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THE WESSLER INQUEST.

Another Saloon Row, in Which John Seller Has an Eye Knocked Out.

Interest on Making His Accident Drink—Topham Hearing—an Juse Scale.

Ogden, Sept. 29.—The coroner's inquest over the remains of Chas Wessler was yesterday continued before Acting Coroner M. J. Brandon, in the dance hall, over Wessler's saloon. The first witness called to the stand was Nat Osborne, whose testimony was very much the same as he gave on Tuesday with the exception that he stated that he had met Oscar Dahl, a friend of his, and started to work for a Mrs. Woolhiser, who is said to be a sister to Mr. Thomas Topham.

John Shelley, a Gregory cab driver, went on the stand and stated that on Sunday morning he met Mr. Osborne at about 1 a. m. in the Good Luck restaurant where he thinks, want to get his coat and that Osborne said he had been fighting, and have seen my fight in Wessler's saloon a few minutes ago, in which Topham gave a drink of his good whisky. This was the main part of his testimony.

Police Sgt. M. O. Brown, who on day Sunday morning met Chas Wessler at about 2o'clock on 25th street, said Mr. Wessler came up and Wessler came up to him and said "I have just been licked by Tom Topham and want you and a few men to come over to the police station, and swear out a complaint, so they walked to the station and went in, where they met Capt. Shurtz, the two officers and Wessler sat down and Wessler told the following story:

WESSLER'S STATEMENT TO POLICE.

"I went down to Topham's saloon and collected two dollars from Topham and gave him a receipt; in a short time Topham came over to the table where I was, but I refused and then Topham gave me a severe beating, adding, "I can now use the knife on you" the marks where we are visible. The officers stated that Wessler's collar and tie were torn off and his face was bloody. The officers didn't think that Wessler was intoxicated, but he said, "I took Brownlow's hot brandy and I think it was rank my wife for a gun, she is too much of a lady." The officers attempted to have him not to use such language about getting a gun, whereupon Wessler said "I have been treated so shamefully the world ought to against me and I'll do them so."

It was about 2:30 a. m. when he left the officers. Mr. Brown says he didn't notice any cut on Wessler's face or neck and didn't think that he had been badly beaten. Officer Brown further testified that he went down about 12:30 Sunday morning and heard some singing; went to the door of the saloon and found that there was about 30 minutes he came by the saloon came to heard some more singing, and again told them, if to keep still; the second time he saw Wessler in the saloon standing near the door, but he seemed to be all right. After Wessler left the police station Capt. Shurtz and Officer Brown went down to the saloon and looked into the Mint saloon, but all was quiet and the doors were locked. This ended about 3 o'clock the witnesses stated they saw nothing of Wessler after he left the police station.

Mr. E. Butler, the bouncer and bartender in the Atlas saloon was the next witness. His testimony was as follows:

On Sunday morning at about 2:30 Charles Wessler came in the Atlas saloon and asked me to lend him a gun. I told him I had none and I asked him what he wanted to do with it. He said he had had a scrap with Tom Topham, and wanted it for him. Butler told Wessler not to think of using a gun. He further testified that Wessler had a swollen lip, bruises on his face and some scratches over the eye and that he complained of his chest hurting him, but he didn't said anything about a knife in the saloon during the three-quarters of an hour that he stayed there. He that he Wessler was drinking whisky and that he left the saloon with Butler and another man drank two or three drinks and that he left the saloon with Butler's best memory, alone at about 3:15 a. m. At this point of the testimony the inquest was adjourned until 2 o'clock.

At 2 o'clock the inquest was continued. Frank Baird was called to the witness stand. He stated that he is a hack driver in the employ of H. Shelley that on Sunday morning he was driving on Twenty-fifth street and when he came to the Mint saloon he saw Wessler standing in front of the saloon, with his eyes and crying.

The next witness called was Capitale of Police Robert Shaw. He told of Wessler's appearing at the police station in company with Officer Brown at about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. He explained understood that Wessler wanted to make a complaint, he said he had had a fight with Tom Topham and he said he had a knife with Topham and he said he had a knife with Topham would be sorry for it. Wessler said he had not his wife for a gun, "she is too much of a lady." The captain advised him not to use a gun, that if he was had hurt, he that if Wessler wanted to make a complaint, he would be had a fight with Tom