

DREW EIGHT YEARS

Edward Scott is Found Guilty of the Murder of Lars Anderson and the Jury Recommends a Sentence of 8 Years at Hard Labor

Edward Scott of Wimbledon was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Lars Anderson and the jury recommended that he serve 8 years at hard labor in the penitentiars at Bismarck as punishment for the crime.

Albert Olson who was with Scott at the time of the murder is also charged with the death of Anderson and his trial is now in progress at Valley City.

Lars Anderson, a farmer, lived north of Wimbledon and the morning of July 2, he and his hired man went to town with a load of grain. They reached Wimbledon before noon, unloaded the grain and went to dinner. After dinner at a restaurant they secured a case of beer and with five or six others went to an old building near the station and drank it. They secured another lunch and a case of beer about supper time and drank this before 7 o'clock when they went to a restaurant and had supper. Afterwards they went to "Polack Charlie's" place. "Polack Charlie" had a place designated as a bowling alley and a number of men were gathered there and among them Edward Scott and Albert Olson.

In the course of the evening's hilarity Anderson scuffled with either Scott or Olson and was thrown to the floor with violence. He arose and struck one or both of them.

Toward midnight Anderson and his hired man left to secure their teams at the barn. When they reached More's store they discovered three men following them. Shortly afterwards they were set upon and the hired man was knocked insensible and lay in that condition for several hours. Anderson was beaten and death resulted. His body was carried from there 1800 feet east to a position on the Soo track near the grand stand of the old race track.

During the evening Scott and Olson were twitted by companions with the blows struck them by Anderson and they made threats "that Anderson has a long ways to get home and we will get even with him yet."

About 10 a. m., July 3 the body of Anderson was found and doctors summoned. From the wounds and the position of the body it was decided it was impossible that he could have been run over by a train and killed.