

THE SICKING HOMICIDE.

Conclusion of the Preliminary Examination Before Judge Cady.

Roemer Held for the Grand Jury -- Bail Not Fixed.

The case of Michael Roemer, charged with the murder of Wm. B. Sicking, was continued under preliminary review in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday afternoon, the State being represented by the Hon. Chas. P. Johnson and Mr. Hogan, and the defendant by Messrs. J. J. McBride and George Withers. Briefly stated, the facts in the case appear to be these: On the evening of the 7th of June, Roemer and Sicking met on the levee, near the foot of Leasperance street. In the course of a quarrel which ensued, Roemer stabbed Sicking a number of times, from the effects of which he expired on Monday, the 11th inst.

DANIEL KERN, employed on a sand boat, which at the time of the fight was lying near the foot of Leasperance street, said: When I first saw deceased he was sitting on the levee, near the sand boat, and about a block from the house of defendant. He got up and went west up Leasperance street. The next I saw of him he was in company with the defendant, going toward a saw mill, at short distance south on the levee. Roemer was talking very loud, and was evidently in a quarrelsome mood. They went into the saw mill, came out again at once and proceeded in the direction from whence they came. When in front of a blacksmith shop, near the foot of Leasperance street, Roemer pushed Sicking, and then the latter struck him. Roemer then reached in his pocket and drew out what I thought must be a knife, from the motion he made as though opening it, and at once commenced cutting at Sicking's legs. The latter backed off and the two men disappeared behind the blacksmith shop. I saw no more of the difficulty, as I could not leave the boat.

HUGO VETH, called for the defense, said: I was sitting at the dog pound, foot of Leasperance street, when some one said there was a fight. I ran up to the blacksmith shop, and behind it, saw Sicking and Roemer together, the former was bleeding; Roemer had a knife in his hand, and was working it up and down. Herman Sicking, brother of William, came running up and struck Roemer over the head with a piece of iron. The latter (Roemer) sent one of his boys off for a pair of pants, but I escaped him for so doing. Mrs. Sicking struck me over the head with a piece of wood, pushing her away. After Herman struck Roemer, striking him, after Herman struck Roemer, two men were parted; then the whole Roemer family turned their attention to me, striking me, and I was forced to run away.

JAMES W. JAMES told the story of the fight graphically, he having been an eye-witness of it from first to last. He first saw the men together after they had left the saw mill, and were going toward the blacksmith shop. As they passed over a small bridge, witness observed Sicking try to pick up a piece of plank, but it was nailed to the bridge, and could not be pulled off. At the same time he saw that Roemer had a knife in his hand. When Sicking was trying to get the plank, the defendant was making for him as though to cut him. Sicking then ran about ten feet to the end of the bridge, where there was a pile of drift wood of all sizes. Defendant followed after him, and, while he was trying to seize a piece of wood, cut at him, and did cut him. Sicking then ran about twenty steps, when he ran into a mud hole, and could get no further. Roemer followed, and, coming up with him, cut him. Sicking tried to push him off, but Roemer had cut him in the arm, and he was unable to do so. Roemer had everything his own way until Herman Sicking came up. The latter went to his brother's assistance, and, with the aid of another man, succeeded in pulling Roemer away.

HERMAN SICKING'S story, next told, varied in no material points from those already given. **THE DEFENDANT'S** plea, and the defendant was held for the Grand Jury. The papers were ordered sent to the Criminal Court, for the settlement of the question of bail, pending a hearing of the case by that Court, and Roemer was returned to jail.

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