The defendant did not waive a peremptory challenge, but took advantage of the right which they were allowed. The cross-questioning of the talesmen brought out many replies which caused the audience to frequently burst out in laughter.

Judge Adams warned the audience that the proceedings being gone through were of a serious kind and to be looked upon as such. The judge threatened the audience with a fine for contempt of court. It was just 11 o'clock this morning when the jury was finally secured and took the final oath.

The jury is composed of some of Adams county's well known farmers, as follows: Charles Foote, William Kinsler, S. T. Fleary, John Gordon, J. C. Smith, A. J. Kroger, M. C. Parsons, J. W. Wood, James Hudson, J. Isaacs, S. Demuth, W. H. Bishop.

Excitement Tells on Defendant.

When court convened at 1 o'clock the court room was crowded to its utmost capacity with hundreds of women and men standing in every available place. Viola Horlocker entered with her sister and took her usual place close to the jury, and as the crowd increased she began to show signs of nervousness and weakness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Morey entered the court room, accompanied by many of the most prominent women of Hastings.

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For a year or more Figg and his wife by some peculiar influence induced several women to leave their husbands, homes and children and live with him. The women refused all importunities to return to their homes, saying Figg was their god and their husbands the devil.

The mob, numbering about thirty of the best citizens of the community, made no attempt at disguise, but took this method of correcting an evil that menaced the community. Figg has been warned time and again, but maintained that in the hands of God he was safe.

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