

FACES LIFE TERM FOR KIDNAPPING

Omaha "Chain Man" Found Guilty of Intent to Assault Woman

LONG ELUDED CAPTURE

By Associated Press
Omaha, Neb., Oct. 20.—Fred Brown, Omaha "chain man," today faced a sentence of life imprisonment for kidnapping with intent to assault Mrs. Jean Jenkins, twenty-one years old.

In returning a verdict of "guilty as charged" late yesterday after forty hours' deliberation and recommending life imprisonment, the jury ended one of Nebraska's most spectacular criminal cases.

Brown's ability to elude apprehen-

sion, when apparently inescapably cornered, attracted wide attention. In his pursuit, Nebraska officers employed every available method of travel and his capture was effected only after he had been dangerously wounded.

In striking contrast to the terror caused Nebraska citizens by the varying reports of Brown's success in his efforts to get away from the State, stood the almost dwarfed stature of the man and his mild demeanor throughout the trial.

Testimony offered in the trial was to the effect that Brown "picked up" Mrs. Jenkins and her friend, Kathryn McManaman, offering them a ride to an outlying amusement park, but forced the women to accompany him to his shack on the outskirts of Omaha. There he was said to have forced them into a pit beneath the floor, chained them and attacked them. Testimony further showed that Harry Boyd, a neighbor, endeavored to release the women, and also was chained by Brown, who threatened the life of the would-be rescuer.

Brown is said to have stolen the car of Boyd with which to make a getaway. He was accused of having stolen other

cars in Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., and Rawlins, Wyo., near which town he was captured.

Following his conviction Brown declared himself surprised at the verdict and reiterated his defense that the women had accompanied him to his

home willingly, that they had been there several times prior to the chaining episode, and that their threat to inform the authorities concerning his possession of alleged stolen jewelry unless he divided with them was the cause of the chaining.

Inhaler Gas and Ends Life
Stephen Thompson, seventy-six years old, committed suicide yesterday by inhaling gas in his room at 2801 Oakdale street. After being confined to his bed with rheumatism for six weeks, Thompson had been out a week, but had been ordered back to bed by his physician.

THE TREND OF POLITICS
Only a few more days and election day, with its settlement of many political problems, will be upon us. Just what is happening in the various camps, what the candidates are doing, is accurately told in the news columns of the *Public Ledger*. "Make It a Habit"—Lew.

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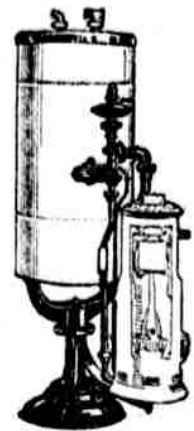
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