

THE BRIBERY CASE.

Hearing of James R. Hissom Before Squire Dunning.

THREE WITNESSES WERE HEARD

After Which Further Proceedings Were Delayed Until Next Tuesday Morning—The Prosecution's Principal Witness was Miss Edith Maser who Says Mr. Hissom Asked her to Testify That his son was Insane.

The hearing of Mr. James R. Hissom, the wealthy oil man of the Island, on the charge of attempting to bribe a witness at the late hearing of his son on the charge of insanity, began yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock before Justice of the Peace James A. Dunning. Considerable time was consumed in the discussion of several motions made by the defense, principal among which were motions for a change of venue and for a jury trial. Both of these were denied.

Mr. Hissom was represented by Mr. John A. Howard. The prosecution, which was instituted by Charles T. Woods, a friend of Dr. S. K. Hissom, who lives back of Bridgeport, was conducted by Messrs. M. F. Dryden, S. G. Smith, W. P. Robinson and Charles Schuck.

Only three witnesses were examined, of whom Miss Edith Maser, who says Mr. Hissom attempted to bribe her to testify against his son at the recent insanity hearing, was the principal one.

The first witness called was Justice of the Peace Greer, before whom the Hissom insanity hearing took place in February. He testified that the warrant for Dr. S. K. Hissom's arrest was sworn out by Attorney James A. Ewing. He could not recollect the day of the hearing, but believed it was February 3. He identified J. R. Hissom and Misses Edith and Carrie Maser as witnesses at the hearing.

The star witness was Miss Edith Maser, who, the prosecution alleges, was offered a bribe by the defendant if she would swear to his son's (S. K. Hissom) insanity. She testified that she lived with her father at 120 South Fenn street, Island, which is next door to the Hissom home. She had been a witness at the S. K. Hissom insanity hearing. She had conversed with J. R. Hissom previous to the hearing, or rather a series of conversations, which occurred at the following places: At the Hissom house, in the dining room; at the street corner while waiting for the street car; on the cars, and in the jury room at the court house. These conversations occurred in the afternoon before her turn came to testify. Mr. Hissom had told her how awful was the trouble that had developed between his son and himself; and, continuing, he had told her to go in and testify; he had also said to her: "You know the doctor is insane; you tell the doctor the doctor is insane." The witness had said she would be afraid to tell this, and Mr. Hissom had said to her in reply: "Don't be afraid; it will be all right; I will make it all right."

"What did he mean when he said this?" said Mr. Dryden, of counsel for the prosecution. "That he would present me with something or give me money."

"Did you believe the doctor was insane?" "No, sir."

"Do you believe he is insane now?" "No, indeed, I do not."

"Did you agree to what Mr. Hissom said?" "Yes; but I did not intend to do what he wanted. I did not swear his son was insane."

Continuing, the witness said Mr. Hissom spoke to her about her testimony, not only in the house, but on the corner, on the cars and in the jury room. "In the jury room we were all there together. They all said what they intended to give in their testimony. He told me he would make it all right and that I need not be afraid."

A lengthy and searching cross-examination was conducted by Mr. John A. Howard. Miss Maser denied she had ever expressed the opinion that S. K. Hissom was insane.

"Did Mr. Hissom ask you to swear to any lies?" "Mr. Hissom asked me to swear to an opinion that was different from my own. He asked me to tell that the doctor was insane."

"Where?" "In the dining room, on the corner, on the street car and in the jury room. The witness was asked to repeat the conversation she had with Mr. Hissom in the house. She stated it as follows: "He said to me: 'Just go ahead and tell what you know; tell he is insane.' He said this in all four places. He also said, 'And I'll make it all right with you.' His sister, Mrs. McKnight, was there and she told me not to be afraid. His daughter, Lucy Hissom, was also there."

"What was said on the corner?" "He spoke about it being a shame to think of all the money spent on the doctor. Just as good as throwing it in the street. And then think that he would cause his poor old father such trouble as this. Then the car came and this conversation ended."

On the car the witness said Mr. Hissom spoke to her as follows: "This trouble is terrible. Edith, you just go up and tell them the doctor is insane, and tell all you know about him, and I will make it all right with you."

In the jury room he said to her: "You will soon have to go in and testify, and you don't need to get afraid because they will not hurt you, and I'll make it all right with you."

"Who was there?" asked Mr. Howard. "Only J. R.," said the witness.

After the hearing, the witness said, she talked with the folks at home about what Mr. Hissom had said to her, and she had expressed the opinion that he meant to pay her. He didn't say he would give a present or money direct.

"Didn't you say the doctor was insane?" "The witness hesitated before replying, and then admitted that she might have said the doctor was insane on one particular subject.

"Didn't you put this in writing?" "No, sir."

"You stick to that answer?" "I don't know what you mean."

Here Mr. Dryden interposed with objections to Mr. Howard's mode of cross-examination. "Didn't you write this letter?" said Mr. Howard, and handed the witness a four-page letter written on small note paper. The witness read the letter, after which it was handed over to Mr. Dryden for perusal. "Did you write this letter?" asked Mr. Howard again.

Mr. Dryden interposed again, and said this mode of examination was pursued only to embarrass the witness. The justice ruled that if the letter was not to be put in evidence questions relating to it were not admissible. "I may offer it when I learn that the witness wrote it," said Mr. Howard. "Did you write this letter?" "Yes, sir," was Miss Maser's answer. The letter was from Miss Maser to Whitten Hissom, a younger son of J. R. Hissom, and in it occurs the statement that Dr. S. K. Hissom might be insane on one subject which it was not necessary for the writer to mention. "What was this subject?" "All this was about the money question. I did not believe he was crazy, but I would have thought if the doctors

said he was crazy that he was crazy about that one subject.

"Who induced you to have Mr. Hissom arrested?" "I have him arrested! I did not have him arrested and did not know anything about it until this morning."

The witness said she had not met Charles T. Woods, on whose complaint Mr. Hissom was arrested on the bribery charge, before Monday. She said she had received no written summons to appear at the S. K. Hissom insanity hearing; that her only summons was the request from Mr. Hissom that she testify.

Then there was a discussion between Messrs. Howard and Dryden relative to averments in the warrant for Mr. Hissom's arrest.

Mr. Dryden—These were merely technical averments.

Mr. Howard—Your Mr. Woods will perhaps learn more about that.

Mr. Dryden thought Mr. Howard had said, "You and Mr. Woods," and he retorted that he was able to take care of himself.

"Did anybody talk to you about having Mr. Hissom arrested?" said Mr. Howard to the witness.

Justice Dunning—That question has already been answered.

This closed the cross-examination, and on redirect examination by Mr. Dryden the witness said what Mr. Hissom desired her to swear to would have been a lie. She said Mr. Hissom paid her street car fare to and from the hearing, and that he always talked to her in an undertone.

The next witness was Miss Carrie Maser, a sister of Miss Edith. She had heard J. R. Hissom talking with Amanda Johnson, the servant. Mr. Hissom had told Miss Johnson that she would be his best witness, and that if she testified he would see that no harm came to her, and that he would take care of her afterward.

As the hour was late when this witness concluded, the attorney for the defense moved for an adjournment. This the prosecution objected to and desired to go ahead at a session last night. Finally the hearing was adjourned over to next Tuesday at 9 a. m.

EPWORTH LEAGUE UNION Of This City Will Give an Entertainment Thursday Night.

The Wheeling Epworth league union will give a fine entertainment to-morrow evening at the I. O. O. F. hall, for which the following attractive programme has been prepared:

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THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Of Five Fishermen Among the Ice Floes of Lake Erie. SANDUSKY, Ohio, March 23.—Five fishermen of this city, H. C. Paysen and his three sons, James, John and Charles, and Louis Roberts, have reached their homes here, after a most thrilling experience on Lake Erie.

They went out in a small sail boat to lift their nets and were caught in a terrific storm, which carried away the spar of the boat and drove the ice down upon them so that they were for nearly twenty hours drifting helplessly about in a heavy sea among crushing and grinding ice floes, and in momentary danger of going to the bottom. They had a small rowboat in tow. Two of the men started for Marblehead life saving station in it. They were finally forced ashore on Cedar Point, after a terrible experience and were almost dead from cold and exhaustion.

Subsequently the tug Silver Spray sighted the three men in the sail boat and after hard work managed to reach them. The men were in a pitiable condition, being almost frozen and completely exhausted.

CANADIAN INDIANS

Refuse to Obey the Government Regulations Regarding Elections. CORNWALL, Ont., March 23.—The Indians of the St. Regis and Cornwall Island reserves have refused to obey government regulations for holding elections for five chiefs for a period of two years. They desire to return to the old custom of electing their own chiefs, twelve in number, for life. In August last the Indians refused to allow the election to proceed.

Yesterday another attempt was made to hold an election under government authority. Indian Agent Long, Inspector Hogan and Officer Chamberlain, with assistants, arrived here, but were refused admittance to the building where the election was being held. The police were assaulted, Long was secured and locked up and the police were driven away.

Inspector Hogan returned to Ottawa to report. One-third of the Indians, the inspector says, were from the American reserve at Hogansburg, N. Y. The tribe became infuriated and with visions of the war path before them, they fought like demons.

Weston Asylum Overcrowded.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 23.—The application of Sheriff Garrison for the admission of Robert Simpson to the hospital for insane at Weston, was refused on account of the crowded condition of the asylum. There are over 1,000 patients there, and applicants have to be sent to the Spencer asylum.

Prominent Citizen Dead.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 23.—Richard Boyd, a prominent citizen, died last night of typhoid fever, aged seventy years. He retired from business at Connelisville, Pa., two years ago, and moved to Morgantown to permit his sons to attend the university.

Lightning's Work.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WESTON, W. Va., March 23.—Lightning struck the dwelling of Oliver Alkire, a farmer, living at Alkire's Mills, this morning. The house is badly damaged, and Alkire probably fatally hurt.

AN ULTIMATUM

May be Presented to the Wheeling & Elm Grove Management by

MOTORMEN AND CONDUCTORS

Giving the Company Until March 31 to act on the Demand for Increased Wages—A Formal Request for the Increase Will be Made by the Wheeling Railway Company's Motormen and Conductors.

It was said yesterday that the conductors and motormen employed by the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway, through their committee, will wait on the management to-day with another request for an advance in their wages from sixteen to twenty cents an hour, an advance that was unfavorably considered by the company a few days ago. Today's request will be accompanied by an ultimatum fixing March 31 as the time in which the company is expected to grant the increase.

The Wheeling Railway Company's men, who are anxious for a similar concession, will follow suit, but not until after the steps contemplated by the Elm Grove men. The Wheeling men probably on Saturday will ask for the restoration of wages paid prior to the two reductions they were subjected to, which is practically the same as a demand for twenty cents an hour, as that was the rate paid before the cuts were made. They are now paid sixteen cents an hour.

The Steel Stocks.

The new steel stocks were traded in for the first time on the floor of the New York stock exchange yesterday. This fact, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean, probably had some influence in making the extraordinary business in the shares on the Chicago exchange Monday. The common advanced from 45% to 50%, and closed at 50. The preferred went from 92% to 95. Total sales were 37,458 shares. The buying, according to all reports, was largely for out-of-town interests. New York has the steel stock craze, and buyers there, in Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Philadelphia have kept the Chicago market for National Steel moving upward, almost continuously in the last ten days. Two weeks ago the sanguine ones were predicting fifty points profit on the underwriting, which was generally figured at par for the preferred and fifty for the common.

Yesterday's close showed 45 points profit, but now the talk is for 50 or 65 points. This, of course, is talk, and may be right or wrong. The only certain thing about the market for the stock thus far has been that no one knew what it was going to do. Market values following buying and selling can be easily predicted only when the movement can be discerned. In this case the movement from outside Chicago, and no one even now pretends to guess where it will end. The fundamental fact is that this is a great year for the iron and steel industries, and it is probable there is a great deal of blind buying, based largely on that fact. The entire New York market, however, was buoyant Monday, following a buoyant Saturday, so that everything actively traded in was swept along by the rise.

Tin plate stocks, which were second in activity, were firm, but without special feature. Steel common has passed tin plate common by 6% points, though, according to ordinary market notions, plate should be higher than steel. The illustration is merely cited as showing that it is all very much a matter of guessing.

Days of the Horse Numbered.

The greatest electrician in the world declares that the days of the horse are numbered, and that in a short time electricity will completely supplant man's most useful animal. In 20 years, he asserts, the horse will be a curiosity. Diseases of the stomach, liver, kidneys and blood would also be a curiosity if all sufferers would take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. There then would be practically no dyspepsia, nervousness, sleeplessness, indigestion, constipation, malarial fever or ague.

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