

A FATAL QUARREL.

Wm. B. Sicking and Michael Roemer Meet in a Death-Struggle—The former Fatally Stabbed—Roemer at Large.

On Thursday night last Wm. Sicking, Market-master of Soulard Market, became engaged in a quarrel on the Levee, between Lesperance and Picotte streets, with a fisherman named Michael Roemer, during which the latter drew a knife and stabbed Sicking twice in the left shoulder and thigh. Roemer was promptly arrested and lodged in the Second District Station, while Sicking was removed to his home, No. 1824 South Eighth street, for medical attendance. It was not presumed at the time that the injured man's condition was at all critical, at least the inference drawn from the physicians' reports was altogether favorable. In due course of time Roemer was removed to the Four Courts, under a charge of assault to kill. On Saturday last his friends produced a letter from one of the physicians in attendance upon Sicking, to the effect that the latter was in no danger, and, upon the strength of the letter, Roemer was released on bail. Dr. Hodgen, who was called into the case on Sunday, yesterday gave it as his opinion that Sicking could live but a short time, and that death might ensue at any hour. Gangrene had set in, and the man's condition was beyond all hope.

The police, on being notified, at once took steps to rearrest Roemer. The bird, however, had flown. His house was visited, but Mrs. R. knew nothing as to the whereabouts of her henge, or so she said. The presumption is that Roemer, after his release, betook himself to East St. Louis to await the results of Sicking's injuries, of which he was to be informed from time to time by his friends. The presumption is strengthened by the fact that yesterday forenoon Mrs. Roemer and her son were seen to board a skiff at the foot of Lesperance street and make their way to the east side of the river. Additional measures have been taken by the police to effect the arrest of the fisherman. Roemer is described as being sixty-nine years of age, about five feet eight inches in height; of wiry build, and having a smoothly shaven face and short, gray hair. He dresses rather better than the ideal fisherman.

NOTE.

The injured man, Sicking, died last night, shortly after 8 o'clock. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day. At a late hour last night Roemer was still at large.

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