

THE BOYS HIDING.

Mrs. C. S. Nichols testified to hearing the shot and running out of her house toward the locality from which the sound came. Directly in front of her were two of the Hammond and one of the Gaylor boys apparently hiding behind a large patch of mustard weeds. "I asked them what was the matter and one of the little fellows said, 'I'm afraid some one is hurt.' Just then Vinnie Ross, the child who has just testified came running up and said, 'Clyde Robertson has been shot.' I ran to him in time to see him die."

TOOK THE GUN FROM HARRY.

Mrs. C. E. Barrett testified that she heard the shot and saw the Gaylor and Hammond boys together. Harry had the gun. I took it from him and asked if he had shot it off and he said "Not since I left the Jordan." "Are you sure?" I inquired. "Yes, Mrs. Barrett, I am sure of it and I can prove it, can't I George?" "Yes he can," promptly added George Gaylor. "He didn't fire the shot."

THEY WERE "WESTERN BOYS."

Juror Randolph—Are the boys rough ones?

Witness—They are western boys and you can judge for yourself.

Attorney Ferguson—What do you mean by western boys?

Witness—Well, the boys out here are wilder and have more scope than they do in the East. In other words they are always ready for a picnic. (Laughter.)

THREATS OF KILLING.

Mrs. Annie Dasonville said the Hammond and Gaylor boys were very bad ones and had given her "no end" of trouble. Harry Hammond had drawn a gun on her little girl about a month ago and had threatened to shoot her. At noon on Saturday last she heard Harry Hammond say: "I will kill the whole outfit, chickens and all." These remarks were addressed to Clyde and her own children. Harry on one occasion had compelled one of witness' little boys to climb a tree and kept him up there for some time. When he came down Harry kicked him violently.

REPEATED THREATS.

May Dasonville, a twelve year old girl, testified that she heard Harry Hammond say to her little brother on Saturday that he would kill him, the chickens and the whole outfit of an outfit.

STONED LITTLE CLYDE.

Virgil Dasonville testified that the two Hammond boys, the two Gaylor lads, a McClelland and a Dyer boy were at his father's house and called him a G—d—s—of a b—; that they would kill the whole outfit; that the Dyer had hit little Clyde on the head with rocks and the McClelland boy had stoned him on the back.

THREATS OF SHOOTING AND POISONING.

Mary Robertson, a twelve-year-old sister of the deceased, said she was raking in the garden and her little brother kept climbing on to the fence looking over at the boys. She took him

down several times. The last time he was up about two minutes. Then the shot "went off" and she started to again take Clyde off but he fell "full of holes and died." She looked through the fence but saw no one. At noon Harry Hammond said he would shoot Clyde and poison witness before she was there very long.

THE DOGS BARKED WILDLY.

Maggie Robertson, another sister of the deceased, said Clyde was playing in the back yard when shot. She saw him in the act of falling immediately after the shooting. The shot came from Mr. Whiting's yard. She did not see who fired it and could not on account of the dividing fence being a high board one. She heard the dogs bark wildly and saw two of them close to where her little brother fell. In the morning her mamma went up town and was afraid something would happen to Clyde and wanted to take him along, but her papa said he would be all right and she left him at home.

NONE OF THEM WOULD TELL.

Mrs. Henry Gaylor, mother of two of the boys, testified that she was at home at the time of the shooting. Heard the shots it was followed by horrifying screams; saw one of the Robertson girls holding her little brother in her arms; near by were two of witness' boys, and Heber and Henry Hammond. She said excitedly to her boys: "For God's sake tell who has done this! My boys, my boys, don't deceive me. If you shot this little boy say so." All of them denied the shooting and said they knew nothing of it. The boys were excited. Another attempt was made by witness to get at the facts in the case. She said to one of her boys: "Georgie, for God's sake if either of you or the Hammond boys shot Clyde say so, for he is as dead as dead can be." This met with nothing but silence.

"SHOT AT A BIRD."

Heber Gaylor testified: "I am nine years old. Harry Hammond was shooting at a bird in a tree and hit the little boy on the fence. He didn't see the little boy at all and didn't intend to kill him."

Mr. Whittemore was proceeding to ask a question when he was cut short by Coroner Taylor saying: "The attorney must not and cannot ask a single question; there must be no leading or misleading."

"JUST LIFTED THE GUN AND SHOT."

Carl Hammond, aged seven, testified that he didn't know Harry had shot at any one. "He just lifted up the gun and shot," in front of Quayle's. He didn't shoot at anything or any body. He didn't hear any other gun fired. He wasn't down at the river with the other boys; he met them near Dunford's place. The report sounded like Harry shot it.

The little fellow was a most stubborn and determined witness, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he could be induced to say anything.

George Gaylor, the eldest boy of the four, said: "When we got up to Whiting's lot Harry said he would shoot at the tree over towards Mr. Robertson's, just to see if it would carry the shot that far." Witness loaded the gun with No. 7 shot.

The Coroner—Are you satisfied that Harry shot little Clyde?

Witness—There was no other shot there. No one else could have fired it.

The Coroner—You think, then, that Harry fired the fatal shot.

Witness (hesitatingly)—Yes, sir.

The witness said the gun was loaded with a defective cartridge; that they had "tried it" several times, and that it wouldn't "go off."

HARRY BREAKS DOWN AND CONFESSSES.

Harry Hammond, a dark complexioned, low browed, firm faced boy of twelve years came forward under guard of Sheriff McQueen and County Jailor Hill. In relation to the killing he said he was on Eleventh South street when it occurred. He shot at an apple tree just to see if the gun would go off. He didn't know whether he had shot little Clyde or not. He shot five snipes and two "killdeers" during the day. He told Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Whiting that he knew nothing of the shooting.

When questioned as to why he had not told the truth he broke down and sobbed out the words, "I was afraid to."

This finished the taking of testimony and Sheriff McQueen was instructed to take the four boys back to jail, which he did.

In returning a verdict in the matter of the killing of Clyde Robertson, the coroner's jury last night found "from the evidence that the said Clyde Robertson came to his death by a gun shot wound, or wounds, inflicted by the hand of Harry Hammond, whether maliciously or by accident this jury is unable to determine."

The three other boys, Carl Hammond, George and Heber Gaylor, were released from the county jail last night. Today a charge of murder was preferred against Harry and he was taken before Justice Gee for preliminary examination. His attorney moved that he be discharged, but the court overruled the motion and fixed his bonds at \$5000 pending the examination, which is set for Thursday next at 10 o'clock. In default of sureties young Hammond was recommitted to the county jail.

A BIG BLUNDER.

There has been a great deal of talk during the last few days about an alleged extravagant blunder by the city waterworks department on the north bench in laying the high waterpipe line last summer and fall, and it is said that a determined but unsuccessful effort was set on foot to hush it up. During this period a representative of the DESERET NEWS has been inquiring into the case and as a result has found that the eight miles of pipe laid on the north bench during the last year at a cost of \$85,000 were put into the earth without reference to grade. Now that the discovery has been made nobody is willing to shoulder the responsibility. Blame has been immediately thrown on the city engineer for not having established the grade. A News reporter made several attempts to interview that official today but he was not at this office when the newspaper man called. Councilman Hardy,