THE BRIBERY CASES.

Davis Doesn't Know How Much Money He Has Got From the County.

EMPLOYED FOR NEARLY A YEAR.

He May Have Received $500, Perhaps a $1,000, and Possibly $1,500, But He Is Not Sure.

The bribery cases against ex-County Selectmen Bamberger and Cahoon were held in the district-way in Judge Hiles' court again today. L. C. Davis, the main witness for the prosecution, was on the stand the whole of the forenoon and was subjected to a very rigid cross-examination. He proved to be a very unprofitable witness for the county. His memory was a gigantic institution of forgetfulness on money matters. He admitted having been in the employ of the county since May last, but was no idea how much he has been paid for his services, which he says have been largely gratuitous. The amounts received have been divided into fifteen or twenty sums, and may aggregate $500 or $1,500.

Starts on the Stand.

The case of ex-Selectmen Bamberger and Morris came up for hearing in Judge Hiles's department of the Third District Court late yesterday afternoon. The defendants are charged with bribery. It is alleged that while they held the offices of selectmen for this county they were to purchase certain iron to be used in the construction of the joint city and county building and asked from L. C. Davis, Winslow Brother's agent a bribe, to wit: A large sum of money with the understanding that their votes, influence and actions as such selectmen in making the contract would be influenced by Winslow Brother's company.

Mr. Davis was called to the stand by the prosecution and stated that he came to Salt Lake in July, 1895, to try to sell iron for the firm of which he was employed for the joint building.

He met Bamberger and Morris soon after, and the former told him they were not ready to let the contract, but inquired the price, to which he replied that it would cost between $12,000 and $20,000, and Bamberger then wanted to know if there was ten per cent of the contract price in it for them.

The witness was then cross-examined by Mr. Rawlins. He stated that he came to Salt Lake July 2 or 3, 1895, and registered at the Knutsford, where he remained during the entire time he was in Salt Lake.

"Had you," he was asked, "any dealings with Bowman, the original contractor for the joint building?"

"I came here with his object of selling him some iron work."

"Did you know B Wman had let the contract to Bachelder Iron Works?"

"No, but found out that he had given it up before I got here."

"Where did you meet Morris?"

"At the Knutsford where I met Bamberger."

"When were you first employed by Mr. Whitlemore?"

"Last May and he asked me to get some evidence for him."

"Where was this?"

"At the Union League club, Chicago."

"How often did he give you money?"

"Fifteen or twenty times."

"Are you prepared to say that he did not give you $500 at one time?"

"I am not."

"When did you first tell Mr. Whitlemore of the bribe?"

"He told me first that he had read some of the letters I had written to the firm about it."

At this hour an adjournment was taken until this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Examination Today.

The case was resumed at 10 a. m. today. Davis was again put on the stand. The proceedings are as follows:

Mr. Rawlins—What was the object of your visit to Salt Lake in July, 1895?

Davis—To look after some iron work here.

Mr. Rawlins—The principal object?

Davis—To look after some iron work in the joint building.

Mr. Rawlins—And you stopped at the Knutsford all the time?

Davis—Yes; about twenty-one days. Right here I would like to correct my testimony of yesterday wherein I stated I stopped for a time at the Hotel at Ogden. The fact is I stopped at the Cottage Hotel.

Mr. Rawlins—How long?

Davis—I don't know.

Mr. Rawlins—A month.

Davis—N—

Mr. Rawlins—Well, how long?

Davis—O, probably about four days.

Witness learned before coming here that the joint building was under course of construction, and "I saw the names of the committee in charge before coming here. Learned afterwards that Moore, Wanlass, Bamberger, Morris and Cahoon were on it—sometimes I don't remember the names of any other; never knew the chairman of the committee; never made any definite term or proposals to any one while here on that visit; later he came back to obtain contracts for ornamental iron work, the submitted drawings and designs in the architects of the joint building.

Mr. Rawlins—How much money have you spent in Salt Lake monthly, or Mr. Whitlemore?

Davis—I don't know; I suppose—

Mr. Rawlins—I want to know the exact truth. Answer directly.

Davis—I should say $500 or $600.

Mr. Rawlins—Can't you come any nearer to it than that?

Davis—I don't think so.

Mr. Rawlins—Were you required to give receipts for the money you got from Mr. Whitlemore?

Davis—No.

Mr. Rawlins—Did you render any accounts?

Davis—No; I was not required to keep any account.

Mr. Rawlins—Will you undertake to say that you have not received $1,000 from the county?

Davis—No.

Mr. Rawlins—You are not certain on that point?

Davis—No.

Mr. Rawlins—Might this amount not be $1,500?

Davis—I am up aide.

Mr. Rawlins—Is it not as much as $1,000?

Davis—I am sure it is not that much.

Witness then said he had been induced by letter from the press 1 county clerk to get back a check he had ordered for the joint building; he received that letter in January of this year and went to Chicago to investigate. He received gratuitously what he was not useless and that he was to get nothing for his services. The three men, one each from the Chicago, Milwaukee and Winslow Bros. concern remember who, but not who into the bar room of the Knutsford hotel where he found Bamberger, Morris, Cahoon and others. Bamberger asked what he was going to charge for outside work and also wanted to know something about the person; witness replied that if they were ready to award a contract he would be ready to give figures, otherwise not. In a general way he said he would be some where between $15,000 and $20,000. When he was asked "what then was to do" he responded, "What do you mean?" Then something was said about $1,000 and he informed the selectmen, he says, that he did not give anything to Bamberger, Morris and Cahoon.

Mr. Rawlins—was there anything said as to who was to get the 10 per cent?

Davis—No; we separated with a say one standing.

Mr. Rawlins—Did you not, while before the grand jury last fall, say that Morris, Wanlass, Bamberger, Lowenstein, Haynes, Cannon and Maloy were present at the meeting in the Knutsford?

Davis—I positively did not.

Mr. Rawlins here asked Mr. Haynes who occupied a set immediately behind counsel, to stand up, which the latter did, and then turning to the witness began, "Did you ever see that man before?" The reply was, "I never did in my life, and he was not in the Knutsford at that meeting."

To Attorney Williamson—It was Architect Proudfoot who gave him the names of the members of the joint building committee. He was told that it would be better to wait a few days as Bowman was about to be removed and the contract was to be awarded to another. He first spoke of the alleged verbal solicitation to Architect Keeling of this city. His understanding with Mr. Whitlemore was that while engaged in the service of the county he was to receive his railway and hotel expenses and pay equivalent to that which he got from the Standard Iron company while in its employ—that is while he was out of Iowa (Chicago) idiomic.

Attorney Varian to witness—You said to Mr. Rawlins that you came to an understanding or agreement to the Knows are not the order; now did you not say—phrasing that was said or to cure?

Davis—I did.

Judge Powers, for the defense, objected to the question and the answer. Court was finally ruled upon by the court as being competent.

Mr. Varian then asked whether anything was said with reference to writing a letter to the firm. The witness replied in the affirmative and said that he did write such a letter to his firm, which was produced and read. He thought it would do any good. He also saw Mr. firm personally upon the same subject.

To Mr. Rawlins witness said, "I sent a telegram from Chicago to Mr. Whitlemore, some weeks ago, saying I had