

## ALL WITNESSES TESTIFY TO NEW'S POOR MENTALITY

Defense Finishes Presentation of Case in Trial of Youth Accused of Murder.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Except for expert testimony, the defense finished presentation of its case late Wednesday in the trial of Harry New, alleged murderer of his fiancée, Freda Lesser. Adjournment was taken to Friday morning.

Eight witnesses were called during the day, of whom the most important was Miss Edna Clancy, half sister of New, who testified she believed an innocent act of hers was indirectly the cause of Miss Lesser's death. In addition Miss Clancy, as did other witnesses of the day, testified that New was mentally unsound.

Miss Clancy told the jury she had introduced New to Miss Lesser, while the three were working for a business house. When she learned several months later they were engaged to be married, the witness said she urged New not to marry, as he was not a fit man, mentally or physically, to be a husband and father.

New ignored her request, Miss Clancy stated, so she urged Miss Lesser to break the engagement, but to do so tactfully, deferring the wedding from time to time, and to use care not to hurt New's feelings. It is the theory of the defense that Miss Lesser broke the engagement immediately and that New, enraged, shot his fiancée. Miss Clancy said her conversation with Miss Lesser occurred only a few hours before the latter's death.

George Gallager, county jailer, said he thought New was "insane at times."

H. L. Anderson of Venice, near-by beach resort, testified that New attempted to borrow \$100 from him to defray the expenses of marrying Miss Lesser and he lent him \$100 for this supposed purpose, a few hours before New's fiancée was killed. This witness said New was insane in his opinion.

Several others testified briefly they considered New mentally unbalanced. "Mildly insane," "irrational" and "irresponsible" were some of the descriptive terms used.

### Attempts to Assault Girl.

An unidentified negro attempted to assault 15-year-old Katherine Ellis, 2542 Chicago street, at 7:45 last night at Twenty-fifth and Cass streets as she was returning home from church, according to the story she told the police. No trace of the negro was found last night.

## 1919 Bank Clearings

Bank clearings during 1919 showed the same steady gain over the preceding year that has characterized the reports of the Omaha Clearing house since its establishment in 1887.

The bank clearings for the year just passed show a total of \$3,057,000,000, as compared to \$2,818,964,262 for 1918, showing a gain of \$238,035,738. The average monthly clearing during the last year was \$254,765,000.

Total deposits of clearing house banks at the close of the year were \$130,000,000, as compared to \$104,742,000 at the close of 1918, showing a gain of \$25,258,000. The Omaha Clearing house report also showed that there is a total of \$205,000,000 on deposit in all the banks of greater Omaha, including building and loan associations and state institutions.

The following table reported by the Omaha Clearing house will give an idea of the remarkable developments of the city.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1887.....	\$ 274,441,069	1904.....	\$ 398,985,212
1888.....	332,041,006	1905.....	442,285,685
1889.....	402,500,332	1906.....	504,388,764
1890.....	480,124,013	1907.....	567,515,738
1891.....	442,257,790	1908.....	602,525,867
1892.....	545,879,384	1909.....	735,225,568
1893.....	682,833,745	1910.....	832,971,607
1894.....	483,472,168	1911.....	753,107,353
1895.....	381,286,477	1912.....	860,881,557
1896.....	420,282,668	1913.....	908,947,578
1897.....	243,338,798	1914.....	882,717,101
1898.....	319,461,528	1915.....	982,670,880
1899.....	297,432,370	1916.....	1,279,158,591
1900.....	315,785,196	1917.....	1,873,581,133
1901.....	329,043,688	1918.....	2,818,964,262
1902.....	361,511,755	1919.....	3,057,000,000
1903.....	392,880,920		

### Gerrit Fort Leaves Union Pacific for Big Position in East

Washington, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Gerrit Fort, director of passenger traffic United States railroad administration, left today for Boston to become vice president of the Boston and Maine railroad in charge of traffic. Mr. Fort came to Washington when the railroads were taken over by the federal government, from the Union Pacific where he held the position of passenger traffic manager. He was offered his old position but accepted the new one because of the opportunities presented.

### Brief City News

Have Root Print It.—Beacon Press Vacuum Cleaners—Burgess-Granden Co. James C. Kinsler has removed his law office to Room 529 First Nat. Bank bldg.—Adv.

"Religion in 1920"—Religion in 1920 will be the subject of Rabbi Frederick Cohn's lecture at Temple Israel Friday night at 8.

See Want Ads mean increased business for the person who uses them and opportunities for the ones that read them.

### W. C. Bullard Married Quietly Wednesday To Miss Edith Bacon

William C. Bullard, 20-year-old son of the late W. C. Bullard, was married at 4 yesterday afternoon to Miss Edith Bacon, 19 years old, a Central High school student, at the First Presbyterian church.

Rev. E. H. Jenks performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Josephine Ellingwood, sister of Mr. Bullard, and Harry Shedd, brother-in-law of Mr. Bullard, attended the young couple.

Mayor Ed P. Smith, guardian of Mr. Bullard, accompanied him to the county clerk's office to get a marriage license.

The wedding was quiet, only the four principals and Rev. Mr. Jenks being present. The young couple had dinner at the Athletic club following the ceremony. They will leave soon for McCook, Neb., where Mr. Bullard has lumber interests.

### She Approves Her Fine

Chicago, Dec. 31.—"If I was going that fast I ought to be fined," said Miss Carola Henning, a student at Northwestern university, when arraigned before Judge Boyer on a charge of speeding at 35 miles an hour. She was fined \$12.

## MRS. ECKSTROM GIVEN CUSTODY OF CHILD BY COURT

Former Husband, Harry Pearce, Ordered to Turn Over 3-Year-Old Son.

Judge Troup in district court yesterday gave Mrs. Clara Mac Eckstrom possession of her 3-year-old son, ordering the child to be turned over by her former husband, Harry Pearce, and his mother, Mrs. A. L. Pearce, 5305 South Thirtieth street.

Mrs. Eckstrom, pretty and fashionably attired, wept on the witness stand when she expressed her love for her child.

She secured a divorce from her husband March 6, 1919, with possession of their child. April 17, her ex-husband had her arrested at the Loyal hotel in a room with Herbert Eckstrom of Bennington, Neb. The following day Judge Troup made an order giving the child to Mr. Pearce.

Mrs. Eckstrom testified yesterday that she and Mr. Eckstrom are now married, and live at Hemingford. Mrs. Eckstrom made four trips from that town in the western part of the state to Omaha to visit the boy in the last five months.

"After I made the order in the divorce decree giving this child to the mother, she had a lapse from the path of right conduct," said Judge Troup, "and I then took the child away. Since then she has atoned, and now is married and apparently has a good home and plenty of money to care for the child. She it was who bore this child and she has first title to it. I will give it to her for the next six months, and it may be that I will then order it returned to the father for the same period. We will see."

Mrs. Eckstrom was delighted with the order, and went with her sister and brother-in-law in a taxicab and got the child last night.

## Accused Man Takes Witness Stand in Riot Trial on Own Behalf

Perry Jenkins testifying on his own behalf before a jury in District Judge Redick's court yesterday, denied any complicity in the lynching of Will Brown at the court house the night of September 28. He is charged with conspiracy to commit the murder.

Jenkins, known as "Blinky" was a ticket-seller on the "Beebe" amusement device of the Con. T. Kennedy shows which were here during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. Jenkins is a southerner, his home being in Florida.

He testified that he spent the afternoon and evening of September 28 at the Gayety and two east Douglas street moving picture shows. He said he was at the court house only about five minutes.

# Mr. Merchant: A Message to You

It is our pleasure to announce completed plans for the removal of our business from Lincoln to Omaha.

This determination has been reached because we are convinced that the change of base will enable us to render more efficient and helpful service to retail merchandisers of the Omaha area.

Several hundred of you are now our highly valued patrons. Your loyalty and liberal purchases during the past thirteen years are responsible for our success.

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