

# BLEEKER OBJECTS

To the Testimony of Josie Gordon in the Slorah Murder Trial

AND IS SUSTAINED BY THE COURT

Who Rules That What She Heard Would be Hearsay Only.

THERE WAS ANOTHER GUN

In the Room at the Time of the Shooting Although Susie Vernon Says It Was Never Loaded.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.  
At 2:30 yesterday afternoon the Slorah trial was resumed with the further testimony of Susie Vernon.

She said she had known Slorah during the past year here and in Skagway, and that the revolver marked "an exhibit in the present case" was like the one she had often seen in his room.

Attorney Bleeker then took the witness in cross-examination. He probed into the past history of the witness by asking her questions concerning her past movements and occupation. She said she had been in her present business during six months in Butte, Montana, and previous to this had lived at home. When asked if Susie Vernon was her real name she hesitated and asked if it had anything to do with the case, and on being told that she must answer she said that it was not her father's name, but that it had been her mother's name and she had taken it.

She had often seen both the prisoner and the deceased place the revolver under the pillow of the bed.

Concerning which pillow it had been placed under, some little friction arose between the opposing counsel, Mr. Bleeker insisting that he had not gone beyond his prerogatives in stating his questions, and Mr. Wade said he had.

The witness did not know whether the prisoner and deceased had been married or not.

On the morning when the shooting occurred she said Slorah had been drinking, but that the effects were so slight as to be unnoticeable by one not intimately acquainted with him. During the absence of Slorah from the room, the witness' recollection of the conversation between herself and Pearl Mitchell was somewhat vague, though she remembered that deceased had said that she had some money in a bank in Seattle for which she had given Slorah a check, and of which she had never heard anything since.

She had said she would get even with him. She said she would go down town and buy some things and have them charged up to him because he had stayed out so late.

The witness had seen the deceased at the prisoner on one occasion with her hand, but had never seen her hit him with a beer bottle, although she knew of her having rapped him with a pitcher. She knew the deceased had a violent temper.

Concerning the shooting the witness said she saw one shot fired toward the wall behind the bed, and one, as she thought, towards the prisoner's head. She took the revolver and showed what her recollection was of the position of Slorah when the shooting occurred.

She said she had a revolver herself which was under the table at the time and had not been disturbed. She had since turned it over to Constable Piper.

The revolver had never been loaded since she had owned it, and she had told Constable Piper of it for fear that complications might arise otherwise should it be found.

Josie Gordon was the next witness called. Miss Gordon is an actress engaged at the time at the Orpheum. She occupied the next room to that of Susie Vernon.

She had been awakened by the talking in the next room during the time just preceding the shooting. After this came pistol shots followed by screams. After it was all over Miss Vernon had come into the witness' room when what she said gave rise to a long argument

between the counsel as to whether or not it was hearsay evidence.

Justice Dugas reserved his decision on the subject and the witness was allowed to retire temporarily till after the point could be argued tomorrow morning.

John Anderson then took the stand and testified that at the time of the shooting he had been called from the back yard by Susie Vernon. He had gone to room No. 2 and saw the deceased lying across the bed at the foot, and Slorah towards the head; the revolver lay between, both it and the bodies were bathed in blood.

On Slorah's return to consciousness he had made some remark like "Mama, what have you done to me," but was by no means certain as to what his words were. He did not hear Slorah say that Pearl Mitchell was his wife; that he had married her in Nome.

Court then adjourned till this morning at the usual hour.

The trial is attracting much attention and the courtroom was packed almost to suffocation during the entire day. People in the back end of the room standing upon benches in order to see the testifying witnesses and counsel, and others crowding the doorways and occupying generally every inch of standing room outside the railing.

The courtroom at the resumption of the trial this morning was crowded, public interest not having abated in the least since yesterday.

Argument was heard in the beginning of the hearing this morning as to whether the evidence of Josie Gordon, who occupied the next room to that in which the tragedy occurred, was admissible or not. The defense contended that it was hearsay evidence and, therefore, inadmissible, and Mr. Wade took the opposite view.

Justice Dugas decided that the testimony was inadmissible, and the next witness, Wm. Babb, was called.

Babb is a waiter in the Holborn and told how he had heard a woman screaming on the morning of the killing in room No. 2, and how he had rushed up stairs to investigate.

He entered the room and saw Pearl Mitchell and Slorah lying across the bed. He thought Slorah was dead, but spoke to Pearl Mitchell, who was breathing heavily, and bleeding profusely.

A revolver was lying between them in a pool of blood which ran from the wounds of Pearl Mitchell. Slorah's right hand was about three inches from the revolver. The woman seemed to be suffering great pain as she tossed backward and forward on the bed, raising her head and letting it fall back against the wall. The witness had been in the room seven or eight minutes before he discovered that Slorah lived. Before this he had not seen him breathing and thought that life was extinct.

He described the wounds of Pearl Mitchell as has been previously done by others. He had seen no other signs of violence than those already spoken of, and saw no other weapon than the revolver lying upon the bed.

The revolver, he said, was not touched by anyone till Constable Borrows took it and wrapped it in a napkin.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Bleeker the witness said he hardly thought there had been time for anyone else to have been in the room and left before his entrance. He spoke to Pearl Mitchell, but did not think she recognized him. He was there he thought about three minutes before Mr. Kelle appeared on the scene.

Mr. Kelle testified that he was passing the Holborn shortly after the shooting occurred and had been summoned to the scene in room 2 by Mr. Hall who rushed upon the sidewalk saying that someone had been shot. After visiting the room he immediately went to the nearest telephone and sent word to the town police station of the affair. Constable Borrows said that he had received the telephone message of the affair and had found the bodies of Pearl Mitchell and Slorah lying across the bed with the revolver between them. It was much stained with blood and lay a couple of inches from Slorah's hand, pointing slightly towards the woman. He took the revolver and wrapped it in a napkin and laid it aside, after which he shook Slorah by the shoulder. He seemed somewhat dazed. He had seen a bullet hole in the blood-stained wall near the dead woman's head. H. J. Goetzman was called and identified the photographs offered in evidence as being correct reproductions of the objects in question. Mr. Bleeker objected to the photographs offered on the ground that they did not show exact relative positions.

Mr. Wade wanted to know if he, Mr. Bleeker, could give any process by which four sides, the floor and ceiling could be photographed at one and the same time, and Mr. Bleeker said that Mr. Wade was very clever.

The photographs of the wounds on both Slorah and the deceased were objected to as anything but secondary evidence. The photographs were admitted after some argument and were passed to the jury for examination. After which court adjourned till 2:30 p. m. The jury was instructed to visit the room where the killing took place, during their absence at lunch.

## WILD WEST WAIFS.

The population of Moscow, Idaho, is 3300, making it the fourth city in size in the state.

Thirteen Japanese have been rounded up at Fairhaven, Wash., charged with illegal entry into the United States.

Fifteen carloads of prunes were purchased in Wasco county, Or., by a Portland firm. The lot brought \$5717.67.

A bunch of steers off the range in the Burnt River district, Or., were sold for \$42 per head, the highest price known for years.

A pack of coyotes drove out of Mazza gulch, near San Rafael, Cal., five hounds that were running down a wounded deer.

Nearly a thousand bicycle tags have been sold at Walla Walla, Wash., and funds are now sufficient for construction of bicycle paths.

An effort will be made to have the United States fish commissioner send lobsters to be placed on rocky portions of the Oregon coast.

The Puget Sound Oystermen's Association has fixed the rate for oysters at \$3.50 per sack, and \$2 per gallon opened, for the season of 1900-'91.

A crew of fishermen engaged in a desperate fight with over 100 devilfish off Santa Cruz island, Southern California. The devilfish fought like demons, but were finally driven off.

The Pasadena Orange Growers' Association has received nearly \$28,000 net returns on last year's orange shipments, which aggregated 29,853 boxes of fruit. The orange shipments for the season from Riverside, Cal., amount to 4382 carloads.

To date this season California has shipped 17,288 carloads of lemons. Prices range from \$3.10 to \$3.50 per box free on board.

The hay crop of Kittitas valley, Wash., is estimated by competent judges to be fully 50,000 tons, and that portion of it which will be put on the market will bring the farmers fully \$300,000.

Immense quantities of lumber are now being moved south over the Southern Pacific railroad, from Ashland, Or. The bulk of the freight going over the road at present is sawed lumber and poles.

It is estimated that according to the present plans the sum of \$1,339,596 will be necessary to run Seattle's administration the coming year. The expenses of the present year by January will amount to \$834,800.

T. J. McFerron, one of the most prominent fruit raisers in Cheney, Wash., and vicinity, says the crop of apples this year will be the largest ever harvested, and that there will be a fine crop of pears and prunes.

John Porath died recently at a hospital in North Yakima, Wash., from eating cabbages sprayed with paris green. The autopsy revealed the fact that his stomach was lined with ulcers believed to have resulted from the poison.

Fifty-five draught horses were found hidden in the mountains by a deputy sheriff of Colfax. He was looking for some stolen horses at the time, and believes that the horses seen were stolen and concealed until inquiries should cease.

At Zillah, in the Yakima valley, Washington, a species of a large blackbird did much damage to apples. It is not the crow blackbird seen in the swamps, but belongs to the cuckoo family, and flies from woods to orchards for its depredations.

H. M. Kutchins, United States special agent for the salmon fisheries, reports that the catch of salmon in Alaska this year has broken all records and more than double that of all the British Columbia, Puget sound and Oregon canneries.

The fortifications at Point Wilson, Wash., have been completed with the exception of mounting the big guns, and all the employees have been discharged. The gun-mounting will require from six to eight months. The fort has been christened Fort Warren.

Four dogs battled with a potcypine at Walla Walla, Wash. The fight was desperate and lasted about an hour. The outnumbered potcypine shot quills gamely, but death finally rendered it hors de combat. One of the dogs was so injured that it afterward died.

C. W. Vail is the turkey king of Douglas county, Cal. He has some 700 fowls now, and many more contracted for. Recently he leased the 4500-acre ranch of Pandal Southerlin, near Oakland, and will graze turkeys upon it, probably to the number of 2000.

## Naz'eh Worries the Orient.

The best known of the Oriental princesses to adopt European customs is Naz'eh, daughter of the notorious Pasha Fazil, who is supposed to have given the Khedive Ismael the cup of coffee which had such disastrous consequences for him. She has long since passed the years of girlhood, and has lost the great beauty which made her famous then and the heroine of books by French and English authors. She was reared under the care of an English governess, quite as a girl of the aristocracy in England, would have been. She was a blonde and then a perfect

specimen of that type of beauty. She was freed from most of the exacting restrictions of Mohammedan life by her father, and even allowed to ride horseback dressed in the habit of European women, escorted by a groom imported from England. This violation of Oriental etiquette was too great, however, to continue. Such an example of emancipated womanhood might have had effect on the wives and daughters of other noblemen in Cairo. So the Sultan Abdul Aziz put an end to this unprecedented boldness, and the horseback rides ceased.

She came with a great dowry to her husband, Khalil Bey, who was much her senior, and at one time Turkish ambassador in London. He was an intimate friend of her father's, enough in itself to make him undesirable, and a confirmed gambler as well. He lost his own fortune and hers at baccarat, and the Princess Naz'eh, when his death left her a young widow, found herself in great poverty. She was destined to draw on herself the disapproval of a second sultan for her rashness in violating the customary ideas concerning the liberty of her sex in Egypt. Probably this objection would not appear unreasonable even in countries where such subjects are viewed with greater liberality.

A few years after her husband's death she went to a masked ball at the opera house in Cairo with her younger sister, the Princess Fatima. Both were attired in the costumes worn by the opera singers in "The Little Duke." This was too much for the Khedive Tewfik, who summoned her to the palace, and told her that as widow she had certain liberties, although they could never be thought to include the right to wear man's dress at a public ball or lead her younger sister into such adventures. She is still the most notable woman in the native social life of Cairo. She has recovered enough fortune through certain claims against the British government to live in comfort in the ways she learned from her English governess. She is always seen in a brougham, with an English coachman and a tiny English boy as her footman. The same coachman has been for years in her employ. She receives both sexes in her drawingroom, speaks the continental languages, and preserves some of the beauty which has made her famous for more than twenty years. Her deference to Oriental custom is confined to the wearing of the yashmak, as the lawn veils are called, whenever she goes out.—Ex.

## The Sun Scintillates.

One of the large companies employs a clever "ad" writer who knows how to utilize space to the best advantage, usually preceding the announcement of his firm with some well written introduction like the following:

Aggressiveness is the order of the day. Public opinion has demonstrated it. The governments of Great Britain, Canada and the United States of America, favoring war and expansion, are returned to power by overwhelming majorities, etc.

This "ad" ran in the Sun's last issue and appeared as follows:

AGGRESSIVENESS!  
The Order of the Day. Public Opinion Has Demonstrated It.

THE GOVERNMENTS  
Of Great Britain, Canada and the United States of America, Favoring War and Expansion, are Returned to Power by Overwhelming Majorities.

It is needless to remark that the "ad" man had a fit when he saw the way his copy was interpreted, but then what can you expect from the Sun?

## COMING AND GOING.

There was a big dance at Forks last night.

The next incoming mail passed Selwyn at 4 p. m. today.

The little C. D. steamer Tasmanian, built in imitation of an ocean greyhound, is engaged in carrying mail across Lake LeBarge.

Mr. Burke, who owns a hotel in Atlin, leaves today for Whitehorse to bring in supplies. He has one of the best dog teams in the country.

St. Andrew's ball, naturally the social event of the season, promises to surpass anything of like nature in the past. The committee having in charge the arrangements are making elaborate preparations which are nearly complete.

The C. D. Company sent out horse teams today with Capt. Trumbull, Night Watchman, Scholtz and two others, to go all the way to Big Salmon to remove the contents of 40 scows along the road to the river's bank for next spring's steamers to bring down.

McGinty is the name of the latest novelty. It consists of a miniature bottle made of some sort of brown composition, and is carried in the vest pocket. The thing is heavy at the bottom and the trick is to make it lie down. R. P. McLennan has one with which he is expert.

E. H. Clear, who started from Whitehorse on the steamer Eldorado some time the latter part of the season with half a dozen automobiles, arrived Wednesday night over the ice, having left the ill-fated craft stuck fast at Hellsgate. Mr. Clear expects his machines to arrive in about three weeks.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Kodak films at Goetzman's.

Every piece of jewelry sold by J. L. Sale & Co. is guaranteed.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

# IT WAS A DRY GATHERING

The Council Meeting Last Night Was Not "Hot Stuff."

Who Gave Authority to Ring Fire Bell to Announce Result of Elections—Trouble for Somebody.

A number of years ago an old Irishman named McCourt was persuaded to attend the Saturday afternoon prayer meeting of the little neighborhood in Southeastern Ohio in which he resided. At its close a neighbor met the old man, shook hands with him and asked:

"Well, Mr. McCourt, what did you think of the prayer meeting?"

"Arrah sure," said the son of Erin, "I thought it was a damned dry gathering!"

The council meeting held in the territorial court room last night was like the old man's prayer meeting in that it was a dry gathering.

All the members were present, the commissioner presiding.

A communication was read from H. T. Wills, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which informed the council that its efforts to collect taxes from that institution are not legal and, if such efforts are persisted in, they will be resisted to the uttermost. The communication was laid on the table without action.

The Klondike Mill Co. presented a petition relative to a \$73 bill for lumber used in the locality of the barracks, which bill, the council contends should be paid from the public works funds, but Superintendent Fuller, of that department, says "Nay, nay." The commissioner agreed to look after the matter.

A bill of H. E. Rogers for aiding an indigent on Dominion creek a couple of years or more ago was referred to the finance committee.

A petition from Bartlett Bros. to be granted permission to finish putting in a pair of wagon scales on Third avenue, work on which was stopped by the police a few days ago, was, on motion of Judge Dugas, referred to the committee on public works.

The matter of providing for the payment of police court stenographers out of local funds, in conformance with an order from Ottawa, was laid over.

Nothing was done relative to providing for paying public vaccinators, the matter going over until the arrival of the expected virus.

A destitute man who applied to Commissioner Ogilvie to be passed to the outside, received rather chilly comfort in that he will be allowed to board at the police stations on the way provided he pays for such board by chopping wood. Whether or not the man will accept the winter's job was not stated.

An ordinance submitted by the water company as a substitute for ordinance No. 41, was discussed at considerable length and laid over until the next meeting.

The petition from the public school teachers presented at a previous meeting was brought up and referred to Messrs. Ogilvie and Wood who will obtain the desired information by the next meeting.

Judge Dugas asked by what authority the fire bell is rung on the occasions of receipt of election news, and in one voice the other members ejaculated "That is what I want to know!" Commissioner Ogilvie said no such permission has been granted by him. Chairman Girouard of the fire committee, said no such permission had been granted by him. Judge Dugas did not believe the fire bell should be a factor in politics, and Commissioner Ogilvie said he will investigate, and the fire chief will be asked to report concerning the matter.

The "small debts" ordinance was read a second time and referred to the ordinance committee with the request that it solicit the opinion of some of the leading attorneys of the city regarding it.

The matter of women drinking, box rustling and soliciting in boxes and in their rooms in hotels was discussed at length and was unanimously agreed to be the greatest evil, in Dawson, of the day. Messrs. Wood and Dugas were appointed to see what steps can be taken looking towards the suppression of the vice.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

## Can't Keep Him Quiet.

Billy Thomas is going to have a high jinks at his West Dawson resort tonight and great preparations are now underway to accommodate the guests of the evening. His road across the river is an evidence of the originality, with which Billy operates, and the probabilities are that several surprises are in store for those visiting the other side tonight.