

TRIAL SATURDAY

Leff and Lum Mabe and Jim Tom and Cleve Lawson Bound Over To Superior Court.

EACH GIVES BOND

Large Crowd Attends the Trial and Much Interest Shown—John Lawson is Released—The Evidence.

The trial of Leff and Lum Mabe, Jim Tom, Cleve and John Lawson, charged with engaging in an affray at a Christmas tree at Lawsonville on the night of Dec. 21, 1913, was heard in the court house here Saturday before Justice of the Peace N. A. Martin. Lum and Leff Mabe and Jim Tom and Cleve Lawson were all bound over to the next term of Superior court, while John Lawson was released, no evidence being given against him. The bonds of Leff and Lum Mabe were placed at \$200 each, while the Lawsons' bonds were made \$50 each. All of the parties gave bond. Leff Mabe was represented by Attorney N. O. Petree; Lum Mabe by attorney J. D. Humphreys, while Jim Tom and Cleve Lawson were represented by attorney J. W. Hill.

The trial attracted a great deal of attention and the crowd in attendance was as large as the average crowds in attendance on Superior court here.

The evidence given by the different witnesses was as follows:

John Rhodes I was at the Christmas tree and school building at Lawsonville on the night of Dec. 21, 1913. Leff and Lum Mabe were smoking at the stove, and Cleve Lawson told them to stop. Don't know whether Lum was smoking or not. Did not understand exactly what Cleve said, but it was in effect that if he did not stop, he would have him arrested. Cleve went back to the tree and then came back again, and Lum went up to him and asked him what he had done to be arrested for. Cleve turned and told him not to follow him. Lum said "Take your hands from behind you." Cleve said again, "Don't follow me." Cleve reached with his left hand and shoved Lum back. Then they went at it. Leff Mabe was watching and Jim Tom Lawson was standing close by. When the first licks were struck, Jim Tom and Leff went to fighting. Lum struck at Cleve and hit him. It was only a push. I saw no weapons. Several people put them out. Leff came back after being put out. I saw nothing in his hands. They were put out twice. It broke up the entertainment. Women and children fainted, cried and jumped out the windows. Examined: Cleve had his hand behind him. He had his hand behind on his right pocket before he shoved Lum back.

Miss Iris Fitzgerald—The entertainment was in progress when the fighting began. I had asked Cleve Lawson and Wesley Pringle to keep order. W. C. Fagg—I heard the disputing. First I saw was Lum Mabe push Cleve. He said "Take your hands out of your pocket." He said this twice. Cleve did not take them from behind. Lum struck him on the shoulder. Others got between them, but they got together again. Lum was advancing. Leff was nearly to the left of Lum. He was doing nothing, but going with them. Jim Tom ran out and broke off a piece of plank inside of the house. I did not see him strike. I saw the plank fly up. In the scuffle I saw Leff fall with Jim Tom on top. Jim Tom went by me into the crowd. I was about 8 or 10 feet away from them. We put them out, not hard. About a minute later they came back. Leff was close to the door, and Jim Tom was standing close to wall on the other side. I saw Jim Tom with brick. I saw the brick hit Leff. Leff in a minute came across the floor with a pistol. I grabbed the pistol and tried to get it away from him, but failed. We then pushed them out again. Examined: We put them out twice. When I got hold of the pistol Leff said "Turn me loose, I'm going to kill the d—n rascal." He kept it down. I saw Lum have a pistol outside. Blood was running from his head. I did not see Cleve have a weapon. Didn't see John Lawson have any weapon. I saw Cleve kick at Lum as Lum went out the door. I saw the pistol after Leff had been struck with the brick.

Richard Mabe—I saw the beginning but not the finish. Cleve went to Lum and Leff and they were talking about smoking, and Cleve said if they didn't quit he could or would have a warrant. I didn't see Lum smoking, but saw Leff with a pipe. Cleve went back, Lum followed. Cleve turned and said "Don't follow me." Cleve put his hand around. Lum walked up, and Cleve pushed him back. Lum hit him. That's all I saw. Never saw the other fight. I saw Leff pull off his overcoat and throw it on a bench and pulled out a pistol and said "I am going to kill the d—n son of ——" I did not see Jim Tom with the brick. Did not see Cleve or John Mabe.

Walter Lackey—Corroborated the others with reference to the conversation at the stove about smoking, and about Lum following Cleve, etc. Examined: After Leff was put out, he came back with his pistol in his hand. I saw no brick. Saw no weapon in the hands of Cleve or John. Cleve Lawson—I had been asked to keep order, and went to Lum and Leff and asked them to quit smoking. Leff said "I will smoke as much as you d—n please," and Lum said "Yes, smoke as much as you d—n please." Lum followed me, and struck at me with a knife. I hit him but used nothing but my fist. After we got them out, Leff came back with his pistol in his hands, and says "Where is he, I want to kill him." Chas. Fagg caught him and pushed his gun and pushed him out. Examined: I had no pistol. I kicked at Leff when they went out the door while we were scuffling.

John Lawson—I had nothing to do with the fight. I had a brick in my hand later, but was just handling it, and told some of them what if one of them had got hold of this. I did not kick at Leff.

W. W. Smith Corroborated the testimony with reference to Leff smoking, etc. Cleve went back, and Lum followed him. I saw no more. I did not see Lum smoking.

Hensey Mabe—Corroborated the others regarding the smoking, etc. Saw Lum and Cleve fighting. Jim Tom broke off a plank and struck Leff. John Lawson pulled Leff back. I saw

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Jim Tom threw a brick at Leff after Leff had come back. Saw no pistol. Examined: Leff was standing quiet. He was watching Jim Tom when he pulled the plank off and then he went towards Jim Tom. Jim Tom struck him first.

John Nelson Lawson—said that he saw Jim Tom throw the brick and that Leff came in with the pistol in his hand after he had been hit with the brick.

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