

Jury Disagreed

The trial of Frank Smith, for the murder of Eddie Corbett was brought up in Cooperstown on Wednesday, Nov. 14, Judge Burke of Valley City on the bench, Attorneys Benj. Tufte and Lee Combs representing defendant and Frank Gladstone for the state.

The following were the jurors in the case: Isaac Ellerson, C. P. Balkan, Will Watson, H. F. Cole, Ed E. Hanson, John Mills, Gilbert Olson, John Johnson, H. P. Hammer, Chas. C. Simonson, Anton Kjelson and Henry Curtis.

Our readers will remember the report of a brutal murder on September 16, in our city, wherein Eddie Corbett, alias Thos. Farrel, was the victim of several stabs which ended his life.

A crew of threshers, mostly transient had been temporarily laid off on account of rain and were in Cooperstown to celebrate the occasion.

Corbett was a boot-legger and had supplied the gang with liquor and incidentally had imbibed quite freely himself. They all loitered about the streets until the business houses were closed and it became necessary for Marshall Christianson and Nightwatchman Rood to tell them 23. skidoo!

They heeded the command and started toward the depot, evidently intent upon boarding a side-door-sleeper or in other words a box-car, for the night. When they had gotten as far as the Crane-Johnson lumber yard a row commenced and finally only two participants were left to fight it out.

Fortunately two of the crowd were not so full of the fire water

but what they remembered enough of the mix-up to throw a little light on the subject. However, the body of the murdered man was not found until Sunday morning when Mr. Erickson, who is employed by E. W. Blackwell, made the discovery. Immediately after the finding of the body the officers got busy rounding up the bunch, and upon information drained from them Frank Smith was arrested for the murder. The case came to trial in the justice court and as a result Frank Smith was bound over to the district court. Will O'Brien, Tom Owens, Harry Right and Harry Richards were also held in custody as witnesses in the case. The trial in the district court was commenced on Wednesday, Nov. 14 and was not given to the jury until Friday noon. The jury remained out until midnight of Friday when it returned to report a disagreement.

The case as a result will be continued until next term of court when another jury will have to be impanelled.—Sentinel.

We understand the jury in this case stood 9 for conviction to 3 for acquittal, and two of those three said they would favor conviction if the third would, which practically shows eleven of the twelve as being in favor of conviction. In view of all this, and the fact that the evidence in the case was for the most part purely circumstantial, it would seem that States Attorney Gladstone, a young lawyer of only a few years' experience, and struggling under such disadvantages as he did in this case, is deserving of great credit for the able work he has done in this important case.—Ed.

Dr. Featherston, painless dentist, at Binford Wednesday, December 19.