THE DESERET EVENING NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

FIFTIETH YEAR. MONDAY, OTOBER 9, 1899, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. NUMBER 272

MILLS HELD FOR WILFUL HOMICIDE

Justice Sommer Decides that He Must Go to the District Court to Answer to the Charge of Murder in First Degree.

Accused is More Collected Than While at the City Jail—Mysterious Letters Found on the Person of the Dead Man—Are Said to be from Women who Do Not Live in Salt Lake City—Speculation as to What They Contain—Hinted that They Give Information that Will Involve Other Prominent Men—Once in Chief Hilton's Possession—Turned Over to Mr. O'Melveney's Secretary—Details of the Preliminary Hearing Held Today.

Captain Frederick J. Mills, the slayer of Fred Emmons O'Melveney, was brought into the city morning by Justice Sommer to answer before the Third district court to charge of the crime of murder in the first degree. In the afternoon he was given the verdict of a jury of his peers before the iron bars of a prison cell, for bail was denied him.

The defense neglected no testimony to bring in the evidence introduced in the trial. In all the evidence tendered there was not a witness called Mills really did not kill Alfred O'Melveney he said he had threatened he would.

The major portion of the testimony was along the lines of that already published, from pictures, however, elicited by the cross examination of W. E. Rowe, O'Melveney's private secretary, the first of Chief of Police Hilton, after months of partial evasiveness by his answers, was forced to admit he knew what was in the letters found on the person of the dead man. In O'Melveney's body was notched that letters were in the pocket to another which will throw considerable light on the tragedy and also indicate that other prominent men are involved in the case as well as Mills. Once in Chief Hilton's office, The letters in question were written in a female hand, and one were addressed at Salt Lake, and the other from different women, but which outside some decidedly immoral lines in which Christian sentiments were expressed, were revealed even to the eyes of the public only by the care of the police and further such letters were found in the possession of the victim. Chief Hilton admitted the letters, but when pressed to produce them, he refused even to the court, Chief Hilton stated he had turned over to the secretary, but Friday refused to order Chief Hilton to produce them, and he left the letters of the nature to the secretary. Just what these letters contain in their entirety are kept from the public, but it is certainly are kept for use in a prime factor in the trial of Captain Mills.

SCENE IN COURT ROOM.

By 10 o'clock the principal witnesses, witnesses were seated in the court room, and were had congregated in Judge Sommer's courtroom, in the Maple block building, which the Third district court occupies, and he arrived. It was 10:30 before Mills came his appearance, closely guarded by officers, and he was placed in the prisoner's dock, and the accused man was at once recognized by many who had been in the court room, and subsequent to his appearance.

Mills looked very trimmer and he had gone into a his shaver. After taking seats Judge Sommer opened the daily trial, Mills sat in a chair in the dock, and the attorney of the room and crowded in, and the rest of the room, that was filled to the top of the bookcases opposite the jurors' seats. Deputy District Attorney Dickson, Deputy Sheriff Hogan, Deputy Sheriff Dickson, Mills Attorney Glassman, Deputy Sheriff Hogan, Deputy Sheriff Dickson, Dr. Anderson, R. B. Ellis, and the officers Dennis Dickson, Officer Hogan, Officer Dickson, Officer Hogan, Officer Dickson, Officer Hogan, Officer