

SICKING'S DEATH.

Old Man Raemer on Trial for Causing It—Summary of the Testimony.

Michael Raemer, a gray-haired, dark featured old man, was tried yesterday in the Criminal Court for murder in the second degree. The cutting, which resulted in this trial, occurred June 7, 1877. Wm. Sicking, at that time in the Harbormaster's Department, was the man killed. Raemer is a fisherman, and he and the Sicking's had not been on good terms for some time, on account of difference of opinion regarding the right to fish on a certain part of the river, upon which part Raemer claimed that he alone could fish. On the 7th of June William and Herman Sicking went into the southern portion of the city. Raemer lived near the foot of Lesperance street. Words passed between them, and William Sicking and Raemer coming together near a blacksmith shop, Raemer stabbed Sicking in the arm and thigh. This was on the 7th of June. He died on the 11th. Gov. Johnson conducted the prosecution for the State, and Messrs. Harris and Joy for the defendant.

Dr. Hartman was the first witness in the case, testifying to the injuries. The defendant's counsel endeavored to show on the cross-examination of the doctor that death might have been caused partially by neglect and the fact that Sicking was a drinking man.

Herman Sicking, a brother of the deceased, testified that he was driving a wagon across Lesperance street when he saw Raemer, the defendant, who commenced to call him names, among others dead-body robber and thief. Witness stopped his horse and asked Raemer what he wanted. Just then William Sicking came down Lesperance street and Raemer said, "Here comes another low Dutch thief." Sicking said, "I don't want to have anything to do with you." He then went into a saw mill and Raemer followed him. Then Michael Raemer halloed something. Both turned from the mill and came back. Michael Raemer was close beside Sicking. When they got on to the bridge Michael Raemer struck at him with the butt end of his knife. Couldn't hear what was said at the time. Then my brother shoved Raemer away from him. Then Raemer cut at him twice. Sicking kicked at him and tried to keep him off, and finally ran from him; he ran behind the blacksmith shop. Sicking could not run any further and turned around here and caught hold of Raemer's arms; Raemer, however, cut away as well as he could. Then Mr. W. Sicking came upon the scene, struck Raemer with a piece of iron, and he stopped cutting. William said, "I've got enough, Herman," and witness helped him into his wagon and took him home. Raemer's wife and children struck witness when he came running up.

Mr. Herman Sicking was sharply cross-examined by Mr. Harris. Mr. Sicking stated that he was a fisherman, and that he had had a difficulty with the defendant, who didn't want him to fish in a certain part of the Mississippi.

Mr. W. Howard and J. A. Anderson testified to the same statement substantially, and then the jury was dismissed for the night. The case will be continued to-day.

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