

ESTES MURDER CASE

Judge Loving Will Be Indicted To-day.

PUBLIC SYMPATHY DIVIDED

Prominence of Two Families Involved Cause of Intense Interest in Proceedings—Plea of Unwritten Law Again to Figure—Tragic Position of Daughter of Accused.

Special to The Washington Herald. Richmond, Va., May 26.—Probably one of the most sensational cases in the annals of criminology in Virginia will be formally called at Lovington, Nelson County, to-morrow, when ex-Judge William G. Loving will be indicted for the murder of Theodore Estes, whom Judge Loving accused of drugging his daughter.

The prominence of the two families involved, and the close relation by marriage of one of them with the governor of the State, lend an additional absorbing interest to the approaching trial. The sympathies of the people, with the one side or the other, have torn the county of Nelson in twain. The political aspect of the situation will involve the most prominent and powerful people in the Commonwealth.

Events Leading to Shooting.

The events leading up to the shooting are in themselves full of interest. On the afternoon in question, which happened to be Sunday, young Estes had an engagement to drive with Miss Mary Kidd, daughter of E. L. Kidd, clerk of the Nelson County Court, at whose home Miss Loving happened to be visiting at the time. Upon the return of the young people from the drive, Miss Kidd suggested that her escort take her guest for a spin along the country roads, which suggestion was readily acted upon.

Miss Loving was returned to the Kidd home in a state bordering upon unconsciousness. It was necessary to assist her from the buggy, and into the house, where she was put to bed, and where she remained until the following day. A physician was called to attend the young woman; Estes, himself, going for the man of medicine. The physician is said to have made a typhoid fever diagnosis, after the death of Estes, that he treated the girl for an overdose of whisky, and that there were no evidences, and that he never suspected an assault. Miss Loving, later, is reported to have acknowledged that she had been feeling unwell all day, and that she took a small drink from a bottle offered her by Estes. The supposition is that she took more than she intended, which may have accounted for her partial unconsciousness.

Judge Loving left his home on Monday with the avowed purpose of killing Estes. He carried his shotgun at the bottom of his buggy. He drove first to Oak Ridge, where Estes was staying, and where he was a partner of his father, and was there directed to the car on the railroad siding. Driving up to the door of the car, Judge Loving peremptorily demanded of two negroes standing outside, and without any preliminary warning, shot the young man down.

After the shooting, when the negroes started to the assistance of the fallen youth, he told them that it was no use, that he had shot to kill. Estes died before he could be removed from the car. Immediately after the shooting, Judge Loving drove to Lovington and surrendered to the authorities. He made no denial of the killing, nor has any such denial ever been made.

Plea of Unwritten Law.

Judge Loving was accorded a preliminary hearing on the following day, at which time the case was re-argued to the Nelson County grand jury, Judge Loving being released on bail. Judge Loving pleaded the "unwritten law" in his own defense at the preliminary hearing, and this defense will probably enter largely into the actual trial of the case. Judge Loving stated that he killed Estes because Estes had drugged his daughter. He called attention to the fact that he did not hunt for Estes on Sunday, the day of the alleged crime; but waited until the following day, after both he and his wife had an opportunity of talking to the girl, and getting the story from her own lips. He stated that the girl had been returned home after the buggy ride, drugged, and that he had done only what any man would have done under similar circumstances. Judge Loving's lawyers also gave out a similar statement at that time. The "unwritten law" feature, as a justification in the action of Judge Loving, was practically the sole plea at that time.

No Statement from Girl.

No statement has ever been procured from Miss Loving as to what actually took place on the buggy drive. She was removed to her home in the city after the shooting, and has been kept in close retirement since. Her every action and movement are carefully guarded, no sentiment being allowed to escape from her lips as to what she will probably say when placed on the stand. Her testimony will undoubtedly be the feature of the trial. The most intense interest is being manifested in the probable stand that she will take.

Her Position is One of the Most Peculiar

Her position is one of the most peculiar in which a young girl could be placed. If an assault was not committed by Estes, she will be placed on the rack between conflicting duties. If she testifies that Estes offered her no indignities, then she will publish to the world that her father killed the man without sufficient provocation, and will, herself, be doing more than any other person, to send him to a prison cell or to the gallows.

Riding Club is Organized.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., May 26.—The Clarksville Riding and Driving Club has been organized at Clarksville, W. Va., with a membership of thirty-one and the following officers: President, John W. Davis; secretary and treasurer, Raymond Maxwell; executive committee, E. B. Deison, R. J. Gauley, and Arthur Parsons.

Virginia K. of P. to Meet.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., May 26.—The annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Virginia Knights of Pythias will convene here Tuesday evening, and it is expected that the session will continue until Thursday. Some 200 delegates and visitors are expected in the city during the sessions of the organization.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, May 26.—Arrived out: Cedric, at Liverpool, from New York. Sailed: Umbria, at Queenstown for New York.

PROF. HENDRICKSON RETIRES.

Head of Department of Mathematics at Naval Academy Detached. Annapolis, Md., May 26.—At his own request the Navy Department has relieved Prof. William Wirt Hendrickson from duty as head of the department of mathematics at the Naval Academy. He will be detached from that duty next month and ordered to his home, Prof. Hendrickson has served as head of the mathematics department since 1897. June 21, 1906, he went on the retired list of the navy by virtue of the age limit, with the rank of captain, but he was continued on duty at the Academy. Whether Prof. Hendrickson will resume his duties in the fall is a matter of conjecture, but in all probability he will not. The Navy Department will now be called upon to detail a successor to the department chief. The next in succession, according to rank, is Prof. Stimson J. Brown, at present chief assistant to Prof. Hendrickson, and it is thought that he will be designated.

VIRGINIA TEACHERS TO MEET.

Conference is Lined for June 21 and 22 at Lynchburg. Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., May 26.—A meeting of the teachers of the high schools of Virginia has been called by Prof. Edgar Sydenstricker, of the Lynchburg High School, who is president of the Virginia State High School Teachers' Conference, to be held at the University of Virginia, on June 21 and 22, the University being selected as the place of meeting at the suggestion of President E. A. Alderman. The meeting will be the regular semi-annual one. The conference was organized at Richmond last November, with the election of Prof. Sydenstricker, president, and J. C. Harwood and C. C. Pierson, of the Richmond High School, vice president and secretary, respectively.

RAIDING DISSOLUTE NEGROES.

Winchester Mayor Determined to Break Up Terrorizing Gangs. Winchester, Va., May 26.—Mayor H. H. Baker swore in a number of plain clothes policemen last night, and taking a head hunt, made a determined move to break up disorderly crowds of negroes who, becoming intoxicated, have terrorized residents of North Winchester late at night. The police arrested negroes who have been stealing coal from the Baltimore and Ohio railroad yards, dissolute negro women, and craps shooters.

Lexington Pastor Resigns.

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Death of Charles W. Gibbens.

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NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Junior Order United Americans Holds Memorial.

LAST EFFORT TO SAVE NEGRO

Joseph Thomas' Lawyer to Appeal to Gov. Swanson—R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans Attend the Funeral of William G. Moore. Strike Rumors Are Unfounded.

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