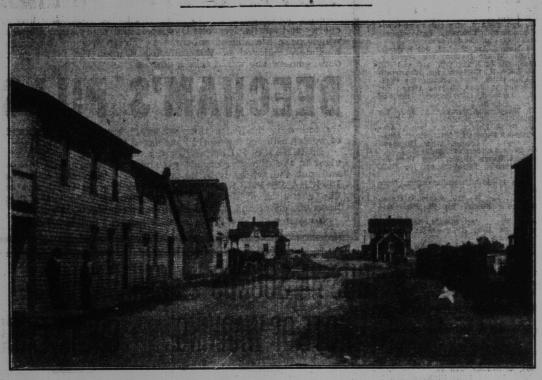
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HAVELOOK STREET AND SPOT WHERE MCKNIGHT RECEIVED DEATH BLOW

Prisoner Says McKnight Hit Him With a Club and He Used Fists in Return: Then in General Row He Used Stick on Some One, But Thought it [Sam | Keith -A Witness Indignant.

got Ora P. King to act for me."

"Oscar Wright was the executor, wasn't ness said Mr. Currey, the witness said the reason he went to the scene

sterrogatively.
"I did."
"Is your former husband, Jesse Keith,

"I don't know."
"What happened to him?"
"He went away."

"Sam seemed afraid?"

tative was in no way blameable, after which Mr. Currey and His Honor Judge McLeod discussed briefly, from an advisory point of view, newspapers and re-The Defence.

Mr. Currey, in opening for the defence, spoke of the gravity of the charge of mandaughter, and said he had endeavored to treat the witnesses with fairness. No the regretted more than himself that human life had been taken, but now that the man was dead, it was necessary to investigate the circumstances surrou his death. Witnesses would be called to show just what those circumstances were It had been proved that the prisoner went to the Wright house, and it would be shown that in so doing he had a duty to perform. It would be proved that he went to the house with no intention of harming Mrs. Wright,—that even in view of her abuse he exhibited marked forbearance; that the prisoner's action in leaving the window and going over to where his brother and the deceased were, was merely prompted by a desire to have deceased leave the locality; that he suffered the beating on his hand without protest,—he had an unpleasant duty to perform and wished to do it as peaceably as was pos-sible; that he was insulted and abused, and if he did at last lose his temper it

Mr. Currey said Wright did not intro duce the serious element of clubs. Neither did Ira Wright nor Walter Mitton. The defence would prove that when Oscar was in a most difficult position, McKnight ran up and, with a club, struck him twice, after which the prisoner, dazed and bleeding, hit out for his life. There might easily have been a dual tragedy. The prisener did not seek to evade the process of the law, and after he was informed of Mcreed not raise your voice just because Mr.

This finished Mrs. Wright's evidence.

Frank Dunham, of Havelock, examined by Dr. Pugsley, related his struggle wire the prisoner. He said the fight appeared the prisoner. He said the fight appeared the prisoner of the prisone I didn't see it, yet I contested it. general. He gave blows and received put the prisoner on the stand. His testimony would cause the jurors to see the circumstances of McKnight's death in a dif-"Oscar Wright was the executor, wasn't e?" said Mr. Currey.

"I guess he was. I don't know."

"You lived for twenty-two years with house.
"You loud the David Wright?" said Mr. Currey was finishing, Miss house.
"You told the attorney-general that you otherwise death in a direct called, swore he had dressed a bruise ferent light and clear away doubts they make death in a direct called, swore he had dressed a bruise was because somebody in his home said house.

Just as Mr. Currey was finishing, Miss house.
"You told the attorney-general that you with weakness. Dr. Wetmore was hurried with weakness. Dr. Wetmore was hurried.

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took hold of Oscar."

"I did it to help Sam Keith. He had called out: 'My God, don't let him kill was taken by Mr. Simmons.

"I did it to help Sam Keith. He had lad, and the rest of the forenoon's evidence was taken by Mr. Simmons.

"Stand.

Ira Wright, the prisoner's brother, was called. He is thirty-six years of age—stout and florid.

When the prisoner took the stand, it was 3.15 o'clock. He swore he was thirty-stout and florid.

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