

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Neighbors in Windsor come to Blood, and One is Committed.

There was another law suit before Magistrate Barnett yesterday and another young man was committed for trial. Samuel N. Shaw was the complainant and Benjamin Stockford the defendant. S. B. Appleby appeared for the prosecution and J. C. Hartley for the defense. The examination took place in Matheson's Hall and the evidence as given by the complainant will give the facts of the case so as to be intelligible to our readers.

Samuel N. Shaw being sworn, to Mr. Appleby said: I live in Windsor and am a farmer; occupy land in Brighton. I know the defendant, Benj. Stockford; he lives in the same settlement, with his father Charles, something near a half mile from my house. The trouble arose Wednesday, July 13th, about 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning, when I, alone, went into the field to mow grass on land I cleared about 13 years ago, and have worked ever since. First intimation I had of trouble was my receiving a severe clip on the back of the head. I turned to see who it was and saw Benj. Stockford. He had not spoken until he struck me. When I turned he said "Get out of here" and struck me again with his fist. The bruises on my face are from the blows he administered. I fell prostrate. I lay on the ground 5 or 10 minutes. When I came to, the defendant was standing over me as if to strike. I said "Ben don't hit me again—this will put you in the penitentiary." I asked for a drink of water and he told me to "go to hell and get it." He went away and later my girls came also my brother, who helped me to the house. Later my brother drove me to Hartland where Dr. Estey dressed my wounds. When the young man was striking me I did not resist him.

To Mr. Hartley complainant said he did not have a clear title to the land. He bought it from Stockford 13 years ago, and paid for it \$125 but could not get a clear title.

Charles Stockford owns land abutting that I occupy. Since last fall there has been some dispute over a certain piece of land. Stockford fenced off the land in dispute last fall, and I took it away this spring. Benj. Stockford was not on the land when I came to work on it the day he assaulted me. I swear positively defendant did not order me off the land; I did not see him until I was struck. I saw him however over in his own field—15 rods away. I swear I did not go to the field that morning for the purpose of making a row. I never attempted to possess myself of any land of Stockford's. Last summer I did mow the grass on land worked this summer by Stockford. I claim it is mine.

Then followed severe cross-examination of plaintiff regarding the land in dispute. This same matter was aired at the last session of the municipal council.

After a long cross examination which to our readers would be uninteresting Dr. Curtis was called and sworn. To Mr. Appleby he said: I am a physician at Hartland. I've heard the testimony

of Mr. Shaw. He called on me on Wednesday, 13th inst. He had two lumps on his head—one on back, one on top. No blood exuded upon the head. Under the right eye was a cut through to the bone; the left eye was blackened from blood settling there the result of a blow over the eye. The right cut had bled quite freely. I dressed his wounds.

Stanley shaw called and sworn, said he he was brother of S. N. Shaw, who testified here. Said he, "I am brother who came to Samuel's help. I found my brother on his hands and knees on the ground. Stockford was walking away. Samuel's daughter was giving him a drink when I got there. I then took a pitcher of water and bathed his face. I asked Stockford to come and help me get him to the house, to which he did not reply. I called again, still he kept on walking away. About two minutes later I got him to his feet and assisted him to the house. He was unable to walk without help. Mother and I washed his face. Within an hour or so I brought him to Hartland.

This ended the testimony. The defendant having nothing to say was committed for trial at the next session of the Circuit court, to be held in Woodstock next October. Defendant and his father gave \$300 bonds. Dr. Curtis and Stanley Shaw will appear as witnesses.

The Twelfth.

A Grand Success of the Day at Simonds,

There was an attendance of about 600 or 700 people at the celebration of the Twelfth at Middle Simonds. A sumptuous dinner was served on the ground; and now people all over the county are praising the culinary abilities of the good women of Simonds. After dinner, at 2 o'clock, the parade began. It was led by the County Master, mounted, and county officers in carriages, followed by True Blue lodges. There were represented the following lodges: Wiggins, East Florenceville; British Lion, Glassville; Hartland; Hackett, Lakeville; Waterville; Centreville; Farley, Mount Pleasant; Harrison, Lower Windsor; Flewelling, Windsor; Bennett Davis, Victoria; and Jacksonville.

After the parade speeches were delivered by John Farley, Rev. W. H. Spargo, Rev. A. H. Hayward, and J. K. Flemming.

The absence of a band or other music was particularly noticeable, but notwithstanding the day was in every way a success.

Florenceville Picnic.

The picnic at East Florenceville last Friday was a success. Three or four hundred people gathered, and good feeling and a holiday air was manifest all around.

The usual round of sports was indulged in, and the prime feature of the day was a base ball game between the Florenceville boys and the Bridgewater team. The game was an exceedingly hot one, and the score stood 12 to 12 when the play ended. The odd would have been played for had not certain difficulties arisen which made a continuance of the game inadvisable.

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sum of money was raised which is to go toward the completion of the sidewalks, the construction of which began last summer.

Spain Surrenders.

WASHINGTON, July 14—The first chapter in the land campaign of the United States against Spain closed today, when the Spanish colors gave place over Santiago to the American flag. Next will follow the transportation of the Spanish troops back to their native land and the capture of the island of Porto Rico, unless peace soon intervenes. The siege of Santiago had lasted two weeks and was remarkable in many respects, and in none more than the heavy percentage of loss through death, wounds or sickness of the soldiers and sailors on both sides. Looking back over the record of these two weeks, it is seen that a great ironclad squadron has been destroyed, and nearly a thousand Spanish sailors have been drowned or killed by shell and flame, and that an untold number of Spanish soldiers have died in the trenches of Santiago. On the other hand about 260 American soldiers have been killed, and in round numbers 2000 more have been sent to the hospitals in consequence of wounds, fevers and other ailments. The fleet had a remarkable exemption from disaster in the many engagements it has had with the forts at the entrance of the harbor and with the Spanish squadron.

Hartland's Holiday.

So far in the season Hartland has had no holiday, nor have any preparations been made for one. Would it not be a good plan to celebrate Labor Day, by getting up a picnic? Money could in this way be raised for completing and extending the sidewalks.

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