

## A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR VERDICT

Jury of Twelve Men Give Charley Hupp That Amount for Services Rendered to Grand-Uncle.

### ONLY NINE JURORS SIGN VERDICT.

A case of considerable magnitude was heard in the Probate Court Monday and Tuesday with Judge H. C. Davis presiding, that of Charley Hupp vs the estate of W. H. Homan, deceased. The plaintiff was represented by attorneys Charles Miller, general attorney for the C. & A. railroad, and Joe G. Cox, both of Kansas City, and W. G. Pendleton of the local bar, while the defendants attorneys were Clay Kelly and Wm. Steele of Sedalia, and Roy D. Williams of Kansas City but formerly of the Boonville bar. The case opened Monday morning and closed Tuesday evening. The jury was composed of twelve men. After being given the case for a verdict the jury voted unanimously to allow Hupp something for his services to his grand uncle, Homan, while alive but not all were in favor of the full amount asked by the plaintiff, \$10,000. Three of the jurors would not sign the verdict for ten thousand dollars which amount was agreed upon by nine members of the body, but a majority of them only was necessary to return the verdict.

Homan left an estate said to be worth from 40 to 50 thousand dollars. He was an old bachelor and resided at Otterville. From the evidence given at the trial Hupp lived with his uncle for a number of years and was not recognized in the will left by Homan. He instituted a suit for services rendered to his uncle during his life time and placed the value at \$10,000. There was much conflicting testimony at the trial, and the case was vigorously contested on each side by the strong array of legal talent employed.

The jurors were L. T. Stiles, J. L. Sauter, Ed Holtman, A. T. Dix, C. E. Hirlinger, Chris Meyer, Lester Zeigle, F. H. Fox, W. L. Koenig, J. L. Haller, H. Christman, C. Hutchison.

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