

THE INFERIOR COURTS.**S**LAYER HEART
HELD TO ANSWER.

**FIFTY-CENT MURDERER MAKES
NO DEFENSE.**

No Evidence Offered by Lodging-house Proprietor to Explain His Act, but it is Thought He Will Attempt to Claim Self-defense—Nick Sennet is Heard From.

J. W. Heart, who killed Thomas Kearns for 50 cents, at No. 907 Maple avenue of the evening of July 2, had his preliminary examination before Police Judge Chambers yesterday and was held to answer to the Superior Court. Bail was refused. The proceedings were formal in character, the prosecution offering just a sufficient amount of its evidence to establish the guilt of the defendant, while the defense made no showing whatever.

Miss Kearns, daughter of the deceased, was the first witness, but the only important part of her testimony was wherein she stated that in leaving the Heart house on the fatal day she had met Heart and he told her that her father could not move his effects from the house until he had paid Heart 50 cents that the landlord claimed was due.

Detective Davis testified as to finding a revolver in Heart's room after the shooting and also told of a conversation he had had with Heart in jail. It was to the effect that Heart admitted owning the pistol found and that he had shot Kearns with it; that he had had trouble with Kearns about the 50 cents and had gone to his room and armed himself. When he returned to Kearns's room the row was renewed and that when Kearns attacked him he had shot the man in self-defense.

Dr. G. W. Campbell, autopsy surgeon, was put on the stand, but the only part of his testimony that was interesting was that from the indications during the autopsy he did not believe the deceased had taken any intoxicating liquors the day of the shooting. It is believed that the defense will attempt to show that the dead man was slightly intoxicated and quarrelsome on the day of the shooting and that he was justified in committing the crime.