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The parties both present and declared them

selves ready for trial, Mr. Molholand objecting

to Elder Hyde's speaking before the witnesses

were heard.. Some remarks on this point from

Pres. Allred also from Mr. Molholand and Elder

Hyde, followed by Councillor Geo. W. Harris who

moved that Elder Hyde log the case before

the council,, showing why he thus calls upon

Mr. Molholand,, Jos. Kelting also kept minutes.

Elder Hyde called upon Esq. Merritt to know

whether a charge of this kind could be termed

slander.. Esq Merritt said so for a charge

is preferred before a Council or church author-

ities against some of its members it

was not actionable as a charge of slander..

Pres. James Allred said we wanted the

witnesses to give plain statements of facts..

The defendant plead not guilty..

The council decided that one be sufficient to

speak on a side..

Councillor Silas Richards was was speaker for the  
plantif..

Councillor Moses Clawson was speaker for  
the defendant..

President Orson Hyde opened the case by

stating that some time about the 20th of

last October his mind became satisfied that

then was something not right at the Ferry and

he began to make inquiry, when he became more

and more satisfied that there was a wrong there,

and by inquiry he learned some facts,, said

Mr. Molholand did admit to him that there

was a press,, that the intent was not to put it  
into circulation here, but it was to send it

away to St. Louis,, that one piece, and but one  
had been comed, and was sent away for a  
sample which if it answered the purpose they