

W.E. Robson

Saturday night, January 13 El Reno. Mr. William P. McCartney, a member of the El Reno police force at the time that George was there says that he knew George quite well. That while George was boarding with the Simmons he came home drunk one day and that Mrs. Simmon's brother, John Sam and George got into a fight over something and that George went to his room to get a pistol, a six shooter, and on the way up to his room he was threatening Sam who got out of the house and ran down to my home about a block away. I was at home and went with Sam to the Simmons' place. George came out to meet us with the six shooter in his hand. Sam saw it and got behind me and I took the pistol away from George and arrested him and took him down to the police station and held him 'till he sobered up. I still have the pistol in my possession. I made George promise that he wouldn't start anything again and then turned him loose. We considered George at police headquarters as harmless when sober, but a little dangerous when drunk. He was in the station a lot during the two or three years he was in El Reno. When drunk he usually got away from the saloons. He was nobody's fool and must have had a good education, tall, of dark complexion, hair quite mixed with gray. Would sometimes let his beard go unshaved for a week. He was always reasonably neat, but did not have fine clothes. Had very heavy eyebrows and I am

sure both were matches. He did not limp, had a southern drawl, one would think he was a Kentuckian. When shown the tin type <sup>R</sup>obar said that this resembled George to some extent. George was considered both by myself (Robar) and McCartney of the force as French. <sup>jeed</sup> He was positively a dope fiend, but not a bad one. I saw him under the influence quite often. We had quite a few dope fiend cases down here in those days and I am sure I would not make a mistake on one. It was morphine that he used. The confession that he made while under the influence could not be believed at all as, at that time, he might tell one anything. George was just the sort of fellow that a suggestion that he was John Wilkes Booth would appeal to and grow on his mind. I remember George drew some sort of a land claim and told me that his fortune was made. I think that he sold this about 1901. George never had any unusual amount of money that I ever heard of. Wm. P. McCartney corroborates the statements made by W. E. Robar. McCartney became chief after Robar left the force and remained chief for ten years, leaving himself 1-1/2 years ago to go to the American Express Company. Robar is now manager of the local chapter of the Elks.