

**FISHERMAN'S LUCK.**

**The Case of Old Man Raemer, Charged With Killing Wm. Sickling, Given to the Jury—Additional Evidence.**

The trial of Michael Raemer, for the killing of William Sickling, on the 7th of last July, was taken up again yesterday in the Criminal Court.

A laborer named Daniel Kera saw the cutting. Raemer followed Sickling into the saw mill and back upon the bridge; saw a kind of a scuffle and saw Raemer open a knife and chase Sickling from the bridge to the blacksmith shop; did not see the fight behind the snop; Raemer shoved Sickling; Sickling struck Raemer and then the latter drew his knife.

Mr. Harris, before placing his witnesses on the stand, stated that he intended to prove that there had been animosity existing between the two men before this time; that Raemer had not been the aggressive party, but that Sickling had come down there with his brother to pick a quarrel with Raemer, that Sickling followed Raemer across the bridge, and that Raemer merely used his knife to defend himself.

Wm. A. Henry was the first witness for the defendant. Mr. Henry was section master at the docks at the time of the cutting. He saw the two men crossing the bridge; Raemer was first and Sickling following; Herman Sickling was near by in a wagon; the two men were talking in a very excited manner; Sickling and Raemer were in very close quarters when they crossed the bridge. The first thing Mr. Henry saw of the difficulty Sickling struck Raemer, and Raemer drew his knife. They then went over toward the blacksmith shop, scuffling all the time. Herman Sickling jumped from the wagon and went over to help his brother. When Mr. Henry got to the blacksmith shop the two had been separated. Herman struck Raemer on the head with a piece of iron. Raemer has lived near the docks for about eighteen years. He is a fisherman. The Sicklings fished, too. Mr. Henry said that if Raemer had wished to cut in a vital part he had a chance to do so. Herman Sickling said at first "I guess they are fussing about fishing in the river. The old man complains that Bill fished on his grounds."

Old man Raemer was put on the stand at this point. Raemer said that he came to America before the "first cholera time;" that was in 1848. He was an early settler and one month out. Had been fishing on both sides of the river near the foot of Levee street. He cleared the ground on the other side to help him in seine fishing. The Sicklings used to fish on his grounds sometimes. They not only threatened him if he said anything, but had also beaten him before the cutting. Had known Bill Sickling for eighteen or twenty years. Raemer, in very poor English, then related the circumstances of the difficulty. Sickling, he said, followed him from a saw mill across the bridge, calling him names which Raemer buried back in his mouth. When they got near the end of the bridge, the old man said Sickling struck him in the face and he pulled out his knife and defended himself with the point of it. Mr. Raemer showed rather dramatically, upon the witness stand, how the whole thing occurred.

Mr. Fay attempted to prove by Officer Blinzie that Raemer was rescuing a man from drowning when the police were after him, and that he was not running away at that time. It turned out, however, that Raemer had rescued a man from drowning, but was not engaged at that brown work when the officers were after him to make the arrest. Raemer saved his man, a deck hand from a passing steamer, about two weeks ago.

The prisoner's son and one or two other witnesses were put upon the stand to show that Raemer had acted in self defense, and then after brilliant arguments by Mr. Harris, for defendant, and Gov. Johnson, for the State, the case went to the jury. At 8 o'clock no verdict had been reached, and Court adjourned until 10 this morning, with instructions to the jury to bring in a verdict to-morrow.

The Judge's charge instructed upon murder in second degree, manslaughter in the second or third degree and acquittal.

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