

ASKED FOR BRIBES

Witnesses in Connors' Trial Demanded Money.

MRS. CONNORS REFUSES THEM

S. A. Phillips and Clinton G. Hawkins Confess in Court—They Also Tell of Connors' Admission That He Held Up Saloon.

Did L. Connors, who was formerly superintendent of construction of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, and subsequently a business man in Denver, hold up 14 men in the South Portland saloon at the corner of Fourth and Caruthers streets on November 11?

This question is to be decided by a jury in the State Circuit Court. The trial was begun yesterday before Judge George Connors is a good-looking, well-built man about 35 years old, and during the proceedings yesterday his wife occupied a seat beside him. His attorneys are Dan J. Maloney, John F. Logan and A. Walter Wolf.

The principal witnesses for the prosecution were S. A. Phillips, a negro, and Clinton Grant Hawkins, a bicycle repairer, who both testified that Connors conspired with them to rob the saloon, and that they were the ones who actually did the robbing. Connors admitted that he was a criminal and had robbed the saloon on Fourth street which Donat Ragnone, a saloon keeper, had the proprietorship. Hawkins testified that Connors paid him \$7.50 and afterward, as they were walking along the street, he saw Connors can a man get some money. Hawkins can a man get some money. Hawkins can a man get some money. Hawkins can a man get some money.

Hawkins tells of confession. Hawkins made another very astonishing statement, which was that he picked up an acquaintance, a man in John E. Blasier's saloon on First street, in which he was a criminal and had robbed the saloon on Fourth street which Donat Ragnone, a saloon keeper, had the proprietorship. Hawkins testified that Connors paid him \$7.50 and afterward, as they were walking along the street, he saw Connors can a man get some money. Hawkins can a man get some money. Hawkins can a man get some money. Hawkins can a man get some money.

County to sue for taxes. Suits will probably be commenced within the next few days by Multnomah County, through Charles H. Carey, attorney, to recover taxes paid to W. G. Stinson, Deputy County Clerk, which it is said the County never received. One of these amounts was \$500 paid by the First Presbyterian Church to settle up an old mortgage claim.

Articles of incorporation. Incorporation articles of the Smith Point Manufacturing Company, were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday. The articles were prepared by John W. Cook, William A. Munly and E. H. Holmes; capital stock \$500. The objects announced are to engage in carrying on a general business in sawmills, lumber, logging and planing mill business, etc.

Petition in bankruptcy. A. B. Crozier and wife, of Wasco County, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the County Clerk's office yesterday. They place their liabilities at \$197.57.

Court notes. The inventory and appraisal of the estate of Sylvanus Weeks, deceased, was filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday. The property is valued at \$2,000.

Theater committee worried with anonymous letters of complaint. The theater inspection committee of the Council was to take up its investigation work yesterday morning, but Richard Martin, the architect, was unable to go, so the trip was postponed. Several small theaters, as well as the opera, remain to be inspected. The case will probably reach the jury today.

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Could not identify Connors. Donat Ragnone and Nicola Cascatto, the saloonkeepers, could not identify Connors. The robbers were masked, and one was a tall man and the other a heavy-set man. J. McKern, who was in the saloon

when the robbery occurred, gave similar evidence. The state introduced the testimony of J. F. Reeling, the arrested Connors in the saloon at Front and Madison streets ten days after the robbery. The officer displayed a revolver, a number of keys, said to be skeleton keys, a pocket knife and a "slimie," which latter the defense claims is a stonecutter's tool, as taken from Connors.

Connors denies the crime. Connors testified in his own behalf that he had casually met Hawkins and Phillips. He denied ever telling them that he was a criminal, and that he had committed the crime. He produced letters from M. Bettler, chief clerk of the Rocky Mountain Coal Company; William Danford, superintendent of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company; and also John B. Keeler and Robert O'Neil of the same corporation. These letters state that Connors is a stone mason by trade, and acted as superintendent of construction for the company of 600 men at Tercio, and left in June, 1903, to go into business for himself. He was recommended as a man of good moral character and integrity. Connors said he went into the saloon business and failed.

Attorney plays sleuth. A. Walter Wolf, attorney, testified that he learned that Hawkins had demanded money from Mrs. Connors and went to her house early one evening by appointment, and had been there for some time. He was met on the porch by Mrs. Connors and Detective Wolf stated that he heard him ask for \$50 for Phillips. The trial will be concluded today.

Father given his child. Rev. Guy F. Phelps Wins Suit Against His Sister-in-Law. Amid sobs that could plainly be heard throughout the court-room and with tears streaming down her face, Mrs. Anna Anderson sat and listened yesterday afternoon to the decision of Judge Cleland declaring that she must surrender little 20-month-old Onetta Naomi Phelps to the custody of her father, Rev. Guy F. Phelps, of Hillsboro.

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St. Cecilia Society and St. Francis Choir Guests of Father Black.

Rev. Father J. H. Black, pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church, East Eleventh and Oak streets, to show his appreciation of the fine music furnished by his choir and the St. Cecilia Society orchestra, gave them a banquet in St. Francis Hall on the corner of East Twelfth and Pine streets, Monday night. The choir and orchestra assembled in the hall on the second floor, where for some time the orchestra, under the leadership of Otto Klemmann, director, discoursed music much to the delight of the company. The orchestra is composed of Otto Klemmann, director; Miss Van Houten, piano; Messrs. Simon Harris, Henderson, Van Houten, Chamberlain, Larsen, H. K. Kleemann, Moore, Hartman, Myers and son, Frost, Owens and several others who could not be present. In all the orchestra has 14 members. It has been through the work mainly of Otto Klemmann that the St. Cecilia Orchestra has attained such efficiency.

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FAVORS JOINING A. A. U.

George McMillan Urges the Northwest Athletes. Lewis and Clark Sports Will Then Be Held Under National Auspices—Team Will Go to St. Louis.

George McMillan, who represents the Amateur Athletic Union in the Northwest, has set the machinery in motion looking forward to having the Northwest Athletic Union join the A. A. U. At present the Multnomah Club, Spokane, Victoria and Seattle are members of the Northwest Athletic Union, but the lot of Multnomah is the only club in the Northwest that belongs to the A. A. U. McMillan's reasons for wishing to get the various athletic clubs in the Northwest into the A. A. U. fold is for the purpose of having the sports which are to be a feature of the Lewis and Clark Fair held under the auspices of the A. A. U.

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PROBING FOR TRUTH

Slot-Machine Committee Begins Investigation.

EXAMINES COURT RECORDS

No Person on Trial, Says Committee, Which Will Conduct Hearings in Secret Hereafter—Shapiro Has Nothing to Tell.

After listening for an hour to the reading of the complaints and warrants through which a number of saloonkeepers and slot-machine owners had been arrested last December, the slot-machine investigation committee of the Council adjourned yesterday afternoon to hold all its sessions in secret hereafter. Chief Hunt accused of deceiving the slot-machine men, was not questioned.

The only witness examined besides Fred C. Olson, clerk of the Municipal Court, who procured the court testimony, was Albert Shapiro, manager of the Maze Cafe. The opening of the investigation was held in the Council chamber in the presence of a number of interested spectators. Nothing more than the court records was brought in as evidence, the public was admitted. But in the future the meetings are to be behind closed doors at the call of the chairman.

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ABIGAIL SCOTT DENNEY. "FAVORED BY 'BOTH SEXES.'" Gtasp Voters, Democratic and Republican, for Roosevelt.

CLATSOP, Or., Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—With your least I would like to occupy a little space in your paper on the Roosevelt question and try to show how it is viewed around here by voters, as one man put it, "the voters of the State, Republicans and Democrats."

I canvassed this precinct and talked with every man, not to try to influence them in any way, but to get at their ideas, and if one man stands out as a friend of Roosevelt, to learn why he was preferred. I found the voters of both sexes unanimous for Roosevelt. He is believed to be a man who stands for the law, and it not afraid to stand. He is believed to be the enemy of thieves, whether under the police name of grafters or any other name. He is believed to be a man who does not stand for the law, and it not afraid to stand. He is believed to be the enemy of thieves, whether under the police name of grafters or any other name.

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