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idea in the popular mind concerning the case. It has been generally stated that Adams was arrested solely by the body of Tyler for fear of his own directions. The testimony of these witnesses utterly discounts this view. The body was found by accident, the identification is very meager, and if the state is depending upon the halfhearted confession of a man tortured by fear and afterward completely repudiated by him, its chances are pretty slim to head another Federal man into eternity that way.

#### MAKING AN EXAMPLE

The secret of the whole matter is that the big timber companies want to make an example out of Steve Adams so that in the future no one will interfere with their jumpers in the interest of so unimportant a factor as homesteaders. They must get some one, and Steve is a friend of Simpkins whose claim was among those that were jumped, is a convenient character to sacrifice.

As the trial progresses Mr. Hawley is settling with the jurors, making suggestions. Not much interest is evinced in the trial by the general people. The general sympathy seems to be with Adams. The very fact that these timber crushing parties went up to examine timber already settled upon shows that the rights of the homesteaders were ignored. Tyler had had a cabin built for him on the very place of where Steve Adams had been ready built, and where he was living.

#### AN UNWILLING WITNESS

The testimony of George H. Root and of the settlers in the Marble Creek district proved to be remarkably honest and devoid of the injustice that is heaped upon the small property owner by the great timber companies. Root is a dapper young fellow that clerks in a hardware store in Boise when he is not out on his own. His every action and word showed that he did not wish to testify for the case of the case and he was brought there against his will. He is a personal friend of Simpkins and is interested as all the settlers were in defending their homes against the (alleged) claims of the big timber companies.

It seems that one Sunday the homesteaders met at an indignation meeting in the woods, where the timber companies would be done concerning their homesteads and the Northern Pacific strip which had just been opened.

At this meeting Adams was present with Simpkins and many other whose homes were menaced by the rapacious timber thieves. These men, of the woods were asked, as one witness said "it was unsafe to go unprotected these days." Adams was brought to this meeting. The discussion was as regards what the settlers should do to protect their homesteads. The case of one claim-jumper was already in court, and a number asked that they be taken to the trial in this case. Others were for getting the jumper out of the country.

#### ASKING ADVICE

Root testified to a conversation he had with Simpkins wherein Simpkins asked his advice as to what he thought he ought to do. Root testified that he had built a house on his claim. Root advised him to wait until the claim were settled.

Attorney Knight kept trying to draw from Root that Simpkins had said something violent at this meeting, but his closest questioning failed to elicit anything of the kind. Root testified to draw out what the alternative was that they wanted to do. Root said, "to go to them and notify them that they wanted them to leave the country."

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proved equally unwilling to testify for the prosecution, and was equally efficacious to the case of Adams.

By IDA CROUCH HAZLETT.

#### GENERAL COMMENT

Rathdrum, Ida, Nov. 7, '07. Everything is encouraging for the defendant in the Steve Adams case so far. There is nothing that directly connects him with the crime of killing Tyler. The indirect connection is only such as might be added in any frontier warfare, where there are two factions in a community that hate each other, and especially where one is at stake as in the case of Steve Adams. The indirect connection is only such as might be added in any frontier warfare, where there are two factions in a community that hate each other, and especially where one is at stake as in the case of Steve Adams.

#### INDIRECT EVIDENCE

Steve was with his friend Simpkins when the claim was jumped. Both were members of the Western Federation and that was enough to connect them with the crime. According to that avenging angel of the timber owners association, Steve McParlin.

It is the opinion of those who have followed the chain of events closely that not a hair of Steve Adams' head will ever be touched. Not only is all this being done for the sake of the timber companies, but it is not tolerable that any jury of poor, hard-working farmers in favor of the timber companies will ever bring in any verdict against him or his friends.

#### FAIR TRIAL LIKELY

The court proceedings are being conducted in as fair a manner as could be expected under the circumstances. The court is a very kind, pleasant man, and his rulings are giving the defendant the extreme latitude that the law allows him. No one can complain of his lack of courtesy to the attorneys for the defense. He has said that Darrow was the strongest man he ever saw by the law.

Very little interest is manifested in the case by the townspeople of Rathdrum, even the tiny court room being filled by the press of the time.

#### PRISONER WELL TREATED

Steve is being as well treated as could be expected under the circumstances. The sheriff has related the case to him, and he has been held at first. It was having a very bad effect on the eyes and he would go blind unless he was given outdoor exercise. He has been given a very good one, and he is now as well as when he was taken to town. He is taking a walk about town. He is taking a walk about town. He is taking a walk about town.

Mrs. Adams brings him a little steak and she cooks it on a stove in the jail.

#### THE OBSCURE CAPITALIST PRESS

The capitalist papers are doing exactly as they did in southern Idaho, using every sinister and vicious means to misrepresent the facts, malign the Federation and prejudice the minds of the people against the Federation. The papers are doing exactly as they did in southern Idaho, using every sinister and vicious means to misrepresent the facts, malign the Federation and prejudice the minds of the people against the Federation.

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unprincipled fight against these working men, and is making itself so objectionable to the working class, and in fact all fairminded people throughout the Rathdrum community that its circulation has fallen off perceptibly. In fact a movement is on foot to boycott it completely throughout this district. The paper, the Idaho Tribune, has aroused a great deal of antagonism and dislike among the people. The paper is being boycotted by the utility fare payers. It is being boycotted by the utility fare payers. It is being boycotted by the utility fare payers.

The Rathdrum "Tribune" makes a public echo of its pace setter, the Boise view, aiming to prejudice and poison the minds of the people. The paper is being boycotted by the utility fare payers. It is being boycotted by the utility fare payers. It is being boycotted by the utility fare payers.

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#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9

Rathdrum, Ida, Nov. 9, 1907. On Thursday the prosecution undertook to introduce the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Phillips that was given at the Wallace trial.

The Phillips people were jumpers from the Marble Creek district who gave the most emphatic evidence against Steve Adams at the previous trial. They belonged to the crowd of claim-jumpers who were banded together to take the land from the settlers.

Prosecuting Attorney Knight made affidavit that the state had tried in every possible way to get these valuable witnesses to be present. But they had left the jurisdiction of the state and gone out of the country and could not be found. Mr. Knight further testified that the Phillips people had stated that they had been so terrified by threats of violence, the attempt of dynamiting their house and other outrages that they feared to give any more testimony against the Federation.

Just as the Phillips' health was in a state of nervous collapse and Phillips had lost his mind and could not get work and since the blowing up of Sheriff Brown he thought the best thing he could do for himself was to get out of the country.

#### SENATOR HEYBURN

THE DEMAGOGUE. A sensation, which was a veritable explosion of a political bomb in the Idaho legislature, was caused by Senator Heyburn's letter to Phillips appointing him to a government job.

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and the statute of the state does not permit it.

Mr. Orde, of Wallace, made the argument for the prosecution. His plea being that the common law permitted the evidence of absent witnesses provided they could not be brought into court. That since Steve Adams had been said about it Idaho had adopted the common law in its constitution. The judge ruled that he would admit the evidence since the defendant had once met these witnesses in open court.

#### THE SETTLERS' WAR

The stenographers were sworn and the transcript was read. Mr. Knight reading for the prosecution and Mr. Hoffman for the defense. The testimony was to the effect that Phillips had seen Steve Adams on the trails about the woods. It related incidents about Tyler. It related incidents about Tyler. It related incidents about Tyler.

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