

THE YOST MURDER TRIAL.

WHAT DETECTIVE M'PARLAN KNOWS ABOUT THE MOLLY MAGUIRES' SECRETS.

POTTSVILLE, May 9.—In the Yost murder trial to-day, the detective, James McParlan, continued his testimony in regard to the secret operations of the so-called Molly Maguires or Ancient Order of Hibernians. Witness testified to being asked by Pierre Condon, ex-watchman at the jail, for a pistol with which to shoot a certain party suspected of having been connected with the killing of the McAlisters, of Waggon Patch. He also testified that he knew who shot Gomer James, and that the pistol with which the deed was done was now in his possession. Witness attended the County Convention at Girardville, on the 4th of July last, in the capacity of Secretary of the Shenandoah Division of the order. A number of prominent members of the order were there, among them James Kerrigan, now in Bethlehem Jail, awaiting the penalty of the law for the murder of Jones. Witness further testified that John J. Slattery, at one time candidate for the Associate Judgeship of this County, was expelled from the order, he having told a man that "he was a mark for a pistol," and thus frustrated their plans.

During the afternoon session Detective McParlan was severely cross-examined as to his conversations with Canal and Campbell. On being questioned as to the numerous coal-breakers set on fire since 1874, he said he discovered the plot to burn the Helfenstein breaker, also some of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad cars; while acting in the capacity of Secretary of the order, a discussion arose at a meeting as to who should obtain the reward for killing James; a man named Hurley claimed the reward, which was also claimed by Lawler and Morris; he [McParlan] was appointed one of a committee to investigate whether Hurley was the murderer of James De Not, and he reported that Hurley was entitled to the money. The Mollys also attempted to release the prisoners Kelly and Doyle from the Mauch Chunk prison; McParlan told them he would fetch men himself to effect their release, and in this way delayed the attempted rescue, and at the same time made arrangements with his superior officer, Superintendent Franklin, of Philadelphia, and Capt. Linden, his assistant, to block the game. At a meeting held to select men to kill Jones, McParlan was selected as one of them. He, in order to get out of committing the murder; suggested that he would go ahead to clear the way, but his real object was to inform the Police authorities, so as to have him and his party arrested, to save Jones' life; but he was too late. Jimmy Kerrigan and his accomplices had already started on their bloody mission.

The court held a private session this afternoon to give a hearing on habeas corpus to Kehoe, Lawler, and other prisoners arrested on Saturday for complicity in, and being accessories to, several crimes. They were all remanded to jail to await trial.

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