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# THAT STARTLING TESTIMONY.

The dramatic incident which occurred in the court room on Thursday, when Hon. James Sharp, father-in-law of the lamented James R. Hay, repeated his conversation with Peter Mortensen. stating that God had revealed to him that Mortensen murdered Hay, has naturally caused a big sensation and occasioned conflicting comment. Surprise is felt in some quarters that the testimony on this point was permitted refineries in this country can obtain to go in of record. It is claimed that such testimony is not evidence, such as can be recognized by a trial court. There are many people, however, who think that everything bearing on the case should be brought forward and made public, even if it is not strictly and technically within the lines of criminal jurisprudence.

It should be understood that Mr. Sharp did not volunteer this testimony; also that it was not brought out by the prosecution. It was while under crossexamination that, in reply to pointed questions by the attorney for the defense, the witness made the replies that have occasioned such a stir. No blame, therefore, can attach to the witness or to the prosecuting officers, and it must be remembered that the proceedings were only a preliminary examination, and not a trial such as the accused will be entitled to if committed.

Justice Nielsen has exhibited commendable fairness in conducting the proceedings, and has given great leeway on both sides. Usually, objections to questions or answers in the course of testimony are made by the attornevs on either side, and the court either sustains or overrules those objections. None were offered when the defendant's attoney closely questioned Mr. Sharp on the point now considered, and that gentleman replied with the utmost sincerity and frankness. What object counsel had in view in thus interrogating the witness, is a mystery to legal minds as well as to onlookers. However, we cannot see where any blame can be justly attached either to the court or to the witness. The public desire to receive light on this terrible tragedy, no matter from what source, and while it is probable that such testimony as that drawn out from Mr. Sharp by the defense would not be admitted in a trial court, no harm can come to the case on either side by its admission at the examination. The only question for the justice to decide is as to whether sufficient real evidence has been adduced to warrant the commital of the defendant for further action, or whether it is insufficient to go to a jury. The court is fully competent to weigh the testimony, to reject that which is not evidence and to judge whether the case ought to go to trial We will not anticipate his decision by expressing either our own or the general opinion on that subject. The case is of uncommon interest, and nothing that has occurred in this community of a criminal character has aroused so much attention, or weighed so heavily upon the feelings of all classes of our people. We hope that justice will be done by the punishment of the guilty, and the vindication of the innocent.

tion on general principles, unite with the champions of protection, in protesting against the scheme involved in the attempt at that which is concealed under the taking title of "reciprocity with the Cubans." The fight is still on, and we feel assured that the result growing beet-sugar industry of the

The Ogden Standard is cranky on the subject of railroad connections with Salt Lake City. But in a Incid Interval, it has copied an editorial from the Deseret News, showing the true sentiments of the people of this city in regard to our neighbor on the north and its prospects for growth and advancement, in the building of the proposed Standard is pleased to call it "Apology No. 1," hoping that the morning papers of this city will follow in the wake of the "News" on this subject. Readers of the Standard possessed with any ordinary sense will see that there is nothing in our article in the nature of an "apology," but that it is rather a congratulation to our friends of the Junction City, on the commencement of that railway spur which may possibly be for the purpose alleged. that is, its extension to the point on the lake where the trestle work is expected to be built, for the shortening of the route to Lucin. It should be noted by the people of Ogden that the Salt Lake people and papers have never interposed any opposition to projected rallway improve ments for the benefit of that city. But whenever news has been received here of contemplated connections with the great roads direct to Salt Lake City, the Standard has exhibited unmistakable signs of mania or dementia, and has taken the ground that these intimations were manufactured and intended to injure or destroy Ogden City. These are other indications of lunacy In the antics of the Standard editor, and we fear that unless a change occurs, a transfer will have to be made from the tripod in Ogden to a padded

THE SUGAR CONTROVERSY.

The hearing before the Congressional committee at Washington, on the proposed reduction of the sugar tariff for the alleged benefit of Cuban producers, has brought to the surface some interesting facts and arguments. The testimony of Bishop T. R. Cutler on Thursday, appears to have made a very strong and favorable impression. He denied emphatically the story attributed to him that beet sugar could be produced in Utah at a profit for 3 cents a pound, and gave good reasons in support of his denial. He also took strong ground in favor of protection for the industry, and opposed any reduction whatever in the duty on the raw material. The case had been previously well and clearly put by Mr. Oxnard. He presented the nub of the matter in these pertinent sentences:

"Stripped of sentimentality and all extraneous considerations and reducing the Cuban demands for free or freer sugar to its simplest equation, it is this: Shall the United States, through its agriculturists, produce its raw sugar and its factories, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, refine its product, or shall it permit foreign lands to export to it the raw material and content itself merely with the re-fining. That is what I fear would eventually come to pass it you interfer any way at the present time with the existing production of home sugar."

He showed also that while sugar production in Cuba is an established industry, the raw material being one of its chief products for many years, the beet sugar industry is comparatively in its incipiency in the United States,

will give a very grand reception to Prince Henry on his arrival there. It is stated that at least 200,000 of them will participate in the demonstration that is being planned. Whether it will take the form of a torchlight procession, a singing festival, or a "kommers," is not yet decided. That matter seems to have been referred to Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador in Washington, and he will of course, consult the royal visitor on the sub-Ject.

kind of citizenship in the United States. The German emperor himself, on one occasion, expressed the sensible view