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Parker Made 18 Revisions in Confession

Criminologist Asserts Suspect Rational

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Lincoln—Testimony by John E. Reid, noted Chicago criminologist, Wednesday afternoon revealed that Darrell F. Parker was rational enough to make 18 corrections in a 12-page statement after he had confessed strangling his wife.

The December 21 confession was introduced as evidence before the jury after District Judge John L. Polk refused a motion by the defense to rule it out of the trial.

County Attorney Elmer Scheele returned Mr. Reid to the stand as his first witness before the jury, which had been excluded from the courtroom since Monday afternoon.

Tells Questioning

Mr. Reid then gave a step-by-step report of his questioning of Parker which resulted in the confession.

He said he had not at any time abused, threatened or promised Parker leniency in giving him lie detector tests or while otherwise questioning him.

Then Mr. Scheele handed Mr. Reid the original confession and instructed him to explain each correction made by Parker with a fountain pen.

Corrects Name

Mr. Reid explained that Parker had changed the middle name of his wife in the statement from "Helen" to "Ellen" and eliminated one of the double R's in his own middle name, Forest.

Parker also corrected the spelling of several words and in one place crossed out a repetitious line.

Each correction bore the initial of Parker and each page of the confession was signed by him.

The 24-year-old former Lincoln City Forester had testified during the absence of the jury that he was "dazed and shocked" during the period in which he gave the confession.