

at all. When they had set fire to the bed under which I was lying, they ran away. I got from under the bed, put on my pants and my coat, and tried to quench the fire. I ran out and saw them lying dead,—the old woman was near the kitchen door. I stamped on her as I went through the door from the front room to the kitchen. I saw Thomas lying near the front door; they were breathing, I did not look to see what state they were in. I ran out, and ran across the road to Mr. Whelan's house, about fifty yards from Donnelly's, I rapped at the door, Mrs. Whelan asked who it was; I told her it was Mr. Connors' boy. I whispered in Whelan's ear that Donnelly's house was on fire; he told me I was dreaming. Old Mr. Whelan went down to Jack Whelan's. When he came back he and John went over to the fire; I and Joe Whelan also went over. When I got there the whole place was in a blaze, Mr. Whelan said he thought he saw one of the bodies inside, and near the front door was a big patch of blood. I slept at Whelan's. I went over to Donnelly's again the next day when we saw four burnt bodies. I and Joe went to Lucan and found my father and mother there, and two brothers. I saw my two brothers first. My mother laughed at me when she saw me with a black hat on, which Theresa Whelan gave to me; she asked me where was my overcoat, and I told her it was burnt; she asked me if the house was burnt; I told her that the house was burnt, and that Tom and Bridget and the old woman were killed. My father then went up town; he came back to get me; he told the news all around town. When I came back I told my father their names. I was with my father when he was in Lucan. I went into Mr. John Fox's, that is the only place I was that he was not with me. I think I told Carroll's name to Mr. and Mrs. Whelan. My mother asked me if I knew any of them; I would not tell her for a long time; I asked if she would tell any one if I told her. My father then came in; and I told him the reason I did not wish to tell was because I did not wish to get into trouble. When I heard the fellows go out I could hear their voices as if they were going towards the school-house. I saw one of the sticks that they had, from under the bed, it was a cord-wood stick, split fine, with three sides chopped at the end, and the handle whittled."

The witness was cross-examined at great

length by Mr. McMahon, but adhered firmly to his story; that he knew James Carroll well, and Purtell and Ryder equally as well, and that he saw them in the house on the night of the murder.

Ann Whelan.—"I live near the Donnellys, I recollect the night of the murder. I was awakened up between one and two o'clock by the boy Connors rapping; I asked who it was. John Connors had no shoes or stockings on; he told me that a lot of men had come in women's clothes and hunted the Donnellys out, and set the bed on fire; the old man Patrick Whelan was there; after a short time the old man went over; after a little while the boy Connors told us he thought they were all killed; in the morning he said he was under the bed behind the clothes basket; he said that he was woke up with the noise; he said that Carroll was there. When he spoke about Carroll I may have told him to take care of what he said; I think I told him not to say anything about it; the reason I said this was I didn't want to be brought into it; he told me no more names after that. In cross examination she said: The boy Connors told me that a lot of people in women's clothes had driven the Donnellys to the woods and put fire in two beds. I got up first; my husband was present when I spoke to Connors; he said that Carroll was there. I asked him how he knew. He said, I knew by his talk; he did not tell me that he saw Carroll. I think it was then when I gave him the warning. I was away when he got up in the morning."

Mary Hastings O'Connor, the mother of Johnny O'Connor, testified as to his coming home without his coat, of his telling her of the fire, of his having seen Jim Carroll, Ryder and Purtell there. In cross-examination she said that her son did not tell her that he knew Carroll by his voice. Re-examined by Mr. Hutchinson; I understood that my son told me that he saw Carroll standing in the door with a candle in his hand, and Ryder and Purtell standing behind him; he told me that they killed Tom outside and heaved him in, and one of them said to bring the shovel and break his skull open; he did not tell me that he saw any of the three at the time that they heaved Tom in the door. To Mr. McMahon: He told me he saw Carroll standing in the doorway with a candle in his hand, and Purtell and Ryder standing behind him.