

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Philip Engle Answers For Killing His Brother-in-Law.
In Department 6 of the Superior Court yesterday a jury was engaged in the trial of Philip Engle, for killing his brother-in-law, Chas. Curtis. Judge McKinley presides over the investigation of the killing. The defendant's case is conducted by Hon. S. M. White and James Bardett, while the State is represented by Deputy District Attorney Hardesty.

The forenoon was consumed in getting a jury, and in putting the case of the State before the jury. When the court convened in the afternoon, the first witness called was Dr. McCarthy, who made an autopsy after the killing. He was not present for some reason or other, and the State wished a continuance to get the doctor. The court denied the request, and told Mr. Hardesty to go on with his case. The doctor was to establish the fact in a legal way that Curtis was dead. The deputy constable, Newell, who arrested Engle, was called, and told that he had gone to Engle's house on November 20, 1889, where he saw the dead body of Charles Curtis lying just inside one of the doors. He arrested Engle, who did not seem desirous of talking much, but acknowledged that he had killed Curtis with a rifle he had by him. The gun was shown and identified by the officer as the one he saw at Engle's house.

C. D. Curtis, a farmer, who has been supposed to have been the father of the deceased and of Engle's wife, was put on the stand. He said he was not her father, but their uncle, and that he had brought them up from childhood. He told of the difficulty which led to the killing of Curtis. Charles Curtis had lived with Engle for years, and until three days prior to the killing, when he had got married and had gone to live with his mother-in-law, not far from the home of Engle. It was at Lamanda Station, above Sunny Slope, on the Santa Fe line, in the San Gabriel valley. On the day of the killing Curtis was passing near Engle's house, and heard some loud words between the man and his wife. Curtis went to see what was the matter with his sister, and he entered her room and saw her kicking him. He remonstrated, and words grew hotter, until Engle said: "Get out of the house, you d— Yankee —, or I will kick you too." Engle then struck Curtis with a billet of wood, whereupon Curtis seized his antagonist, and throwing him to the floor, proceeded to choke him. The wife then pulled her brother off her husband, and told the former to go home, which he did. Some time after Curtis returned to Engle's house, and Mrs. Engle, seeing him, told her husband, as Curtis came in the door Curtis shot him with his rifle.

In cross-examination C. D. Curtis acknowledged that he was now telling the story for the first time, not having mentioned it even at the preliminary examination. Mrs. Van Slack and C. F. Harmon were put on the stand, but their evidence did not develop any material facts not found above. Here the State rested and today the defense will put in their testimony and the case is likely to be ended before night.

This will probably be the line of defense taken. Just before November 20, 1889, Charles Curtis, who had up to that time been living with his brother-in-law, Philip Engle, at Lamanda Station, got married. The occasion was a festive one and both the men got quite hilarious. Liquor began to flow and some quarreling resulted. On the day in question Engle wished to look once more on the wine regardless of its redness, likewise of the redness of his own eyes, and went to the demijohn. His wife had either emptied the stuff, or had diluted it with vinegar, thinking her spouse had enough of it. Engle taxed her with the deed, but she entered a plea of not guilty. Engle then told her that she lied, and as a liar she should not read the bible any more. He threw the book out of the house, and told her if she got it he would throw her out. Her brother came in and remonstrated, whereupon a quarrel grew from words to blows. Curtis threw Engle to the floor, and choked him until his eye-balls protruded and his face was black. Mrs. Engle pulled Curtis from her husband and sent him home. He returned later, and as he entered the door Engle warned him off, an order he did not obey, but advanced on Engle with his hands raised. As he came near he seized hold of a gun which Engle had in his hand. It went off, fatally wounding Curtis. It is rather significant that Mrs. Engle is not a witness for the prosecution. She is the only eye-witness of the affair, except the man and the man charged with the murder. Thus the jury will be left with a small mass of testimony, greatly conflicting, out of which to reach a verdict. S. M. White will do all he can, and that is much, for his client. The odds are laid largely that the verdict, if one is reached, will be one of acquittal.

THE FIRE BOARD.

Matters Discussed at Its Meeting Yesterday.

The regular weekly session of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held yesterday morning in the Mayor's office, Hon. H. T. Hazard presiding, and Messrs. Keefe, Kuhn, Lovell and Moore present.

The application of W. A. De Groot for permission to erect sign boards from No. 112 to 117 South Spring street, was referred to Mr. Muckmore, the Superintendent of Buildings.

A communication was received from G. Hickey, offering to build an engine-house on New High street, and was placed on file.

The draft of the amendment to section 4 of the ordinance providing for the storage of inflammable oils within the city limits was read and referred to the City Council, with the recommendation that the same be adopted.

The petition of J. H. Wilson for permission to erect a four-horse-power engine and boiler at the corner of Ruth avenue and Seventh street, was referred to the Chief.

The following changes, as recommended by the Chief, were made in the department: Frank A. Lewis appointed foreman of the hook and ladder company in place of John Lee, deceased; J. H. Hess appointed call man of same company in place of Charles Fink, incapable; G. L. Edwards, W. E. Martin and Al Metzger dropped from Park hose to conform to provisions of retrenchment ordinance.

Chief Strohm recommended that the sum of \$100 be appropriated from the firemen's relief fund for the benefit of the late John Lee, foreman of the hook and ladder company. After some discussion it was decided to pay Mrs. Lee the sum of \$50 from the fund.

A number of demands amounting in the aggregate to \$153.62 were approved as read.

The routine business having been disposed of, Mr. Moore stated that a com-

plaint had been made to him that engine No. 1 had not turned out to the fire on Pasadena avenue, East Los Angeles, on Thursday morning last. The Chief being called upon to explain the matter, stated that the engine turned out, but did not go all the way, as the foreman was informed that the building had burned to the ground. He further stated that had the engine reached the scene, it could not have been of any assistance, as the nearest fire plug was 5,000 feet away.

Mr. Moore retorted warmly that the foreman had no right to take anybody's word for it that the building was entirely destroyed, and insisted that he ought to have proceeded to the scene in any case. He said that he had been informed that the adjoining houses and a barn had only been saved by the prompt action of the neighbors.

Chief Strohm replied that to his personal knowledge the barn was at least 150 feet from the burning building, and the nearest house was over 100 feet from it. As for Foreman McLain, who had eight years experience as a fireman, he had every confidence in his judgment, and after a thorough investigation of the complaint he had found it without just cause.

Mr. Moore then suggested that the Chief be instructed to look into the matter of providing more fireplugs on the East Side and report back to the board, but no action was taken.

Mr. Keefe thought that a recommendation should be made to the Council calling attention to the condition of the cross streets on the hills between Second and Temple streets, so that one of them, at least, ought to be made passable for a fire engine.

Chief Strohm said that he understood that charges had been filed against him with the City Council, and asked that he be taken up immediately. Clerk Robinson stated that he had not as yet received a communication from the City Clerk, whereupon Mr. Kuhn said that the board could not act until it had official knowledge of the charges, and the Chief having expressed a desire for a full and speedy investigation, the board adjourned.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

John Nelmore, a native of Texas, of this city, aged 27, to Ida B. Lewis, a native of Tennessee, of this city, aged 18.

John F. Kelsey, a native of New York, of Albuquerque, aged 27, to Geneva Keith, a native of New York, of South Pasadena, aged 21.

Guido M. Deltz, a native of Germany, of this city, aged 25, to Adelaide Orpington, a native of Missouri, of this city, aged 20.

John T. Higgins, a native of Missouri, of this city, aged 24, to Linna A. Tilley, native of England, of this city, aged 24.

The Ladies' Lunch.

The lunch which is being provided this week by the ladies of the Immanuel Presbyterian church in the Crocker building on Broadway near Second, has gained for itself a widespread reputation, and when it is removed there will be left a void which will be hard to fill. The rooms yesterday at noon were filled to overflowing with those anxious to try the delicious viands which they knew were to be distributed by the ladies, who have reason to feel pleased over the success with which their efforts are being met. Today an especially inviting bill of fare will be provided and it is expected that there will be very little left when the doors are closed this afternoon.

A Cowboy Raid.

A dispatch to a San Francisco paper says that while the "California on Wheels" was at Wichita, Kansas, a party of drunken cowboys broke into the cars and filled up on wine and preserved fruit. Some policemen came up and succeeded in driving them away, but not until a sharp skirmish had taken place and a number of shots were fired. One of the members of the exhibition party got a bullet through his hat.

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