THE LULING MURDER TRIAL.

Synopsis of Testimony in the Case of Denman For Killing Parson Sewell.

The preliminary trial of Lawrence G. Denman, for the killing of the Rev. R. G. Sewell at Luling, on the 14th inst, took place August 17. The following is a synopsis of the testimony presented by the principal witnesses:

"A. Heise, first witness for the prosecution—Was walking along on the 14th inst., in company with Mr. Sewell; got within three steps of Stagner's store, when Mr. Denman fired at Sewell, who fell at the second shot. Denman stepped off the sidewalk and fired twice again, when he was disarmed by Major George.

Further states that while walking with Sewell their conversation was about the Spanish edition of some Testaments. Sewell tore his (Heise's) vest off in falling, and said, "don't shoot me." Heard no word from Denman.

Cross-examined—Mr. Denman's occupation was that of clerk for Mr. Mason; Sewell's was that of a Methodist preacher and agent for the American Bible Society; was very much excited; never saw anything of the kind before in his life.

The state here rests.

F. C. Wilkenson, for the defense, stated that he had some time previously written a letter to Denman, at the instigation of, and for the Rev. Sewell, and subsequently acknowledged to Denman that the letter was Sewell's idea, and was written on the condition that he (Sewell) took the responsibility for it. He also told Denman to apply to Sewell personally.

This is the letter:

"Luling, June 24.—Dear Sir: Look out for a preacher who has black hair, brown beard and an impediment in his speech. If he has not already seduced your wife, he intends to do so, judging by what has been seen and heard by a number of your friends. If you have any doubts on the subject, just conceal yourself or come in when you are not expected. I take this method to save you the mortification of being told of this matter face to face. You will find me out to be

A TRUE FRIEND."

J. A. Addington, for the defense, said: "I saw Sewell while he was being undressed. He had a thirty-eight caliber pistol tied to his right arm by an elastic band, just above the elbow, inside his coat-sleeve. The pistol was a double-action five-shooter, self-cocker. The rubber was elastic enough to be easily thrown into his hand by an impulse of the arm. Saw an indentation on the cylender of the pistol, made by the impact of a leaden ball. A hole was made through the coat sleeve."

Geo. C. Shoof said: "Was present at the time of the shooting on the evening of the 14th. Mr. Sewell came from down the street in company with Mr. Heise. Witness and defendants were on the inside of the door at Stagner & Co's., store. Witness saw Sewell as he stopped on the sidewalk throw his arm down. Saw a pistol. Said: Look out, Lawrence. Denman saw Sewell, walked out of the door and said: You have tried to disgrace my wife. Said to Heise stand aside, and fired."

Cross-examined: Both witnesses and defendant were on the outside of the door when they first saw Sewell; then went in. Witness sat down. Denman stood up. When deceased first saw Denman he fell back behind Heise. Saw a pistol—the muzzle of it—twice. Just before the shooting, while sitting in front of the door, defendant said to witness: "Sewell is trying to ruin the character of my wife, and I don't know that I can stand it." Witness said: "Let us go in the house and let him pass." Defendant said: "All right."

The defense here rested its case. Denman, who has the sympathy of the entire community, has been placed under $4,000 bond to appear at the next term of the district court.

The First Settler of Grayson.

[Sherman Courier.]

Andrew Thomas is the oldest settler now living in Grayson county and is the first man who ever attempted to establish a home within the present territory of the county. Forty-one years ago he settled in Choctaw, when the nearest settlement was a little log blockhouse eleven miles away, and in a fight with Indians had a brother killed and a son wounded. He took the wounded boy on his back and making a running fight carried him safely into the blockhouse by a circuitous route of about fifteen miles and saved his life. Joe Hopson, our worthy county surveyor, himself an old settler, told the simple story of Mr. Thomas' heroism in this and other events, and after saying that he was laboring for the support of grand children in his old age, took up a contribution for his benefit, which secured a handsome sum to help the aged veteran in his declining years.

Towhiao, the great Moari chief, who capitulated finally a year or so ago in New Zealand, is going to see the sights in London. The Maoris are a splendid race of savages physically. They possessed the finest part of New Zealand, a great portion of which this chief surrendered to settlement, and was confirmed with his people in the possession of the remainder. His native island is as large as Great Britan with a much finer climate and a much more fertile soil. It is the center of all the land south of the equator, as England is the center of all the land north of the equator. In the future it will be the center of southern commerce.

A few days ago two crevices suddenly opened in the earth southwest of Tezontepec, Mexico. The crevices have a length of over 500 yards with an average width of three inches. An Indian, who was on the ground when it parted, said that a distinct subterranean rumbling was heard. The crevices run crosswise of a creek, and all the waters of the stream are absorbed in the opening. A rope of 100 feet in length has been let down in the chasm without finding bottom.

Joaquin Miller is enchanted with the French Canadians. Speaking of those in the Richelieu valley he describes the men as the largest he ever saw, except in some of the select regiments of the British army. The women are modest and industrious, and crime is almost unknown. In three years in a city of 6,000 inhabitants there have been only two criminal trials.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

A Body Servant to the Father of Democracy—He Gives Some Interesting Reminiscences of the Famous President.

[San Antonio Light.]

The *Light* commissioner was introduced to an old negro named Franklin Fagins. He is an old man, small-sized, grey-haired, somewhat pale and feeble, but looking remarkably well for a man who is 83 years of age. At the present time he is a farmer in Atascosa county, but years ago he was body servant to President Jefferson. In giving details of his life he said he was raised at Monticello, Albermarle county, Virginia, where Jefferson lived. When he was old enough he was made body servant, and when talking of his dear old master, as he called him, tears came into his eyes. He described Jefferson as a very kind and humane man, especially to negroes, and said that he always saw them properly housed and cared for. This kindness, then uncommon, made the

NEGROES LOVE HIM.

There was no escapes, all loved to be near him and they would have laid down their lives for their dear old master. His manner was calm, his temper even and he did not remember him using an unkind word. Jefferson would occupy his time walking, riding, writing and fishing, but what he seemed to enjoy most was to sit in his big arm chair and think. Sometimes during the thinking spells he would light a cigar, but he was not an excessive smoker. He took great interest in the Charlottesville university, and frequently drove over there in his coach and six horses and still more frequently entertained the people from the college. He remembered the president's death and was in the room when the spirit of the father of Democracy passed away. He felt then as if he had lost his father. He was present at the funeral. Jefferson was buried in a grand coffin, purchased from England, which was glazed in such a way as to allow the body

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to be plainly seen. Fagan saw the body four months after interment and he looked as natural as life. After this Fagan was transferred to other service. He came to Texas thirty years ago. When the emancipation of the slaves were declared he became free. When asked if he was in favor of emancipation he said: "If I was a young man I would prefer being free; as I was an old man, over seventy years of age, it was bad for me, for I had no one to take care of me. However, with the aid of the Lord I have got on very well." And this is true. Since he became free he has married him a wife, got a family, and has a profitable little farm. When asked his opinion of questions affecting the colored folk, Fagan said he had none. He minded his own business and let other folks deal with politics. Here the old man touched his hat respectfully, bade the commissioner good day and walked off to attend his team.

A WEALTHY LUNATIC.

An Unparalleled Marriage—Seeking the Divorce of an Escaped Madman and a Female Half-Breed.

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 17.—Suit was begun in the supreme court to-day to annul a marriage between Andrew S. Hall, a lunatic, and Mary J. Wood, and Indian half-breed bigamist, who has two husbands living—one of them in prison serving a life sentence for a murder at Amityville. The story is a most remarkable one. Hall is the son of wealthy parents, the father of two pretty children, and has a handsome home. He was adjudged a lunatic officially. After his father's death, his mother and sisters were given the custody of his person and estate. They sent him to the Flatbush asylum from time to time, as his condition seemed to demand, but much of his time was spent at home. His wife and family were liberally provided with money from his father's estate, and when his wife died the grandmother took the children and himself to her own home. He got away from home periodically some months ago, and was traced to cellar dens on Bergen street frequented by negroes, Long Island Indians and Chinese, with women of the most degraded character. There is no more wretched district in the country. Recently he has been living with the Wood woman in comfortable quarters on Sumpter street, and, degraded as she is charged with being, she seems to have treated him well. Her two previous husbands were both negroes, and she looks more like a negress than an Indian. He appeared personally in court, although as a lunatic having no standing. He charged that the whole series of proceedings were intended to secure his mother and sister his share of the estate. The lunacy proceedings had cost him $10,000, and they probably intended to make them cost him as much more. He said he was no lunatic, having been discharged from the asylum cured, that he was a widower and at liberty to marry; that his present wife had treated him well; that their marriage was legal, and that he would not give her up for $200,000. He was so tender of her feelings that he has refused to tell her of the proceedings. It is not known what action the court will take.

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A Steamship Ashore.

Norfolk, Va., August 20.—A British steamship is reported ashore at Cobb's Island from Galveston for Newport News for coal. Particulars cannot be ascertained until the return of the wrecking steamer sent to its assistance.

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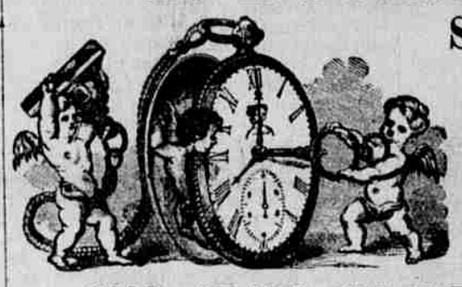

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