

## Haywood Murder Trial

Edwin G. Leipheimer, staff correspondent of the Butte News, writing from Boise, Idaho, says:

Orchard's confession, or at least an outline of it, is at last in possession of the defence of the Haywood murder trial. This is the worst blow yet sustained by the state and interests behind the prosecution. The state planned to keep the defence in absolute ignorance of what Orchard would say in order that they would be unable to produce witnesses to contradict it.

How the leak occurred is unknown, but it is believed to have come from a newspaper office.

### Plenty of Bankers

I asked Attorney Darrow last evening if he was still satisfied with the jury and with the men on the venire. He replied.

"You may say for me that I cannot understand how it is that while there are only four or five banks in this town, we have had no less than three bank officers on the venire and half a dozen bank clerks or cashiers. We have had nearly a score of capitalists and leading business men and while there are over 2,000 union men in Boise, we have had only one man who has ever been a member of a union labor organisation and he was disqualified because he had scruples against capital punishment.

"We will be forced to fight before a hostile jury. The jury will be fair and honest, composed of farmers but farmers are always opposed on principle, to men engaged in the industrial question. And they have no use for labor unions.

"We do not ask that we be allowed to have union men on the jury, but we should certainly have some union men on the venire. We have even had bank officials from outside towns in the country but have not

had a socialist on the venire, still the socialist party is ten times as strong as the prohibitionist in Ada county. There are now two prohibitionists in the jury box. About five of the one hundred and twenty-five examined are democrats, the rest are all republicans.

### Ask No Favors

"We have only had one man who claimed to understand anything about labor unions. We do not ask for any favors from the men sent to summon the jurymen, but we can certainly expect impartiality in selecting the veniremen. They boast of high class labor unions here. I cannot understand it, but it seems queer to me.

"We have absolutely no hope of securing a jury with the present venire."

### Hawley's Statement

Attorney Hawley said: "The venire is the best in the country, the men are nearly all farmers and if the defendants can get a fair trial anywhere they can get it here and now. It looks doubtful if we can get a jury without another venire."

### Do not Deny It.

The defendants' attorneys refuse to deny that they have an outline of Orchard's confession secured by them when Gooding had an outline made for the labor leaders of the country when Gompers was invited to come to Boise and look at the case.

This invitation to Gompers was later withdrawn by the governor on the advice of McParland. The outline got into a newspaper office, but was never published. The defence is supposed to have got it from this source. McParland says he does not believe that the defence has the confession, but admits that it is not