

Rezin Pumphrey, Sr. (- 19 Jul 1883)

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Criminal Court

The Court has been engaged for the better part of two days in the trial of John Long, for an assault with intent to kill Rezin Pumphrey. The case was given to the Jury yesterday afternoon. It appeared from the evidence that the two parties had met in a house near the mill where Pumphrey worked as miller. That whilst in it some altercation ensued between them. After this, Pumphrey left the house shutting the door behind him, to go to his mill. Very shortly afterwards Long followed, but soon returned, saying he had knocked down Pumphrey, using an epithet, and they would now see who was the best man; and that Pumphrey was lying dead in the road. Long then went away, and Pumphrey was soon found lying apparently lifeless on the ground near the mill with a dreadful fracture on the left side of his head, a pool of blood under him, and a stone with blood on it lying near his person. On examination by medical men a large portion of the wall of the cranium was found broken in, so as to considerably expose the brain. The wonder is that Mr. Pumphrey could survive at all.

At the close of the Court last evening the Jury had not rendered their verdict.

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In the criminal court, Wednesday the following cases were disposed of. . . . The case of John Long, for assault and battery with intent to kill Rezin Pumphrey occupied the remainder of the day and all yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault and battery only. The court, however, sentenced him to two years in the county jail.

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The case of John Long, tried for an assault with intent to kill Rezin Pumphrey, the particulars of which we gave in Friday's paper, result in a verdict of "guilty of the assault simply" with the intent, etc. He was sentenced by the judge to two years' imprisonment in jail.