THURSDAY OCTOBER 18 1906 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

Victim Denounces Sheets As "One Of The Gang."

# POLICE CHIEF **GETTING WORRIED**

The Thin. Wan Smile of Yesterday Has Faded Into a Look Of Dejection.

CAN'T BREAK VICTIM DOWN.

Most Convincing and Damaging Evidence Produced to Substantiate McWhirter Claims.

Correctness of the "High Jinks" Celebration Dinner at Donaldson's Sister's Established.

The second day of the preliminary being of Chief-of-Police George A. Sheets on the charge of compounding a friendy brought no vay of sunshine into the case for his defense,

Instead there was a telling blow de-Mored to his case, and it landed right but the camp of his busiest defenders, McMeWhirter declared with emphasis, minth the first show of heat he has appared on the stand, that the Salt lat Tribune was a plain liar, and that there was absolutely no truth in the saturent it had accredited to him, of aking that Bell be not arrested by Chief Sheets, and refusing to swear out a complaint.

He arged that in telling his story to the the waited for the chief to take the poper action, and trusted him with the expected action till he became conthe effected action the section with an-vised he was dealing merely with an-cher member of the gang who had pandered him by searching his pock-a, while pretending to be officers. In laving Salt Lake he had gone because wing Sait Lake he had gone because se inducement had been held out to remain, because he had been told his case was hopeless, and because Chief Sheets had advised him he would do all he could to recover the money, and send on to him. He was even warned by the chief when he seemed to linger too long that his train would leave him if ledd not hurry.

after the trial, McWhirter made still anther protests against the Salt Lake sister, and absolute falsehood to make is vindictive case against him. Appaching a Tribune representative, he railed his attention to the headlines Gambier McWhirter Tells His Story," and to the printed evidence below showof cards in his life, that he objected to paying cards, and knew no game of daries in his life, that de objected to judging cards, and knew no game of carce, that he sat in this game for free minutes only, while O'Brien really past his hand, and that he was a to-turanger in America and Salt Lake where he was to be branded a mbler." He also called attention here headlines on page 3, which de-Mesire the arrest of the gang, and an declared these were lies.

WHAT A BAR IS.

MeWhirter is used to bonnie Scot-led where headlines tell what is in story below, and this was an rican" custom he had just confusion in his testimony, which it; brown straightened out. It was build that McWhirter didn't know shat a "bar" was in American usage. After testifying that he had gone to hat he meant the office counter, and hat his business there was to leave As was the case yesterday McWhirter

his money being held out to him,

could collect himself.

THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

IN THE \$10,000 ROBBERY CASE

The main prop fell out from under the defense of Chief Sheets

as carried on by the Salt Lake Tribune. Alexander McWhirter

branded statements published in that paper as plain, unvarnished

The principal one of these was that he had asked Chief-of-

Police George A. Sheets not to arrest Bell, and had declined to

swear out a complaint. MeWhirter declared that he accepted the

advice of the Chief, and did not try to force a complaint, because

he felt himself in the chief's hands, and thought it was his busi-

ness to make the complaint. He was never asked to remain in

lown, was never asked to make a complaint, and was indirectly

advised to leave the city, not the slightest hope for the recovery of

in them he caught up the joker and dangled it before the lawyers trying to confuse him. Once the lawyer became decidedly the confused party. He sat easily in the chair, leaning slightly forward, and often playing with a ring on one of his fingers.

Chief Sheets sat across the room from him, behind his lawyers, and looked much more dejected than he did yesterday. He must have passed a had

yesterday. He must have passed a bad night, for he had a worn and almost haggard appearance. Yesterday he joined in the laughter, but today he remained set in his expression through the entire trial, and never once straightened up in the chair into which he shrunk down when he first arrived.

RALEIGH FOR SURE.

Besides McWhirter, five other witnesses were called. Capt. Burbidge and Detective Raieigh are of the same build and general appearance. Both were brought before McWhirter, and he was asked to identify the one who was with him in the office of Chief Sheets. He picked out Raleigh instantly, and added that Capt. Burbidge had nothing to do with the case, beyond passing him in the ball, and speaking to him.

CONFIRMED DINNER STORY.

Mrs. Mary King of the New England addition, a sister of Jim Donaldson, confirmed the McWhirter story by tellconfirmed the McWhirter story by telling of the dinner party out there to celebrate the robbery, on the evening it occurred. Her two daughters, Marcella King and Grace King also confirmed the details of this dinner party, identifying the pictures of Donaldson and the two O'Briens as members of the rows of the confirmed these. the party of six who gathered there.

McWHIRTER AGAIN ON STAND,

Alexander McWhirter was again on Alexander McWaiter was again on the witness stand during the morning session of the George Sheets prelimin-ary examination today in Judge Arm-strong's court. The young Scotchman was under cross-examination during most of the morning and he and Atty, C. S. Varian of the defense had several sharp and interesting controversies. Mcsharp and interesting controversies. Mc-Whirter made some telling assertions today, among which was that he had been told by every lawyer he consulted about the matter that it looked to them as though Chief Sheets was in with the robbers. He said that the lawyers he consulted in California told him that after they had listened to his story. He stated positively this morning that aft-er talking with the attorneys there and his attorney here he was convinced. his attorney here he was convinced that Sheets was standing in with the lobbers and secured part of the money.

HAD EXPERIENCE ENOUGH.

The court room was as crowded as usual during the session today, and several of the sharp answers made by McWhirter caused considerable laughter among the spectators, and making it necessary for Judge Armstrong to rap on his desk to restore order. Among other things McWhirter said that he refused to allow an officer to go with him when suggested by Chief Sheets, because his experiences with the police department of this city had not been to his liking, and therefore he preferred to not have anything more to do with them. During the entire session this morning Chief Sheets lounged in his chair as though he were trying to escape the gaze of the spectators.

The witness said that he returned to Salt Lake on Sunday afternoon and registered that night at the Elk hotel under the name of John Thompson. He stayed there about five days and then went to the county fail.

"Did you register at the jail?"

"No. I beg your pardon I went to Ely, Nev., before I went to the fail. I went on the railroad excursion and was in company with Deputy Sheriff Sperry. I registered at a hotel there, but not a law to the county fail.

TWO SIGNED STATEMENTS.

In answer to questions by Mr. Varian In answer to questions by Mr. Varian McWhirter said that he made two signed statements in regard to the affair after his return from Los Angeles. One was made to Mr. Braffet, his attorney, three or four days after he came back to the city. The statement was made and sworn to after he had seen two of the boxus policemen at the Sanitarium the bogus policemen at the Sanitarium roominghouse. The other statement was made in the presence of the chief and Mr. Prendergass, a stenographer for the Utah Fuel company, and was afterwards printed in the "News."

"Did you say in your first statement that the chief told you not to say anything about the matter to the report-ers as it would hurt him?" asked the attorney for the defense. "Yes sir. I think I did."

"It could not have been Bell that made the remark about not giving it to the reporters?

"No sir, it could not."
"You could not have got the two men confused, that is Sheets and Bell?"

"Most certainly not, sir."
"When did you get to Los Angeles?"
"I think it was Friday."

Well are you sure, can you state positively?

was cool under cross examination. When "No sir, I am not going to swear to feestions were asked with a "joker" it because you can easily find out when

In company with Deputy Sheriff Sperry. I registered at a hotel there, but not as John Thompson. I do not remember the name I used there,"

"You were there as t man without a name then," suggested the attorney,

"No sir, I had a name."

¡"He was a man with many names," suggested Senator Brown.

MeWhirter said that he returned from

McWhirter said that he returned from Ely on Monday morning and was sent back that afternoon with Deputy Sheriff Sharp to Goldfield, Reno and other Nevada towns and that they looked through all the gambling houses and houses of ill repute for the men robbed him.

"It was Thursday, the day before I

"I went there for two reasons-first to see if there were any further dethe case as brought out by my ques

rest of the men or your money!

"Just answer my question," hotly

retorted the attorney.
"Well you are putting it wrong." re

yes or no."
"Yes sir, we did."

SAW TWO OF THE ROBBERS.

In answer to a question McWhirter said that we saw two of the rob bers at the Sanitarium on Monday after he had returned from Los An-

then, "He also gave another reason," continued the witness, looking at Mr. Varian, "but you don't want to hear This remark was also greeted with much laughter.
"On the Thursday that you went to

the Sanitarium then?'

"You have said that several times,

"Because every attorney I met told me that it looked as if the chief was

ty jail upon your return from Gold-field?"

"My brother had returned from Los Angeles while I was gone and met me at the depot upon my return and took me to the jail. He said that it would be better because of economy and would keep us safe from the robbers and their friends who might still be in the city," "At whose solicitation did you go to the county jail?"

"At my brother's."
"At whose solicitation did your broth-

er go there?"
"I do not know sir; he can tell you that." was the ready and sharp re-

O'BRIEN ALEXANDER MEWHIRTER WILLIAM MEWHIRTER 

PRINCIPALS IN THE FAMOUS \$10,000 ROBBERY.

The McWhirters Who Were Outrageously Swindled, the O'Briens Who Helped do the Bunco Deal, and the Bogus Policeman Who Made the "Mysterious" Telephone Call on Chief Sheets-"No. 75. Please."

Are you still detained there?

What day was it that you went to the chief's office to see if there were any further developments in the case?" asked Mr. Varian.

went to Ely. Mr. Braffet sent me there with Mr. Pendergrass, a stenographer."
"What did you go there for at that time to get evidence against Sheets?"

velopments in regard to my case and "You have no interest in this case

have you?"
"None whatever, except that I want to

to get my money back and want to arrest the men who robbed me." "Which do you want most, the ar-

"You conducted your exploration together with Braffet without the aid of the county attorney, didn't you?" "Well, I went under his instruc-

plied the witness. His reply created considerable laughter among the spectators.

"No I am not, answer that question

geles and recognized them as Bell and Davis or Hemingway, the bogus po-They were registered there under those names. He suggested to Mr. Braffet that the men should be placed under arrest but he said that it might give the other men a chance to get away if these were arrested

the chief's office with Pendergrass did you tell him that the men were at because I suspected him at

You thought that the chief got some of your money?"
"Yes sir," emphatically replied the

haven't you?"
"No, sir; I have not said so before.
This is the first time I have ever said

in it. The attorneys I consulted in California told me so."
"How did you come to go to the coun-

BOARDED AT CITY JAIL.

county jail?"

"There is no detention about it, sir we can come and go as we like."
"You are still there, anyway."
"Yes, sir."

AFRAID OF THE GANG. Do you still have fear of being at

"Yes, sir."
"Tell me what you said when you went to the chief's office with Mr. Pen-

"I introduced Mr. Pendergass to the chief and asked the chief if he heard enything, more about the case or my money and he said that he had not. He said that Braffet had told him that they had seen the two bogus policemen at the Sanitarium on Monday and the chief was surprised that a man of Braf-fet's intelligence had not telephoned him about it. I said, Chief, there is one thing that struck me as rather strange and that was the quick return of Beld with the additional \$250 on the night he gave me the money in your office. The chief replied that Bell might have that much more money on his person. I asked him if he did not search Belbefore he went out of the station and he replied that he did not. I then told the chief that I would probably go back to Los Angeles in a few days and give him my address so that he could let me know if he found out anything

more about the matter. "He then offered to send a policeman with me to look for the bogus officers and I told him that my experience with the police department of the city we not altogether to my liking and that preferred to not have an officer go wit me." This hot shot at the police de partment created another stir and more laughter, which was suppressed only by e court rapping for order.

WORE A DISGUISE.

The court was interrupted here, after Mr. Varian had asked a question im-plying that McWhirter had said he left without desiring the arrest

"I felt that the duty of arresting them evolved upon Chief Sheets," said Mc-

"Let's be perfectly fair with each other," said Mr. Varian. "You went to the office of Chief Sheets on your re-turn, not intending to make a complaint, but with a witness to obtain

dence against him."
"Yes; I went there to find out what more I could about his connection with You say you were dressed differently

when Bell saw you at the Sanitarium, and gave you a glaring look."

"Yes; I was in disguise. I wore a slouch hat, had on a different suit of clothes and had shaved my moustache off. My hat was pulled down over my

DENOUNCED AS A LIE.

"Do you claim that on leaving the go away?

"Not exactly urged to go, but not the slightest inducement was offered me to stay," Your conclusion then is that you

were wanted to go?"
"Yes, I now know that to be an absolute fact." "Did you not tell Chief Sheets you did not want the gang arrested?" The question brought a show of heat McWhirter. "That's a lie!" he au-

The question brought a show of heat to McWhirter. "That's a lie!" he answered back hotly.
"Who's a liar?" retorted Varian.
"The Sait Lake Tribune," said the witness, and Varian calmed himself. "It's a direct lie to say I refused to have that man arrested," continued the witness, and then gaining his self pos-sesion, he added that he had some feel-ing about the reports that have ap-peared in the Tribune.

Going on, the witness was examined on the question of identifying the men, and the same kind of an insinuating question was asked. "You did not know the description of the men, on the night you first reported to the police, night you first reported to the police, but McWhirter answered promptly that he 'did' know their descriptions, that he had just seen them, and they were vividly before his mind. An effort was made to show that McWhirter had strengthened his descriptions by photographs afterwards, but he stuck by his statement. 'I did know their descriptions also.'

A STRONG SUSPICION.

When you came back the second time, were you convinced that Chief Sheets was one of the gang?" "I had a strong suspicion that that was the fact, and wanted further facts

to prove it."
"You took a witness along with you, and you found such facts, did you

"I don't care what he owned up, state what he said."
"He said when I told him I was puz-"He said when I told him I was puzzled over Bell having returned so quickly with the second sum of money, that he thought Bell had it on him all the time, and I learned from this that he had not searched Bell. This also established the fact before a witness that the chief had taken the money from Bell and handed it over to me." from Bell and handed it over to me.

PICKED RALEIGH OUT.

Atty. Varian here asked to have two witnesses brought into the room for identification, without naming them. Raleigh and Burbidge came in and the witness picked Raleigh at once as the man who was with sheets while the transaction in money affairs occurred.

Atty. Varian started to question the witness about Burbldge, but was reminded by the court that he had merely asked for the witnesses that they might be identified. The questioning proceeded far enough to bring out the fact that Burbidge had nothing to do with the case, and had merely passed McWhirten in the hall, asking him what he could lo for him, but not stopping to hear the

destions that he had registered at the Elks' rooming house under an assumed name to escape detection by the gang. when he returned to prosecute the case, and that he had also used an assumed name at Ely for the same rea-

BARS AND DOLLAR NOTES.

A query was brought up by Attorney Brown as to the "bars" where Mc Whirter and his bunko policeme called, and McWhirter explained that they went to the Cullen bar to see the elerk about his grips, and to the Chesareake bar to get a drink, the other man going into the whisky department remained outside, refusing to go in, and talking with the man at the "I don't think he knows what we

understand by the word 'bar,' " put in

Mr. Varian. He was asked to sketch his route He was asked to sketch his route from the sanifarium over again, and explained that it went west to West Temple, south to Market, and east to the Federal building, Chief Sheets being called up by telephone, that is, his number being called up from the drug store at Market and West Temple.

"Dollar Notes" came in for explana-McWhirter had used the expression, and it was brought out that he meant any kind of currency, or greenback money.

"THAT'S JIM."

After these questions, McWhirter was excused, and the next witness was

Mrs. Mary King was called. When shown a picture of Jim Donaldson she exclaimed "That's Jimi!" and said she She was married, had was his sister.

a family, and resided in the New England addition. Jim had been here off and on about 16 years, but he did not

ive at her home. She said that she was at the evening of Sept. 19, and that Don-aldson and three other men were there. Then two more came out in a buggy. She identified pictures of the two O'Briens as others of the party, but did ot know their names, as she was not introduced.

On cross examination she said she was not at home when the first party arrived, as she had been to the matinee, and found the four there when she returned at 6:30 o'clock. Six of them sat down to dinner, but one got up and to take the rig back to town, she thought. She also learned by hearsay of another man coming up on horseback while they were eating.

MAN IN THE BUGGY.

One of the men in the buggy was nort and dark, she remembered, and it was his companion who came him in the buggy who went back, without eating dinner. These two are supposed to have been Bell and Davis, and it was Bell who came back. deliver the money to Sheets. M King had never met the O'Briens. Mrs. Marcella King said she was Don-

aldson's piece, and identified the pic-tures. She testified that he was there to dinner with five other men on Sept. although she dld not know how they came. Grace King, a younger daughter,

said she had answered the phone on the evening of the 19th, and that Uncle Jim had told her he would be out to dinner with three men. They came on the West Side street car which arrived at 6 o'clock, Afterwards "Yes, I did, and they were the fact," that Chief Sheets had not done anything to acrest the men, that they had been at large in Salt Lake a week, that in fact there were no further developa buggy drawn by one horse arrived, and two men were in it. The other

"UNCLE JIM" PHONED.

'Did they do any telephoning?" ask. ed Atty. Willard Hanson, 'Yes, Uncle Jim called up a number.

l object," said Atty. Varian, rising to his feet, with a show of elequence and denouncing the entire gang as men who were "robbers and grafters of the lowest order." "I object," he of the lowest order." "I object," he concluded, "to the actions of such men being used as evidence against the chief of police. It is unfair to Chief Sheets."

Attorney Brown stood by the question, saying it was important to show who were the accomplices of the gang. and if Donaldson called up the chief's office, this was important."

Upon allowing the witness to answer the question, she replied. "He called up No. 2, but he didn't get any an-Judge Armstrong had previously threatened twice to clear the balls if there was any more laughter, but in

this case he joined with the spectators MAY DAVIS NEXT.

At the conclusion of the examination

the case was continued until this after-noon. This afternoon it is understood that May Davis, who is known to the O'Briens, will go on the stand for the AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss May Davis, the sweetheart of Larry O'Brien, was the witness called

for the prosecution this afternoon. It answer to the first question from Asst

County Attorney Hanson she gave her

name, and said she was acquainted with Larry and John O'Brien. She was shown a 'photo of each one by the prosecuting attorney, and iden-tified them. Continuing, she said that thed taem. Continuing, she said that she had known the O'Briens since last August, and that she had known Mrs. O'Brien since last July, and had lived with them in this city. She said they first lived at 126 south West Temple, and were there up to Sept. 19, the dats of the robbery, when they removed to 188 west. South Temple, where the 168 west South Temple, where the O'Brien boys remained until Sept. 24. Between Sept. 19 and 24 the O'Brien

She was asked if she was acquainted she was asked it she was acquainted with Chief Sheets and replied that she was not personally acquainted with him but knew him by sight. She was asked if she had ever called on him and answered that she had. She said that on the Eaturday after the O'Brien boys left the city she and Mys. O'Brien boys left the city she and Mys. O'Brien boys left the city she and Mrs. O'Brien boys left the city she and Mrs. O'Briga-had a telephone message and in re-sponse to that message they went to the police station. She said she saw the chief standing in the door and Mrs. O'Briga got out of the hack and went in to the chief's office with the chief. She remained in the office about three minutes and then came out and they drove away. out and they drove away.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The time of the court yesterday af-The time of the court yesterday atternoon was given up to a lively cross-examination of Alexander McWhirter by Judge Varian, for the defense.

The assault of Judge Varian was a desperate attempt to break down the McWhirter story, but McWhirter, being Scotch, stayed by his guis, and the same parrative was brought out.

same narrative was brought out without changes, as was developed in the direct examination. The facts that the McWhirters were not buncoed in givate office of Chief Sheets, that the McWhirters are not gamblers, but merely trusted too much in a kind citzen in an American community, and were done out of their coin in a manper to make the old bandits of the still protruding far above the tangled mass of questioning and cross question-ing when the day's trial ended.

GOOD PRESBYTERIANS.

Judge Varian opened up with a query as to the McWhirter knowledge of pok-er. He learned that the McWhirters were members of the Presbyterian church, that they did not believe in card playing, had never played a game of poker in their lives, didn't know the game, and had never been intoxicated can bunco man, were unused to his ways, and were deceived in the Antler rooms by the interesting explanations made by John O'Brien about mineral samples. Alexander was enticed into the game by Larry O'Brien, who had ostonsibly bought the chips, and would stand over his shoulder, telling him what to play. The same Larry o put up the money, till the others obraise the game a jected, that would few, and then McWhirter was advised by Larry that he couldn't lose, for which reason he pulled out his own money to a limit of \$2,000.

WHY THEY HAD \$10,000. On the matter of the McWhirter finances, Mr. Varion probed very deeply. He made McWhirter account for al-

He made McWhirter account for almost every penny spent in America and for his having \$10,000 in bills upon his person. Mr. Varian asked:

"How was it you cashed your draft in Cook's office in New York and undertook to come across the continent with \$1,000 bills and did not get drafts?

Mr. McWhiter J. seked for drafts? Mr. McWhirter-I asked for drafts on San Francisco from the cashier in Cook's office in Glasgow. He said that the office had been burned down in San Francisco and that they had a temporary office in Oakland; that I would do much better to take a draft

on New York and that when I reached New York they would know more about the condition in San Francisco than he did, and they would give me drafts on San Francisco.

Mr. Varian—Now, tell me why you

Mr. McWhirter-I asked for drafts, but they wanted a commission on the transaction. I said that I had waived my right to have them on San Francisco to oblige Cook's office in Scot-land and on their advice I had waited

till I reached New York.

Mr. Varian-The question is, they Mr. McWhirter-They wanted a commission of about \$140 and I would not

This bit of testimony was very interesting, as it answered the general queery as to why anybody traveling through America would be so "green" as to carry currency instead of drafts, an item which has been used by the Tribto its fullest advantage to discredit the McWhirter story.

THE FICTITIOUS COLONEL.

Attorney Varian next put the witness Attorney Varian next put the witness through a series of questions on his dealings with the gang in Sait Lake. He explained how Larrey O'Brien accosted him on the street, struck up a conversation, told his story about his friend Col. Rice, and about his own plans to go on to San Francisco, and ended up by getting the consent of the McWhirters to meet him at 2 o'clock next day to join the colonel in an aunext day to join the colonel in an automobile ride around town. Then came the meeting at the Royal cafe, while the

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## SMELTING TRUST AND ORE PRODUCERS

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

Of Colorado Talks of Their Mutual Relations.

State Senator E. M. De La Vergne

In Present System of Sampling Claims Employes Paid to Cut Down Values.

WOULD REMEDY SOMEWRONGS

F. S. Guiterman, General Manager of The A. S. & R. Company Replies To Charges Made.

Denver, Oct. 18.-The American mining congress today listened to a paper by State Senator E. M. De LaVergne of Colorado Springs, on the subject "Mutual Relations and Grievances of the Smelting Trust and Ore Producers." He said that the value of the product was often a difficult matter to determine, but he believed that the producer usually received a fair proportion of the savings. He noticed, however, that the good will of the producer is not considered as in the past, and in support of his position he read the conditions imposed by the American Smelting & Refining company, which,

he claimed, were unfair and arbitrary. Mr. De La Vergne suggested as one remedy that ore should be automatically sampled. At present the value of the commodity is entirely determined by the buyer. He claimed that under the present system of sampling the employes are paid to cut down the valu-

ation of ore. As a further remedy he suggested state legislation, national legislation. encouraged competition, amicable agreement and government operation. He believed that the first four remedies would be sufficient to right the wrongs which now exist. But if they were not be believed the government could be induced to do the smelting of the country. He turned to this, however, only as a

last resort. last resort.

Franklin S, Guiterman, general manager of the American Smelting & Refining company, replied to Mr. De La Vergne. He declared that the so-called trust had competition on all sides in Colorado. He quoted figures to show that since the combination had gone into effect there had been a considerable reduction in charges. He defend. a card game, out of the bulk of their money, but were searched by foney po-licemen, who took it from them, before the smelters must exercise selection, otherwise the

would be flooded with ore which could not be handled at a profit. Harry Joseph of Utah inquired why the settling price of the smeller is al-ways materially below the quotations of the day as made in New York.

Mr. Guiterman said that at the solicitation of the chief producers of ore it was agreed by common consent that the quotations should be taken from the

Engineering & Mining Journal, and that the other quotations are entirely W. R. Ingalis, associate editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal explained how the quotations are secured. He said that quotations on metal were not made on any exchange but were taken from the report of actual whole-

### sale transactions. SMUGGLERS CAUSE TROUBLE IN SAN DOMINGO.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Sumgglers are the chief promoters of political dissension in Santo Domingo, according to reports received at the state department concerning the unsettled conditions in the little republic and the failure of revolutionary leaders to enter into an agreement to surrender and keep peace.

Monte Christi is the headquarters for sinugglers and is the center from which all recent revolutionary movements have developed. It is located near the Hayten boundary across which it has formerly been the custom of merchants to smuggle large quantities of goods, Laws of the Dominican republic have seldom been enforced near Monte Christi until recently and that city-has practilally maintained itself as the center of an independent.

Since the United States has undertaker

province.

Since the United States has undertaken to collect the customs at Dominican ports a strict enforcement of customs duties has resulted and smugglers have been much annoyed by collectors stationed along the boundary between Santo Domingo and Hayti. Several months ago two customs office employes were killed by smugglers and the friction between the officers and smugglers has since been very intense.

By stirring up political dissension and promoting revolution, it is said, the smugglers hope to overthrow the government of President Caceres, which is co-operating with the American officials in collecting all duties on goods entering the republic. Under another president the smugglers feel that they might enjoy greater freedom and at any rate the confusion caused by revolutionary movements enables, them to continue their occupation.

### CONVENTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

New Orleans, Oct. 18.—The important business of the Knights of Pythias con-vention was reached today. The su-preme lodge was scheduled first to take up the election of officers and it was hoped to reach consideration of the proposed revision of Pythian Insurance laws. These proposals, as outlined by John M. Adams of Fort Worth, Tex.. secretary of the special committee on endowment rank, gave to the members of this rank the same security as old line insurance companies, including about the same reserves, paid up and extended insurance and the making of policies incontestible after three years. It is not proposed to change the old fourth clause with its \$1.500,000 surplus provision, but the privilege will be of-fered members to transfer without medical examination into the new ranks.

Another important proposition is that of uniting the Rathbone and Pythian In the competitive drills the following companies were among those which an-

peared today:
The Seattle company of Seattle,
Wash., and the Pikes' Peak company red today: No. 1 of Denver.

A sister of Jim Donaldson confirmed the McWhirter story in its relation to the gang of grafters. The six of them took dinner at her home on the night after the robbery. Her two daughters In attemption to rattle Witness McWhirter Judge C. S. Varian was caught up short by one of his own questions and so badly

A few minutes later he asked a question implying that Me-There was usual Sheets not to arrest Bell. McWhirter replied, "That's a lie," and "arian retorted angrily, "Who's a liar." "The Salt Lake Tribune," led back McWhirter, and Varian found he had misunderstood again. Abandoning the line of defense adopted by the Tribune, of pretending that the McWhirters were telling a false story, that it

was cooked up for political reasons, and that the chief was being

persecuted, Attorney Varian for Sheets denounced Donaldson, the

O'Briens, Bell and Davis, as a gang of robbers and grafters so

"rattled" had to stop asking questions until he

low and vile that he objected to having their word taken as evidence involving the chief-of-police. Alexander and James McWhirter today filed a civil suit to recover the money taken from them by the gang, and an attachment was issued, which was placed in the hands of the sheriff. It is probable that any property of the members of the gang will be seized upon at once.