

WAS VANDERVOORT LIBELED?

The Defense Opens a Page of Interesting History.

CONNELL'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Opening of the Preliminary Trial of the State vs. E. Rosewater—What the Testimony Shows—Court Room Scenes.

In the Court.

The mislead of our yesterday morning... The case had been called upon Vander-voort and he had been the prosecuting attorney and poured suggestions into Mr. Mahoney's ear.

Mr. Mahoney came in later still and inclined his ear toward the witness stand. Jim Coughlin was on the benching boards beside him and Con Gallagher. The two gentlemen were engaged in spirited conversation covering several years of strife in local state politics.

The Testimony.

In the outset Mr. Gannon, attorney for the defense, stated that Mr. Rosewater was not going to play the baby act; that he was always ready and prompt to acknowledge the charges of his officials; and to save the trouble they would admit that Rosewater was the chief proprietor and editor of The Omaha Bee, and that he did write and publish the alleged libelous article contained in the plaintiff's information.

A WILLIAMS ASSAULT.

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for on the morning of the 9th as published in the Republican of this city the following card.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—To Edward Rosewater, publisher of The Omaha Bee: In your paper of Monday evening, February 7, appears an article in which my place of business is spoken of as a saloon. This is a gross and untrue statement. You are requested to explain what impression you intended to leave upon the public mind by the use of such words, which, as a general interpretation, would place me before this community in a most unfavorable light.

(Signed) R. D. CURRY.

THE OMAHA ANSWER.

To this inquiry, Mr. Rosewater, one of the most able and successful business writers on the western press, responded with the following editorial, prefacing it with Curry's card:

"I take exception to the following tirade:

"Sparks and another colored man named Freney were known to have been present on the morning of the 9th, and were seen to enter the saloon at a colored den on Douglas street."

THE OMAHA ANSWER.

"This paragraph occurs in The Bee's report of the trial of the State vs. E. Rosewater. Sparks is made to say that he saw a colored man and a woman enter a saloon at a colored den on Douglas street."

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THE RELIANCE ON THE STREETS.

"The night was intense and streets of redoubt to find any person who would be about 10 o'clock it was reported that Rosewater was dead, and had not been for a reliable contradiction of the rumor, it is altogether probable that the incident was an outbreak of the indignant populace before morning. The attack of Curry was so entirely unprovoked and unwarlike that it excited a strong indignation which it was difficult to restrain. This community has no tolerance for bullies and ruffians, and black, as they will learn to their cost when they are taken to the instructions of their brutal natures."

A PROMPT TRIAL.

"Of these parties is denied. The district court is now in session, and though the grand jury was not called to order until this date, a special jury can be called at a trifling expense and the trial can be held at once. The district court is now in session, and though the grand jury was not called to order until this date, a special jury can be called at a trifling expense and the trial can be held at once. The district court is now in session, and though the grand jury was not called to order until this date, a special jury can be called at a trifling expense and the trial can be held at once."

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