

Learn took possession of the farm owned by Mrs. Helmer in August, 1913. In a written agreement of lease, he de-

arranged. The lease was signed by Harry Nelson Helmer, mother of accused Leann Helmer, and the place was occupied from April 1, 1919, to August 1, 1919. At that time the prisoner approached him to go on the farm and work the place. The evidence will disclose a verbal bargain made so that the prisoner and his wife would occupy a portion of the house, rent free, to leave when told to do so by Learn. Certain fields were to be sown and the crops reaped on equal shares. The prisoner moved in with the wife to the place and made his home there.

Shortly after this the evidence will show that things did not go very well for the prisoners. The prisoners expressed dissatisfaction and said that they would get rid of Learn off the place. The prisoners became more and more uneasy and they decided to take a chance on Sparta for a copy of the lease held by Learn. On July 12 last he took it upon himself to go to Sparta to ascertain if Learn could be gotten off the place.

On July 10 Charles Helmer, 15-year-old brother of the accused, came down from Sparta. The crowd's attention was attracted to him. Charles Helmer was largely under the domination of his brother, the older Charles Helmer, who pranks on task, who took the prisoner to learn. The latter forced him to do a lot of work. The prisoners stated. At 5 a. m., July 13, Charles Helmer did not come to work. He was detained at Sparta, but his bicycle was stolen. Lowered the prisoner.

Left Learn on the Ground.

Instead of going on home later he was induced to stay at the house a week, because, the prisoners were afraid of the killing. At 8:30 a. m. Learn was last seen alive. At 7 a. m. on July 14, the prisoners wrote a written notice on Lorne Helmer to

vacate the farm in a week. The prosecutor minutes later, the prisoner grunted the blows which killed James Learn. The crown will offer important evidence of occurrences following the killing. The prisoner left the body lying prostrate, bleeding and senseless on the ground. The prisoner would ensue. He took steps to take away from the farm all human beings who could have given aid, his younger brother and his wife, and they did not return until 6 p.m.

Some hours after the alleged killing, the prisoner carried the body 280 feet, dug a grave four feet deep and buried

the body of James Learn. He requested Charles to keep the matter secret. Learn was very regular in his habits and his non-appearance led to inquiries. The prisoner, when questioned, made a false statement for the purpose of deceiving the people of the neighborhood. The body was discovered on July 29, and post-mortem testimony will show the cause of death. Official records of criminal importance will be disclosed as the case proceeds, concluded Prosecutor Slaght. The body was buried in the cemetery at this point Mrs. Helmer dramatically rushed to her husband and embraced him.

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