MRS. MATHEWS IS NOT EXTRADITED

Judge Taylor's Judgment in Sensational Case Greeted With Storm of Applause

"I don't think it is possible for Chapman to tell the truth if he wanted to. It is my duty to order the prisoner to be committed for extradition if I have a reasonable doubt as to her guilt. I have not a doubt that I can have a doubt. The only evidence at all which can connect her with the crime of which she is accused is that of Capman. I therefore order that the prisoner be discharged."

In these words, His Honor Judge Taylor concluded his judgment in the Mathews' extradition case in the district court yesterday afternoon, and gave the order setting free the widow of Lawrence Mathews, of Stillwater, who has been under arrest on a charge of murdering her husband since April 13th last.

The verdict of his honor was received by the crowded court room with a storm of hand clapping. Mrs. Mathews who had remained unmoved all the afternoon under the scathing arraignment of the counsel for the prosecution, broke down when the terrific strain was relieved and the applause of the crowd proclaimed the approval with which her release was received. It was a culmination to numerous manifestations of sympathy which occurred during the progress of the trial which lasted for many days.

His honor Judge Taylor gave his decision immediately on the conclusion of the arguments and set forth in full his reasons for ordering the discharge of the accused, taking up the leading points of the argument of the prosecution and the counsel for the defence.

The Judgment.

"As regards the swearing of witnesses. It is a technical objection that has been made. I am of the opinion that the clerk of this court acting as my clerk in this matter has the right to administer the oath. As regards the evidence in this case, the learned counsel for the prosecution will admit that without the evidence of Chapman there is no evidence of the crime having taken place or sufficient to warrant me in committing the accused for extradition.

"As for the evidence of Chapman. The matter was brought to the attention of the witness' box and denied. On an adjournment he voluntarily came into the witness box and denied that there statements which he affirmed Cuthbert by Chapman. He set forth under oath that was made to Superintendent Cuthbert by Chapman. He set forth under oath that was made to Superintendent Cuthbert by Chapman. He set forth under oath that was made to Superintendent