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THE OTHER SIDE

Testify in Behalf of the Defense in the Robbery Case.

Fire Again—This Time a Small One—About Fifteen Hundred Dollars Loss.

News From the National Park—The Land Slide—Home Improvements.

For the Defense.

The reading and signing of testimony taken in the robbery case against Joseph Howard and George Letellier occupied the time of the probate court yesterday morning but in the afternoon the examination of witnesses for George Letellier was continued. Probate Judge Staehle on the bench.

The defense first placed on the stand Fred Routhier who testified to his acquaintance with defendant and that he bore a good character and reputation. He also testified to having seen defendant on Main street near Louis King's on the morning of May 5th between 3 and 4 o'clock.

George Silverberg, sworn, considered defendant's character A No. 1, knew him here and at Billings; had him in house of witness at Billings for three or four months one winter; saw him often here; don't know what others think but when I see a man and know him to be a good man "dot, dot, dot settles mit me."

Wesley Morris, deputy sheriff, testified had known defendant four years and a half; he bore good character and was peaceable, law abiding young man; knew him on buffalo range, both worked on range for Grinnett & Harris; not positive but think he was arrested once for disturbing peace; have heard Charles Harris speak in highest terms of him.

Louis King—Knew defendant long time; his reputation has always been good; worked with him and lived with him; think he was arrested once over some trouble about his brother; King, the ranchman that he worked good deal for, always spoke well of him.

Louis Greenwood—Been here since '79; have known defendant since '75; his reputation has been good during all that time.

Joseph Howard, testifies: Have resided in Miles City last ten months, from 24th of last July, worked on the range till last fall; then came to work for King & Ward. Guess I am one of the defendants; was in Miles City on morning of May 5th; left Cotter's saloon about 3 o'clock that morning; whole lot of folks in Cotter's; can't tell exactly who; Jack Clark was there and defendant, George Letellier; don't know Parshall; George Letellier went with witness, both went from Cotter's to Coleman's; nothing going on there; went down Park street to corner; George wanted to go on down, but I said let's swing around and see what's going on at fire; came round to corner Sixth and Bridge streets, then went to Stebbins' corner, staid there five or ten minutes, both then went across to Cotter's, got key of water closet and went out back, George Letellier with me; came back, gave Cotter the key and both went down to Louis King's; whole lot of folks in back room at King's; saw Jack Clark and asked what was the matter; Jack said somebody was hurt or robbed; I see there was good crowd in back room so didn't go in—at least I didn't.

Charge in complaint read to witness who said, Never saw the man after I left Cotter's till at Keg saloon, Louis King's; had nothing to do with the robbery, not more than that man sitting in the chair there (pointing to the judge); Letellier had nothing to do with the robbery. Witness described clothes he, witness, wore that night, said he wore a black hat; at the Keg didn't say a word to a man, unless it was Letellier, there; did not say any thing to Parshall about his accusing me of the robbery; don't think I had been with Parshall because I don't know the man; saw the man that got hurt; don't know him.

George Letellier corroborated Howard's testimony as to their movements from Cotter's to Coleman's and around Stebbins' block and back to Cotter's and then King's; at King's, Parshall, Conliff, Clark and others were in the room where Parshall was washing; his face was covered with blood; Joe Howard asked Jack what was the matter with the fellow; Jack said he'd been rolled; didn't stay long in King's; then went around town; it was close

to morning, nearly daylight; witness went to bed at Routhier's about six or seven o'clock; had drank a great deal that night; found the watch when we went out rear of Cotter's lying in the alleyway; picked it up and put in my pocket; don't think Howard knew I had it; took it home; at the house put it in tobacco sack and laid it on my clothes; the chain was with it.

Watch produced by Deputy Sheriff George Savage.

Witness—It resembles the watch. Allegations of complaint read. Witness—I didn't rob the man; I got the watch just where I said; don't know anything about the robbery; don't think Joe knew anything about it. Cross examination led to little that was new. Witness said saw Routhier when Rourke and others were present before went to Cotter's; hadn't then heard of the robbery; no marks on Parshall's face at that time; Jack Clark and witness were standing in front of King's when Routhier came along; was brought to the court house once by Frank Conley but was released on arriving here; that trouble was with a soldier who was making a fuss with my brother at Coleman's.

Defense closed and court adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock, when the arguments will be submitted.

A Notable Visitor.

Superintendent Carpenter of the National Park started for Mammoth Hot Springs yesterday morning, having spent a very pleasant day here among his friends in Miles City. He expressed the hope that the property recently destroyed by fire will soon be rebuilt with substantial brick structures and it was his belief that such a course would pay the property owners handsomely. Mr. Carpenter was enthusiastic over the present prospects of the Park. A great many inquiries regarding the hotels and attractions there are being made by tourists, to which he is able to answer that the hotels, and, in fact, all the accommodations at the Park, are in good shape and will be carried on throughout the season in such a manner that the most fastidious tastes can be satisfied. Of the various superintendents the Park has had Mr. Carpenter is unquestionably the best and to his zealous and well directed efforts can be attributed the present propitious outlook at the Park. As far as charges of dereliction of duty, etc., against him are concerned, Mr. Carpenter stated to the JOURNALIST that he courted the most thorough investigation into his affairs there and really wishes an investigation would be ordered so that people might get an idea of what has been done there.

Last Night's Blaze.

An alarm of fire at 9:30 o'clock last night soon drew a large force to the corner of Sixth and Pleasant streets where the building owned by Jacob Schmalsle was found to be in flames that were under strong headway. The bucket line was quickly formed and water was carried from the Burleigh residence and other houses near by and used with good effect. Willing hands were also busy removing property from the burning building and from the building occupied by Capt. Flaharty. The hose from Capt. Harmon's pump was then brought to bear upon the fire and soon afterward the long hose was brought from Sherburne's corner. The latter sent a strong stream which was well directed by Louis King, who had got the hose to work as quickly as possible. Soon as it was seen that the corner building had to go, the hose was devoted mainly to the surrounding buildings which were saved with very little damage. Mr. Schmalsle boarded in the corner building (which he owned) and stated that he was down town and all the folks were away when the fire commenced so they cannot account for it. It is said that there was no fire in the stove and the origin of this fire is involved in mystery. Mr. Schmalsle stated that the corner building was valued at about \$1,500, on which there was a partial insurance.

The Land Slide in the West.

It will be remembered that trains from the west the early part of last week were some fifteen hours late in reaching Helena. The cause of this delay was a large land slide, which occurred last Monday two miles east of Thompson Falls, on the Northern Pacific railroad. The track here ran along the Clarke's Fork river, and when the slide took place 750 feet of roadbed and track gave way and slid into the river. The company knew the dangerous character of the place, and at the time of the accident had men working a steam shovel engaged in cutting away the threatening bank. Fortunately they were not in the immediate vicinity when the slide occurred, and no one was injured.

A special train, with section gangs and bridge crews were sent out from Missoula upon the receipt of the news to repair the track. One hundred and thirty men were put to work upon grading a new road bed, and the track is now in working order again. Passengers from both directions were transferred at the scene of the slide and trains started from both sides. This was the most extensive and destructive land slide that has occurred for some time on the Northern Pacific, and yet, through the enterprise of the company in repairing damages and making up new trains, a fifteen hours' delay was the most extensive experienced on account of the accident.—Herald.

Cleaned Up.

Lively work could be seen going on yesterday morning in Col. Gould's back yard where a general clean up was going on and the rubbish was being collected and disposed of. This line of action was extended to the back yard of the Leighton, Jordan & Co. store that is managed by Mr. Cale. Then Stebbins, Mund & Co. found out what was going on and had the lots on the corner Main and Eighth streets divested of their rubbish and Pete Aitchison had a job hauling it away. The work is a great improvement to the appearance of the property in that vicinity. Those who pass by that corner, near the rink, cannot but notice how much better it looks this morning.

Montana Mention.

It is understood that J. J. Hill and party will be in Helena this week.

The Grand Central, the new \$80,000 hotel of Helena, was opened last Thursday.

At a depth of eighty feet in the Pedro mine, near Sheridan, Madison county, a sixteen inch body of \$300 ore has been struck.

A prominent feature of the Butte mines is the fact that the deeper they are developed, the better they prove to be. Some of the mines have now attained a depth of 800 feet.

The owners of the Elkhorn mine, in Jefferson county, were made happy by striking an eight foot body of ore on the 450 foot level. The ore is very rich, showing native silver.

An abortive attempt was twice made last week by a former Bozeman bartender to commit suicide by the use of morphine. Fortunately two letters, one to his mistress and another to his sister exposed his plan, and a stomach pump prevented his unnatural taking off.

Upon receiving a telegraphic request from the authorities at Butte, one Lottie Cole was arrested at Helena on Wednesday for passing counterfeit money. When arrested a large sum of money was found on her person, and of course the officers didn't know whether it was counterfeit or not. She is now in the county jail awaiting the arrival of an officer from Butte.

Grand Master J. W. Kingsley and Deputy Supreme Commander Wm. Zastrow, A. O. U. W., have just returned to Helena from the west side where they have established lodges. The former instituted a new lodge at Stevensville with fourteen charter members, and the latter a legion of S. K., A. O. U. W., at Missoula with twenty-five charter members.

Word was brought to town last week that gold has been discovered in East Cottonwood Creek canyon in paying quantities. Several old prospectors firmly believe that this will develop into a rich discovery. The distance from town is about seven miles, and the value of rich diggings in close proximity to Bozeman can hardly be calculated.—Bozeman Chronicle.

August Hite fell from a ladder in the Minnehaha mine Thursday last and died from the injuries received at 1 o'clock Friday. He was working alone in the north shaft where the air was bad and complained of being unwell at noon. Hearing a splash in the shaft during the afternoon the workmen in the other part of the mine rushed out and found him standing on his head. He regained consciousness for a few moments, but relapsed into a stupor from which he never awoke.

Livingston, Billings and Miles City within three days have been visited by serious conflagrations. At the present writing it is absolutely impossible to learn the origin of these fires, but their rapid succession is positive proof of the presence of fire bugs. Several suspicious characters have lately arrived in Bozeman and our citizens are now on the alert. Perhaps the same hand applied the match that has kept the property owners of Helena in constant fear and destroyed so many buildings during the winter.—Bozeman Chronicle.