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By FOSTER CLINE, District Attorney

MANY times in Denver there has been agitation for a public defender for indigent defendants appearing in the West Side Court. Having in mind the purpose of a public defender and the cooperation that should exist between the District Attorney and the public defender, it has been my policy to invite assigned counsel to confer with me in reference to their cases with a view of endeavoring to mutually agree as to the disposition of these cases.

I submit the following data in reference to this work during the year of 1927. Of the 99 cases of appointment, 7 of these cases were dismissed; nolo contendere entered in 16; pleas of guilty 41; verdicts of guilty by a jury, 28; verdicts of not guilty by a

jury, 7. Amount paid out for assigned counsel in these cases, \$2,430.

Honorable Frank McDonough and Honorable James Starkweather have presided as judges in the West Side Court during the year of 1927 and it is largely due to their policy of insisting that cases be tried when called and useless delays prohibited, that of the approximately 418 criminal cases filed in the West Side Court during 1927 there remain but about 28 cases for trial at the close of the 1927 jury year.

It might be of interest to the Bar to know that the total number of cases filed in 1927 does not exceed those of 1925 or 1926. There appears to be no crime wave in Denver, and there exists the closest cooperation between all law enforcing agencies of the City, including State and Federal authorities.

Sir Walter Raleigh's Last Testament

SIR WALTER RALEIGH'S letter to his wife. This was his last letter to his wife, and really the last which he ever wrote:

"You shall now receive (my dear wife) my last words in these my last lines. My love I send you, that you may keep it when I am dead; and my counsel, that you may remember it when I am no more. I would not by my will present you with sorrows (dear Besse) let them go into the grave with me, and be buried in the dust. And seeing that it is not God's will that I should see you any more in this life, bear it patiently, and with a heart like thyself. First I send you all the thanks which my heart can conceive, or words

can rehearse, for your many travails, and care taken for me; which though they have not taken effect as you wished, yet my debt to you is not the less; but pay it I never shall in this world. Secondly, I beseech you, for the love you bear me living, do not hide yourself many days, but by your travels seek to help your miserable fortunes, and the right of your poor child. Thy mourning cannot avail me, I am but dust. Thirdly, you shall understand that my land was conveyed bona fide to my child: The writings were drawn at Midsummer was twelve months, my honest cousin Brett can testify so much, and Dolberry, too, can remember somewhat therein. And I trust my