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14 Nov. 1890

Assizes.

R v Slumach

W Atkinson & Morris as prisoners
reads off of prisoner that & that
Woody & Florence Reed are receipt
conspire & witnesses

aff of Annie - to same effect
aff of De Cooper as to physical evidence
of witnesses refused

W Atkinson applies for postp.
of trial on grounds of absence but
no fact is stated to which they can
testify to - leave space to file post aff.

Prisoner was arraigned
& pleaded not guilty

W Atkinson reads post aff. of prisoner
of this date. stat. 3 threats & quarrelling
aff of Woorely. who saw Woody
on 12. at last House - shows in
witness

aff of Arthur Turner proves presence
of Woody.

Woorely states he will have three
witnesses tomorrow at 11. & at 11.30
ad. until that time.

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N. S. Hume

Witnesses reg^d by prisoner present the
petition was called -

W. Seaman foreman

W. Layton with Eckstein, juror

W. Atkinson & Morrison for defence

Seymour - Harrison river Indian -

I knew Louis Bee I saw him
about 9 weeks & 6 days ago at
Lillooet Slough, & I went up to
see one Louis Bee was a
half buck from Kaley. I went
with Louis Bee from Lillooet
Slough in a canoe up Pitt
River about 2 miles some
distance from Railroad Bridge
I saw nothing going up found
no bait on one Huron line
we decided to go back for bait
after paddling a short time
we met Swanzey & his wife
paddling down stream we were
going up stream - they came
near each other & Louis Bee
spoke to Swanzey. ~~He~~ after
the canoe passed we heard
a shot & Louis Bee supposed
to go free who fired - when we
got near to the place where we
heard the shot I saw a person
on the bank coming towards
us it was the prisoner

We went nearer the shore & Louis
 asked prisoner what he was firing
 at prisoner did not answer
 prisoner walked until he got
 to the edge of the water & then he
 got me from into position I fired
 at Louis I was in the stern of
 the canoe & Louis in the bow
 the canoe was bedways to shore
 after the shot was fired prisoner
 ran to his own canoe - I thought
 of pumping ^{out} of the canoe - Louis
 was holding on to the canoe
 I pumped out of the canoe &
 asked prisoner why he shot
 Louis - after I got ashore I saw
 blood on Louis shoulder - Louis
 fell into river after I got ashore
 I saw the Louis in water
 Louis said nothing after he was
 shot. water 3 feet deep - I had
 branches in my canoe - nothing else
 my canoe drifted off - prisoner's
 canoe was there - I thought told
 me he did not want anyone land
 there, I then ran away because
 I thought prisoner would shoot
 me as he was reloading - the gun
 was a triple barrel muzzle loader
 Haupt's
 to powder. called. C.S.

I made this plan of putting
 Kitt river on the ground - it is correct

Seymour -

We were going up the river &

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prisoner was on left bank
 Prisoner was about the elbow
 of slough - & walked down from
 prairie - This happened about 2^o
 in the afternoon - I hid myself
 & sat down & watched prisoner
 I remained about 20 minutes
 the prisoner came^d at his ^{own} canoe
 with his gun in his hand, I
 therefore came down to the bridge
 & got to my camp at hollow slough
 & I went to get my canoe &
 when I got it I came to head
 west^r. & told to the herman the
 Indian sequel. at night - I
 stayed at west^r that night & went
 up the next day in company
 with a white man - & I showed the
 place where the man was killed.
 & did not find the body a first
 as the tide was up, but afterwards
 found it where it fell - I took the
 body & put it in canoe & brought
 it to Westminster - Louis was sober
 the day he was shot so was I
 went to prisoner's camp in Coy with
 Mr. Meeby I saw an axe there -
 I saw this axe before in Louis' paper
 it belonged to him -

ad. for. here - I returned at 1^o

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I have lived at hollow slough since end
 of fishing season this year. Has not seen
 prisoners often - I don't know how far
 the prisoners live from my camp

deceased lived with her also 2 women & one old man - Louis wife & mine - I & Louis were fishermen - I left my camp after mid. day to go to the Louis - nothing in canoe but cedar shakes & paddles - no axe that I saw & no beatte to kill fish - I don't recollect telling Coroner that we had a beatte for killing Sturgeon - journal reads that in which witness stated they had a beatte -

I crossed the river after we heard the shot - at $\frac{1}{4}$ a mile away when we heard it - only could see prisoner's head at first at 100 yds from canoe he was in shore Louis held side of canoe after he was shot & then fell overboard. he never attempted to get out of canoe - I jumped out of canoe after Louis was shot. & hid myself in pass. prisoner could not see me. Tide out - Bank has only a slight rise - none of the or Indians ever talked about prisoner. Saw no pole in canoe.

Richard E. Walker. Phy. Surgeon.

I made a post mortem in hand knee deep: with Henry & Wellard present - found the deed had received a bullet wound over left shoulder it had passed downwards towards into chest. the left lung upper part of heart thro' right lung & found bullet in right pleura cavity. Icy stomach partially filled with food. digested and

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no indication of alcohol -
 the lungs were normal, no
 signs of death by drowning -
 the wound was inflicted during
 life & was cause of death, the
 body was 1/2 breed - 25 or 30 years
 old - I think the person had
 been dead 2 or 3 days

Charley - Sworn:

Katsey Tribe - I knew Louis
 Beer. I saw him where he was
 killed - he was in water 20 ft.
 from shore - I put body in canoe
 & took it to Louis Beer camp
 next mor^g? brought it to new house
 into a small out house - opposite
 Harveys - Captⁿ Attendough was
 at out house - Did not see
 prisoner when I found body
 I went with Hinesly to look for
 prisoner I saw him at a dist^{ce}
 & he walked away from me
 I also went with another for stable
 to look for prisoner, prisoner ran
 away - he was about a mile
 off

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The wife of deceased asked me
 to look for Louis body - it took
 me an hour to find it, it was
 abt. 16 feet from shore, it was high
 tide, the water was abt. 5 ft + a
 little more in depth - water was
 muddy - could not see body - I had
 a hook. when tide is out water

is clear - the first time I saw prisoner
 he was not in speak & dist^{ce} Prisoner
 was at foot of mountain & he went off
 up the mountain - prisoner had a
 gun. he was never without a gun
 on this day we were all armed.
 I have known prisoner was a Creighton
 but had no conversation with him -
 Swanitzler - Katsky.

I knew Louis Bee & I saw him
 up at Rott river the last time I saw
 him alive I think about noon
 he had been look^g at his timber he was
 in a canoe with Seymour they were
 going up stream - Louis say "Lakowa
 Tye - I passed & after I had gone
 some distance I heard ^{Edith} a shot

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I drink but not get drunk have
 known prisoner many years I
 liked at Katsky & Prisoner at Rott
 river - but know how many miles

Robert Anderson - S. worn constable -

I went up about a week after
 the report of the murder I went
 with Muesly to try to arrest prisoner
 I was there 8 days I was in a canoe
 with Indians I saw prisoner on
 shore - prisoner was present &
 his gun at me & I fired at him
 & he jumped into a canoe -
 this was in the neighbourhood of
 Camp

I saw him at a distance on another occasion -

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Charley was with me when I saw prisoner - he raised his gun & had it to his shoulder I fired a random shot to break his aim - I went up once with Murphy

Murphy J.

I went up to arrest prisoner 11 Sep - I could not find him I found an axe in his Cabin belong^g to Lewis & took prisoner, canoe - Prisoner was deliv^d to jail at 3 weeks ago 24 Sep

Sept^h.

I attend^d the Post mortem & decos^d the body as Lewis Bee I knew him well -

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I went up with ser^t. Special Constables, I went up 2 or 3 times - I went up the Lake on one occasion - I found his tracks but never saw him - I went cabin down to force him to surrender - have known deceased for 15 or 20 years I have known him drunk but no on charge -

Case for crown closed.

Witness = called.

Sam married to Lewis Bee 10 years had another husband before

Defence calls no witnesses
Verdict of guilty of wilful
murder -

Defence murder.

Proof of malice -

Stumach. the jury have found you
guilty of the wilful murder of Louis Bee
I am bound to say

Friday 16.

I therefore pronounced sentence of death.
to take place on 16 January next.

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Justice Sunday 17 Nov. 1890.