

FIGHT IN CORRIDOR

Kennedy Floors Lewicki with the First Blow.

IT LASTS ONE ROUND

Detective Resents Sneering Talk to His Assistant.

Dupree Case Is Cause and Quarrel Follows Just Outside the Superior Courtroom.

With William F. McKnight as referee and the corridor of the city hall just outside the Superior court room door as the ring, Private Detective Frank Kennedy and Stanley Lewicki engaged in a one-round session of fistcuffs yesterday afternoon.

There were just two blows struck—when Kennedy struck Lewicki and when Lewicki struck the floor. Then Referee McKnight interferred, the combatants were separated and the group of interested spectators dispersed.

Kennedy has been prominent in the trial of John Dupree, who is charged with a statutory offense against a fourteen-year-old girl. It was Kennedy who followed Dupree and the child to a rooming house on Bostwick street and it was Kennedy, too, who broke into the room. He was one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution.

Assisting him in this case was a young fellow named Earl Gaffney. He shadowed the old man and the girl and reported their exact whereabouts to Kennedy. After Gaffney had testified yesterday there was a recess for a few moments and the witness walked out through Clerk Krakowski's office to the corridor.

Real Knock Down.

It is said that Lewicki accosted him sneeringly and said, "So you are one of Kennedy's sneaks, are you?" A few words passed and then Gaffney reported the affair to Kennedy. Frank got angry at once. He stepped up to Lewicki and trouble began to brew.

"If you have anything to say, come to me with it!" shouted Frank. "You needn't jump on this boy. He is no sneak, but was simply performing his duty as he was directed to."

This opened the altercation, which had lasted but a few minutes when the bystanders heard Lewicki remark "Take off your glasses and I'll show you something."

Kennedy reached up and removed his spectacles, at the same time remarking that while he was an old man he thought he could take care of himself, and then the gong sounded. Whether Lewicki made the first pass is not certain, but anyway Kennedy dodged a little to one side, stepped in close and landed a good right upper cut on his opponent's chin.

Combatants Are Separated.

Lewicki sat down on the tile floor suddenly and with something of a jolt. Just then Mr. McKnight appeared on the scene. He seized Kennedy, somebody else got hold of the other man, and the excitement was over.

The Dupree case is nearing a close. The little girl who makes the serious charge against the respondent has told her revolting story and yesterday afternoon Dupree took the stand in his own defense. He denied any wrong conduct and declared that he merely was actuated by a desire to assist the girl whom he found in Muskegon. He denied absolutely the story told by the girl and under Attorney Dunham's skillful cross-examination the child became badly muddled on some important points while she was testifying.

This morning Assistant Prosecutor Herman took up the cross-examination of Dupree and sought to show the jury that his story was unreasonable.