

Jebson, who said that he struck at Walker with a cricket bat as the latter was in the act of lifting the woman up, and that he tried to grasp her clothes when she was thrown over the balustrades of the bridge. The jury found "that the woman had been drowned, her death being caused by her being lifted over the rails of the bridge by the prisoner, and they made the recommendation that if found guilty at the assizes capital punishment should not take place."

THE DEWSBURY MURDER CASE.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

Yesterday afternoon Harry Walker, of Hopton, the young man charged with the murder of a woman under circumstances already reported in the *Mercury*, was taken in a cab from the Dewsbury lockups to the District Infirmary, that he might be present during the inquest on the body, and was accompanied by his solicitor, Mr. H. A. Ellis, of Dewsbury. It transpired that the deceased's proper name is Sarah Jane Chatman, though she has always figured in the police books as Chapman.

At the inquest, which was before Mr. Matland, the witnesses were Mr. Geo. Wm. Jebson, Mrs. Abm. Firth, both of Savile Town, Mr. Benson Oakes, Mr. W. F. Watts, surgeon, Dewsbury, a groom in the employ of Mr. J. Brown, two policemen, and Jubal Gibson, the man with whom Chatman cohabited. Nothing was stated in evidence beyond what has already appeared except by