

NOVEMBER 27, 1891.

MISS PFAFFMAN EXONERATED.
Judge Alden Renders a Decision of Not Guilty.

The conclusion yesterday in the district court of the Pfaffman-Juvenal case ends probably the most famous criminal trial in the history of the county. Miss Millie Pfaffman, who was arrested the 10th of last August, on the charge of an attempt to blow up with dynamite the residence of J. M. Juvenal in Armourdale, was exonerated by Judge Alden after an elaborate review of all the evidence connected with the crime. In his decision the judge stated that nothing had been shown which would warrant the court in holding the defendant, the circumstantial evidence shown not being sufficient when uncontradicted to give reasonable grounds for the belief that Miss Pfaffman on the night of the 10th of August placed a dynamite cartridge under the porch of Juvenal's residence and by that act became a criminal and amenable to the laws of the commonwealth of Kansas.

Mr. Juvenal was in the court room when Miss Pfaffman was discharged. He stated that so far as he was concerned that Miss Pfaffman could be assured that she would have no further trouble. He believed at the time that she was guilty, and that he could prove it. He had produced the testimony, and on that she had been discharged, and he was satisfied and would look elsewhere for the guilty one. He said he had no wish to persecute the lady, and was glad the case was over. Miss Pfaffman was congratulated by the attorneys, and thanked them warmly for their efforts in her behalf, and then returned to her home at Twenty-first and Summit streets, Kansas City, Mo.

This famous case began with the explosion on the night of August 10, the immediate arrest of Miss Pfaffman, the subsequent preliminary examination in Justice Hering's court, when her prosecutor attempted to kill her attorney, the commitment for the crime, and following close in the circumstantial chain surrounding the dynamite mystery, came the attempted poisoning of Mr. and Mrs. Juvenal, which was followed a week later, by the death of Mrs. Juvenal from the effects of a deadly drug.

No case in the history of the city has attracted so wide attention and so successfully defied the unremitting search of the detectives.

FLEECE OF THOUSANDS

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