

TELLS OF PLOT TO KEEP ELSIE PHELPS FROM TESTIFYING

HONEYWELL TELLS OF CLEANUP DEALS

Also Says That He Paid Money to Sutton to Keep Him Quiet About Suit-case.

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man Lowry and Davis were brought in as regularly as any other prisoners. The car was stolen from a Mrs. Bingham and I can get her here if you wish. It is a county case and up to the county attorney to set the bonds."

Brother of Elsie Phelps.

Raymond H. Lowry, brother of Elsie Phelps, and employed by Missouri Valley Oil company, was placed on stand and quizzed by Attorney Rine. He said a man named Jess Davis asked him Thursday to tell the truth when called to testify at Maloney hearing.

"I asked Davis what he thought my sister would say that was not the truth and he said Paul Sutton had arranged her testimony. He said my sister is in bad and I should help her out. He said I would be paid well; that I should know that when Tom Dennison says it will be paid I should know that money would be no object," said Lowry.

"Were you refused bail?"

"I was."

City Attorney Rine said he would show that reliable persons offered bail and it was refused.

"What were you charged with?"

"Buying a stolen auto from Davis."

Davis Denies Plot.

Jess Davis, alias Jess Eford, admitted speaking to Raymond Lowry regarding Elsie Phelps.

"Did you tell Lowry it would be worth his while to see his sister regarding her testimony at this hearing?"

"I did not."

"Say anything to Lowry about a money consideration?"

"No."

Davis was brought from the police station to testify.

About Smith Murder.

Detective Rich was called to stand and was questioned by Attorney Baker relative to Smith drug store murder and arrest of a suspect by Detectives Sutton and Anderson on May 10. Sutton charged the suspect was irregularly released.

"C. V. Warfield and John Lee saw the prisoner and did not identify him. He was held several days and released by direction of the arresting officers after citizens were given an opportunity to see him," testified Rich.

Denies Knowing Mrs. Melson.

Thursday Detective Sutton denied he had been at the home of Mrs. Margaret Melson, 515 South Nineteenth street, with Elsie Phelps, or that he even knew Mrs. Melson. He made similar denials during the preliminary hearing at Chadron, where he testified against the nine men charged with conspiracy.

Mr. Melson, now residing at 610 South Twenty-fifth avenue, called to the witness stand Friday afternoon, was questioned at considerable length.

"You know Mrs. Elsie Phelps?"

asked Attorney Elmer Thomas.

Knew Elsie Phelps.

"Yes, met her in spring of 1916 at the Riverside and she has been at my house many times."

"How old is she?"

"Well, acquainted with her?"

"Yes."

"About your height?"

"Not as heavy as I am."

Attorney Baker took witness, asking:

"Who was with her at your house?"

"She was with Sutton and others."

"Where did you first meet her?"

"At Riverside. You know how you got acquainted?"

"Did you see Elsie Phelps at your place last fall and where did you live then?"

"Yes, at 514 South Nineteenth street."

"Was Officer Sutton there?"

"Yes, she came first and Sutton and Unger came later. Sold them beer."

"Sell her to Sutton?"

"Yes, to Sutton and her."

"Did Unger drink beer?"

"No."

Would Dethrone Maloney.

"See them again at your place?"

"Yes."

"Did Officer Sutton tell you he was Kugel's man; that they would dethrone Maloney and he would be chief of detectives?"

"Yes, he said he did not like Maloney and was going to dethrone him and the way he talked, I thought he wanted protection money."

"Who was with him then?"

"Elsie Phelps. They were sitting on a bed together and he had his shoes off."

"Served them beer in bed?"

"Yes, she wanted highballs, but I only had beer."

"What did your husband say?"

"He said Sutton told him he had spoken to me about protection after May 1."

Talked of Bath Houses.

"Speak to Mrs. Phelps about her bath house?"

"Yes, she said she wanted to put me to work in her bath house. They did not pay much at bath houses, but I could make a lot of extra money from patrons of the bath house."

"How many times were Sutton and Elsie Phelps at your place together?"

"I don't remember."

"Did Sutton pay you for the rooms?"

"No, because I was afraid of him."

"Did he pay you for the beer?"

"He paid me 25 cents and others paid \$1 a bottle."

Was On Morals Squad.

"When Sutton and Elsie called at your house was he on the morals squad?"

"He was."

"Anything unusual happen at your house last night?"

"Yes, Anderson and another man looked all over the house and said I had been reported as having a disorderly house."

"Were they looking for Sutton then?"

"I don't think so. They should have come two months ago and they would have found something."

"Did Sutton ever raid your place?"

"No. He asked me who was protecting me. I told him I had a horse-shoe around my neck."

Stampedes the Crowd.

Attorney Rine asked:

Attorney Rine asked: "How do you account for the fact you never were pulled?"

"Can't account for it."

"You ran the house for assignation purposes before Sutton went there?"

"Yes."

The witness created a furore by referring by name to a man who was in the council chamber, and by relating his hasty exit from her place on a certain occasion last year.

"Officer Unger knew you were selling beer?"

"He did."

"When Sutton first went to your house, did he say he was an officer?"

"I knew he was."

"It was impressed upon you that he was a police officer?"

"He wouldn't be in a house long before he would let you know."

"Every day protection money?"

"No. But Sutton said he was working out of Kugel's office and if I treated him right I would not be arrested, but the side might and when they did, he would quit."

Got Into Case By Talking.

"Were you in an automobile the other evening and followed Sutton and Elsie Phelps?"

"I was not."

"How did you get into this case?"

"Just by talking too much. I told a woman friend and I suppose she told Mr. Dolan."

"Did you see Dolan?"

"Yes, he came to see me and brought Mr. Wolf with him."

"When did you last see Elsie Phelps?"

"Last April, at my house."

"How many times did Sutton and Elsie Phelps go to your house?"

"About fifteen times."

"You were rather chummy with Mrs. Phelps?"

"Hardly."

"Did Elsie ever speak to you of Sutton's position in the police department?"

"Yes, she said she was going to be one of the head fellows."

Honeywell Takes Stand.

W. R. Honeywell, bricklayer and erstwhile sociological worker, was the star witness at yesterday morning's session of the trial. The witness unwittingly furnished as much merit as an average audience could absorb at one sitting.

Honeywell was placed on the stand to refute charges made by Detective Paul Sutton on Thursday that the witness had been released by Maloney after Sutton made the arrest, and that Maloney negligently failed to give the Honeywell case the attention justice seemed to demand.

In his testimony Sutton explained that the arrest was made at the instance of Mrs. Honeywell, who charged her husband with having been implicated in a suitcase robbery in Omaha seven years ago, when diamonds, bonds and valuable papers were stolen.

Paid Graft Money.

The Honeywell case was cited by Sutton as one of a series to show that Maloney had usurped the functions of a court in his disposal of some of the cases made by detectives.

Honeywell related that he paid Sutton \$25 on or about December 15, 1916, because he feared the detectives would harass him with knowledge of the suitcase matter and thereby cause him to lose his job. He said that "Red" Williams had been sent by Sutton to him to serve as go-between; that he prepared an oration which he was to have delivered in the Auditorium under auspices of the ministers; that he submitted a manuscript of the address to Tom Dennison through Henry Pollock, serving as special messenger; that he worked with Rev. John F. Hawk, pastor of First Reformed church, and Rev. Earl Bowen, pastor of Pearl Memorial church, and with Ezra Fields of the court house in his city government uplift work.

"Cleanup" Campaign.

Going into details of his city-wide cleanup activities, he declared he had made some investigations on his own account and found that Mayor Dahlman was "honest, but enjoyed a good time now and then."

"Not since May 1," corrected the mayor.

His exception of the mayor in his general charges of official neglect aroused much laughter. Fined down by City Attorney Rine, the witness admitted he knew of no specific act of misconduct on the part of any city official, but declared that Commissioner Kugel knew of general conditions in Omaha and the other commissioners were jointly responsible for such conditions.

Attorney Had Cold Feet.

Honeywell explained that his career as an uplifter was cut short because W. L. Baughan, his attorney, had cold feet and failed to go through with a meeting which was to have been held with the executive committee of the Ministerial union at the Young Men's Christian association, to arrange for his (Honeywell's) appearance at the Auditorium to deliver his oration, described as his masterpiece. He added that Paul Sutton put a few finishing touches on the manuscript and he insisted that it was his purpose to "in-

fluence the community against the city government."

The witness said he was hostile to the city government, and his oration, which was never given, was to have been the torch that would illumine the way to civic righteousness.

Honeywell on Stand.

W. R. Honeywell was next placed on the stand by Baker. He related that during last November he was arrested by Paul Sutton on request of his wife. On Thursday Sutton testified Maloney released Honeywell without giving his case proper investigation. According to Sutton, Honeywell was charged with a diamond robbery.

"My wife," testified Honeywell, "charged me with having been implicated in a suit case robbery at Webster street depot and that I stole diamonds, government bonds and valuable papers. My wife left me to live with Farnam Delere, brother-in-law of Steve Thrasher. She left my rooms at 403 North Seventeenth street to live at 1720 Capitol avenue. When I was arrested Mr. Maloney had me in his office. My wife was there and Maloney told her he thought it was all a family mixup; that Mrs. Honeywell had left her husband to be with the man she lived with. Maloney found nothing on records to show theft of the suitcase referred to by my wife. My wife left the station with Walter Jardine, nephew of the councilman.

Files Statutory Charge.

"I filed a statutory charge against my wife and Delere. Sutton and Cunningham arrested my wife and Delere while drinking in the rear of the Edward bar. When the case was called I agreed to withdraw the charges if my wife would leave the city.

Assistant County Abbott said it would not be fair to withdraw the charges, because she had taken nearly everything from her husband except his wooden leg. We decided to let her go, but she went back to her old ways.

"There still was a spark of love in my heart for her. She again took up with Delere and a man named Flynn. I raided her room again and gave Flynn a terrible beating, breaking both my hands. Complaint was made that I used brass knuckles on Flynn. That was at 1819 Cass. I had been warned by friends to be careful, because my wife had a suit case charge hanging over me."

Give Money to Sutton.

Baker: "Did you talk to Sutton about the suit case matter?"

"Yes, I gave Sutton \$25 to suppress the matter—two tens and a five—at Sixteenth and Dodge streets. He took the money, I also offered money to Cunningham, but he would not take it."

"When did you give Sutton money?"

"Last December, between 18th and 25th."

"Then what did you do?"

"I went to the Ministerial union in Young Men's Christian association building on Arbor day and told them I thought the town needed cleaning up."

Club Over His Head.

Honeywell explained that Paul Sutton held the suit case matter over his head.

Baker resumed:

"What else?"

"I prepared a manuscript for the Ministerial union."

"What was done with manuscript?"

"I think Tom Dennison has it."

"What were you to do with the manuscript?"

"I was to give an oration at the Auditorium about May 15, under the auspices of ministers."

"Did you include all city commissioners in your manuscript?"

"All except Mr. Dahlman."

"What were you going to do to Dahlman?"

"Going to let him get by. My investigation showed that he was an honest man only he wanted to have a little fun now and then."

(Roars and laughter.)

"Did Sutton approve your manuscript?"

"Yes and he added a few lines."

"What about the suit case and the diamonds?"

No Diamonds in Suit Case.

"There were no diamonds. Six years ago Frank Edwards and I left Chicago. We checked the suit case and Edwards gave me the checks. We went to the Palm hotel and Edwards told me we had a pretty good haul. Said we had baggage of a Turk and had his passport and diamonds. I did not know whether they were same cases checked at Chicago.

"In one grip was a passport through Europe and complicated maps. One was a map of a bomb. It indicated the owner of the suit case knew German, French and Turkish languages."

"What was done with map of the bomb?"

"Edwards took it, but I made a

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"Yes."

Drew Sketch of Bomb.

"You made a sketch of the bomb, did you?"

"Yes, from memory."

"And you did not tell anybody about what was in suit cases until seven years after it happened?"

"Only my wife."

"You kept quiet about the suit-cases?"

"Yes, for my own benefit."

"To whom did you speak about your cleanup matter with the Ministerial union?"

"To Grace Phillips, former stenographer of Edward S. White of Harlan, Ia."

"What did you tell her?"

"Told her she had better leave

town because there would be a cleanup."</