

**SUBURBAN.****Flaws Discovered in Hannon's Confession Concerning the Wood Tragedy.**

**The Investigation Still in Progress—More About the St. Clair Mining Troubles—A Wedding at Kirkwood—Notes from East St. Louis, Cheltenham and Elsewhere.**

Another page has been turned in the history of Col. John G. Wood's murder. Since the preliminary hearing of James and John Amos, more than a week ago at Union, the county seat of Franklin, Prosecuting Attorney J. C. Kiskaddon has by diligent investigation disproved very material points in the confession of Ed. Hannon. It will be remembered that Hannon in his confession charged the killing to John and Charley Amos. He declared that the accused returned home on the morning of the murder with several articles of apparel and trinkets belonging to Col. Wood. Mrs. Hannon testified to the same facts. Dr. Caulkins, of Pacific, who conducted the post-mortem examination upon Col. Wood's body; E. A. Clark and Fred Volmer, who were members of the Coroner's jury, have informed Mr. Kiskaddon that they are positive several of the articles named by Hannon were in Col. Wood's house when the inquest was in progress. Hannon in his confession stated that John and Charley Amos hid the Colonel's tools in a fence corner. The gentlemen already named, who were at the Coroner's investigation, say the tools were found on the premises near the body. They were afterward taken, with other of the deceased's effects, to an outhouse belonging to Fred Volmer, where they were placed for safe-keeping. Some time later this outhouse was broken into and robbed of the tools and other things. Mrs. Hannon testified that a certain shirt shown her at the preliminary trial had formerly belonged to Col. Wood. Mrs. F. W. V. Crews told Mr. Kiskaddon the shirt never belonged to Col. Wood, but had been given by her to the Amos boys. The story of Oscar Williams having his throat cut by John Amos while Oscar's sister held his head, has not yet been verified. Hannon's narrative about the robbing of Thompson is considered very fishy. It appears from Mr. Kiskaddon's information that the Amos boys were four miles from the scene at the time, or shortly before Thompson was dragged from his horse on the highway. The unpublished portion of Hannon's confession pertaining to car robberies, implicated two or three freight conductors and brakemen whose names he furnished. By reference to orders, bills of lading and train records, it is abundantly proven that the parties Hannon named were not among his confederates. When confronted with these contradictory facts yesterday Hannon refused to say a word except to maintain the truth of his statement. "I told the truth, said he, and I can't help what other people say." It was originally intended to have resumed the preliminary examination yesterday, but it was continued until Wednesday next in order that the State may procure additional testimony.