

**ROEMER'S REVENGE.**

**His Examination Commenced for Killing W. B. Sickling.**

**Rapid and Persistent Work with the Knife—Evidence in the Case.**

Yesterday, in the Court of Criminal Correction, the preliminary examination was begun in the case of Michael Roemer, who is charged with murdering in the first degree in having cut William Herman Sickling, on June 7, from the effects of which he died June 11. The examination, which will occupy several days, was continued until 5 o'clock this afternoon. Hon. Charles F. Johnson appears for the prosecution and James J. McDevide conducts the defense.

**DR. A. K. HARTMANN.**  
of No. 1023 Charlevoix street, testified that he attended Mr. Sickling professionally, seeing him first about twenty-five minutes after he was cut. There were five or six wounds about the elbow of the left arm, one in the left side and one behind the left knee. All inflicted with a sharp instrument—apparently a knife. His death was caused by hemorrhage, which was the result of poison in his blood which was caused by the wound which divided the brachial artery, about one and one-half inches above the elbow.

On the cross-examination the Doctor testified that he had attended Sickling before, but not for the past two years. Sickling was a large, powerful man, weighing 160 or 165 pounds, and was forty six or forty-seven years old. He had not been accustomed to "excessive drinking," he used liquor sometimes, but he never saw him intoxicated. I can't say whether the blood was poisoned before he received these wounds. This gangrene was occasioned directly from the wound which separated the brachial artery, and was a necessary result thereof, but I don't think it is returned as high as the Court has put up his legs and dressed the others, and ordered cold applied externally. Sickling was cut on Thursday, and up to Saturday morning I did not think there was danger of fatal results.

**JOHN HOWARD.**  
I am a watchman at the Sectional Dock, on the river front, known as the Sectional Dock, I live on Jackson, between Francis and Lawrence streets, in the Park. I saw a fight of the crooked between Sickling and Roemer. They came into the Sectional Dock saw-mill about 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, June 7. Roemer put up his hands to Sickling, who got into a fight, and in a violent manner he got into a fight. Roemer put up his hands as though he was going to punch above Sickling's head, so do something of that kind. They both then went over the bridge, and crossed a narrow one there; and nothing more was said or done in the saw-mill having some business in the same direction I followed them at the end of the bridge they met Sickling, Roemer caught Sickling by the throat and took a knife from Roemer, the defendant then pulled a knife from his pocket and began cutting Sickling, who kept looking at Roemer and afterwards ran; Roemer followed him, and that is the last I saw of him as they disappeared behind the blacksmith shop; Roemer was accompanied by his two sons, the oldest of whom is about fifteen and the youngest about twelve years; these boys also ran after Sickling; I saw the blade of the knife with which Roemer was cutting Sickling; I can't say that he cut him, but I saw him cutting at Roemer; after Sickling came back I traced blood all across the bridge; they remained behind the blacksmith shop for ten minutes, and I don't see what took place there; I remained on the bridge; the next thing I saw was Herman Sickling leading the witness to the (deceased) back across the bridge; I saw nothing in Sickling's hand; Roemer took his knife out of his right hand pocket; I could not tell whether the knife was open or not when he took it out; I can't tell how many blows Roemer made at Sickling; while the cutting was going on I was about thirty feet from them.

**CROSS EXAMINATION.**  
When Roemer and Sickling came into the saw-mill they were both quarreling, they spoke in German and I couldn't tell what they said; I don't know as I was certain, but I don't think I couldn't understand it; Sickling told Roemer to go away, that he wanted nothing to do with him; in English; I had'n't seen Roemer since I was a boy; when I left the saw-mill I went in the direction of the blacksmith shop; I am not sure as I was all around the "Five Block Company," was pretty far out on the north end of the bridge, and I saw Roemer catch Sickling by the throat; did not see anything either defendant under the cut on the side of the face as they were walking along the bridge; I did not see Sickling strike defendant at all until after he was caught by the throat; there was no blow struck in all before defendant's head reached the ground; I don't know what the witness did and was followed by Roemer; it was at the end of the bridge that he overtook Sickling and caught him by the throat, and then Sickling struck defendant in the face; from where Leard, fifty feet from the north end of the bridge, I did not see what happened behind the blacksmith shop; because I did not see; I don't know how many blows I don't know where Herman Sickling went when he crossed the bridge; I suppose he went to the assistance of his brother.

This closed the examination for the day.

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