

FAILED TO CONVICT

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JURY ACQUITTED JAMES HAYES OF THE DELEVAN HOUSE

SOME SPICY SWEARING

THREE WOMEN ALLEGED THAT THEY WERE INMATES OF THE PLACE AND PAID MONEY TO HAYES.

The sworn affidavits of three women that they had been inmates of the place, the admission of two men, frequenters of the place, that they had spent the night with women there and the admission of an employe of the house that he had seen things not all together proper there were the facts presented to a jury in Police court this morning to prove James Hayes was running the Delevan hotel [321 West Fayette Street] as a disorderly house.

In spite of all these facts, however, the jury failed to convict and after a very few minutes' deliberation they brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Hayes was arrested a week ago on a warrant sworn out by Chief Wright, charging him with keeping a disorderly house, after complaint had been made to the police by Cornelius Mangin that he had been robbed of a considerable amount of money at the place on the night of December 27.

Pearl Watson, Anna Printz and Minnie Schafer were also arrested charged with being inmates of the house and in Police court this morning they were sworn as witnesses against Hayes. They all admitted they had spent the night with men at the place and paid Hayes a part of their proceeds. The Watson and Printz women also admitted they were with Mangin and John Enright at the place on December 27, and they saw Mangin with the money and they heard him say afterwards he had been robbed.

William Sculley, a waiter, stated he had served drinks to the parties mentioned above and they were all sitting on the bed partly undressed.

Attorney W. S. Barnum appeared for Hayes and Attorney D. B. Keeler appeared for the prosecution. The latter presented a very strong case but contrary to expectations the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. Hayes has been arrested before on charges of the same kind or of a similar character, but it seems impossible to get a jury to convict him.

The jury was as follows: Matthew Cunningham, 103 Shonnard street; Irving C. Terry, 513 Bear street; Jacob Reimold, 143 Butternut; William Gehm, 1801 Lodi street; John Dotterer, 711 Kirkpatrick street; James M. Betts, 240 Baker avenue.