

# Maloney Refers to Kugel as "That Dirty Rat" in Omaha Police Probe

## Crowd at Hearing Gets Thrills as Case Develops

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tion by Sutton was based on what he had heard and was denied by Officer Sanko whom Sutton testified had been told to do or not do certain things in favor of Maloney's alleged interest in hog ranch.

### Sutton Denies Charge.

Sutton denied he declined to make raids on the Owl club, of which he was a member, and testified that Detective Cunningham refused to accompany him on raids to places in which Tom Dennison and Harvey Wolf were supposed to be interested.

Witness denied having told Mrs. Margaret Melson at 516 South Nineteenth street that "he was Kugel's man, was after Maloney's job and that he would be chief of detectives and would protect her after May 1."

Sutton's recent movements were questioned by Attorney Baker, who testified Maloney, the detective said Elsie Phelps had been and is staying at his home, and that on Wednesday night of this week Mrs. Melson, with members of the Omaha Detective association, pursued him and Mrs. Phelps from the Strand theater to Sixteenth and Farnam streets, that Mrs. Melson might get a look at Elsie Phelps. Sutton declared the Melson woman did not know.

### Had to Dodge Detectives.

As to his movements on Sunday night, June 3, Sutton said he and Mrs. Phelps were kept busy for two hours dodging detectives who were shadowing them.

Sutton gave details of specific cases wherein he attempted to show that Captain Maloney had not subverted the ends of justice after prisoners had been arrested. He cited particularly a suspect arrested for the Smith murder; another case of a man arrested at a pawn shop with articles identified as having been stolen at 320 North Thirty-third street.

Another denial made by Sutton was that he did not tell Detectives Barta and Walker to not disturb places of Stella Marquette, Mina Whitney and Bessie Wilson for the reason that he, Sutton, could make good money.

### Asked About Owl Club.

"Was one the Owl club?" "Yes."

"Did Kugel prosecute them?" "I don't know."

"Remember any other?" "Name them like the Owl club and I'll tell you."

"Was you a doorkeeper of the Owl club?" "I was a member of the club."

"Did you play poker there?" "I don't play poker."

"Found gambling there?" "Yes, and I reported it."

"Find gambling at any other place?" "Yes. Get the records."

"Report all that you found?" "I did."

"Did you report to Kugel?" "I did, and the reports were sent to the chief."

"Kugel Paid Him."

"When you were working as special detective for Kugel were you receiving pay from city?"

"Mr. Kugel paid me."

Kugel explained he paid Sutton out of personal bank account and charged amounts to city for special services.

Baker resumed:

"When you were working specially for Kugel did you confer with any members of the department?"

"No."

"When you went on police force publicly who assigned you?"

"Chief Dunn assigned me to morals squad with Cunningham, Unger and Barta."

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