

## PARTING KISS PLAYS PART IN HAMON TRIAL

Former Ardmore Police Chief Relates Conversation of Ketch and Clara.

## GUN REQUEST DENIED

COURTHOUSE, ARDMORE, Okla., March 12.—The dead Jake Hamon's political power was revealed today in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, his secretary-protege, charged with his murder.

Jake Hamon's pal, W. D. Nichols, former police chief of Ardmore and now in the oil game, in testifying for the State said:

"I was with Jake just before he died. Hamon and I talked politics. I think he was the Republican leader of the United States. He told me he would die and begged me to go straight to Warren Harding to get some of his friends taken care of with political jobs."

ARDMORE, Okla., March 12.—Branding of Clara Smith Hamon as an adventurer and deliberate slayer of Jake L. Hamon, the woman accused of the murder of the Oklahoma millionaire and politician who faced Frank L. Ketch, business manager and adviser of Hamon.

Ketch is one of the leading witnesses for the State.

Ketch was the man Hamon asked for as soon as he was operated on in the Hardy hospital and was one of the few who had words with Hamon before he died.

The State, by his testimony, will attempt to prove the heartlessness of the defendant and deliberation in slaying Hamon.

## DEFENDANT'S AGE IMPORTANT ISSUE.

The age of Clara Smith Hamon is to play an important part in the trial. The State, according to Special Prosecutor Prince Freeling, is to attempt to prove that the defendant is 29.

The defense holds that she is 27. Establishment of the age is important inasmuch as it will determine the exact age when she first met Hamon ten years ago.

At present this brings the question whether she was seduced from the little country store at Lawton, or whether she left with Hamon, fully realizing what she was doing.

The parting kiss of Jake Hamon and the defendant is to play a big role as the defense.

This became evident when the defense, in an attempt to prove Hamon bore Clara no ill will after he was shot, asked Dr. Hardy, a State witness, if Hamon did not kiss Clara when she called on him the day after he was shot.

## DENIES HAMON KILLED HIM DELIBERATELY.

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For the first time since the trial started the courtroom was filled long before Judge Champion called for order. Sensational developments on the second day of the trial brought out the murder fans early.

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