

S T A T E M E N T

Of

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I have lived in Hennessey since the spring of 1892 and came here from Grand Rapids, Mich. I remember D. E. George quite well as a rather lanky man of about fifty, with a long mustache and chin whiskers. I was in the restaurant, candy and cigar business from 1895 on and George occasionally dropped in at my place of business. I was also connected with the local post office at that time, my place of business being in the same room and I am very certain that there were never any remittances came from Mr. George during the time he was in Hennessey, at least by money orders. I never heard of George betting any money on an election here and if he did the amount must have been very small. I believe there was some talk about George offering to bet Dick Binding (now dead) something like \$100.00, but I am sure that the bet was never made. While I saw George a good many times, I was never intimate with him, nor was any one else here as I can remember. George roomed at the Carbine Hotel while here. This hotel went out of business a good many years ago and I do not know what became of the people who ran it. Mr. George never displayed any great amount of money, and as a matter of fact had very little, as he usually got drunk when he earned enough to get booze. I was active in local politics during that particular period, 1895 - 96 on and would know if any large betting was done on the 1896 election. D. E. George painted a house for me twenty years ago last fall. I fix the date quite well for I moved into the house on my daughter's first birthday and she was twenty-one last fall. George left here soon after that and I think went to El Reno. George was a good painter on outside work and worked practically all the time he was here for W. C. Ball who did the inside work. Mr. George talked to himself a lot while working and recited poetry, but just what he recited from I do not know and doubt whether anybody else here did. He was considered a little off by

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Hennessey people. I do not remember of him ever taking part in any plays or doings in town. I am a Knight of Pythias and George told me once that he was a K. P. but could not go to lodge since he was behind in his dues. I do not believe that he was Booth. Opinion here generally in 1903 was that Enid merely wanted a little excitement. I do not remember of a George D. Ryan or "Dad" Ryan ever living here.