

PEARSON'S MURDERERS.

ONLY ONE OF THE MONGOLIANS CAPTURED TRUCK FEAR.

The Others Tracked to This City—Result of the Inquest on Young Pearson's Body.

There is not much that can be added to the story told in yesterday's Record-Union concerning the particulars of the terrible tragedy that took place near the Cosumnes river on Sunday, in which Walter Lewis Pearson lost his life.

The inquest was held at the wire bridge on the Cosumnes river yesterday by Deputy Coroner George H. Clark. The autopsy was made by Dr. George A. White, County Physician.

The jury found that deceased came to his death from knife wounds, and charged the Chinaman captured by F. M. Grimshaw—who had been identified as one of those who took part in the fight—with the crime of murder.

The jury was composed of the following-named citizens: William J. Pratto, W. O. Sheldon, M. Thomas, J. H. Bagner, Philip Jenkins, Frank Murray, R. T. Hawkins, P. W. Scott, James R. Collier, E. J. Lynch, William Daley, Jacob Pearson, H. De Pearson, Alvin Pearson and the deceased. They passed Dalton's place on the way, and Dennis Dalton and Patrick Doran joined them. In passing the Chinese camp on Mr. Dalton's place some remarks were made which had better go and get some fruit. One of the men brought out some peaches and gave them to the party. The white men sat down and ate the fruit.

"After awhile," says Startman, "I walked over to where Walter Pearson was standing and asked him to get some peaches. He came to me with a gun (on a former occasion) when I had a right to go in and find fruit for Mr. Dalton. He replied that he was not a Chinaman, but had a short knife in his hand, cutting peaches. He struck me with it, but did not cut me. He then arose and kicked me. I picked up a stick, but did not try to hit him. He then ran behind a big tree. I stepped to one side and fired at him. He kicked me and grabbed the stick, and then some Chinamen gave a war-whoop, and the Chinamen arose and commenced striking Dalton with clubs, whips, etc. There were six or seven Chinamen, and all but one had knives."

According to Startman's story, the fight then became general, and soon he heard Jacob Pearson say his son was dying. He saw Dennis Dalton standing near the outside of the yard, some of the white men who called to him to come out. As he got out of the yard a Chinaman made for him with a shovel, but he did not take it. He went back when Dalton spoke to him. He says he did not see any of the white men during the fight, but he saw a Chinaman behind him (Startman) when the fight commenced.

Startman claimed that he was unarmed at the time. Another witness testified that Startman began quarreling with the Chinaman whose name he had given as Dalton. He was trouble was thus precipitated, although it does not appear that any of the white men, except Startman, had done anything to incur the enmity of the Chinamen.

When the row started Walter Pearson was standing in the midst of the group of Chinamen, and he was the first to receive attention. He was caught by two burly Mongolians, shoved up against a wall, and he was held there. In the meantime the others got to work. In the end, except a young brother of the deceased, who fought for him, and came near falling a victim to the fury of the Chinese and bloodthirsty Chinamen.

F. J. Grimshaw, a resident of the locality where the murder took place, and several others went on duty on Sunday night in the hope of capturing some of the escaped Chinamen. He was caught, might return to the house. Mr. Grimshaw was rewarded by having one of the Chinamen creep out of the cornfield under the muzzle of his gun, and he was taken prisoner. His face was badly bruised, and a brother of the murdered man recognized him as one who had been in the vicinity of whom he (the brother) struck in the face. Sheriff McMullen left the Cosumnes with the prisoner about daylight, and arrived in the city at about 8 o'clock. He had reached Florin they learned that a Chinaman employed on Dr. Hughton's place had arrived there with four escaped Chinamen, and had started for this city with three of them. The Sheriff made all haste, and started at Guthrie's Station, and reached the city that the Chinamen there left the wagon, which returned to the Hughton ranch.

Sheriff McMullen came into town and at once sent Deputy Beckley out to bring in the driver of the wagon and his companion. He met on the way at about 10 o'clock, Walter Pearson's father-in-law, who had already arrested the driver of the wagon, taken him part of the way to this city, and then let him go.

Mr. Beckley then went to the Hughton place, and discovered that the other Chinaman had disappeared. He was believed to have skulked across lots into this city and that they are now here in hiding.

Sheriff McMullen learned soon after his return to town that several Chinamen had taken passage for San Francisco on the early morning train, and telegraphed to Sheriff Hale, of Alameda, to intercept them. By his mistake, however, the telegram was sent to the station at Oakland, and before Sheriff Hale received it the Chinaman had not to San Francisco. Several residents of the locality where the tragedy occurred came to town yesterday, and will assist the officers in the search for the murderers. It is supposed that they may still be hiding in some of the Chinese dens in this city. It is quite likely, however, that if they did not leave on the train yesterday they are at some of the Chinese camps outside the city—say in the brush along the American river bottoms, where many Chinamen are engaged in potato-raising.

The Supreme Court affirms the judgment of the lower court.

WORK OF THE REAPER. Three Early-Day Sacramentans Gone to Their Long Rest.

A former citizen of this city, Emanuel Nye, died at Virginia City, Nev., on Sunday. Deceased was a son-in-law of W. T. Eaves, the pioneer jeweler, and will be buried in this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock under the auspices of the Society of Pioneers, from Clark's undertaking rooms.

Another old citizen of Sacramento, Geo. W. Ogden, died at his home here on Saturday at the age of sixty years. He was a native of New York. Deceased leaves a son and daughter, the former a student in the San Francisco Medical Institute and the latter a teacher in the public schools here.

Adrian Gonnat, a native of France, aged sixty-five years, who was also a pioneer resident of Sacramento, died in San Francisco yesterday. He was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department, and the bells were tolled in honor to his memory as soon as the news of his death was received. Deceased's wife died a few years ago, and he never ceased to mourn her loss. His grief was so intense as to affect his health, which had been declining gradually. A few weeks ago he went to San Francisco in the hope of recuperating, but without avail. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

AMUSEMENTS. A good house witnessed the production of Demman Thompson's play, "The Old Homestead," at the Opera House last night. The company is one in which there is no weak timber. It is strong throughout. Mainly it is especially pleasing, and besides three good female voices, there is a set of male singers, which the audience never tires. The scenery is all superior, and the set showing Grace Church,

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