

THE DUDLEY MURDER TRIAL.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10.

A jury for the trial of the case of the People vs. Joseph Dudley, for the murder of Henry Wadman, was secured yesterday afternoon, and after Judge Van Zile, District Attorney, had stated the case to them the introduction of testimony began for the prosecution. The first witness called was

MRS. NAOMI WADMAN.

Am the mother of Henry Wadman. Have known Dudley for 10 years. On the 10th of last February, the day of the murder, at 3 p. m., Dudley came to my house and inquired for Henry. Henry was about a mile away catching a steer. Dudley was with Spencer Raymond. Dudley asked me to tell Henry to come and see him that evening at Raymond's, as he was going to Willow Creek next morning; if he could not come that night Dudley wanted him to come early next morning. Dudley and Raymond then went away. When Henry returned, delivered the message. After supper he went to meet Dudley, as requested. Two weeks previous to this, Dudley and Henry were together, talking about a horse trade and telling fortunes.

Cross-examined: Dudley first spoke to my youngest son John, afterward to me.

JOHN WADMAN.

Joseph Dudley came about 3 o'clock. Asked me if Henry was at home. Told him no. Asked him where he was going. He said across the river. My brother was 22 years and six months old. I was present when mother told Henry that Dudley wanted to see him that evening. Henry went after supper. It is about a mile from our house to Raymond's.

NEPHI STEPHENS.

Live about two miles and a half this side of Ogden. Was visiting at Raymond's the night of the murder. Wadman came in about 7 o'clock. We carried on a jovial conversation all round. Raymond went to the shanty to get some wood. Wadman went to the door and motioned for Dudley to come out. They went out. Heard the cry of "murder." Ran to the door. Heard Wadman say "Do it well, Joe." Immediately afterward, the firing commenced. It was dark. Could not tell whether Wadman was killed instantly. Three shots were fired. Dudley went to the window as if to reload his pistol and returning said he wished to give himself up. He requested Raymond to go with him to Justice Spiers'. Could not tell who it was that cried murder.

Cross-examined:—After hearing the exclamation of "murder," Mrs. Raymond called to her husband: "Run, Spencer, they are killing Uncle Joe." Dudley had a whip with him. After the shooting I took Mrs. Raymond over to her father-in-law's house. Nothing was said about the horse trade, that evening.

JOHN SPIERS, JR.

Am the son of Justice Spiers, of Plain City. The night of the murder I was on the porch of our house. Heard three shots and about ten or fifteen minutes later, Dudley and Raymond came in. They shook hands all round. He gave my father his pistol and said he had come to give himself up for murder in self-defense. He said that when he went out with Wadman, the latter tried to draw his pistol, and then he (Dudley) struck him with his whip and shot him. I went and got John Wadman to come down. Went to Raymond's house and found Geddes, Richardson and Rowell. Found the whip on the ground. Don't think it was loaded.

Cross-examined: Did not tell John Wadman what had happened but mother did when he got there, and told him he'd better get a doctor, as perhaps Henry was yet alive. He went off immediately, where, I do not know.

JOHN SPIERS.

Am Justice of the Peace at Plain City. Remember Dudley and Raymond coming to my house about half-past seven o'clock the evening of the murder. Dudley gave me his pistol, which I locked up. He said he had killed Henry Wadman, and came to deliver himself up for murder in self-defense. Don't remember his saying he struck Wadman with a whip. Went with three men to the scene of the kill-

ing, on the way met the constable and told him to go and take charge of Dudley. Found Wadman's body lying about ten feet from the wall of the house. Left two men to guard the body and went and told the constable to summon a jury. Examined the body, life was extinct. Went back and held the inquest. Found a pocket book on the body, but no firearms. Dudley volunteered his statements. He said his family had been broken up, his wife seduced, and that she had left him. He had gone to get her back. She said Wadman had threatened Dudley's life, if she went back to him (Dudley); and that Wadman wanted to marry her.

WILLIAM L. STEWART

Was constable at Plain City at the time of the murder. Saw Dudley at Spiers' that evening. Heard the shots fired. Dudley said, "It is a bad job, but I had to do it to save my life." I summoned the coroner's jury. Was there when the body was searched. A pocket book was found, but that was about all. Saw a rawhide whip shaped like a black-snake. Did not hear Dudley state how the killing was done, though I heard him say next morning the same things he told Justice Spiers.

Adjourned till this morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Proceedings this morning:

John Spiers and Wm. Stewart, witnesses that had testified yesterday, were recalled for the prosecution and testified as to the remarks made by Dudley the morning after the murder, and elicited the additional fact that Dudley had then accused his brother Hyrum of having had illicit intercourse with his wife, as well as Wadman. The remainder of the testimony was substantially the same as that given on Monday.

Wm. Geddes, Frank Richardson, Wm. Geddes, Jr., Stephen Green, Peter Rick, Lyman Skeen, and Moroni Skeen were also called and examined. Their testimony was, in the main, corroborative and principally cumulative. It went to show the location of the wound, and the position of the body when found; that a blow had been struck with some kind of a weapon, which went from the root of the hair down over the eye, across the bridge of the nose and on the cheek bone. Testimony was also introduced to show that on the day of the killing, Wadman had to borrow a pistol with which to kill the steer, the inference being that Wadman had no arms on him at the time of the encounter with Dudley; also that no arms were found on the body at the examination. Another point made by the prosecution was to show that the pistol was placed close to the face, the witnesses varying in the distances from three feet to one inch, the last witness testifying that the pistol must have been placed right against the face of Wadman when killed.

A recess was taken till 2 o'clock

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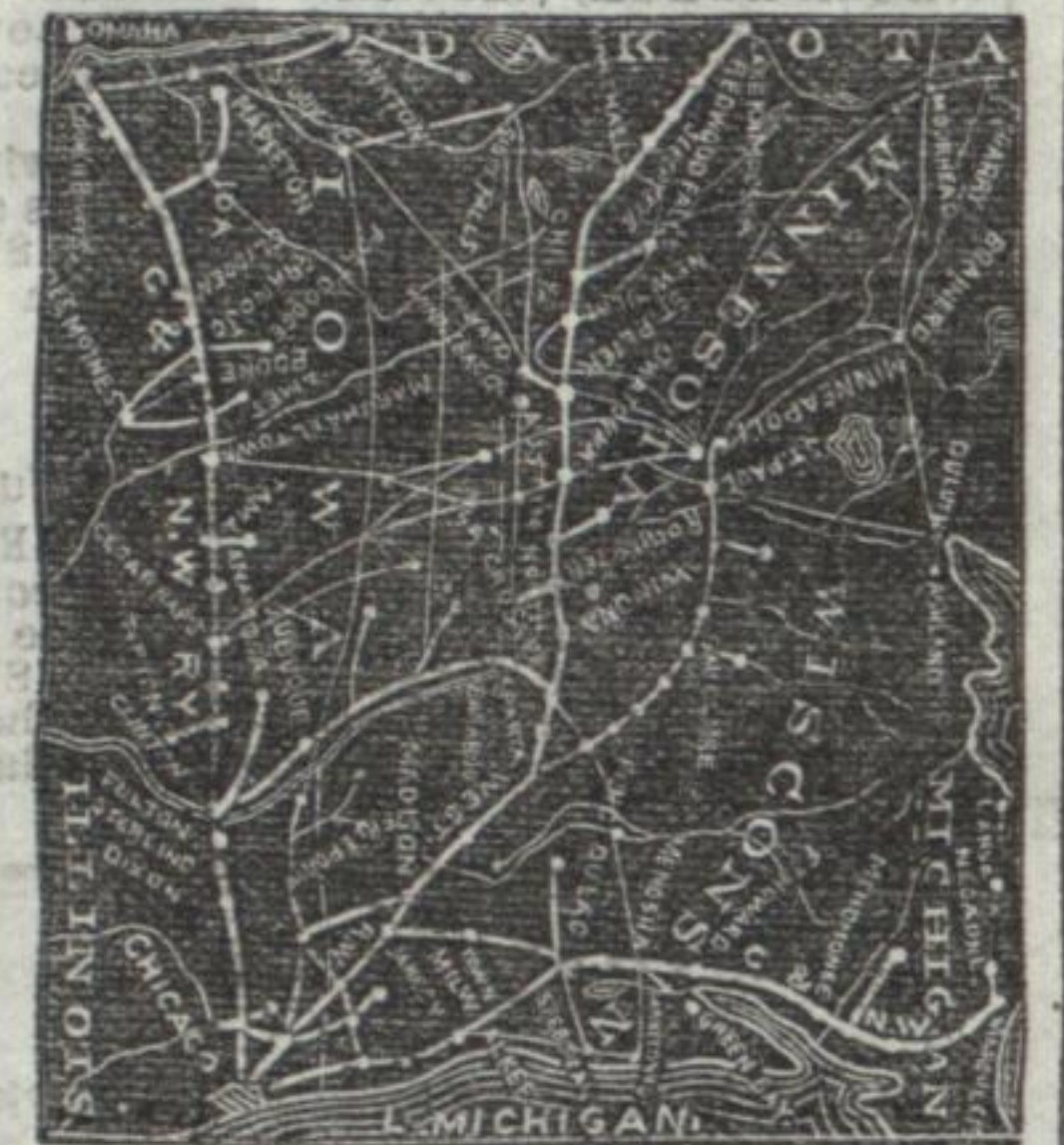
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