

THE MURDER OF OFFICER STONE.

A LIGHT VERDICT BY THE JURY—THE PRISONERS SENTENCED.

Counsel for the prisoners in the case of the members of the "Smoky Hollow Gang," indicted for the murder of Officer Stone, of the Third Precinct, continued his summing up yesterday in the Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer. He claimed that if the prisoner Burke was convicted of throwing the stone which fractured the officer's skull, that he could not be found guilty of a crime higher than manslaughter in the third degree. The Mungerfords, he said, could not be convicted on the evidence of anything but simple assault. District Attorney Catlin spoke briefly, reviewing the evidence and demanding that a verdict of murder in the first degree be found against Burke. Against the others he thought a verdict of assault and battery would be just. Judge Pratt, in charging, said that if the Mungerfords and Hanlon struck the officer while he was lying down, and helped to keep him in the position in which he received his death-wound, they were certainly accessory to the crime, and should be found guilty of manslaughter. The jury went out to consider their verdict at 4:15 o'clock, and at midnight they came into court with the following verdict: They found Daniel Burke, the man who threw the stone which fractured Officer Stone's skull, guilty of manslaughter in the second degree; Joseph Mungerford was found guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree, and Patrick Mungerford and Patrick Hanlon were found guilty of assault and battery. Judge Pratt sentenced the prisoners to the Kings County Penitentiary as follows: Burke, seven years; Joseph Mungerford, two years; Hanlon, one year, and Patrick Mungerford, six months.

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