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BANKER LITTLE CASE

AGAIN ON TRIAL IN THE JOHNSON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

THREE HUNDRED TALESMEN

From Which to Select a Jury—Adjournment Taken Until Thursday—Story of the Killing of Johnson and the Subsequent Trials of Little—Great Interest Manifested in the Case.

Special to the Capital.

Olathe, Kan., Nov. 12.—A special session of court convened today for the trial of the Banker A. W. Little murder case, brought to Johnson county from Kansas City, Kansas, on a change of venue. The court ordered a draft of 300 talesmen from which to select a jury and then adjourned until Thursday.

The case is one which has attracted great interest, not only in Wyandotte and Johnson counties but all over the state, both on account of the prominence of the murderer and the murdered man and because of the strong fight that has been made for conviction and acquittal.

A. W. Little shot and killed Attorney D. E. Johnston in Kansas City, Kansas, July 17, 1892. On the evening of the killing the two men passed each other on Minnesota avenue when Little saluted Johnston in the usual way. In reply Johnston called him a vile name. In the presence of witnesses, Little and Johnston, previous to that time, were members of a coal mining company. The concern changed hands and it is claimed that Johnston beat Little out of \$5,000 cash. This engendered bitter feeling. The two had had wordy wars on two or three occasions, and at one time it was claimed that Johnston tried to shoot Little at the L road station, at Minnesota avenue. When Johnston called Little the foul name, on the night of July 17, the banker walked to his home, but returned in a short time and started to find his man. At a distance he soon saw Johnston in company with some friends in front of a drug store on Minnesota avenue. As he approached he drew a revolver from his pocket, and shouting, "You have been hounding me all day, I'll not stand it any longer," he pointed the gun at Johnston and fired. The bullet entered the body and pierced the heart. The lawyer reeled and fell out into the gutter dead, when his slayer began beating the prostrate body with his weapon.

Little was arrested and the preliminary trial took place a few days later. While the trial was in progress the justice received an anonymous letter stating that if he released Little on bond he would be killed the following night. The defense attempted to introduce evidence to show that communicated threats had been made against Little's life by Johnston, but the court ruled against it. This enraged the defense. The case was then taken to the court of common pleas, when Little's attorney endeavored to have the information quashed on the grounds that he had not been given a legal preliminary hearing. The motion was overruled and upon application a change of venue was granted and the case sent to this county for trial.

The case was tried here last March, and after a hotly contested legal battle of over three weeks, the jury disagreed, after deliberating forty-eight hours.

Both Little and the dead lawyer were prominent citizens of Kansas City, the former being president of the First National bank of Guthrie, Ok. The people of both Kansas City, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo., are greatly interested. In this case, and special train service will be had daily between Olathe and Kansas City for the convenience of witnesses and friends of both parties during the trial. Over 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed.

"When a lovely woman stoops to folly" she always uses some baking powder other than Dr. Price's.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

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