

# "NOT GUILTY" IS JURY'S VERDICT

Under Law Decision Was No Surprise Except in its Quickness.

WAIT OF TWO HOURS WAS ALL

Celebration of Result About Town During Evening: Sheets Goes to Family Thoroughly Happy.

It took eight men less than two hours to agree that under the law George A. Sheets charged with accepting a bribe while chief of police, was not guilty. District Attorney Loofbrow concluded the arguments and was followed by Judge Morse, who read his instructions to the jury. The judge was done at 10 minutes past three and the jury, under Bailiff Andy Smith, marched out of the courtroom into the jury room.

**MOMENT AT HAND.**  
Exceptions to the charge were then taken by both sides and the court, and the jury remained about as if confident the jury would be in within a short time.

The defendant sat in his chair near the press table and while paying no particular attention to anything going on about the room. He was plainly ill at ease.

**JURY MARCHES IN.**

When at 4:55 o'clock the jury marched back into the courtroom a stir started in the courtroom and swept throughout the building. There were few spectators who waited from the trial, but when the jury took their seats the courtroom was comfortably filled.

**GOOD WORD COMING.**

Sheets' attorneys, Christensen and Wedgwood, smiled and the defendant, who had been sitting doubled up in his chair, united himself gradually as he read in his attorneys' faces that the word was to be good.

When asked if a decision had been reached, John James, who had been selected as foreman, arose and answering in the affirmative, passed over to Clerk King, a sheet of paper. The clerk glanced at it and passed it to Judge Morse, who glancing at it passed it back to the clerk, nodding to him to read it.

The verdict was known before it was read as it was evident the jury would not be in so quickly with a verdict of guilty or announcement of disagreement.

**"NOT GUILTY."**

Clerk King was reading, "State of Utah vs. George A. Sheets, etc. We the jury empaneled in the above case, find the defendant not guilty."

**JOY IS SHOWN.**

The troubled look which George A. Sheets had worn for a year and longer disappeared. He sighed and when court adjourned hurriedly he walked toward the jury box, where he shook hands with each juror and thanked him for the verdict. His attorneys were at his side first and he shook hands with them. Friends near him crowded around him and clutched his arms because his hands were busy.

"My gratitude and thanks go out to every man and woman of Salt Lake and Utah who has stood shoulder to shoulder with me and believed in me through the prosecution of the graft charges made against me," he said, talking rapidly. "I never let myself think that I would not be acquitted."

**SALOONS CELEBRATE.**

When the word reached the police station several policemen shouted and the flag on the fire station was run up under the direction of Lieut. Andy Elktem.

Celebrations in various saloons about town started the minute the verdict came in, and were kept up until away after midnight. The cause of it all, Sheets, himself, went home to his family straight from the courtroom, and there he was visited during the evening by officers and citizens, desirous of expressing their satisfaction at the result of the trial.

**VERDICT EXPECTED.**

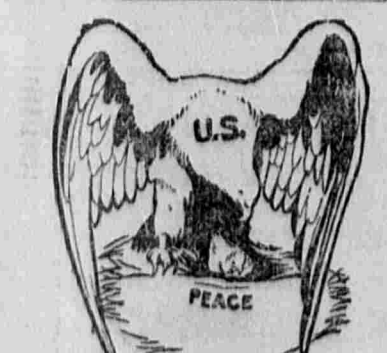
An acquittal was expected unless the jury happened to "hang," because, under the law there was but one decision possible: that of "not guilty." The jury had to decide whether or not Donaldson and Bell were accomplices, and if so their testimony could not be regarded at all. The jury, of course, saw Donaldson and Bell were accomplices, and as their testimony was the only evidence bearing upon the crime itself, bribery, it did not take long to reach a decision.

**THREE BALLOTS TAKEN.**

Three ballots were taken; the first standing four for conviction and four for acquittal. This ballot was cast to bring up a discussion of the evidence and case generally. The first vote was cast immediately after John James had been elected foreman. A half-hour later the second ballot was cast, and this stood five for acquittal and three for conviction. The third ballot was made at 5 o'clock and was unanimously in favor of the defendant.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY.**

The instructions to the jury were



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regarded as most fair. Numerous exceptions were taken to various sections, however, by the defense. This was not unexpected as an appeal would have been taken had the defendant been convicted.

The portions of the instructions which were of special bearing upon the case were:

"The burden of proof rests upon the state to prove all the essential facts constituting the crime charged, to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt. It is not sufficient that one or any part of these facts be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, but it is necessary in order to justify a verdict of guilty, that each and all such facts be proven to the satisfaction of the entire jury and beyond a reasonable doubt."

**ABOUT ACCOMPLICES.**

"Under the laws of this state, a person cannot be convicted of a crime upon the testimony of an accomplice, unless such testimony is corroborated by other evidence, which in itself and without the aid of the testimony of an accomplice, tends to connect the defendant with the commission of the offense; and the corroboration is not sufficient if it merely shows the commission of the offense or the circumstances thereof. The corroborative evidence need not be sufficient of itself to establish the guilt of the defendant, but it must tend in some degree to implicate and connect the defendant with the commission of the crime charged, and it is not necessary that the testimony of an accomplice should be corroborated in every circumstance which he details in evidence."

**"AND THEY DID."**

"If you should find from the evidence that William Bell (William Bell) or James Donaldson were either or both accomplices in the commission of the crime with which the defendant is charged, then you should eliminate from your consideration the evidence in the case, with a view to ascertain if there be evidence tending to connect the defendant with the offense charged, and if after such consideration and examination you should find no such evidence, you should return a verdict of not guilty; but if after such examination and consideration, you should find that there is such evidence, then you should consider all the evidence in the case, including the evidence of such accomplices or accomplices, and determine therefrom, under the rules given you in these instructions, the question of the guilt of the defendant."

**DUTY RE-EXPLAINED.**

"You are instructed that a mere preponderance of the evidence in favor of the prosecution is not sufficient to convict the defendant. Before he can be convicted each juror must be convinced of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

**WEIGHING WITNESSES.**

"If you believe any witness has willfully testified falsely as to any material fact in this case, you are at liberty to disregard the whole or any part of the testimony of such witness, and you may, if you believe, corroborated by a credible witness, or credible evidence in the case."

"An accomplice cannot be compelled to testify, and if he voluntarily gives evidence, then in determining his credibility and the weight that should be given to his testimony, you should take into consideration any motive, so far as the same appears from the evidence, or from legitimate inferences to be drawn from the facts proven, which he may have for giving such evidence."

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**K. OF P. HOLD HIGH JINKS**

Entertainment of Supreme Chancellor Barnes Brought to Conclusion Last Evening—Many Present.

The visit of Supreme Chancellor Charles A. Barnes of the Knights of Pythias, was brought to an enjoyable close last evening in Castle hall, with 300 Pythians present.

There were present knights from the three Salt Lake lodges, Colanthe Myrtle, Rocky Mountain and Lincoln; Murray, Sandy, Grand Junction, Bingham, Helper, Castle Gate, Scofield, Green River, Mercer, Eureka, Park City and Ogden. Past Supreme Representative C. A. Haight introduced Grand Chancellor W. A. Radford. The latter gave an address of welcome to Judge Barnes who spoke for an hour. He called attention to the fact that many men prominent in public life are still members of the order, including President Roosevelt, 37 United States senators, and 127 congressmen. W. J. Bryan is a Knight of Pythias, as was McKinley. Judge Barnes said there are over 7,000 lodges in the United States, with 700,000 members, and there are also branches of the order in foreign countries. In conclusion he expressed a hope that the members would be true to the rules and teachings of the order, that they cherish the fraternal spirit, both among themselves and to members of other orders and to those that belonged to none at all. Speeches were made also by Grand Representatives C. P. Jennings of Ogden lodge; by J. A. Harrison of Helper, grand vice chancellor of Utah and others. C. I. Douglas of Salt Lake, who was to have spoken, was detained at home by illness.

The committee on arrangements in charge of last night's banquet consisted of the following, three members coming from each of the three local lodges: S. M. Randolph, chairman, James Collins, secretary, N. W. Bondacker, Charles Fisher, J. W. Young, Joseph Sands, A. F. Sanders, J. W. Payne and H. E. Herman. Judge Barnes left this morning, for Ogden, whence he will travel through the west and northwest visiting Pythian lodges.

### A CORRECTION.

We, members of the Teachers Correlation association, called on Supt. D. H. Christensen Monday to confer with him, regarding an article in the "News" entitled "Woman Book Agent Victimizing Mothers." We were under the impression that Mr. Christensen was condemning our work.

Mr. Christensen stated that he had not examined the New Practical Reference Library and had no intention whatever of condemning it. He also stated that the method of presenting that work to the parents as explained to him Monday, was not fraudulent or misleading.

In defense of our own integrity and reputation for honest dealings, we feel compelled to say that we carried with us a written recommendation from Mr. G. W. Mumford of Murray, of the Hills Practical Reference Work, which has since been added to and changed in name to the New Practical Reference Library. Mr. Mumford was selected to represent the principals because of the unstinted praise bestowed upon him by his patrons and because, he, as one of the oldest educators of the state, is so widely known in this way.

The county superintendent also gave a written recommendation and, so far as our knowledge goes, has the work in his own home at the present time. No other recommendations were asked for though many of the principals of the schools have looked the work over.

At any rate it would be presumption on the part of any educator to condemn indiscriminately a work whose contributors are such men as Nathan C. Shaeffer who is the president of the National Educational association, and Mr. E. B. Barrett, who is working under the government as director of education in the Philippine Islands. Another contributor, Mr. Frank B. Cooper, who is so well known here as Salt Lake's former superintendent, has also acquired a national reputation among educators. In fact all the contributors, it will be seen, are of like repute from all parts of the United States.

However, we had confidence enough in the people of Salt Lake, to take it for granted that each and every parent had good sense enough and could trust his or her own judgment sufficiently to appreciate what is set before them and thoroughly explained, without having the opinion of others thrust in their faces. We trust this confidence has not been misplaced.

**TEACHERS' CORRELATION ASS'N.**

### DEATH OF MRS. FARNSWORTH.

Estimable Woman Passes Away at Age of 67.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Duzette Farnsworth, mother of Cashier Louis H. Farnsworth of Walker Bros. bank, died yesterday afternoon, at the residence of her son, 1150 east First South street, aged 67, from a complication of troubles. She leaves three children, Mrs. Frank C. Wire of this city, Cashier Farnsworth, and Deputy County Clerk W. H. Farnsworth. The funeral will be held from Mr. L. H. Farnsworth's residence, at 2 p. m., tomorrow, with interment at Mt. Olivet. The deceased was a native of Illinois, removing to Utah with her parents, a few years later. She married M. F. Farnsworth who died three years ago. Mrs. Farnsworth went to California 11 years ago, to care for an invalid daughter, Miss Zetta Farnsworth, returning to Salt Lake City, at the death of the latter, a year ago.

### WIFE DESERTED HIM.

But Ralph Siddoway Forgave Her—Married in Salt Lake.

Deserted by his wife, after seven years of married life, Ralph Siddoway has given the recent spouse and her new lover his blessing, told them to be happy, and promised her that if ever she is mistreated, he will come to her aid and kill the man who won her affection from him.

Siddoway is formerly from Salt Lake where he met and wooed the wife who has just left him. He went from Salt Lake to St. Louis to work for John C. Higdon, president of the Success Automobile Co., and a relative. His wife disappeared several days ago, and he traced her to Kansas City, where he found her in a hotel with a young Englishman named Matthew Newman, a friend who Siddoway had introduced to his wife.

On returning to St. Louis he gave out the following interview on his encounter with the pair:

"I told him to keep her, but that if he ever mistreated her I would find and kill him."

"I told them I did not want the blood of either of them upon my head. When they went away they took all my savings. I have been making good money as an automobile mechanic, and kept my money in a safe deposit, in which my wife kept her valuables. I met Newman in the hotel where we were living. He was not working and was in the hotel while I was at work. I never thought he and my wife were more than ordinary friends. We were all members of a coterie at the hotel who played cards together."

When she did not return Monday I went to our room and found she had taken her small belongings in a suit case. Through a letter which a friend showed me, I learned she had gone to Kansas City.

### FOUND THEM TOGETHER.

"I got to Kansas City Tuesday morning and went at once to the hotel. Newman was in the office and shook hands with me so cordially I felt ashamed for suspecting him. I resolved I had been mistaken, and he accompanied me to the station. But I got to thinking the matter over again and returned to the hotel. I asked the clerk for my wife. He told me Mrs. Siddoway was not there, but that Mrs. Newman was. I went up to the room and knocked. There was no response. I climbed up and looked through the transom. There they were together."

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Tonight the Utah Women's Press club and the Utah Mothers' club founded Mrs. E. B. Wells, will have a special meeting in honor of her 50th birthday anniversary, which takes place on the 28th of February—every four years. The program will begin at 7:30 p. m., with roll call answered with sentiments from the poems of Mrs. Wells by members of both clubs; refreshments at 8 o'clock, sharp; an address by the Press club president, Mrs. E. B. Wells; address by the president of the Mothers, Mrs. Mary Alice Lambert; piano solo, Mrs. O. S. Hill; song, Miss May Alder; address, Mrs. Lydia B. Alder; poem, Mrs. Ruth M. Fox; music, Miss Eva Jensen.

Tomorrow Mrs. Wells will be guest of honor at an open reception at the Rice Hive House, given under the Women's Relief society of Salt Lake.

A hot beverage for breakfast is desirable.

If coffee causes trouble, drink

**POSTUM**

"There's a Reason."

Mrs. Thomas Marleaux entertained informally at luncheon on Thursday in honor of Mrs. C. O. Whittemore, a bridge game following.

Mrs. A. L. Hoppaugh and Mrs. F. J.

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Hundreds of customers come in expressly to enjoy the Saturday evening concerts

A new arrival of early Spring Hats, showing a splendid variety of tailored street hats at prices from \$5.00 to \$14.00. Also pretty sailors and walking hats. Nice assortment of elaborately trimmed hats for early spring wear.

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Note where the crowds are headed, listen to their comments—their footsteps lead, and the brunt of their talk is favorable to Keith-O'Brien's. The bargains Saturday will be especially attractive because the time for changing departments to upper floors is so near at hand. New merchandise is beginning to arrive. It is astonishing what savings are to be had right now.

### Suit Specials for Saturday.

Splendid assortment of nobby Spring Suits. Semi-fitted hip length jackets, full flare gored or kilt pleated skirts. Blue, Brown and light striped effects. Very special at \$22.50.

### SPRING WRAPS.

Covert Jackets in fitted, semi-fitted and loose styles. From \$9.75 to \$29.50.

Sample line of short jackets, either fitted or loose styles, shown in the new striped, checked and novelty materials. Priced from \$6.75 to \$16.75.

We are showing many new models of Spring Skirts. The popular 1908 style, a pretty, full flare gored skirt, with silk fold trimmings, comes in blue, brown, and black. A leader at \$10.75.

## Any Pair Women's Shoes in Stock--\$3.45.

Our reputation for high grade footwear is sufficient guarantee that this offer is a great bargain. Here are some of the styles given you to choose from:

**HUYLES' PATENT CALF**—lace or button, in cloth or kid tops; worth \$7.00—at \$3.45.

**RUSSIA CALF**—button and lace, in cloth, suede or leather tops; very swell; regular \$7.00—at \$3.45.

**WINE RUSSIA**—in button, with suede top; worth \$7.00—at \$3.45.

**PATENT VAMP**—button, with brown suede top; worth \$7.00—at \$3.45.

**NAPOLEON BOOT** for short skirts, in tan, Russia or patent calf vamps. Price \$6.00 and \$7.00—at \$3.45.

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**VICI KID**—in comfort lasts or swell dress boots; worth \$4.00 and \$5.00. Many more styles—too many to mention—at \$3.45. Remember—every pair included at the price—\$3.45.

## \$1.95 and \$2.45 Women's Shoes.

Bargains, indeed, that you cannot afford to miss. We must make room for new goods; hence these prices to you. Shoes worth from \$3.50 to \$5.00.

## \$1.45 for Boys' Shoes.

On bargain tables. Hundreds of pairs; worth \$2.50 and \$3.00. \$2.50 for Boys' \$4.00 high cut Boots, in black and tan; regular \$4.00.

New Spring Oxfords are arriving daily—tan and black.

which Mrs. Wells is a member and officer. No invitations are issued, the affair being open to all Mrs. Wells' friends. The hours are 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Burlingame and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Williams celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. Burlingame, 261 west Sixth South street, the two ladies being sisters. The two couples were married by Judge C. S. Zane at the same time, and at the same place.

Mayor and Mrs. Brunsford left last night for Los Angeles for a stay of a few weeks.

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Gustaf entertained at the second in a series of card parties yesterday at the home of the former, the amusement being 50c, and the prizes going to Mrs. F. W. Francis, Mrs. Kempf and Miss Renee Redman.

Tonight takes place the Salt Lake ball of the High School cadets and the event is expected to eclipse all former school functions. There will be among the many features a drill and guard mount under Capt. Faddison.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Wertheimer of this city held the fifth anniversary of their wedding Wednesday evening. They were married in New Orleans, Feb. 28, 1893, and were Utah pioneers. Mr. Wertheimer is well known in mining circles.

Mrs. H. Vance Lane, wife of the president of the Bell Telephone company, is here from Omaha visiting with her husband. She will remove to this city in the spring with the rest of the family.

Miss Dagmar Orioh entertained her sewing club yesterday.

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