THE OFFER TO BRIBE

A Full Statement From One of the Parties.

WHAT CROCKER'S ATTORNEY SAYS.

That $2,000 Offer to Suppress Testimony in the Crocker Case—Huggins's Letter.

BIG CANYON, Uinta Co., Wyoming, Sept. 25, 1895.

To the Editor:

In the third district court, Evanston, Wyoming, at 7 o'clock a. m., Sheriff Ward notified Judge Hayford that the jury had arrived at a verdict, and at 9 a. m. the jury filed into the court room, and on being asked by the court if they had agreed upon a verdict, the foreman, Mr. R. M. Lewis, stated that they had, and thereupon handed to the judge the verdict, which reads as follows:

"State of Wyoming, county of Uinta, in the district court, | state of Wyoming vs Edwin S. Crocker. We, the jury empaneled in the above cause, do find the above named defendant, Edwin S. Crocker, guilty of murder in the first degree. Signed, R. M. Lewis, foreman."

The defendant retained his usually cool demeanor during the reading of the verdict. Mr. Harvey Booth was present in court to hear the verdict, which, when read, affected her deeply, and she left the court room in tears.

As a counter headed "Attempts at Bribery Case" has been circulated in which insinuations have been made to the effect that I have been offered by Mr. Arthur Butler to Mr. L. N. Huggins, for the purpose of suppressing evidence which came in possession of, Judge Cain, for the defense, demanded the right to question each juror as to whether they had seen or heard of the circular in question. Some of them acknowledged having heard of some circulars being issued, but not being sure they had arrived at their verdict, whereupon the judge made a motion that the jury be discharged, but his motion was overruled. Here is Huggins's letter:

$2,000 PRICE FOR SILENCE.

About February 1, 1895, I suggested the idea to Sheriff Ward of a plan by which we could get E. S. Crocker to commit himself. My suggestion was as follows: That I write Mr. Crocker a note and invite him to meet me at my office for the purpose of a conference, on the ground that I had something to communicate that would be of importance to him. In the event that he accepted my invitation I would, by the evidence that I was in possession of, have Mr. Crocker to commit himself. Sheriff Ward approved this proposition and advised me to carry it out, promising his co-operation. It was then arranged that I should write Mr. Crocker a letter inviting him to my house at 8:00 on the evening of the 7th of February. In accordance with our plans Sheriff Wardpassed to my house about 8:15 p. m., and I located him in a bedroom immediately off the parlor, with the room door slightly ajar, and in a position where he could see and hear and be out of sight.

Promptly at 8:30 p. m. the bell rung. I opened the door and admitted Arthur W. Butler, the son-in-law of E. S. Crocker. I assigned him to a chair that had been previously placed in a position near the bedroom door, within about five feet of Sheriff Ward and where he (Ward) could see and hear the conversation. Mr. Butler said he received my note to Mr. Crocker and Mr. Crocker thought it was better that he come for he said "Crocker is being shadowed every move he makes." I then told Mr. Butler that I was sorry Mr. Crocker did not come himself for my business with him was of such a nature that I could only transact it with Crocker himself. Mr. Butler said that he was Mr. Crocker's legal representative and lawyer, and that any business I did with him would be the same as though I did it with Mr. Crocker.

Finally I consented to go ahead with Mr. Butler. I told him that my business with Crocker was in relation to the killing of Mr. Booth. He said he thought so. I told him I was fortunately or unfortunately in possession of enough evidence, in my opinion, to clinch Crocker. Butler said "Lynes is that so," and I said "yes, Arthur, I have the whole business in a nutshell." We then had some talk about the deplorable affair of the killing of Booth. I told Butler I appreciated his and Rose's position. I referred to Mr. Crocker teaching my children in the Sunday school. At this point Mr. Butler was so overcome that he shed tears freely.

When Mr. Butler asked me what evidence I had against Crocker, I told him that I did not care to state it at all until I knew the position they were going to take, but would state that I could prove that Crocker and Booth were both in the barn at or about the same time, say about fifteen minutes after 5 p. m., and I could further prove that Crocker went to the barn about 5:30 taking a sand sack upon which was a canvas or tent. I told him that I knew more, but at present would not state it. Butler then asked me if I saw Crocker do the killing, and I said "Thank God, no! I did not see Crocker do the job."

I then said to Mr. Butler, Arthur, you know there is $4,000 offered for the man who did the killing and I need money very badly, but on account of your and Crocker's family I do not want to give him over. There has been already one family destroyed and I cannot bring myself to add to destroying another one. I further said: Now there is this reward on the one hand, Arthur, what is there on the other hand; if I suppose I be entire strangers and who my family take to big East? I told him that Ward and other detectives were after me to get information from me, but that I thought myself equal to the whole outfit; Butler at this said he knew they could not work me if I did not want them to.

Butler then asked how much I wanted to quiet the whole business. I told him that on account of our friendship and other reasons I would take $2,000. Butler said, that's all right and reasonable enough, and we will pay it. I said, Arthur, I can let the whole reward by giving him up and I am sacrificing $2,000, all for my sake. He said he appreciated my kindness and that they would give that amount, but said they were not prepared that evening as they had to raise the money. He said Crocker has not got the ready money, but we can get it in Ogden. He said I may have to go to Ogden to raise it. I don't suppose a day or two will make any difference with you. Give me a chance to raise the money and we will fix that all right, say day after tomorrow.

We then had some preliminary talk about Booth and the killing. I told Butler I did not like Booth, yet, I did not endorse murder, and I suppose Booth only got what he deserved. I said further: "Arthur it was a very unfortunate thing for Crocker that he tangled himself up in this murder business." Butler said, "Yes it is too bad." I then said that Booth was an insulting man and I supposed Crocker was absolutely forced to kill him. Butler nodded his head and said, "Yes, that was it." After some further talk regarding the matter in which Mr. Butler asked me several times if $2,000 would satisfy me, and on being assured it would, he rose to go. While standing at the door he made this remark: "Lynes, for God's sake don't give up that evidence." I said I would follow it out. Give us two days and we will get the money." I assured him I would do so, and we then parted.

I will now explain why the above plan failed to mature. Sheriff Ward not meeting me at the appointed time on the evening in question, I started out on the street to find him and after some little time saw him in Frank M. Foote's office in conversation with that person. Knowing the position Mr. Foote had taken in the Crocker matter, I realized that it would be hazardous for me to be seen by him speaking to the sheriff at this particular time. I therefore passed Mr. Foote's office several times in hopes of attracting Ward's attention. Failing to do this and as the appointed hour in my letter to Mr. Crocker was approaching, I decided to take a desperate chance. I entered Foote's office and asked Ward if I could speak with him. We at once proceeded to my house, he taking one route I another. According to the testimony of Mr. Foote, Mr. Crocker called on him on the 8th of February to advise with him and get his opinion of my letter of the 7th. This was the very day the money was to be paid to me. Mr. Foote after reading no doubt recalled the fact that I had visited his place on the evening of the 7th, as related above. Mr. Foote probably knowing that had I been in good faith with Mr. Butler, Ward would have been the very person whom I would have wished to avoid, took into consideration and doubtless told Mr. Crocker that it was a job between Mr. Ward and myself to trip him (Crocker.) Had the money been paid to me it would have been immediately deposited with the clerk of the court.

I publish this statement in order to place myself right before the people against a letter of mine produced in court and the testimony of Frank M. Foote. One of the attorneys for the defendant seems to have been corresponding with the Salt Lake Herald and given that paper an untruthful statement of the whole matter. What I have stated above can be fully verified by others, and it is believed that the only reason Mr. Crocker did not part with the money was on the advice of Mr. Lorne. Signed by L. N. Huggins and John H. Ward.

RICHARD R. HODGSON.

Buried Today.

The funeral of Herman Paulini, the unfortunate miner who was killed in the Marion mine at Mercur on Wednesday evening last, took place from the undertaking parlors of S. D. Evans, in this city, this afternoon. A goodly number of the friends of the deceased were in attendance, and expressions of sympathy for the bereaved ones who have had a great deal of trouble of late, were showered upon them.

DENVER CHOIR MAY NOT COME.

Special Eisteddfod Representative Sent to Offer Every Possible Inducement.

The unwelcome and unencouraging information has been received from Denver that notwithstanding all expectations and the extensive arrangements made here that there is a strong probability of the choir of that city failing to come to Salt Lake to take part in the great musical festival to be given here during Conference week. It is claimed that suitable railroad rates could not be secured. But as these are not considered unreasonable, $15 per passenger, for the round trip, there must be some other obstacle in the way. In order that there may be no backing down on the part of the choir, and to make the way easier for it coming here the local Eisteddfod officials last night specially dispatched Mr. R. J. Thomas to Denver to offer every possible inducement for it to come to an agreement upon. Should that worthy body of sweet singers fail to appear and participate in the festival as anticipated for months past, there will be profound and widespread regret among the many music makers who will assemble here next week. Telegraphic information will probably be forthcoming from Mr. Thomas tonight. His report is anxiously awaited.

Gleason's Horse Show.

Professor Gleason's horse show drew another large crowd last night and as is always the case an excellent performance was given. Wind Pete was entirely subdued. Tonight the star will be a high kicker from the country. The engagement closes tomorrow night.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

Cavanaugh's Case Heard—Jim Dillon Locked Up For Being Crazy.

In the police court this afternoon the case of the People vs John Cavanaugh for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to do bodily harm, was brought up.

Assistant County Attorney Daniel Harrington prosecuted and Attorney Corey defended. The witnesses for the prosecution were John Benired, proprietor of the saloon in which the fracas occurred, and P. C. Howell, special police officer, and the testimony went to show that Cavanaugh was the aggressor and had made himself very disagreeable and obnoxious during the evening, flourishing knives and beer bottles and threatening to do up several parties in the saloon. The hearing was still in progress at press time.

H. McDonald for being dead drunk was fined $10.

Hale Gatewood and Eva Baker were run in on the charge of vagrancy and allowed to go on their own recognizance until tomorrow.

Annie Amburst plead guilty to vagrancy and sentence was set for 2 p.m. tomorrow.

This morning Officer Barbidge found Jim Dillon, wandering about in the eastern part of the city. His actions demonstrated the fact that he was labouring under some terrible hallucination and he was taken to the station and registered as being crazy. He has no love for Jailor Kimball, so he addresses vile epithets to him every time he gets a chance. He has a vacant stare and looks as though he were a fit subject for the asylum.

Probate Orders.

In the estate of Jane Wheatley, deceased; Ellen Cook by the hearing, Monday, Monday, Friday, petitioned for letters of administration, set Tuesday, the 8th day of October, was set as the time for hearing said petition.

In the estate of Ellen Browning, deceased; Fred J. Hill qualified as administrator upon filing a bond in the sum of $200.

In the estate of George C. Phelps, deceased; Frank B. Stephens qualified as administrator upon filing the required bond in the sum of $200.

THE POLITICAL FIELD.

The Republican Parade and Meeting of Both the Big Parties.

A visit to the respective headquarters of the two big political parties, gives positive proof of increasing earnestness and business activity on their part. Should this condition become more pronounced than it is now, and the indications are that it will, the strain before election day will be a terrible one.

REPUBLICAN PARADE.

The following communication was sent today, regarding the Eisteddfod and the big Republican parade. For the latter event there is promised a very large attendance from the neighboring county, five hundred marchers being expected from Ogden:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 27, 1895.

John James, Esq., General Secretary, Cymrodorion Association, City.

Dear Sir—Replying to your verbal inquiry concerning the time for the great Republican parade on the evening of October 5th, and asking whether or not it will conflict with the concluding concert of the Eisteddfod, will say that at the time the date for the Republican State ratification was fixed, your published programme announced that your festival would come on the evening of the 5th of October.

In order, however, that the thousands of people who will be present may witness the parade and also attend the ratification meeting, or the concert, as they see fit, after the parade, we shall arrange to have the latter begin promptly at 7 o'clock p.m.

With best wishes for the success of your great festival, I remain,

Yours truly,

GEORGE M. CANNON,

Chairman Republican State Central Committee.

EQUAL RENTION.

John M. Zane will plead on Republican principles at Mt. Pleasant this evening.

The Lincoln Republican club of the second precinct will meet tonight in room 17 Atlas block, at 8 o'clock.

A grand demonstration is being arranged for, by the members of the second precinct Woman's Republican club.

A meeting of the Whittaker club was last evening held in the tenor of labor hall. A good crowd was in attendance and speeches were made by John H. Murphy, S. W. Stewart and J. L. Frank.

The Populists held a meeting in the Sixth ward last evening. The speakers were S. R. S. Smith, Warren Foster, John Smith and James Thompson.

The Second precinct Democrats propose to give a reception and ball at the Auditorium hall, October 10. The affair will be enlivened by short speeches by party leaders and campaign songs by glee clubs. Olsen's orchestra will furnish the music.

H. S. Laney, president, and W. J. Sloan, secretary, have arranged for a Democratic rally under the auspices of the ward society, at the wigwam, corner Eighth East and Fifth South streets, on the evening of October 2.

The Workingmen's Central Democratic club will hold a meeting this evening at their headquarters.

Hon. John T. Caine and B. H. Roberts speak at Mendon Cache county, tonight.

At Manti this evening Democratic meetings will be addressed by John Maloney, L. R. Rhodes and J. A. Webber.

Governor West, C. W. Penrose and G. A. Whitaker are booked to speak at Murray tonight.

COMMERCIAL.

SALT LAKE CLEARING HOUSE.

Today's clearing house exchanges amounted to $236,95[illegible], same day last year, $178,638.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

New York.—Silver, 66½; lead, $3.20 London.—Silver, 30 9-16d.

ORE AND BULLION.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received today: Pennsylvania bullion, $3,347.

W. S. McCornick & Co. received today: Silver and lead ores, $17,700; Hanauer bullion, $3,999. Total, $21,699.

T. H. Joseph & Co., received today: Bullion, $5,000; ore, $2,000. Total, $5,000.

STOCKS AND MARKETS.

New York, Sept. 27.—The stock market opened quiet, but considerably better than after 10 o'clock. Sugar, however, Canada Pacific and Reading, in the downward movement eight and 1½.

The reactions were generally over after 11 and on a demonstrated release of business, general recuperation ensued, headed by Sugar.

MONEY, SILVER, LEAD.

New York, Sept. 27.—Money on call easy, 1½@2 per cent; silver certificates 66½; lead $3.20.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

South Omaha, Neb., Sept. 27.

Special dispatch to the News.

Cattle receipts, 1,100 head steady. Western steers, $2.90@4.25. Cows, $2.00@3.00. Feeders, $2.50@3.40. Calves, receipts, 300 head steady. Western, $2.25@3.00. Lambs 5@10c.

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