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TWO YOUNG LADIES OFFER EVIDENCE IN ELMS MURNER CASE

Standing room on both the main floor and the gallery of the District court room was at a premium Friday afternoon, and the spectators and curiosity seekers stood on tip-toe and "rubber-necked" to catch every word of the testimony offered in the Elms murder trial.

Seated by the defendant with his attorneys is his mother, Mrs. Thos. Elms, his aunt, Mrs. Davis, a sister to Mrs. Thos. Elm.

The throng of those hungering for the Friday forenoon session of the Friday forenoon session of the Ballinger District Court where Jesse T. Elms, a prominent citizen and merchant of Winters is on trial on the charge of murdering his wife.

The court room was crowded until court recessed Thursday evening, and the crowd increased again Friday afternoon. Many people from the north end of the county are here to hear every word of the evidence in the case.

District Judge Woodward is conducting court on full time and long hours, convening at eight o'clock a. m. and recessing at seven p. m., with only one hour and a half for lunch.

The case made slow progress Friday morning, all the forenoon being consumed in examining Dr. Tally and Dr. Robinson, of Temple who made an examination of the body of Mrs. Elms, and used by the state as expert witnesses.

It is expected that it will require at least half of next week to dispose of the case.

Tom Puckett was the first witness placed on the stand Friday morning, and testified as follows: on direct examination.

"I live at Wilmeth; know defendant Elms. I got to the fire after the house had burned down. I saw the body of Mrs. Elms while it was being carried to Mr. Ensor's I was in the funeral procession that brought the body to Ballinger. I did not go to Killen in

the party. I was in the car behind until we got to Winters. I remember a car in the procession having a puncture or a blow out on the way to Ballinger. Elms was in the car next to the car carrying the remains. He got out of the car and walked back to the car in which Miss Alice Ensor was in. He walked up to the car and commenced talking to Miss Ensor. I did not hear the conversation. Did not try to hear.

On cross examination witness Puckett, said: "I don't remember who else was in the car with Miss Ensor. Mrs. Ensor was not in the car that I know of. Don't know what Elms said to the parties in the car."

Dr. L. R. Tally, of Temple, was called to the stand, and testified as follows:

"I am connected with King's Daughter's Hospital. I made an examination of what was supposed to be the body of Mrs. Rosa Elms."

(At this point Dr. Tally identified a diagram and notes made by him and Dr. Curtiss, who is now in France, and witness told who was present at the examination.)

"We saw the body at the undertaking establishment. We removed the body from the casket. We laid it on a table. We found the body badly burned. We discovered a fracture of the skull. The fracture extended from left around over the left eye. We found another fracture over the right eye. We found another fracture further around to the right. We then determined to open the skull and opened it with a saw. We found that there was no evidence of depression from the fracture on the brain, the back of the body was not burned so badly as the front."

(Witness using a skull detailed to the jury the condition of the skull, pointing out where the fractures in the skull were located.)

"The fractures indicated that there was one blow from a blunt instrument. When we opened the skull we found clots under the skull where the fractures were located. There was something like a tablespoon full of the clot at the junction of the fracture. We did not find any clot at the base of the skull, or any where else. We looked through the brain. We found no other blood or fluid. The front part of the brain was doughy, indicating extreme heat. In my opinion as a physician, I think the blow was received before the heart quit beating else there would have been no clot." (Witness

ness, with the skull, detailed location of the blood clots.)

"Circulation of blood had not stopped when the body I examined received the blow on the head. A person would live about seven minutes when dying from suffocation. There would have been no blood clots had the body died from suffocation."

In the cross examination, Dr. Tally said, in answer to the defense counsel:

"Blood could ooze out of veins after death. After breath stops heart will cease to beat within ten minutes. As long as the heart is beating, blood is being pumped over the system. There was no blood clots in the brain of the body I examined. The clot was over the right eye and where the fracture was located. Blood will clot shortly after death."

Dr. Tally was on the witness

1 KILLED IN TRUCK COLLISION

Dallas, March 21.—Two Fire Trucks collided here today on the way to a fire, and Asa Baker, one of the firemen was killed. Four other firemen were injured.

GULF TO SHOOT RUSSELL WELL

The Gulf Production Company is plugging its Russell well in the southwestern part of Runnels county back to a depth of around 2300 feet, where it will be shot, according to field reports Thursday. The Russell had a very good showing of oil at about this depth but it was eased off for deeper drilling. The upper sand produces a flow occasionally now when agitated.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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ARTILLERY OF 36TH DIVISION REACHES PORT

New Port News, March 20.—The transport Rijndam arrived today from St. Nazarie, France, with the 133rd Field Artillery, 36th Division, an hour after the transport Matoika from the same port with the 114th machine gun battalion of the 30th Division.

The two ships raced from port to port, the soldiers themselves going down into the stoke holes and fire rooms to aid in the speed contest. The unit aboard the Princess Matoika was composed almost entirely of Tennesseans.

New York, March 20.—Casual company 194 of Texas troops arrived here today aboard the steam ship Italia from Marseilles.

Fort Worth, March 20.—The One Hundred and Eleventh Ammunition Train will arrive at Camp Bowie the first of next week it is expected by the commanding officer of the Demobilization Center. They will be discharged after

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ter their arrival. The units consist of 832 men and thirteen officers from Oklahoma and Texas.

Because of the small number of men they will not stage an elaborated parade in the business district. The day after their arrival a reception will be given at the Khaki Club in their honor. The men will be marched into the club. Apple pie, doughnuts and coffee will be served.

The Red Cross Canteen workers and the members of the Federated of Women's Clubs will assist in serving the boys. There will be music and preparations to make it a gala day are now being made.

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PROBABLY NO LOCUST WILL VISIT THIS STATE

Austin, March 20.—There probably will be no seven year locust in Texas this year, says R. E. McDonald, entomologist with the State Department of Agriculture. He says there has been considerable comment about the appearance of this pest, and that some have gone so far as to advise farmers to secure insecticides to fight it. He states that a great brood of the insects which appears only at long intervals will appear in several other states, but records of the department of agriculture indicate that there will be none in Texas.

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TAKES PRISONER BY PLANE FROM INDIANA TO OHIO

Dayton, March 20.—After having been brought a prisoner charged with grand larceny, in an air-

plane from Indianapolis to Dayton, Robert Tamplin stepped from the plane and exclaimed, "Gee, but this is fine, I sure did enjoy the trip." It is probably the first time in history that a prisoner has been conveyed from one city to another by the air route.

Why Colds are Dangerous

You are often told to "beware of a cold," but why? We will tell you: Every cold weakens the lungs lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases. People who contract pneumonia first take cold. The longer a cold hangs on, the greater the danger, especially from the germ diseases, as a cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the germ of consumption, diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough. The quicker you get rid of your cold, the less the danger of contracting one of these diseases. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation as a cure for colds and can be depended upon. It is pleasant to take.

ONE DIVORCE OUT OF NINE MARRAGES

Washington, March 20.—About one marriage in every nine is terminated by divorce. The number of marriages in proportion to the population has increased since 1890, but the divorce rate has increased much more rapidly. The returns for 1916 show 1000 marriages and 112 divorces, per 100000 population. These are some of the more striking features of a report on marriage and divorce covering the calendar year 1916, which is soon to be issued by director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This report was compiled under the supervision of Mr. William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population.

According to the returns, which covered 2,885 counties out of a total of 2,980; no data being available for the 95 missing counties—the number of divorces granted in 1916 was 112,026 or 112 per 100,000 of population, as against 84 in 1906, 73 in 1900, and 53 in 1896.

The principal causes for divorces and the percentage contributed by them to the total were: Desertion, 36.9 percent; cruelty, 28.3 percent; infidelity, 11.5 percent; neglect to provide, 4.7 percent; drunkenness, 3.2 percent; combinations of preceding causes, 8.6 percent; all other causes, 6.7 percent. Desertion was reported as the cause of 50 percent of the divorces granted to the husband and 30.8 percent of those to the wife.

In only 37.9 percent of the divorce cases were children reported in 52.1 percent no children were reported, and in 10.2 percent the records contained no data as to children. Children were reported in 27.9 percent of the cases in which divorces were granted to husbands; no children in 58.7 percent of the cases, and in the remaining 13.5 percent the records contained no data as to children. The corresponding percentage based upon divorces granted to wives were 42.2 percent and 9.6 percent respectively.

SAYS SUFFRAGE BILL WILL PASS CONGRESS

Dallas, March 20.—U. S. Senator Kendrick, a speaker before the cattlemen's convention here, in answering questions put to him by the suffragettes of Dallas, declared that the United States constitutional amendment for woman suffrage will be passed at the next term of congress. He also urged the passage of the Texas amendment on May 24th.

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How, then, are you showing your appreciation? Are you holding your War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds? Are you saving your money and lending it to your Government through the purchase of 1919 War Savings Stamps in order that the victory bill may be paid and the boys brought home?

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As an American, a patriot, one who loves his country, do you think the person is a real patriot, a sur-enough American who at this time of the Government's great need cashes his War Savings Stamps if it is possible for him to hold them? Do you think he shows the proper appreciation of victory?

It was easy to be patriotic when the boys were in the thick of the fight, when the drums were booming the battle call, but the real test of patriotism is what one does now.

Every person who can should hold his War Savings Stamps until the maturity date. Do you think a real American would cash his War Savings Stamps unless he was in dire need of the money?

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"The leading men of the world today," recently declared a Canadian financier, "those charged with directing its affairs, realize that the exercise of thrift is absolutely necessary for the restoration of normal conditions in all countries."

"It is to be observed also that these men consider it as necessary for the people of the United States and Canada—countries undamaged by the war—to save as it is for those of France and Belgium to do so. It is the condition on which financial and industrial recovery is based."



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IMPORTER ARRESTED ON SMUGGLING CHARGE

Larado, March 20.—The suspicious action of Isaac Leavy of New York, an importer, when he arrived here from Mexico caused the customs officials to make a thorough search of his luggage with the result that diamonds and opals of considerable value were found. Leavy is held under a five thousand dollar bond for preliminary hearing.

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PENN AND WOODEN BACK
IN THE STATES

W. C. Penn received a telegram Friday morning, from Clint, announcing that he had landed in Virginia Thursday, and is stationed for the present at Camp Morison, near New Port News.

Willard Wooden is also in the same detachment, both the boys belonging to the 133rd field artillery. Wooden is in Battery B of the regiment, and Penn is color sergeant of the Headquarters company. They will go to Camp Bowie within a few days for demobilization.

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BEER PROHIBITION

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Italy Threatens Withdrawal
From Peace Conference

Paris, March 21.—Italy has again threatened to withdraw from the peace conference unless her claim to Fiume and Dalmatia are recognized by the conference.

Rome, March 21.—Meetings are being held throughout the country in order to urge that Italy's demands against the peace conference be taken up immediately. The conference plans to act on the subject after the conclusion of the preliminary peace with Germany. The Italians are angered over the matter.

GERMAN MINISTER
IS RETURNING HOME

Laredo, March 21.—German Minister Von Eckhardt, who was formerly at the head of German propaganda in Mexico, passed through here today on his way to New York. From there he will take a ship for Germany, after being granted a safe conduct by the United States. Agents of the Department of Justice are accompanying him.

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MORMAN CHURCHMEN
RELEASED BY VILLA

Juarez, Mexico, March 20.—A telegram received here today from Bishop A. B. Call, of the Mormon settlement at Colonia, Dublin, stating that Bishop J. C. Beatty, head missionary James T. Whetten and Albert Tietjean, another Mormon, had been released by Francisco Villa's troops and had arrived at a logging camp sixty miles south of Colonia Dublin and 185 miles below the border.

A Timely Suggestion

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Copenhagen, March 21.—The German assembly has passed a resolution favoring the union of German-Austria and Germany, despite the allied request that such action should not be taken. The Allies may demand that the action be repudiated when the preliminary peace terms with Germany are signed.

GRAND JURY
RETURNS SIX BILLS

The grand jury returned six bills of indictments, all felonies, Friday morning making their final report to the court.

It is not known who the indicted parties are, but it is stated that three men who broke jail here last Saturday night, were indicted on the charge of robbing the Winters State Bank.

Following is the report of the grand jury:
To the Honorable J. O. Woodward Judge of the 35th Judicial District

We, your Grand Jury for the March term of district court of Runtels county, Texas, beg to submit the following:

We have been in session nine days and have examined sixty one witnesses and have diligently inquired into every thing that has been brought to our attention as a result of our investigation have found six true bills, all being felonies.

We have examined the jail and court house lawn and find them in a clean and sanitary condition.

We also find some necessary repairing on the jail, due to the breaking out of the prisoners last Saturday night. We would recommend that these repairs be made as early as possible.

We would also recommend that in the future, hardened criminals be confined to the cells.

We find that only three of the precinct and county officers have made their report to this body. We recommend that their attention be called to this and in the future these reports be presented according to law.

We thank your Honor, the District and County Attorney and other officers for their courtesies and assistance rendered us during our session.

Respectfully submitted this 21, day of March, A. D. 1919.
John W. Clampitt,
Foreman.

BAKER MURDER CASE
RESET FOR MARCH 31

The Baker murder case has been reset for Monday, March 31, at one thirty o'clock.

This case was set for Monday, March 24th, but the Elms case which is now on trial will not be out of the way by that time, and Judge Woodward announced the new date for trial of the case.

All witnesses and the special venire in this case are given notice to be present at one-thirty on Monday, March 31st.

The Elms murder case which is now on trial will not be completed until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Mothers' Advice

The responsibility for a daughter's future largely rests with the mother. The right influence and the information which is of vital interest to the daughter imparted at the proper time has not only saved the life but insured the success of many a beautiful girl. When a girl's thoughts become sluggish with headaches, dizziness, or a disposition to sleep, pains in back or lower limbs and a desire for solitude, her mother should come to her aid and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, will at this time prepare the system for the coming change and start this trying period in a young girl's life without pain or irregularities. Thousands of women residing in every part of the United States bear willing testimony to the wonderful virtues of this medicine, and what it has done for their daughters.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—"I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough for what it has done for my daughter. She was 15 years of age, very sickly and pale and she had to stay home from school most of the time. She suffered agonies from backache and dizziness and was without appetite. For 3 months she was under the doctor's care and got no better, always complaining about her back and side aching so I did not know what to do. I read in the papers about your wonderful medicine so I made up my mind to try it. She has taken five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and doesn't complain any more with her back and side aching. She has gained in weight and feels much better. I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all mothers and daughters."—Mrs. M. FINORA, 516 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.



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TO ALL MEMBERS OF
TROOP I, 3RD REGIMENT

You are commanded to report at the armory at Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, March 25th, at 4:00 o'clock, for federal inspection. All commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted men who fail to report are subject to court martial.
LOUIS COHEN,
Capt. Troop I.

The Best Laxative

"My sedentary habits have necessitated the use of an occasional laxative. I have tried many but found nothing better than Chamberlain's Tablets," writes George E. Daniels, Hardwick, Vt. Mr. Daniels is proprietor of the Hardwick Inn, one of the model hotels of New England.

BABY WITHOUT BIRTHDAY

San Francisco, March 20.—A baby without a birthday! Impossible as it sounds, it is a perplexing fact in the life of Peter Heybrock, now a month and a half old.

Peter was born on the China Mail liner Nanking on her December trip. The ship was crossing the 180th meridian. The day be-

fore had been December 24th. Peter in the natural course of events would have been a Christmas baby, but there was no December 25th on the Nanking. December 24th was followed immediately by December 26th.

It is a well-known fact that a day is lost in crossing the Pacific ocean to the west. That lost day apparently was Peter's birthday.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heybrock, of New York. Heybrock travels for Stork & Co., of New York. Dr. F. G. Leach, ship's surgeon, vouched for that.

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daughter 16 years old died at midnight from injuries received in the fire.

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San Francisco, March 20.—Geo. Joseph Taylor, who knows where heaven is, and who is about to tell the world its exact location in a book, is seeking a divorce from Marie Zentgraf Taylor, his million dollar New York bride.

After less than a year of married life Mrs. Taylor has returned to her Riverside Drive home in New York, where she will continue studying spiritual subjects and preparing lectures.

So long as the two lived in the spiritual world, in which they were engrossed, they were happy together, Taylor said. But when they came down to material things they learned they were not suited.

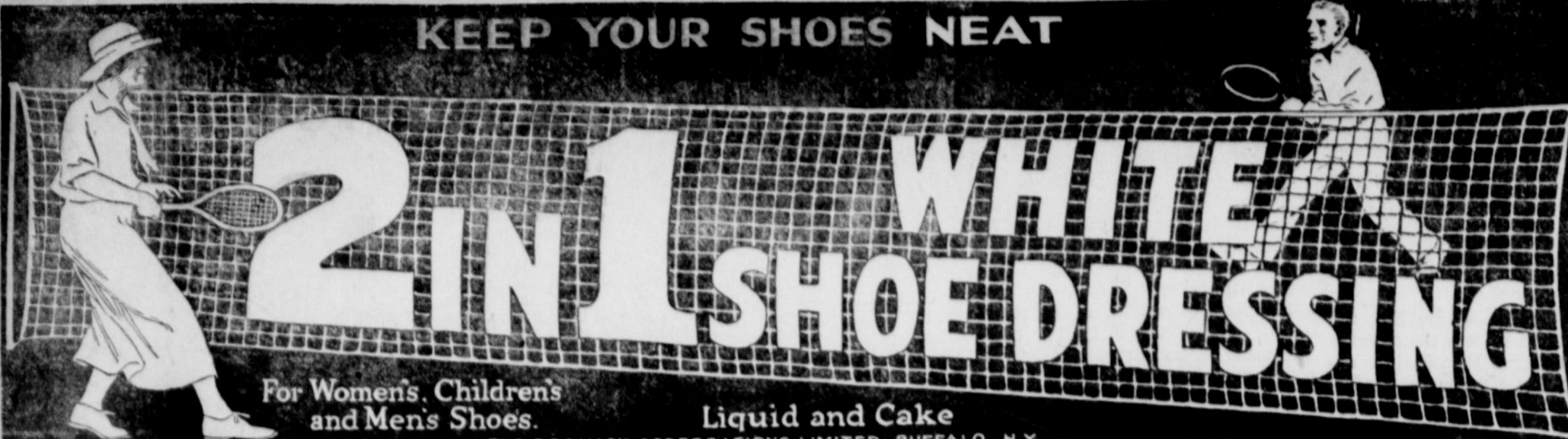
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the part. I was in the car behind in which Miss Alice Ensor was

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on the day before I left the Elms home. He said he would pay his farm out in the fall and they could separate then, and divide the property. I heard them talking in their room three or four times after I went to my room. Could not tell what they were saying. Mr. Elms was talking loud.

Attorney for the defense objected as states counsel tried to get witness to say Mr. and Mrs. Elms were quarrelling, but the court sustained the objection of the defense counsel when witness said she could only tell by what Mrs. Elms told her about crying.

"Yes, I heard her crying was the answer finally brought out by the state. States counsel asked Miss Helms if she was not unfriendly to the state in the case?" "No," was her reply.

"He talked to me several times about being unhappy?" Said the witness to attorneys questions.

"I heard him mention separation with his wife twice or three times. I am not sure. These conversations occurred during the latter part of my stay at Elms."

"Did he ever tell you he expected to get out of this matter one way or another?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did he say where he expected to send her?"

"Said he expected to send her home."

"Did you ever tell Mr. Elms that his wife was thoroughly devoted to him?"

"Yes, he said he knew she loved him."

On cross examination Judge Hair interrogating Miss Helms.

Judge Hair presented a kodak picture to witness, asking her if she recognized it.

She said she did. It was a picture of Miss Alice Ensor, Mr. Elms and the witness. Miss Helms said she was very friendly to the Halls.

"My feelings were not friendly to Mr. Elms," said Miss Helms.

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Elms said he was going to make a change in the fall if his wife was not satisfied.

Mrs. Elms had trouble with one burner of the oil stove while she was boarding there.

The defense dismissed Miss Helms after having her detail location of the furniture in the Elms home.

In order that he might return to his home, the state permitted the defense to offer the testimony of Dr. R. W. Noble, of Temple, and Dr. Noble was testifying when The Ledger went to press.

On direct testimony D. L. Tucker told who was present at the fire when he arrived. He said defendant was in the crowd. Said defendant was hollering when he got there and some one had hold of him. "I went up and took hold of him myself," said the witness, "and later I helped remove the body from the ruins."

Witness Tucker detailed position of the body when it was found in the ruins, said the body was lying on its back about the width of three twelve inch planks from the wall. "Shoveled off debris right up to the body when I got sick and let some one else take my place."

On redirect testimony he said: "I helped to dress the body. It was taken to Mr. Ensor's. We found something like cheese cloth around the neck." Witness said he accompanied the remains of Mrs. Elms to Ballinger. Said he had ear trouble. Witness said that he had seen Mr. Elms and Miss Alice Ensor together. Said he told Elms people had begun to talk a little and said he ought to let her alone. "He thanked me for telling him," said the witness.

"I do not think I saw them together but a little." Council for the defense asked the witness Tucker where he saw Elms and Miss Ensor together. "I saw them at church and going to church together." Witness said church was in sight of both Ensor's and Elms' house, and on the public road. Saw families go together and some times Elms and Miss Ensor would go together. Never saw Alice Ensor and Elms together alone after he talked to Elms about going with the girl. On redirect testimony the witness said he never saw Elms and Alice come to church at night alone. Said Elms was never in the choir and Miss Ensor was soprano singer in the choir.

Claude Breece, of Wichita Falls, who was living on the Elms farm at the time of the tragedy, took the stand for the state. Breece testified that he was living about three hundred yards from the Elms home on the night of the fire. In substance he said:

"I was at home on the night of the fire. Got to the fire between eleven and twelve o'clock. I saw Elms when I got to the fire and heard him say 'Jess, turn me loose.' I suppose he was speaking to Jess Ensor.

"Elms walked up to me later and said: 'Claud, it is awful bad.' Elms said he and his wife were sleeping on the front porch and were awakened by the fire, that he went to the phone and his wife went into the dining room; said he tried to follow her and the flames knocked him back. Said he went around to the back door and it was locked. I helped to remove the debris and recover the body from the ruins. The lower limbs of the body were spread out. I helped shovel off the debris and

held the lantern most of the time. I saw nothing around the body except ashes and pieces of cloth, which stuck to her face and breast. There was a piece of linoleum under her head, and a dark clot with hair burnt in it on the linoleum under her head. I saw no brick close to the body. The closest brick I saw to the body where the fire fell and it fell in the opposite direction from the body.

On cross examination, counsel for the defense asked Breece if he did not sell his crop for about one third of what it was worth and leave the country after the tragedy. He said he got \$168 for his crop, and it turned out to be worth more than that. Said he did not sell anything but the cotton crop. Breece said that he used the oil stove that was in the Elms house on the night of the fire about two months and had trouble with one of the burners. With reference to locating the position of the body of Mrs. Elms, Breece said that the head was about where the center of the door was located. Breece said that he did not have any particular hatred for Elms, or particular love for him. Said his feeling for Elms now as the same at the time of the fire.

Breece was asked by counsel for defense about the size of cloth. He said it was large enough to cover the breast, and extended down over her body. The cloth next to the body was not burned. Witness said that he heard after Elms had been arrested that he (Breece) had been accused of burning Elms home. Said he would not like to see Elms convicted unless he was guilty. Said Elms addressed him in a friendly way on the night of the fire.

Miss Alice Ensor, one of the State's material witnesses, was called to the stand. She testified that she lived about a quarter of a mile from the Elms home. Gave her age as twenty-five years, and stated that she had known the defendant about twelve years. She told the jury that she was with Elms some, but not a great many times. "I went to church and Sunday school with him," said the witness. We did not belong to the same church, but sang in the choir together." In answer to questions propounded by the district attorney Miss Ensor said: "Mr. Elms was leader of the choir. I went with him alone some. Went with him alone at night. Have been in buggy with him alone. Picked cotton with him in our field and in his field. Other members of the family picked in the same field. We picked cotton together five or six falls. Don't remember picking cotton with Elms except at home and in his field. Some times he sat by me in the choir, if I was on the front seat. Elms made me a present of a locket I am wearing and a pin. Yes he kissed me at his home. His wife had gone in the front room a few minutes and we were in the kitchen. He asked me to hand him some wood. I took hold of his hand and I stooped down and kissed him. Mrs. Elms saw me when I did it. She came in the kitchen and we stood there and talked about it. She began crying. This occurred several years ago.

"On the night of the fire I heard the phone ring between 11:30 and 12 o'clock. I went to the fire as soon as I could get ready. Papa and John and Arthur Ballew were there. I did not go to where Mr. Elms was when I got to the fire. I talked to papa, but did not talk to Mr. Elms. Papa was leading Mr. Elms away from the fire. I did not hear Mr. Elms say anything. The body staid at my house until we started to Ballinger with it. I came to Ballinger with the remains. I remember that we had car trouble on the road to Ballinger. I was in the third or fourth car from the body. While the car was being repaired the men got out of

the car and Mr. Elms came back to the car I was in. He came up on the side of the car I was in and stopped near the front seat. I was on the back seat. He didn't stay but a few minutes. I did not hear any one tell him the procession was ready to go.

"The last time I saw Mrs. Elms alive was at a dinner on the day before the fire that night. I was at her house that day. I saw Mr. Elms at Ballinger on the day preparations were being made for the examining trial. Don't remember where Mr. Elms was the next time I saw him. I saw him at our house some time after that. Don't remember how long, probably a week or two. Don't remember how many times he has been to my home since the death of his wife."

On cross examination, and in answer to questions propounded by the counsel for the defense, Miss Ensor testified as follows:

"My father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ensor. I have five sisters and two brothers. Have always been at home. It was our custom to pick cotton around in the neighborhood. We some times picked cotton for Mr. Elms and he would pick for us. We did this several years. My father and Mr. Elms always made the settlement. It never had occurred to me that there was anything improper about my going to the field and picking cotton with the other girls and Mr. Elms. Nothing unusual occurred. We some times picked a little ahead of the others. I was at Elms' home some time two or three days in a week and some times but once a week. Mrs. Elms and I were good friends, and frequently were alone at her home. It was a Bereenah pin Mr. Elms gave me after I joined the lodge. It was just a little pin, worth about fifty cents. I think it came from Sears & Roebuck because we had a catalogue and I saw one in the catalogue just like it. It was several years before the fire that he gave me the pin.

Witness was wearing the locket which she said that Elms gave her. Council for the defense asked her to show the locket to the jury. She Elms and I did wrong. Mr. Elms told it out from neck so that the

jury could see it. To further questions from the defense the witness said Mr. Elms gave her the locket six years ago. I did washing and assisted Mrs. Elms during sickness at her house. I got the locket off the Christmas tree. Mrs. Elms got a ring off the tree at the same time. I considered that the locket was given me to repay me for my kindness to Mr. and Mrs. Elms. I never went with him because some of the other girls would have company and papa would take two in his buggy. I went with him a few times at night alone. I went with him a time or two to Winters. Don't know what Elms went for. I went to have my teeth worked on. Mrs. Elms went along some times. Mrs. Elms and I were going to Ballinger on Saturday, but the fire occurred on Friday night. Mrs. Elms and I went to Oak creek church on Monday before the fire on Friday night. She came over and asked me to go. I told her I couldn't go. She said if I would get a horse she would let me have a dress to wear. Mrs. Elms bought me several dresses and assisted me to make them. When we were on the road to Ballinger and Mr. Elms came back to the car, he said for some of us to get his mail when we returned home and keep it for him. No other conversation took place at that time. I never met Elms at the mail box by private appointment. I didn't think it was wrong for me to go to church with Elms, when Mrs. Elms often phoned me to go with him as she couldn't go. Anna Hall, sister of Mrs. Elms, and Pearl Helms, were present when the snap shot picture of myself and Mr. Elms was made. Miss Helms was in the picture. I was subpoenaed to come to Ballinger on the day of Elms examining trial. The reason I came to Ballinger I didn't have any private conversation with Elms while in Ballinger on that day, nor when he came to my house after being released on bond. I don't think what occurred in the kitchen between Mr. Elms and I did wrong. Mr. Elms told it out from neck so that the

never kissed me at any other time

except this one time in the kitchen. Did not think my going with Mr. Elms was anything wrong. I heard Mr. Elms screaming when I took down the received on the night of the fire. I don't know who dressed the body of Mrs. Elms when it was brought to my house after the fire.

There was little new evidence brought out on the redirect examination of Miss Ensor. The state's attorney attempted to get the witness to say that her father and mother had gotten after her for going with Mr. Elms, but the court ruled it out.

It was seven o'clock Thursday evening when Miss Ensor was excused from the witness stand.

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