

or Sunday morning, after the boiler was "blown off," he cleaned the boiler out, no change took place in the duty that I am aware of down to the time of the fire. I never considered him a day watchman, he would generally go on duty about the time the men would leave off work, about supper time. I was never present when he came off duty in the morning.

Question. At what time did you come on duty in the morning?

Answer. I generally came on at 6½ to 7 o'clock in the morning.

Question. Was Gambrill generally gone when you came on duty?

Answer. He was, every day excepting when Mr. Murdock was away; this does not apply to Sundays. It was very rarely I came on Sundays.

Question. Did you make any examination of the property manufactured and the machinery remaining after the fire. If so, state for what purpose, and was it carefully done and in connection with Mr. Duvall?

Answer. I made an examination of the loss in stock at Mr. Duvall's request, for the Insurance Company; it was carefully done.

Question. Will you be so good as to state to the Committee, as well as you now can, the result of such inquiry and the statement of loss to the stock?

Answer. The statement prepared for Insurance Company made the amount of stock in the main shop to be one million of pieces, from what I could understand from Mr. Duvall and his sons, we estimated these pieces to be \$7 per thousand pieces, were dried and ready, the greater portion to put in barrels. We estimated either 90 or 95 thousand pieces were not damaged, there were four dry houses, two were destroyed entirely and two damaged, one damaged to the extent of one-half. In two of the houses I considered a total loss had occurred; I considered the loss to be 200,000 pieces, at \$7 per thousand, \$14,000. For the other two houses I considered the loss to be one-half, making \$700 of loss. 1,200 barrels fully completed were ready for delivery, with the exception of a few hoops, the value of each barrel I believed to be 35 to 36 cents per barrel. I did not make an examination of the loss to the machinery, that was done by Messrs. Denmead and Pool.

Question. Was the property remaining or any part of it sold, and if so, to whom, and for about what amount?

Answer. Yes, sir, the barrels on hand, those not burnt entirely through were sold to Mr. Everitt at 12½ cents per barrel; I think between 500 or 600 were sold him; they