

A WEEK OF THE TRIAL ENDED

The Lauer Trial Drawing to a Close—The Evidence in Defense.

THE CLOW-HANLEY HIPPODROME

The Bicycle Tournament—Base Ball Matters—The G. A. R. Encampment—Killed on the Bridge—Other Local.

The Lauer Trial.

Mrs. Whitehorn, the wife of a preceding witness, was the first called in the Lauer trial yesterday afternoon. She testified to the pleasant relations which existed between Mr. and Mrs. Lauer.

Mrs. Hilda Nelson, a woman who lived about one hundred feet from the Lauer mansion testified that she used to go to their house about two or three times a week to work; after the reconciliation she noticed that Lauer always treated his wife kindly.

Cornelius J. Sullivan, ex-bookkeeper at the nail works, testified that he knew Mrs. Lauer as well as her husband, for the twenty months after the reconciliation. Mrs. Lauer was in the habit of driving down to the nailworks to get her husband and drive home with him. They always seemed affectionate and happy together.

"INSTANCES OF AFFECTION."

"Do you remember any instances of affection?" asked Judge Savage.

"Well, if you call shining up under the chin or her sitting on his lap instances of affection, then I have seen such things."

This piece of testimony caused a low ripple of laughter through the courtroom. Even Lauer's features relaxed into a smile.

Cross-examined by General Cowin Mr. Sullivan said he had been in the habit of going to Mr. Lauer's house about once in two months to play cards, just to keep a social acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Lauer were always happy.

"HE LOOKED THROUGH THE WINDOW." "They were the most happy couple you ever saw," Mr. Sullivan testified.

"I haven't seen many married couples together."

"But they were the most happy couple you ever saw, weren't they?"

"I suppose," said General Cowin, "that when married people act very affectionate, or make fools of themselves in public it is an index that their private life is not so happy."

"I object to that question," said Judge Savage, laughing; "this young man is not called as an expert in matrimonial affairs."

Mr. Sullivan, on further cross-examination, testified that he had several times looked through the office window and saw Mr. and Mrs. Lauer at different times sitting at the table and talking.

Mrs. Savage called and testified to the pleasant relations between Mr. and Mrs. Lauer. She was a neighbor of theirs.

Mrs. Savage also claimed to have examined the broken screen of the cellar window, through which the burglar is said to have escaped. Mrs. Lauer had also given her account of the burglary.

John Thurston testified for this account, but General Cowin objected. The court sustained the objection, and the defense took an exception.

Mrs. Savage testified that on the Saturday afternoon of the tragedy she saw Mr. and Mrs. Lauer who had been out driving into the house together. That was about 5 o'clock. They seemed happy and affectionate. That evening the witness sat up until about 12 o'clock when she put down her curtains and about that time and then noticed that the windows in the Lauer house were dark. About two hours after she retired she was awakened by hearing a shot.

She started up and saw one man sitting on the floor, and another one standing over him. She immediately dressed and went over to the Lauer house, meeting Mrs. Lauer. The latter had on only a nightgown and a pair of slippers, with an old shawl thrown over her shoulders.

In another portion of her testimony Mrs. Savage stated that her house was so close to that of Lauer's that she could hear everything that transpired in the latter's house and hear him get up in the morning, walk across the floor, go down the stairs, or could hear Mr. and Mrs. L. frolicking together. During all that time she saw or heard no unpleasantness between Mr. and Mrs. Lauer.

General Cowin cross-examined the witness pretty sharply.

"You watched the Lauer house pretty closely, didn't you?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"You spent a good deal of time that way, didn't you?"

"No, sir."

Mrs. Savage testified that her eyesight was very poor, whereupon General Cowin asked her to stand up and look into the Lauer house and watch them."

"No, sir, it wasn't," she snappedly the witness replied.

Continuing Mrs. Savage testified that she had several times visited Mr. and Mrs. Lauer and she noticed that he treated her as respectfully and lovingly as any husband she ever saw.

Mrs. Savage testified to seeing two men about 9 or 10 o'clock prowling about Lauer's yard, on the night that Lauer first shot at the burglar. She watched them until they finally went away. They were talking and she could hear them for suspicious characters and perhaps burglars.

COWIN AND THURSTON.

During this cross-examination Messrs. Cowin and Thurston had a little friendly spat. General Cowin asked Mrs. Savage a question which Mr. Thurston objected to as "immaterial, unprofessional and indecent."

"It is no such question as a gentleman would ask," retorted Mr. Thurston.

Mr. Cowin turned half around and answered, "We'd practice a long time in this court before we'd get such an example from you."

"No," sneered the other, "and I never openly insulted and brow-beat a lady, either."

General Cowin said nothing, but went on cross-examining the witness.

The question which Thurston objected to was asked when Mrs. Savage testified that when Lauer shot at the burglar, in August, 1884, she got up and went out to see what the trouble was. General Cowin asked her:

"Did you get up and go out doors in your night gown expecting to be met or shot at by each other, because you and your daughter were so afraid of men?"

The witness replied that she wanted to see what the trouble was, and therefore went out.

Mrs. Savage was then cross-examined about the night of the tragedy. She testified that when she went into the Lauer house after the shooting, she noticed the night was dark. She noticed no moon. It might have been obscured. It was with difficulty that she picked her way across to Lauer's house.

SHE SAW SHADOWS.

Cross-examined again, Mrs. Savage testified that about 10 o'clock that night she saw the reflection of Sallie Lauer's

shadow on the curtain. She also saw what she supposed was Mr. Lauer standing by the stair.

"You saw Mr. Lauer's form through the curtain, did you?" asked General Cowin.

"Yes."

"The curtain was nearly white and so thin that light passed through it easily and without much obstruction."

The witness hesitated and answered, "Yes."

On the night of the shooting Mrs. Savage testified, she was attracted to Mr. Lauer's house by hearing the shot. She heard voices in the yard, but heard no noise in Lauer's house, though only eighteen feet away—so near that she could hear everything that was said.

At this juncture, a stormy scene between the attorneys for the state and the counsel for defense, over the admission of Mrs. Savage's testimony as to what Mrs. Lauer had told her about the first burglar, Judge Neville ruled out the testimony and the defense took exception.

John A. McShane was next called to stand. He testified that from the time of Mr. and Mrs. Lauer's reconciliation up to the period of the shooting, they were always friendly.

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The race was the most exciting ever run on this track, and the crowd whooped and yelled from the start. Even the ladies contributed to the noise.

A CAUSE.

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On Monday we will show the finest stock of all kinds of Laces that has ever been shown by us. This is the largest and best selected stock of Laces in Omaha. All the patterns are new and the prices will be found lower than last year. We have shown many large and varied assortments of Laces, but the stock that will be shown Monday is something extraordinary in quality, quantity, price and styles. Do not forget that this is the largest Lace sale ever attempted by any house in this country.

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