

COLONEL BRECKINRIDGE'S DEFENDER

An Interesting Incident in the Career of Phil B. Thompson.



PHIL THOMPSON ADDRESSING THE COURT.

Had just shot and killed one Walter Davis as the latter was stepping from a car on the Cincinnati and Southern railroad.

Congressman Thompson, on surrendering, made a pathetic speech in court, detailing his wrongs. There were profound silence and but few dry eyes while Thompson was speaking.

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Thompson was sitting in the courtroom armed when four Davises, with whom the Thompsons had a feud, entered, also armed.

Considering Major Ben Hutterworth's connection with the Breckinridge case, it is interesting to read in the New York Tribune of April 25, 1883, that when Hutterworth heard of Thompson's crime he exclaimed: "Great God, is it possible? Am you not jasting? While I have heard no particulars of the killing, I believe in my heart that Phil Thompson would not have done this deed if he did not sincerely believe that he was an outraged man."

Major McKinley of Ohio, then a congressman, said: "I have often heard of Thompson's killing men, but somehow I would hardly believe it. Many a time I have noticed him on the floor of the house, always so quiet, pleasant and gentlemanly that I could not persuade myself to the thought that he would or could kill a man. I know him very well, and I like him. He has more friends on our side than any other Democrat I know of in the house. Yet I have always found Thompson to be a persistent man in debate, and while he has a gentle eye he has also a determined one. I am sorry for his misfortune."

Mr. Thompson was promptly brought to trial, was eloquently defended by Senator Voorhees of Indiana and J. C. S. Blackburn, at present a senator from Kentucky, and was triumphantly acquitted on May 16, less than three weeks after the day he killed Davis.

For several years past Mr. Thompson has been living very quietly in Washington, where he is well known and well liked. He was born in Harrodsburg, Ky., Oct. 14, 1845. He is a man of small stature, with dark brown hair, dark complexion, and wears a stubby brown mustache.

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There is intense sympathy for Thompson, though Davis is very popular. Davis has a wife and two children. He was 29 years of age. Mrs. Thompson was 40 and prominently connected. Davis' widow is a stepdaughter of Governor Robinson of Georgetown. Mrs. Davis' first knowledge of her husband's death was the arrival of the body. She fainted several times. She now suffers from nervous prostration. She never suspected her husband's infidelity.

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WASHINGTON, April 25.—The intelligence that Congressman Thompson had killed another man caused a deep sensation here, where he is well known and extremely popular. A friend thinks it was well understood that whenever Thompson and Davis should meet they would shoot. Thompson bears the reputation of having great pluck and nerve. A friend says that Davis is the fifth or sixth man who has fallen by Thompson's pistol, which, however, he declares was never before drawn except in self defense. While Thompson was a member of Morgan's command during the war he shot down two men who leveled rifles at him. After the war, when he was prosecuting attorney of the court at Harrodsburg, three of the

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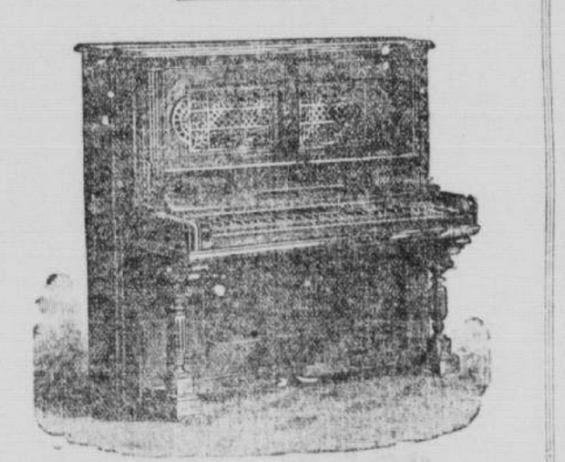
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