

SHEETS JURY IS NOW COMPLETED

Eight Men, Swearing to be Fair, Take Oath of Duty.

LINE-UP PLEASES EVERYONE

Farmers, Business Man, Engineer, Stockman and Brewer Among Talesmen Accepted

Celebrity With Which First Step of Long Hanging Trial Was Accomplished Highly Gratifying.

THE JURYMEN.

Francis H. Daniele, West Jordan, sheepman.
Homer P. Burt, 1510 Indiana avenue, Salt Lake; electrical engineer.
Samuel Perry, Sandy, farmer.
John James, 32 Center street, Salt Lake; retired business man.
Oliver Duke, Salt Lake; contractor.
Alfred J. Oliver, barber.
Jens Hansen, Jr., Wilford, farmer.
Peter Buller, brewer.

Bulletin—Promptly at 2 o'clock this afternoon the taking of testimony in the Sheets case commenced. The prosecution announced that the first four witnesses would be: Alex McWhirter, Esq. Thompson, J. D. H. McWhirter and Mrs. Ventrice. Alexander McWhirter was on the stand at press time telling the circumstances surrounding the \$10,000 robbery.

The unexpected has happened: a jury has been obtained in good time and eight men who each and all declare their minds are free from any impressions, bias or the semblance of an opinion have been sworn in to sit through the case of Utah vs. George A. Sheets and bring in a verdict upon the evidence to be introduced.

BIBERY CHARGED.

The jury was completed when both sides passed Peter Buller, a brewer, and the information or charge against the defendant, a former chief of police, was read to the jury. The information alleges that Sheets, while chief of police, "did prostitute the trust placed in him and accepted a sum of about \$1,500 from John O'Brien, Larry O'Brien, Jim Donahoe and others, the sum being 'protection' fees to permit the gang to operate at poker and other things in this city."

WITNESSES NOT READY.

As the state had not figured on the completion of the jury getting so quickly its witnesses had not been summoned to appear until 2 o'clock and Dist. Atty. Loofbourrow asked for an adjournment until that hour. The court asked him if he did not want to make his opening statement. "I do not care to," answered the district attorney, "until this afternoon."

BEFORE JUDGE RITCHIE.

A short consultation then occurred among Judge Morse; Judge S. R. Thurman for the defense and Atty. Loofbourrow for the state. At its completion Judge Morse announced that the proceedings would be adjourned until 2 o'clock, when they come before Judge Ritchie. Judge Ritchie's courtroom is much larger than that of Judge Morse, and indications point to much space being needed to accommodate interested crowds.

ALL HANDS SATISFIED.

At the adjournment of court this morning attorneys for both sides were asked for expressions regarding the personnel of the jury. "I am satisfied," said John X. Christensen, "So am I," was Judge Thurman's remark. "They look all right to me," said George Sheets himself, and Atty. Irvine said, "I am particularly pleased; they're a fine looking lot of men." Atty. Loofbourrow and County Atty. Hansen were similarly satisfied with the eight men chosen.

Things were near a crisis this morning for both sides, as both state and defense started out the day with but one preemptory challenge left. As the examination continued affairs looked less so, however, as men with leanings did not hesitate in admitting them. As the trial progressed, the state and defense seemed to have undesirable talesmen exposed.

BOTH SIDES SATISFIED.

Indications point to a rapid-fire trial. The state appears anxious to go right into its case. "My opening statement will consume but a very few minutes," said Atty. Loofbourrow. With witnesses on hand, the taking of evidence will proceed without further ado. Of course there are numerous vague rumors of "surprises" in the air and something might happen at any moment which might upset matters temporarily. These are things always expected in a case of this kind; a royal battle is expected. Royal battles are made up of sudden and decisive moves. Both sides express extreme confidence as to the outcome of the case.

OLIVER PASSED.

At three minutes past 10 o'clock the Sheets trial was announced reconvened. Judge Morse asked the lawyers to resume the examination of talesmen. Judge Thurman for the defense then took Alfred T. Oliver, a barber, in hand.

Mr. Oliver said he read various papers and once heard the Sheets case discussed by soldiers and officers. But reading and listening to arguments had had little effect upon his mind.

The talesman was then asked, as all are, "Have you ever acted as a juror before?"

"Yes, sir."

"Were you instructed that a defendant is innocent until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you would do so here?"

"Yes, sir."

PARTY'S REPUTATION.

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