

RIVER PIRATES BOUND OVER.

The Boat-House Band of Plunderers Broken Up.

Wagner's Mother Induces Him to Tell All He Knew of the Gang's Work.

Quite a crowd of spectators were in Judge Henry's courtroom yesterday to listen to the testimony brought out at the examination of Frank Kelly and Harry Wagner, who are accused of having burglarized the trading boat Neponset No. 2, on the night of February 13th last.

The first witness called was H. A. Bemis, Manager of the steamer and owner of the goods and wares it carries. He testified that on Sunday morning, February 14th, he missed from his stock of goods, as far as he was able to ascertain at that time, two sacks of flour, a 100-pound sack of sugar, a case of coal oil, two sacks of corn meal, a sack of beans, a sack of salt, a box of crackers (Portland brand) and a mat of rice.

AN OBSERVING CHILD. Little Warren Silverlock next took the stand, and Judge Henry carefully inquired of him if he understood the gravity of an oath, and asked other questions of a like character, to all of which the little fellow quite firmly replied: "Yes, sir, I do."

He stated that he was 11 years old, and that on Saturday, February 13th last, he visited a scow on the Yolo side of the river. The scow belonged to James Reynolds. The witness' mother was on the scow, and Harry Wagner, Jim Reynolds and Frank Kelly were also there.

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When asked what the wine-woman had to say, McNulty attempted to repeat her exact language, a mixture of Italian and English. He said that she pleasantly greeted Kelly with: "Hello, Frankie, what you gota dare, Frankie?"

"I gota da sug," Kelly answered. After some dispute over the weight, the woman finally handed over the gallon of wine in exchange for the sugar. McNulty was very positive that Kelly was the man who went with him to the wine-woman. He was unable to handle a boat by himself.

Then there was a momentary lull in the proceedings, and Kelly, who attempted to assume an air of carelessness, evidently believed that this would end the case for the prosecution. But he was doomed to disappointment, and a pallor spread over his face, his eyes bulged from their sockets, and he grasped the back of his chair as Deputy Sheriff Max Fisher quietly asked to have Mrs. Silverlock brought into court.

Kelly gave one long, appealing look at the woman who had left a home and children, had forsaken a kind husband, to enjoy the company of the man who stood charged with a serious crime. But the woman gave no sign of recognition. She had apparently determined to tell the truth this time and not contradict what appeared to be the apparent truthfulness of her little son Warren's statement.

Mrs. Silverlock not only fully corroborated nearly everything which had been testified to by the other witnesses, but also acknowledged that Jim Reynolds was well aware of the fact that Kelly and Wagner had planned the steamboat job. She said Reynolds remarked: "By—, Kelly has been talking about getting this stuff for several days. It is about time he did something! I am getting willing and ready to go along and help."

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witness and Reynolds went to the same slaughter-house, on a similar mission, but failed to get a hog.

In December last, said Wagner, Reynolds and Couchman brought some lumber over from the Sacramento side of the river to build a boat. They admitted to him that they had stolen it near Front and R streets.

On the raid on the steamer Mrs. Couchman remarked to Reynolds and witness that if it had not been for her they would all have straved to death. Wagner's statement contained much more in regard to conversations that had passed between the occupants of the scow relative to the various midnight raids.

WAGNER CORROBORATED IT. Wagner's eyes were riveted on Detective Fisher while the latter read the statement made and signed by him in the presence of Sheriff Johnson, Mrs. Wagner and the witness.

When Fisher had finished reading Wagner was placed on the stand and admitted that the statement just read was the truth; that he had made it at the request of his mother, and signed it in her presence.

He was then held for trial in the sum of \$2,000 for the scow. A BOUQUET FOR FISHER. Deputy Sheriff Fisher, who is very modest, almost bashfully replied, "Thank you, sir," as the Judge complimented him on the able manner in which he had, under the direction of Sheriff Johnson and in such a short time, established such strong proofs against the accused men.

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NOT FATHER TIME.

It Was Two Other Men Who Had the Scythe.

John Ball and Alexander Adams were arrested yesterday by Chief Drew on suspicion of having stolen a scythe and snath from the alley between R and S, Second and Third streets.

Captain Doane saw the men come out of his place and shortly afterwards saw them with the scythe, coming out of the alley. Suspecting that it was stolen, he followed them up town and they tried to sell it to a second-hand dealer on Second street near K, but he declined to buy it and they left it temporarily in front of his place.

Doyle testified that a pair of Eaton's gloves, found on him when arrested as he was leaving the hotel, were given him by another man. This is possible, as an overcoat and other articles were taken at the same time, none of which were in Doyle's possession.

When Doyle went to the jail to get what things he had there he remarked: "I guess I'll cross the river for good," and after shaking hands with the Sheriff and the deputies he started for the door. A messenger boy just then entered, innocently whistling the air, "Some Day He'll Wander Back Again."

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