

Orgie of Outrage.

Awful Act of Abomination Alleged against

Two Men and a Woman.

Accused Found "Not Guilty."

Before his Honor, the Chief Justice, on Tuesday afternoon was commenced the hearing of the charge of rape preferred against two young men named respectively Samuel Andrews and Thomas Roberts. A second charge of stealing with violence was also listed against the two men and a woman named Florence Redpath. The case was a sordid one and the evidence of the chief witness, Maud Lipshut, who alleged she had been assaulted, robbed and ravished, was mostly of a quality unfitted for publication. Nevertheless it was given by Lipshut, who repeated her former story, without any sign of nervousness or bashfulness. In fact, she narrated the filthy talk used with apparent gusto and the details of the ravishment were given with aplomb.

Three of the four people concerned in the bush orgie are "well known to the police," as the saying has it. Roberts, however, is only a lad, who has borne a good reputation but, unfortunately, he appears to have become associated with Andrews and the woman Redpath, who are not the best class of company for any young man. The evidence was fully published at the time of the Police Court proceedings, or as fully as it was possible to publish so many filthy and abominable details. To summarise the story told by Lipshut, she stated she left her home in Wittenoom-street about noon on November 16th. Near the Kensington Hotel she was accosted by Andrews, whom she had known about eight years ago, and asked where she was going. At this time Redpath and Roberts were both unknown to her. She informed Andrews she was going to North Perth and he undertook to drive her there in a trap standing close by.

Lipshut consented to get in the buggy but she found she was being driven in an easterly direction instead of to North Perth. She protested to Andrews, who was driving furiously, but no notice was taken of her. Eventually they reached

taken of her. Eventually they reached the Central Hotel, Maylands, where a stay was made in an endeavor to obtain drinks. Lipshut succeeded in getting a drink and took the opportunity of enquiring the way to the railway station. She stated she was making her way to the railway station when Andrews and Roberts pursued her and dragged her back to the buggy. She appealed to an elderly man passing by but he declined to have anything to do with the trouble. Andrews assured the woman he would bring her back to Perth but instead he continued in an easterly direction until a quiet scrubby locality was reached in Bayswater.

Here Lipshut declares she was forced to alight from the trap, and Roberts told her what were his intentions. She repulsed him, but Andrews took a hand by holding her down. Roberts made repeated attempts to ravish her until at last Andrews told him to get away, and then, holding her down by the throat, he committed a criminal offence upon her. When Andrews left her Roberts resumed his attempts upon the now nearly exhausted woman, but she managed to repulse him. Some abominable expressions and actions were indulged in during the progress of the orgie, which cannot be set down in print. While she was struggling with Roberts, it was alleged by Lipshut that Redpath and Andrews robbed her of her jewellery and a florin. This part of the proceedings formed the subject of the second charge.

Some quarrelling ensued over Lipshut getting back into the buggy, and finally she ran for protection to a house occupied by Mr. Pickett. He returned with the woman to the spot indicated by her, and remained with her until P.C. Ullman arrived. To the two men she stated briefly that one man had held her down while the other did what he wanted to her. Evidence, mostly of a formal character, was given by a number of witnesses, including Mrs. Jose, whose evidence was important because she stated that Lipshut re-entered the buggy at Maylands without any compulsion.

The defence set up was that Lipshut went with the party voluntarily, and that her story was a fabrication. It was stated that Lipshut undertook to render certain favors to Roberts on a cash basis, and a quarrel ensued over the subsequent payment. It was also stated that Lipshut and Redpath had a "scrap," and that accounted for her bruised condition. The jury returned

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against both accused.