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SHRIEVES DID ASK RANSOM FOR MONEY

Accused Declares He Did Not Want to Be Subpoenaed---Hearing Nearing End

The preliminary hearing of Roy Taylor and William J. Shrieves for the alleged murder of Dwight A. Collier will likely be concluded tonight and the prisoners will then know whether or not they will have to appear before the district court to answer the grave accusation. J. W. Shrieves is now on the witness stand. Taylor was recalled this morning to testify as to certain measurements in the vicinity where the fight took place.

R. A. Lenroot, of The Journal, was the only other witness. Mr. Lenroot identified as to the veracity of a certain interview published in The Journal and the Spokane Chronicle and purported to have been obtained from J. A. Collier, father of deceased. Witness declared that the interview was correct.

Shrieves testified as follows

"I had a slight acquaintance with Taylor having met him on the afternoon or evening of July 30. I had become acquainted with Dwight Collier shortly after coming to Moscow and we were as friendly as two men could possibly be who had not been acquainted very long. I know Art Hanson. I did ask him for a loan. I approached him in this manner, asking if he would do me a favor for a few days. I told him there had been a fight on the corner near 323 between Roy Taylor, Collier and Hays. I told him I did not care to be subpoenaed, being a stranger in town and that I would rather leave town for a few days, not desiring to acquire the ill will of anyone. I did not state to Mr. Hanson that Taylor had kicked Collier.

"I did not ask Grace Fleming for money saying that I wanted to leave on the next train and that I was her kind of people and she would have to give it to me. Never in my natural life did I make such a statement.

"I landed her extra at Schuler's on the night of the 30th. I met the boys in the Idaho saloon and shook one game of dice and played seven games of draw poker, known as fresno on, for liquor and cigars. Collier at that time was drinking but was not intoxicated. At midnight, Collier was much drunker than I had ever seen him before. I noticed he had a vacant stare out of his eyes, or rather, his eyes were glassy. Hays was excessively intoxicated. Collier was drinking highballs and used more whisky in them than any man I ever saw. He had everything charged up to him.

"I had a conversation there at the hitching rack with Taylor as to whether he was going into 323 and he said he didn't care to. Collier and Hays walked past me to where Taylor was standing and began talking to him. I was standing from five to eight steps north of them, not paying any attention in particular to what they were doing. I heard someone remark 'Leave me alone; stop pulling on my coat; I don't care to and will not go into that place.' As I turned around, I saw somebody hit at somebody else, but whether the blows landed, I cannot say. They continued to strike until it seemed to result in a rough and tumble. It seemed to be that there were two against one, Collier and Hays against Taylor. I saw two men fall; one to the ground and one to the sidewalk. I saw two blows struck which led me to believe that those were the blows that knocked those parties down. I saw Hays get up. I did not see Collier get up. Hays, as he got on his feet, renewed the fight with Taylor. After their fight, I gave Hays his hat. Taylor ran after Hays and I followed them. When Taylor went back to where Collier was lying I was with him. Taylor told Collier to get up on the sidewalk, one gentleman Taylor got behind him and raised him to his feet. Collier refused to go home and Taylor left him sitting on the edge of the sidewalk. Taylor at one time did make the remark 'Let's go and get this fellow,' or something to that effect. I did not see Taylor kick Collier. I saw the blow given Collier by Taylor when Collier fell. From that time, I did not see Taylor do anything to Collier immediately after Collier fell. Taylor and Hays were fighting striking and kicking. I hardly think Taylor could have kicked Collier and I not see him.

"Yes, I did see Grace Fleming at the gate of her private residence. She said 'Don't tell him.' She said she had telephoned for the police. I do not know why the fight between Taylor and Hays was stopped unless it was because I told them to. This was after Grace Fleming had said she had telephoned for the police. I had no conversation with Grace Fleming in which I stated that Collier had given me the double cross and that I had given him what he needed. I had never had any trouble with Collier and Hays. I did not follow Grace Fleming into either 111 or 323. When she said she had telephoned for the officer, I told her: 'Very well, I'll go and get him myself if necessary.'

"After the inquest, on the night when I was released from custody of the sheriff, I had a conversation with Officer Heath. He asked me if I had gotten a job and I told him I had not and that I had a chance or two the day before. He told me where I could get a job in town. He told me I could either leave town or go to work."

Judge Lukens here asked the following

"Where were you when Grace Fleming told you she had telephoned for the police?"

A. "In front of 111."

Q. "Was it while the fight was on?"

A. "It was."

Q. "Was it after Collier had been knocked down."

A. "It was."

The cross examination by Prosecuting Attorney Stillinger was continued at 1:30.

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REGARDS FIGHT AS TRIFLING

Heath's Reason for Not Fully Investigating Combat

J. Walter Heath, night marshal, testified as follows in the Collier hearing yesterday:

"I was summoned to 323 by telephone and got down there in three or four minutes. I was walking rapidly I met Hays and we engaged in conversation. He at first denied he had been on the fists. He also denied he had been in a fight. He is one was bleeding and he showed he had been in a fight. He accompanied me. We met Roy Taylor at the street crossing below the young houses. Taylor told me of the trouble he had because he refused to enter 323 Shrieves was standing in front of 444, east of the entrance. I saw Grace Fleming and she told me they had tried to hold the boys up. I took it for granted she meant Collier and Hays when she said 'the boys.' She was excited.

"I did not see nor hear when she was under the influence of liquor." asked Mr. Moore.

"I did not."

Continuing, Mr. Heath said

"After hearing 323, I saw Taylor and Shrieves again at the Pastime. Taylor was having his hands tied up. I saw the mayor about two hours and a half after the trouble and I reported to him what had occurred. Yes, I understand that the sheriff's office turned the case loose after the coroner's inquest. They were under arrest at the time of the inquest."

On cross examination, Mr. Heath said:

"Hays did not admit having been in a fight. Taylor explained at the evening that he was hunting for his hat and he wanted to know if I had my lantern."

"Do you think at this time that it is possible for you to travel all blocks, discuss the fight with Hays, meet Taylor and help him for two minutes to find his hat and get to the scene of the fight in between three and four minutes, as you testified? asked Mr. Stillinger

"I do."

"I formed the idea that it was a trifling affair from all matters in connection with it, from my talk with the defendants and the fact that I could not find Collier." In answer to a question by Mr. Stillinger Officer Heath testified

"I have not told you all the conversation which I had with Grace Fleming. She at first told me that they had tried to hold the boys up. Then she said that Shrieves was a gambler and a bad man and that he had tried to get money from her that night to get away on. She said that the big fellow had knocked a man down. She never used a name and her one expression was that in referring to the gambler. She also said the big man had knocked a man down and was kicking him around and I asked her if the man who had been kicked was in the house and she replied he was not and that he was out somewhere. I told her I could not find him. She said she had gone out when Collier was lying on the walk and was unconscious but she did not state if it was during the row or after. The impression with me was that Collier had been able to get away himself. It was that impression which caused me to leave the matter alone."

JUDGE STEELE HAS BUSY DAY

Judge Steele this morning signed a decree directing the corporation of the Farmer's Warehouse company of Moscow.

A decree was this morning granted to plaintiffs quieting title to mining claims in the case of Alex. Stevens and John Stevenson, co-partners, against J. F. Bryant.

In the divorce case of Mary Ann Mosley against Willis Mosley, in which the testimony had been taken, the court ordered service by publication as there had been no proper service shown by the records of the court.

The suit of A. Mary Cornwall, executrix of the estate of H. A. Cornwall, against Frank R. Cornwall has been taken under advisement by Judge Steele.

The district court was adjourned sine die this morning.

TRACKLAYING NEAR SUMMIT

Theo. Regel, who was in town from Deary, states that tracklaying on the Washington, Idaho & Montana railroad has been supposed at Harvard and the road bed is ready for the rails to be smooth. Just when the grading will be ready for the rails east of the summit Mr. Regel was not able to state.

"We are doing grading, making streets, etc., at the Deary town site. There are no buildings there except some temporary structures put up for the company's use. When the road reaches this point there will be several business buildings erected. We have received many inquiries for lots, both for business and residence."

WHEAT RECEIPTS HEAVY

The grain receipts today were much larger than any previous day this year. Wednesday night's rain stopped threshing for a day or two and allowed the farmers to put in the time hauling their wheat to warehouses. Teams were lined up at nearly all the warehouses and the warehousemen were busy taking care of the grain. Shipments of wheat to tide water have begun. Several cars have been sent out over the O. R. & N. to Portland and several more have been sent over the Northern Pacific, the latter going to Tacoma. From this time on the local receipts will doubtless show a heavy increase.

CHASED OUT OF TOWN

"Hiddoo" was the order given a woman of the half world who was taken in the act of soliciting on the streets of Moscow by Chief of Police Williamson Wednesday afternoon. It is not known where the woman came from but information reached the ears of the officer that her character was not such as to permit her to wander about town carousing with men and she was ordered to leave. And she did.

MUST NOW FILE COMPLAINT

Arguments were heard this morning by Judge Steele in the case of A. J. Green, administrator of the estate of J. L. Bailey, deceased, against George H. Thorpe and S. R. H. McGowan and the court sustained the objection of defendants to the filing of a supplemental complaint.

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Lennox and Staples in Scrap Over Impromptu Bath

A fight in which much gore was wasted and the combatants threw science to the winds and went at it like a couple of caged panthers occurred during the noon hour yesterday on the construction ground of the university. H. P. Lennox and Harry Staples were the stars of the pugilistic encounter and after one minute, both looked as if they had been in a six-day affair with a bear cub. It is said that the fight was the result of a prank played by Lennox when Staples turned a hose on him and made the former think that Noah had had a visit from the deluge. He started on him. The row came to blows and matters continued lively until fellow workers separated them.

POINTS OF BROAD DECISION

The decision of Judge Steele, sustaining the demurrer of the city of Moscow to the complaint of James J. Broad, asking for judgment for the sum of $8,300, is of special interest to the city of Moscow and to all others which constructed or may construct sewers under the Idaho statute. This law provides that cities may be divided into sewer districts and that the cost of the construction of sewers may be assessed against all the property in the district according to the benefits received. In the Moscow sewer contract for the construction of sewers in all four districts was let to Mr. Broad. This contract provided that upon its completion bonds should be issued in payment thereof. A delay of about five months elapsed between the completion of the contract and the issuance of the bonds. The interest that would have accrued upon the bonds during this interval, amounts to about $5,500, and this is the sum Mr. Broad now sues for. Judge Steele holds that these bonds are not a debt of the city, that the statute under which the sewer was constructed provides that in no instance shall the cost of sewers constitute any part of the city debt, but the same shall be paid for by the property owners in the sewer district; that to grant the prayer of the petitioner in his case would impose upon the property owners in the entire city, some of whom paid their taxes before the bonds were issued, an unjust burden; that the petitioner has no equitable claim to have these bonds upon the completion of the contract. The city's demurrer is therefore sustained.

FRENCH IS ON UNFAIR LIST

Salt Lake, Aug. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Representative French, of Idaho, is on Gompers' black list and union labor will endeavor to bring about his defeat in November. In response to Gompers' circular letters, French wrote:

"Permit me to assure you of my high regard for you and your work and my approval of the splendid work you have accomplished who toil, and permit me to assure you also that I am with you fully in every effort that will bring the best conditions to the working people of our country. I stand with you for the eight hour law and correction of abuses under it."

He favors the exclusion of Chinese, restriction of all immigration and objects to convict labor coming in competition with free labor. French did not define his position on the anti-injunction bill.

In placing his name on the black list, Gompers says: "Mr. French was so cautious for the correction of abuses under the eight hour law that he voted for the amendment on the Panama canal. He avoids all reference to injunctions always or other matters referred to in labor's bill of grievances."

LEFT DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Boise, Aug. 24.—A. A. Fraser, the widely known attorney, who has been a prominent democratic leader and who was a candidate of that party two years ago for attorney general, has announced allegiance to that political organization and aligned himself with republicans. In explanation of his course Mr. Fraser said today:

"I am a great admirer of President Roosevelt and supporter of his policies. I am in thorough accord with him and with the attitude assumed by the republican party on all the great questions now before the public.

"On the other hand, the issues of the democratic are dead. The issue upon which it has stood for years, free coinage of silver and anti-imperialism, are both dead beyond the possibility of recall.

"In my view, the only way to support a party is to support it wisely. I believe in Roosevelt and his party and I desire to support them. Therefore the only course for me to pursue is to align myself with the party and give it and the president practical support by voting. He stated, which I shall do hereafter.

"For many years I have campaigned in this state casting, asking people to support the democratic ticket because I reasoned it would be beneficial to the country. I found it to the other party that in doing the same thing, beneficial thing for all the people and I am simply taking a dose of my own medicine."

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