

THE EVENING NEWS.

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JURISDICTION OF PROBATE COURTS, ETC.

Opinion of Hon. Z. Shaw, Territorial Attorney-General.

[CONTINUED.]

By reference to the record in the McAllister case, it can be seen that Marshal McAllister was ousted May 18, 1870. The case was taken to the Supreme Court of the Territory, where, in the fall of that year, the judgment was affirmed.

Before the argument in the case, and in my case, in which the same principal was involved, it was argued between the United States Attorney and myself, that both be argued together. Judgment in one to be given, and from that an appeal to be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. The judgment in the other to abide the result of the appealed case. But when the Court here rendered judgment, it did so in both cases. I then sought the papers in the McAllister case, with intent to appeal it, but could not find the files. They have not yet been found. I thereupon went to the District Court, and obtained copies of all I could then find.

By a further reference to this record, it will be seen that on April 30th, 1872, Marshal McAllister and myself were again recognized as Territorial officers. But it was by the District Judge in the Clinton and English case.

The Court in the McAllister case, in its opinion, said:

"That the Plaintiff in Error, the

Marshal McAllister, was recognized

as a ministerial officer, unless

Marshal McAllister was recognized

by virtue of this informal reinstatement. The Governor was not authorized to fill the vacancy. No method was found to fill it. It is

this which is in the way of obtaining a jury.

From May 11th, 1870, to April 30th, 1872, the United States Marshal acted as the ministerial officer of the Court.

Since April 30th, 1872, there has

not been any Legislative Assembly, so until now it has been impossible to correct this matter.

It is my opinion, that all that office, or legislative act to remove the obstacle. It is a matter of no consequence where or how or what the action was that caused this state of affairs. We are in it, we must get out some way, and no branch of the government can help us out but the Governor and Legislative Assembly.

I sought to obtain a Grand Jury in the Third Judicial District, in September, 1872, in March and in September, 1873, but failed. I have with me a printed statement of the matter at the September term, 1873, which I present as correct:

"THIRD DISTRICT COURT, McKEAN, C. J., PRESIDING,

"Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1873.

"Court in session for 50 days now.

"Some 2000 citizens were dis-

posed of, after which the clerk called

the names of the grand jurors.

Fourteen answered, and fifteen

are required to complete the panel,

under the statutes—to fill the vac-

ant places.

William Cary, U.S. District

Attorney for the Territory, submitted

the following challenge to the

array of the jury:

"United States of America, v.

"Territory of Utah.

"In the District Court of the

Third Judicial District of the

said Territory.

"Now comes William Cary, United States Attorney for said Territory, before the swearing of the persons in the jury box, and challenges the panel of the so-called grand jury summoned to appear at the present term of this court, and move to quash the same, and move for grounds of motion assigns as follows:

"First—Because the laws of Utah have not been complied with in many respects in selecting said jurors, as will be shown by the reference to the examination of the venire and the return, certificates and documents accompanying the same.

"Second—Because they were not summoned by the United States Marshal, and therefore cannot lawfully be held as offenders against the United States.

"Third—The persons now in court were not summoned by any officer, but by John D. T. McAllister, a private citizen, the said McAllister having been ousted from the office of Territorial Marshal by the judgment of this court, rendered January 18, 1870, and the Chief Justice Wilson then presiding, which judgment was afterwards affirmed by the Superior Court of the Territory, and has never been reversed.

"WILLIAM CAREY, Atty.

"of the U. S. v. U. T.

"The challenge was argued briefly by Mr. McAllister, his attorney and Territorial Attorney General Snow for the people.

"McKeans, uncontroled, that he

would render a decision at four o'clock in the afternoon.

"After making some preliminary remarks concerning the challenge to the array of the grand jury, entered into the natural market debate his historical theory verbatim, which in substance was as follows:

"It had been admitted by the council on both sides that two of the persons summoned to serve as jurors were incompetent, for that they were not citizens, having only recently come to the country, before discharging them on that account the judge would examine the question very thoroughly, and if they were entitled to become citizens he would probably admit them at once, and thus do away with that objection. On the 1st instant the Attorney's Office filed a bill of exception, which had not been issued thirty days prior to the term of court, but that provision of the statute the judge considered directory, and he would not sustain the challenge on that ground. Another point missed by the attorney was that the occupations of the jurors had not been given, and the constituents of the various counties from which they had been drawn, but that he should also overrule. He was not disposed to decide on any of the points raised in the first cause of the challenge.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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