

THE SAUNDERS' MURDER TRIAL.

GEORGE HUMPHREY.

Testified as follows: The letter signed "J. Blankhead" and another was offered in evidence before the Coroner's Jury and made a part of my report. I do not know what became of them.

ED. JOHNSON RECALLED.

I told Campbell Mattie Allison was a dangerous girl and he said he might get killed. The contents of the "J. Blankhead" letter was an invitation to Mattie to meet him (Charles). No place for meeting was named. He simply said he wanted to get acquainted. Did not notice particularly what was in the letter. (Several other letters were offered in evidence.) Do not know whether Campbell was at work at the court house that day or not.

THEODORE ANDERSON.

Was acquainted with Campbell in his life time about 4 or 5 years. Talked with him on the evening of Nov. 4th. He wanted to borrow my hat. Said he wanted to go out and see somebody. Did not say anything to me about his having slept with Mattie Allison. He had a false mustache at the time I talked with him.

MATTIE J. ALLISON.

Testified as follows: Was acquainted with Charles Campbell. Got acquainted with him in 1882. About the first of November last I received a letter signed "J. Blankhead," which I believed was from Charles. I answered them. We were engaged to be married in Dec, 1883, and the engagement was broken in the spring of 1884. I broke it because he broke his promise to me that he would quit drinking. The engagement was renewed in the latter part of 1884 and broken off again in June, 1885. He then began talking about me and showing my letters around and then I broke the engagement again. We did not speak after that until the time of Eugene last July. I went there to get rid of him for he had threatened to kill me. After I had been there about 12 days he came up there. He came to Dr. Lakin's where I was stopping and told me he had a row with his "old man" and that he was going to Ashland. I told him I would never have anything more to do with him. He annoyed me with his visits up there and watched me on the streets to walk with me. He came into my millinery store in 1885 determined to make me marry him. He was drunk. I was at my desk. He could hardly stand up he was so drunk. He drew a pistol and said he had a mind "to paralyze me right there." He had before threatened to kill me. He said I had sent him to hell. I saw him every day for about ten days after I broke the engagement. He came to my shop as often as three times a day when he was drunk, and swore at me and cursed me all the time. I told him that after he had talked so much about me I would never marry him. He said he would talk about me until I had not a friend left in Albany. He said he would follow me anywhere and that I should never have another happy moment. I told him he must not come to my shop. He said he would come up every morning. He said we could not live happily together. I received several anonymous scandalous letters which I believe were from him. I burned them up. They were insulting and abusive. The last letter I received prior to Nov. 4th was in September about the time of the play of the "Hidden Hand" here in Albany. The letter signed "J. Blankhead" came through the Albany post office. It ran something like this: That he was stranger in town and wanted to form my acquaintance, that I could do him a great favor that would cost me but little, but would afford him much pleasure. I did not know what to do about it. I told Harry Putnam that I knew it was from Campbell. I enclosed the letter to Capt Saunders. Told him to come down. The same day Capt Saunders came down and asked me if I still feared trouble from the same source. This was at our house. The next morning we talked the matter over and decided the best thing to do was to see Campbell. I told Saunders I thought "Bud" Johnson wrote the letter and that Campbell would meet me. I answered the "J. Blankhead" letter and told him I would meet him in front of the Engine House. I received a reply telling me to meet him at the Court House. On the same afternoon we were sitting at the table at my mother's when Capt Saunders told my mother about our plan to meet Campbell. Ma did not want me to go for he was afraid Campbell would kill me. In the evening after supper I went to my store. I left my store at half past 7 o'clock and saw no one as I passed the Engine House. I went on towards the Court House. There was no arrangement for Saunders to meet us anywhere. About half way between Matthews' and the Court House I met Campbell in disguise and passed him without speaking. I went on and passed the Court House on the north or front side until I got to the corner and then turned back and walked nearly to the other corner when I met Campbell and said "good evening," and he answered in a sneaky, disguised voice. We walked along towards Mr. Mason's residence. He said "Bud" Johnson wrote the letter. He accused me of writing insulting letters to him, but I did not. He said he would now get even on me. I told him I thought he was far ahead. I told him I was doing all he could against me. I told him if he had acted right I would have married him. He said if he could not marry me, he would ruin me and that he would begin that night. We went on to Mason's corner where we met Capt Saunders. There was no understanding about Capt Saunders and Campbell meeting. Saunders had told me to go right home. I did not see Capt Saunders until he was right upon us. He came up in front of us. I was a little in front. Saunders asked Campbell what he meant by writing those insulting letters to Mattie. Campbell said, "It is none of your business." "You son of a-b---, I will kill you." Saunders said it was his business and must be stopped. Campbell then stepped back and put his right hand back and Saunders fired. Campbell asked if this came of me, and then I suppose I said it did, not that I wanted anything of the kind. Campbell asked if I could forgive him for all the wrong he had done me. When Saunders fired I put my hand on his arm and I think the pistol fell. Campbell said he would die. Saunders said, "Oh my God, don't say that." Campbell said he was not in the bowels and in the leg. I started for a doctor and met Dr. Mason. As we came up I heard Saunders say he was accidental. When they first met at the place of killing Saunders called Campbell about the letters and Campbell called him a-b--- of a-b--- and said he would kill him. I felt satisfied when I went out I would meet Campbell. After the shooting I told them to take Campbell to our house, but when we

got there mother said, "Why must not bring that man here, it will kill me."

Cross examination.—Have often walked out in town with Campbell. Have corresponded with him under fictitious names. My engagement with Charles was finally broken off in 1855. He threatened often to take my life. He drew his pistol on me in my shop. Campbell did not talk very loud in my shop. He did not come in after dark. Last engagement was not real. Promised to marry him just to keep him away from our home. Never told Mrs. Mansfield the next day after the shooting that her words had come true, that they had ended in sorrow, or that I would rather have done it with my own hand than to have called in a third party to do it. Did not raise my voice on the walk from court house to Mason's until Campbell said he would begin to ruin me that night. Did not say anything to Campbell about his being in disguise. I may have said when I passed Mr. Allison's gate: "I have changed my mind."

Retired.—Do not think the writer at the inquest could have written all I said. I was not particular to see that all was written down. Mr. Nutting was the writer. My sister and Saunders were then promised to be married. Mr. Whitney, Bilyen and Blackburn were my attorneys at that time.

MRS. LARKIN.

Reside in Eugene. Have resided there 30 years. I am an aunt to Mattie. She (Mattie) came on a visit in June and stayed 3 weeks. Mattie told me about her trouble with Campbell. Told her Campbell would not come there. Mattie was there 10 or 12 days when Campbell came up. He called on Mattie. Mattie said she would not see him and asked me to go to the doctor and tell him that she was not to be seen. He went off some distance and then came back. Told Mattie he wanted to see her a minute. She said she would have nothing more to do with him. She stayed three weeks at Eugene and at my house two nights. Do not know how long Campbell was there that time. Never had heard of Saunders at that time. Mattie said she came up there to get rid of Campbell.

AL. KEWET.

Reside in Albany. Resided in June in 1885. Knew Campbell in June, 1885. Loaned Campbell a pistol in June, 1885. He borrowed it to defend himself against a logger.

FRANK RAKER.

Reside in the city of Harrisburg. Was somewhat acquainted with Campbell. Saw him at Harrisburg in 1885. I was keeping saloon and Campbell was there. Campbell said he had been going with Miss Allison for four years. Said he had been promised to be married to her twice in that time but he had changed his mind. Said she was as good a girl as he ever saw. Said he believed that other parties were helping her and were trying to make a fool of him, but he would make them bite the dust. He said he had tried to get away with her and failed and did not think anyone could get away with her.

HENRY BOGGS.

Live in Harrisburg. Lived there 17 years. Knew Campbell in his life time. In October, 1885 I was in the Palace Saloon at Harrisburg. Said he had been promised to be married to Miss Allison. Said his sister had offered him \$500 to marry Mattie and settle down. Said he had tried her twice at several different times but had failed.

C. C. RAKER.

Live in Harrisburg. Knew Campbell in his life time. Saw him short time before he was killed. Think it was in October.

MRS. SHAWBON.

Reside in Albany. In July last had furnished room at Miss Allison's mother. Mattie seemed very afraid of Charles. The door was kept locked. When she went out in town she said she might be shot. She was afraid of her life. She did not stay away at night while I was there.

MINNIE ALLISON.

Reside in Albany. An acquaintance with Mr. Saunders met him first last May at a reception given at Mrs. Allison's by the W. C. T. U. Am sister to Mattie. I am engaged to Capt Saunders. Do not remember the date of the contract. Knew Campbell and Mattie were engaged. Ma and me were much opposed to their marriage. He annoyed Mattie all the time. She was continually afraid of him. He prowled about the house at all hours of the night. He meant to make her life miserable and succeeded beautifully. He came to my school and insisted on talking with me. I told him I had no time to devote to him but he insisted and I finally had to give him audience. He came to our house at 9 o'clock drunk and wanted to see Mattie. She was away, he said he would shoot her. He followed Mattie to Eugene. Campbell told her that he and Mattie were married at Eugene. Met Capt Saunders the first time in April or May, 1885. Was engaged to him about the 7th of August at the Bay. I knew at the time of the engagement that he had a divorced wife. Never heard Capt Saunders say anything about the matter. I knew he had a wife living. Did not know whether they were divorced or not. Never inquired about it. Was a teacher in the public school here at the time Campbell was killed. Did not say to Mr. Montith that I knew Saunders had a wife living but that he would get a divorce. Campbell worked on the fence of Mr. Blain just before he went to Eugene. I know it was not Frank that worked on the fence. He swore and used bad language when he came to the school house. I blamed Mattie for associating with Charles. He came three times and acted badly about our house, pecking and prowling around. Do not know exact date when the engagement between Charles and Mattie was broken.

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The defense rested, when the following rebutting evidence was introduced by the prosecution.

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About six weeks before the killing Mattie said she had been engaged to Charles for fun and I told her morning would end in sorrow. On her morning after the murder Mattie said to me that your (my) words have come true. She said she would rather have done the deed with her own hand than to have called in a third party.

THOS. MONTITH.

Had a conversation with Minnie Allison and she told me that Saunders wife was going to get a divorce.

DR. MASTON RECALLED.

Was present at the killing. Campbell was not in disguise that I observed. Did not say anything to Saunders about Dr. Hill wanting to show off autopsy as testified by him.

J. H. CAMPBELL.

Heard Mattie Allison's evidence. Mattie came by Weatherford's house where I was at work in the forepart of July and my son went out and talked about an hour. I met Charles and Mattie one night near the lower school house between 9 and 10 o'clock.

M. COWAN.

Am acquainted with Mattie Allison and was acquainted with Charles Campbell. Have seen them sitting on a bridge in the lower part of town at night. That was about two years ago. Did not say in Young's store that Saunders ought to be hung and that I would be one of ten that would do it.

MRS. COWAN.

Am acquainted with Mattie Allison, was acquainted with Campbell. Saw them by the lower school house at night. Never saw them sitting on a bridge.

F. P. NUTTING.

Am the party who took down the notes at the Coroner's inquest. They were read over completely to her and one or two corrections made at her suggestion and that of her Attorney, Mr. Bilyen and then she signed them.

C. H. STEWART.

Was well acquainted with Campbell. He was not in disguise that I knew of. Do not know whether he had his own clothes on or not.

This closed the testimony. The case was ably argued for the State by J. J. Whitney and F. Finn, and for the prisoner by J. R. N. Blackburn and John Burnett. Judge Boise charged the jury at length, and the jury retired at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Guilty.

Saturday evening the jury after being out six hours brought in a verdict of guilty according to the indictment, to-wit: murder in the first degree. Saunders took it coolly. Judge Boise set the time for sentencing the prisoner for Wednesday at 1 p. m. It has been indefinitely postponed.

Escaped.

Monday morning, probably about two o'clock, Saunders accompanied by Jamison, imprisoned for illegal voting, crawled through a hole in the rear of the corridor, which they made by prying the brick out, having previously saved several iron bars nearby, off and had a change of venue on their own account. The cell door was opened by cutting off a wooden and a lead peg, which Saunders had substituted for the iron ones during the recent ghost manifestations. Sheriff Charlton had laid out all night Saturday night and until 11 o'clock Sunday night when he lay down for a few moments and slept till morning. He had tried to obtain a guard and had solicited the County Court to furnish one, so he cannot be accused of not having done his duty. The desperate character of the prisoner was fully appreciated. Where Saunders was not known. He was seen to cross the river with two other men about 2 o'clock in the morning, one of the men returning with the boat. He was also seen 8 miles beyond Lebanon with another man in a dog cart, near Millers by others and at Spring Hill by another. Whether he was seen at all is a matter of speculation.

A reward of \$1000

was immediately offered by Sheriff Smith for his arrest. Saunders is 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs now about 100, in health 170, is 30 years old, has smooth face, could not raise a beard of any account, bilious temperament, dark hair, sharp face, large nose, important air, peculiar twitch to his mouth, one of his fingers injured, opium habit, sickly looking. A smooth talker. Well dressed when he left here.

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Wm. K. Strick.

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