

START ON THE CROWE CASE

First Step of Getting Jury Proves to Be Long One.

COURT ROOM FILLED WITH SPECTATORS

Notorious Pat Smiles When Charge of Robbing Edward A. Cudahy of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars is Read.

In a court uncomfortably crowded with curious spectators she attempted to secure a jury of twelve unprejudiced men in the Cudahy robbery case against Pat Crowe began Wednesday morning before Judge Sutton. The proceedings during the forenoon were of a formal nature and devoid of spectacular features, yet standing room was at a premium and before the session was fairly begun the seats were filled and many were occupying improvised resting places on the window sills.

By the noon adjournment County Attorney Slabaugh had examined the first twelve of the jury panel whose names had been drawn from the box, and Attorney English for the defendant had just begun his examination. The attorneys interested have no hopes of securing a jury before some time Thursday at the earliest.

Court was called to order at 9:30 and the defendant was already in consultation with his lawyers, J. P. English and A. S. Ritchie. He was in charge of Deputy Sheriff Haas. He was neatly dressed and appeared to be in the best of spirits. During the brief statement of the case by County Attorney Slabaugh before the examination of jurors began, he listened attentively with a smile when the charge was mentioned. During the examination of prospective jurors he gave close attention and was in frequent consultation with his lawyers.

Mrs. Olson on Hand.

One of the interested spectators was Mrs. Rachel Olson of Minneapolis, who came to Omaha with the declared intention of throwing some new light on the case. She is said to be demented.

In his examination of jurors Mr. Slabaugh laid considerable stress on the fact that the charge in this case was robbery and not kidnapping. He also asked for a statement from each as to whether or not the fact that Mr. Cudahy was reputed to be very wealthy would have any influence in the final judgment of the case. Of the jurors examined only two had known the defendant and one or two more were acquainted with one or more of his relatives. These are the men first called to the jury box and the occupations:

August Carlson, 237 South Twentieth street, grocer.

C. G. Haynes, 1217 South Thirty-first street, wholesale shoes.

John R. David, 166 William street, dry goods merchant.

George H. Deveraux, 59 South Twenty-fifth avenue, superintendent New York Life building.

John J. Daley, Twenty-eighth and Madison avenue, South Omaha, butcher.

F. C. Craig, 426 North Thirty-ninth street, clerk, Union Pacific.

W. Rosenbaum, 1402 Bancroft street, sign painter.

H. L. Gibbs, 1721 Van Camp avenue, real estate.

A. J. Harder, 3637 Q street, South Omaha, packing house employee.

R. E. Sunderland, 1127 South Thirty-first street, coal dealer.

L. D. Goodchild, 204 Clark street, barber.

D. A. Cozzens, 245 South Seventeenth street, traveling freight agent.

Crowd Still Larger.

When court convened at 2 o'clock for the afternoon session the crowd in the room was larger than at the morning session. Many spectators stood up during the entire afternoon, though nothing occurred to break the monotony of the examination of jurors. The court announced the state would be allowed three peremptory challenges and the defense eight. At the close of the session the defense had used four of these and the state one. Three other jurors were excused for cause, one on account of health, one because of admitted prejudice and one because he is a defendant in the printers' injunction case which renders him ineligible. Twenty-two of the panel had been examined.

Before dismissing the jurors Judge Sutton cautioned them against talking to anyone about the case or allowing any person to approach them on the subject. It is probable County Attorney Slabaugh will ask the jury be isolated between sessions of the court during the trial. He predicted the hearing would last at least ten days.

The work of selecting the jury will begin again this morning at 9:30 and probably will take up the entire day.

Raid on Alleged Resort.

The police have ordered that George M. Ryan, Reed's, Miss Ryan, Maude Fisher and Mrs. E. Johnson be removed from premises occupied by them at 49 North Fourteenth street, or else desist from maintaining what they claim is a disorderly house. The parties mentioned were arrested Tuesday night by Sergeant Vining and Sargeant and Patrolmen Boyle and Stevenson. When arraigned in police court Wednesday morning the defendants pleaded not guilty. The case will be tried Friday morning.

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