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GEORGE VON HALLER ON TRIAL

Man Accused of Murdering Maurice D. Rees Formally Presented.

MOTHER, WIFE AND CHILD IN COURT Relatives Form Background of Som-

ber Picture and Add Touch of Interest to Solemn Proceedings Before Judge Day.

Genrge Von Haller went to trial for his life Monday morning on the charge of having shot and killed Maurice D. Rees on the night of Wednesday, August 10, 1904.

Seated along with Von Haller and his counsel are his wife and little daughter, 4 years old, and his mother. Both women were modestly dressed and of a quiet demeanor. The curly-headed little girl looked like a picture out of a children's book when she came in, following her father. Timid at first, abashed by the sea of faces that confronted her, the child sat without moving. Soon she became somewhat restless, insisted on having her bonnet and jacket off and then moved from mother to grandmother and then to the arms of her father. She gazed with some interest on the first bunch of jurors called to the box, but thereafter her busy little fingers were concerned mainly with the clasp and the contents of her mother's reticule. The elder Mrs. Von Haller, sitting immediately behind her son, wore an air of resigned readiness for whatever the testimony might be. while the younger woman cast anxious eyes on each new juror as he stepped forward to take his seat.

Von Haller Looks Well.

Von Haller himself was thoroughly selfcontained. Neatly dressed, cleanly shaven, with a keen face and high, full brow, slightly bald, to a stranger entering the court room he would look like one of the lawyers engaged in the case. If there ever was any indication of dissipation in his countenance it has vanished under the regular regimen he has undergone in the county Jail.

Von Haller had lived in Omaha, where his mother still resides, until about four years previous to the time when Rees was killed. At that time his wife and child were living in Denver and he was here on a visit. For the last three or four months the wife and little daughter have made their residence in Omaha.

It was 11 o'clock when County Attorney Slabaugh arose to make his preliminary statement to the prospective jurors. He said the state expects to show that on the night in question Von Haller and a companion. Adolph Hubermann, left the Arcade hotel and went to Mickey Mullen's saloon. From there, he said, they would be traced to the north part of the city. They spent some time in the saloon of J. L. Behrens at 2024 North Twenty-fourth, and from there he would follow them to the scene of the killing of Rees. Among other witnesses to be called would be the wife and sons of the dead man, who were present at the time of the killing. Afterward, in questioning jurymen, the county attorney named a dozen witnesses the state expects to call.

Selecting the Jury.

Of the first twelve men called into the jury box two were peremptorily challenged by the state for blas. At noon nine men had been temporarily passed by the county attorney.

Judge Slabaugh directed his principal questions to the possible prejudice against the death penalty and to the weight that jurors would give to circumstantial evidence. When he attempted to go into details as to the talesman's feelings on this latter point Attorney Jefferis, for the defense, objected and Judge Day promptly



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sustained the objection. He held that the statements of the jurors as to their belief in the principle of circumstantial evidence should stand for what they were worth, and that the psychological dissection or analysis of that belief would be out of

It required until 4 o'clock in the afterbox. Then began the challenging, the state being allowed six peremptory challenges and the defense sixteen. From indications at the close of court Monday afternoon it will be at least noon today before a jury can be secured.

Talesmen Admit Prejudice.

Quite a number of men on the venire confessed to prejudice that would prevent them from being impartial jurors. They had read accounts of the case or had talked with people who knew something of it, and had thus formed an opinion that would require strong evidence to remove. One of the stereotyped questions in such casese is: "Do you know either of the attorneys for the defense?" One man

answered that he knew Mr. Jeffries, of counsel for the defense.

"How well do you know him?"

"Well, I judged he was the man, from thinking of big Jeffries the prize fighter.' Mr. Jeffries joined in the laugh which followed, for he is a man much above the average in height and breadth.

Mrs. Rees, widow of the man who was killed, was in court at the afternoon session and sat with one of her boys at the prosecuting attorney's side of the table provided for counsel. She will probably be the first witness for the prosecution. A good deal of interest is felt in the story of the killing by the witnesses for

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exact facts leading up to and surrounding the firing of the fatal shots seem not to have been heretofore told. Von Haller's attorneys have given the impression, too noon to get the first twelve men in the that their client's story of the affair will throw a new light on many heretofore unexplained features. A dog that the dead station agent owned promises to figure largely in the explanation of certain features of the case.

the state who are directly concerned. The

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Contract Surgeon Preston M. Kellogg, temporarily on duty at Fort Crook, has been directed to return to his station at Fort Robinson, Neb, his services being no longer required at Fort Crook.

longer required at Fort Crook. The Eighteenth United States Infantry, recently returned from the Philippines, has left San Francisco for the Department of the Missouri. The regiment will take sta-tion at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley. First Lieutenant H. A. Drum, Twenty-weventh infantry, aide-de-camp to General Baldwin of the Department of Colorado, was a visitor at army headquarters, en-route from the east to his station at Den-ver.

Orders have been issued from department Orders have been issued from department headquarters relative to the payment of troops in the department for the month of February. Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Muh-lenberg, chief paymaster of the depart-ment, will pay the troops at Fort Meade, Fort Robinson and Fort Niebrara, Neb, Major J. R. Lynch will pay the troops at Fort Crook and Fort Mackenzie, and Major B. D. Slaughter will pay the troops at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth.

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