

HAWES FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Circuit Court Jury Acquits the Slayer of Peter De Gols Last Evening.

VERDICT IN TWO HOURS

State Disappointed, Alleging Manufactured Evidence—No Surprise to Defendant's Attorneys.

The circuit court jury which heard the evidence in the John W. Hawes murder case brought in a verdict at 8:30 last night acquitting the prisoner of the charge against him and setting him absolutely free. The jury was out less than two hours, the court having finished instructions at 4:30, after which the jurymen retired for deliberation. Hawes was present when the jury brought in its finding, and he was calm and self-possessed. After hearing the words which set him free he thanked the jurors, and soon afterwards left the court house, a free man for the first time since the shooting Sept. 19, 1909.

History of Case.

Hawes was charged with murdering Peter DeGols, a porter in a saloon on Twenty-fourth street and Fourth avenue. Bad blood had existed between the two men for some time, according to the testimony offered by the defense, and it culminated on the night of Sept. 19. This night Hawes and his stepson, Alfred Banks, quarreled, and DeGols took the side of the stepson. DeGols and Hawes had angry words with each other. Later on, shortly after midnight, DeGols and Hawes met on Twenty-fourth street between Third and Fourth avenues, and DeGols was shot and killed. Hawes claimed that he had fired in self defense, while the state claimed that Hawes had summoned DeGols across the street and then killed him in cold blood. Hawes ran away after the shooting, but the police soon found him and arrested him. He remained in the county jail for five months before getting out on bonds of \$5,000. The usual practice of allowing an alleged murderer to get out on bonds was followed because of the uncertainty in which the courts stood at the time, due to the reverse ruling on the legality of the parole law. Had he been tried right away the court would not have known how to sentence the man had he been found guilty.

Confident of an Acquittal.

Attorneys C. J. Searle and Dudley Marshall, who conducted the defense, stated that they had no fear from the first but that they would have their client acquitted. They said that despite the statements of the state, there was plenty of evidence to show that

Held Not Murderer



JOHN W. HAWES.

Acquitted by Jury in Circuit Court of Charge of Deliberately Taking Life of Peter DeGols.

DeGols had forced the quarrel and had suffered death as the result of an attack upon Hawes.

George Fisher, who claimed to have seen the affray from a room over the Buffalo saloon, will be arrested on a charge of being an inmate of a house of ill fame. Fisher admitted on the stand that he was such an inmate, and that he was in the company of a woman at the time. State's Attorney Magill accordingly filed information against him in the county court and also against Fred Martens, proprietor of the Buffalo.

Claim Evidence Manufactured.

The state's attorney expressed astonishment at the verdict brought in freeing Hawes, as it was felt that the testimony produced by the defense could find much favor with the jurors. State's Attorney Magill fully expected to win the case, and he had asked that the death penalty be imposed. He told the jury in his final argument that it was apparent to him that George Fisher and Henry Sylvester, witnesses for the defense, had been paid to give testimony, and that their having kept silent until a few days before the trial was pretty good proof of this. The state's attorney was also greatly incensed at the way Tillman and Banks, star witnesses for the state, changed

JUNE HOT AND DRY

This Superfluous Information Is Elaborated Upon by the Statistics.

NONE WARMER SINCE 1901

Scarcity of Rainfall Equaled Only Once in 30 Years and That Was in 1886.

Coming during this sweltering heat the information from Observer Sherier of the local weather station that June was the hottest since 1901 and the driest since 1886 is of general interest. Further than this a maximum record for the month was set when 99 degrees was attained on the 30th.

The average temperature last month was 72, which is two degrees above the normal for the last 39 years. The lowest temperature was 43 on the 2d, which is within four degrees of the minimum for the month in 39 years. The precipitation was but .31 inches for what is ordinarily a wet month, the deficiency being 3.03 inches. Altogether there is a temperature excess accumulated since Jan. 1 of 3.07, or an average of 1.7 per day, and a deficiency in rainfall of 5.67 inches, which leads the wise ones to fear that there will be some mighty wet weather yet before the year is ended. The June of 1886 is the only one in 39 years that has brought as little rainfall as last month.

Twenty Clear Days.

Last month there were 20 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, and 4 cloudy, a remarkable record. The general direction of the wind was from the east, with the average velocity of 5.8 miles per hour. There were thunderstorms on the 4th, 18th and 26th, only.

front after having testified before the coroner's jury and the grand jury. Had they repeated their stories, instead of denying them, it is believed nothing could have saved Hawes from conviction of first degree murder.

M'BRIDE TO ANSWER TO THE GRAND JURY

Held for the Alleged Theft of Tools From Building Contractor.

William McBride, arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny, was given a preliminary hearing this morning by Police Magistrate C. J. Smith and ordered held to the grand jury under bonds of \$1,000. McBride was unable to get bail and he went to jail until

such time as his case comes out before the grand jury for investigation. McBride is alleged to have stolen an iron plane from John Fluegel, the building contractor. In his possession at the time of his arrest was a pair of spectacles of considerable value. The owner of these is not known to the police, but they are convinced that McBride stole them from some one.

City Chat

IN REMEMBRANCE.
Sit closer, friends, around the board!
Death grants us yet a little time.
Now let the cheering cup be poured,
And welcome song and jest and rhyme,
Enjoy the gifts that fortune sends,
Sit closer, friends!

And yet, we pause. With trembling lip
We strive the fitting phrase to make;
Remembering our fellowship,
Lamenting Destiny's mistake
We marvel much when Fate offends,
And claims our friends.

Companion of our nights of mirth!
Where all were merry who were wise!
Does Death quite understand your worth,
And know the value of his prize?
I doubt me if he comprehends—
He knows no friends.

And in that realm is there no joy
Of comrades and the joyous sense?
Can death so utterly destroy—
For gladness grant no recompense?
And can it be that laughter ends
With absent friends

O scholars whom we wisest call,
Who solve great questions at your ease,
We ask the simplest of them all,
And yet you can not answer these?
And is it thus your knowledge sends,
To comfort friends?

Dear Omar, should you chance to meet
Our brother somewhere in the gloom,
Pray give to him a message sweet,
From brothers in the tavern room,
He will not ask who 'tis that sends,
For we were friends.

Again, a parting sal we see:
Another boat has left the shore,
Than ever left the land before,
And as her outward course she bends,
Sit closer, friends,
—Arthur Macy in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Kerler & Co. make rugs.
Buy a home of Reidy Bros.
Tri-City Towel Supply company.
For bus and express, Spencer & Trefz.
Cool ride on steamer W. W. to Muscatine July 4.

Sunday and Monday, two big days.
Skating. Watch Tower.
H. T. Semon wants your tin and

Steamer W. W.

To Muscatine

JULY 4th

Fare 50 Cents

Leaves Davenport 2:30 p. m., Rock Island 3 p. m.

furnace work, 1526-1528 Fourth avenue.

Spend the Fourth on W. W. to Muscatine. Leaves 2 p. m.

Dancing at Watch Tower July 4, afternoon and evening.

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LaVanway buys and sells everything. Telephone west 247.

Let William Johnson do your tin and furnace work. 1316 Third avenue.

Fine music and dancing on steamer W. W. to Muscatine July 4, 2:30 p. m.

Dr. Cora Emery Reed has moved her office and residence to 1918-1920 Fourth avenue.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. will have their regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. The service will be of a patriotic nature, to correspond with the Fourth of July season. There will be a talk by H. M. McCaskrin and music.

A series of illustrated talks is announced for the Sundays in July. On the 10th the subject is "Lincoln, the Railsplitter;" the next is "Grant, the Soldier and Statesman;" next, "Washington, 'The First American,'" and

next will be a temperance talk, using the story of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room."

Sunday evening representatives of the Y. M. C. A. expect to conduct a gospel meeting in Garnsey square.

ONE SHOP STANDING PAT

All Barbers Excepting Gus Peacock Close in Moline Tomorrow.

Tomorrow the order of the Journeymen Barbers' union for the Sunday closing of all shops becomes effective in Moline. So far as now known all of the bosses will conform to the new order of things with the exception of Gus Peacock, proprietor of a shop in the basement of the postoffice block. He declares he will be open for business tomorrow and every Sunday thereafter, no matter what the action of the union or the owners of the other shops in the city. The journeymen barbers of Rock Island are to vote on the Sunday closing question at their August meeting.

Saloon Notice.

Chicken lunch tonight at Al Gregg's saloon, 1521 Second avenue.

W. D. Cochran, at his saloon, 398 Twenty-second street, will serve lunch this evening and all day Fourth of July.

Moonlight Excursion.

On steamer W. W., Sunday, July 3. Leaves Rock Island 8:15 p. m. Gentlemen 50 cents, ladies 25 cents. Music and dancing.

JURY IS TO RESUME INSURANCE INQUIRY

Indictments Expected Shortly in Fraternal Order Investigation.

The Rock Island county grand jury will meet again next Tuesday and the fraternal insurance investigation will be resumed. The jury took a recess two weeks ago in order to allow State's Attorney L. M. Magill to assume charge of the case against J. W. Hawes, indicted for murder. This case is now disposed of and the state's attorney is free to resume the other work. It is believed that a number of indictments are being drawn now by the state's attorney and that they will be returned shortly after the jury reconvenes.

Eagles, Attention!

All Eagles are requested to be present at the home Monday, July 4, 6:15 a. m., to take part in the dedication ceremony and flag raising. By order of trustees.

L. P. SCHROEDER,
T. GALT GRAHAM,
FRANK WICH.

CAL A CRUMPTON, W. P.
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WATCH TOWER

Come out to this great happyland
Park on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
Enjoy yourself by spending the Fourth
At a safe and sane celebration.
No "rough necks"—no rowdyism.

- Big band concert
- Special band at big rollaway
- Music at the Caroussel
- Dance music on the Fourth only
- Lunches served in the inn—plenty of
- Room in the big picnic pavilion for all
- Fireworks at night
- New and exciting moving pictures
- 40 other big attractions to make you
- Laugh and be glad you came out.

Take the Big Cool Trolley

On a
Trolley
on the
Third
&
Fourth

to

Campbell's Island

- Music and dancing
- Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- Baseball games
- Boating
- Enjoy yourself on the beach
- With your peach.
- Big picnic grounds
- Refreshments served all day
- Special Fourth of July attractions.
- Plenty of fast trolleys to take
- You to and from the island.
- Ask the conductor on your car for a
- Red ticket—take bridge car
- to 20th street Rock Island—change
- To Red line car going to Moline
- Get off at 16th street, Moline
- And walk one block north to
- Interurban station.

Picnic Park