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SHRINER TRIAL

On Monday the case of the State of Ohio vs Douglas Shriner, indicted for murder in the second degree, opened in the common pleas court here, Judge Martin on the bench, and as we go to press the case is still being tried, and warmly contested on both sides.

On January 14 a shooting occurred in the Ed. Price temperance saloon, and E. W. Estep, a shop employee subsequently died at the Chapman Hotel. There is no doubt that the gun was in the hands of Douglas Shriner, bar tender, that inflicted the gunshot wound on the body of Estep, but Shriner claims self defense. There were but the two persons in the saloon at the time of the shooting, and the exact way it happened will probably never be known. Shriner says that Estep came into the saloon from off the Lancaster train, and that he was drunk when he entered the place. There was some dispute ensued after a while between Shriner and Estep, as to a twenty dollar bill that Estep claimed that he had when he came into the place, and that he had later missed from his roll, and he was accusing Shriner of taking his money, which Shriner denied. The defendant says that Estep was a big man, and made a lunge at him and had him clinched, and being afraid of great bodily harm, he drew his revolver and fired the shot into the body of Estep, who released his hold and walked to the door and went out. Later Night Marshal Mathiott found the wounded man lying on the step in front of the saloon building, and calling medical aid, he was removed to his boarding place, and subsequently died, within a week or two.

By far the most damaging evidence gotten in by the state was that of the dying declaration of the wounded man, Estep. Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell (stenographer), Judge Wright and Prosecuting Attorney H. E. Sparrow were called to the bedside of Mr. Estep on Friday morning, prior to the Monday morning of his death, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock, and took the dying declaration of the wounded man. This declaration was admitted to the jury, and was read by Mrs. Campbell from her notes that were taken on that night. The declaration and proceedings in the sick room as narrated by Mrs. Campbell were about as follows: Dr. Campbell told Estep that his recovery is very doubtful, and that these lawyers are present to take down any statement he might make. Judge Wright asked the sick man if he knew that he could not recover. He said he had been told so by the doctor, and had a right to believe him. He was then asked to narrate how the shooting happened. He said he had gone to Lancaster on the evening train, and while there visited a saloon. That he returned to Logan on the 8 o'clock train, and went to Prices temperance saloon near the Logan depot. That he was there for a while and started to go away. That Dug Shriner called him back and told him not to go away with the fellow he was with, that he might get robbed. (It was pay day.) Estep returned to the place and Shriner asked for Estep's money to show him how to fold it a new way. Estep handed out his money and claimed when it was handed back to him, the roll was \$23.00 short. He accused Shriner of taking his money. That Shriner told him that he did not take his money, and if he accused him of taking the money he would kill him. That some words were exchanged and Shriner got a gun from a drawer and Estep tried to persuade him not to shoot. Estep said in his statement that if he could have gotten hold of the gun he believed he had been strong enough to have wrenched the gun from Shriner, but he could not and Shriner shot him. He knew nothing more after that until in the hotel in bed. He said he had not been behind the bar, nor had any fight with Shriner, and did not hate Shriner down on the floor. That he tried to get away but could not.

The state was further supported by Night Officer Mathiott, who first found the wounded man, lying on the step in front of the Price saloon. He thought the man was lying there drunk, and tried to enter the saloon to phone for assistance, but the door was locked, and he could see nobody about. He went to the depot and phoned for Bishop, asst. night man, and when coming back to the man on the step, Shriner came to the door, and told the officer that he had shot the man, and gave Mathiott a \$20.00 bill that he claimed to have found on the floor, where the

man had dropped it.

It was incumbent on the state to prove that Estep came by his death from a gun shot wound. Coroner, Dr. W. H. Tipple testified that there was gangrenous formation about the wound and that such was the cause of his death. Dr. H. G. Campbell testified that there was no gangrenous formation about the wound, and that the man died from pneumonia.

Defendant Shriner was on the stand Wednesday and today, and told how he was in self-defense when he had to shoot. He said that Estep came into the place about 8 o'clock and was in there all evening. That he had several quarts of whiskey with him and was drunk. That Estep played cards and played slot machines and was quarrelsome. That Estep threw his money around promiscuously and after a while accused Shriner of taking a \$20.00 bill. Shriner testified that he had not taken his money, and told him so. Said that Estep said, with an oath, that he would get his money if he had to break the register. Shriner said Estep started to come around behind the bar to the register, and Shriner, believing him to be a powerful man, got the gun from the drawer to protect the place. Said Estep came on behind the bar and they grappled, and went down on the floor. That Estep was on top of him, choking him, when he fired the shot. That Estep got up and went out, and afterward Shriner found a \$20.00 bill on the floor and gave it to Mathiott.

To substantiate this story of the shooting, Edwin Price testified that the glasses of the sideboard were broken and on the floor. That the drip at the cooler was mashed and a cork pulled crushed off the sideboard and lying on the floor. That there was much evidence of a struggle behind the bar. Dr. Campbell testified that he had been called to attend Shriner next day who had a badly swollen throat and bruises on the face. Bridge Carpenter Beman testified that he had gone to Lancaster with Estep and that they returned to Logan on the 8 o'clock train, and Estep had 3 quarts of whiskey, one pint of which the witness and Estep drank while on the train between Lancaster and Enterprise. Several persons testified that they were in Price's saloon between the hours of 8:00 o'clock and 11 o'clock, and saw Estep in there and that he was intoxicated.

The case is one of the most stubbornly contested that ever came up in this court. Prosecuting Attorney H. E. Sparrow and Judge O. W. H. Wright represent the state, and E. D. Ricketts, C. V. Wright and E. O. Pettit for the defense. The case will not go to the jury until tomorrow or perhaps Saturday.

The jury is composed of the following citizens of the county: Carl Karshner, A. I. Blackwood, Thos. Burns, Chas. Fickel, Jerome Sanford, Jas. White, Chas. Doebele, J. C. France, Amos Kline, H. C. Beery, Isaac High, and Herbert Trimmer.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY.
A special session of the Grand Jury was held in Logan, Friday to investigate the burglary case at So. Perry for which John Cavine was arrested. The jury found no indictment against him.

GRAND JURY.
A. J. Nunemaker, Geo. Ford, Joe Collins, Thos. Brown, Chas. Miller, W. H. Funk, D. E. Harsh, James Noble, Wm. Snider, Ed. Tom, Wm. Lowry, John Hansel, W. I. Bowers, John Coakley, Moses Strawn.

Subscriptions.
The following have our thanks for subscriptions to the DEMOCRAT-SENTINEL, paid during the week of May 10, 1909:

Augustus Kessler, Isaac Wolf, Conrad Pletch, James Dicken, J. D. Shaw, G. O. Weitzell, E. E. Bright, F. Z. Johnson, National Bank, Emil Eichel, John Fox, C. P. Armstrong, Charles Heigle, Logan; D. D. Mathias, C. J. Goes, Rockbridge; Wm. Griffin, Sand Run; Mrs. George McManus, Circleville; Mrs. Charles Neff, Turlington; Frank Wilson, C. G. Johnson, Laurelville; J. G. Hoy, Orland; Rev. A. B. Weatherby, Stacy Hiles, Webb Summit; W. H. Wiggins, Charlie Turner, So. Bloomingville.

Program for May Festival, May 27th

(a) A Song of Rest, Hatty Carmoon, Waltz Song, Wilson
Mrs. Blasius
An Open Secret, Woodman
I Once Had A Dear Little Doll Dear, Nevia
Mrs. McKay
Calum As The Night, Gotze
Mrs. Blasius, Mr. Barrington
The Rose Maiden, Cawata
Logan Choral Society
Records, May 27th, at Opera House Drug Store.

SOCIETY EVENTS

Saturday Club
The Saturday Club will meet Saturday with Mrs. Fannie Garrett.

Enterpean
Miss Clara Quinn will receive the Enterpean Club Friday evening.

Jolly Dozen
Mrs. Frank Eberst will entertain the Jolly Dozen, Thursday evening.

School Party
Friday evening the Freshmen entertained the Sophmors' at the home of Miss Irene Gladman. The evening was spent with games and contests, Miss Helen Holl winning girl's prize, a hat pin, and Mr. Wilford Judy, the boy's prize, a book of poems.

Sewing Circle
On Wednesday evening the Sewing Circle club gave a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. John Wellman on Glenview Heights. The affair was given in honor of Mrs. Chas. Sloan of Jackson, an out of town member. Mrs. Will Strentz was a guest.

W. C. T. U.
Mrs. Mace Bray entertained the W. C. T. U. last Friday and some very interesting papers were read by Mrs. Correll and Mrs. Bray. The Society is still keeping up their Cottage Prayer Meetings and Flower Mission work. Mrs. Bray served refreshments.

Jollity
The Jollity Club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Fred Straacke and spent a good social time, no program being given. Miss Nellie Straacke rendered some fine piano selections. Light refreshments were served. Mrs. Alice Heft will receive the club in two weeks.

Birthday Party
Miss Mary Gabriel celebrated her thirteenth birthday Tuesday evening, about fifty of her little friends being present and spending a very happy evening. Miss Mary was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. A two course lunch was served. Miss Mary Elizabeth Hood, of Lancaster, was an out-of-town guest.

Tourist Club
On Thursday the Tourist Club went to Haydenville, where they were welcomed by Mrs. Chas. McLain. Responses to roll call were from George W. Curtis. Mrs. McLain had a paper on "Essays of Today." Mrs. E. B. Conly gave some readings from "Under My Study Lamp." Mrs. McLain served a fine three course dinner, assisted by her daughter Miss Emma, Miss King and Miss Florence Bright, of Logan. Mrs. Kerr of Haydenville, furnished some nice music for the club and guests, who were Mrs. S. H. Bright, Mrs. John Strentz and Mrs. Worrall.

Social Circle
Mrs. Dr. J. B. Ellison very pleasantly entertained the Social Circle Wednesday afternoon. Responses to Roll Call were "What would you do if you had a million dollars?" Mrs. Ellison gave a contest of pictured advertisements, the club prize going to Mrs. Jas. Rochester, a pair of embroidered pillow cases; Mrs. Frank Saters receiving the visitors prize, a fancy dusting cap. The guests were Mrs. Chapman, of Florida, Mrs. Frank Saters, of Spokane, Wash., and Miss Emma Snider. Light refreshments were served. In two weeks the club will meet with Mrs. Will Frasch.

Domestic
Thursday afternoon the Domestic Club met with Mrs. Sarah Stallsmith and spent one of their very pleasant afternoons. Responses to Roll Call were sayings and quotations relating to Decoration Day. Mrs. I. C. Wright read an excellent article on "A plea for a National Anthem." Mrs. Will Acker had an amusing paper on "The Mother-in-law's experience," and Mrs. Will Larimer a Magazine reading entitled "When Lydia Married Him." Mrs. Stallsmith served a fine three course five o'clock dinner, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. George and Mrs. Chas. Stallsmith. The visitors were Mrs. M. N. Parsons, Mrs. Dr. Raney, Mrs. Chas. Reutenwalt and Master Billie Rochester, Little Loretta Mutchmore and Helen Hansel.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brailey were the over Sunday guests of relatives in Rutland and were accompanied home Monday by Miss Merle Brailey, a sister, who will visit them a few days.

High School Doings

The approaching commencement season of the Logan High school each year has its heralding by the boys in their athletics and the girls with their cheers.

The Senior class this year is fifteen in numbers, nine boys and six girls, very unusual proportions. The class is composed of the following young people: Paul Dollison, Fred Warner, Glendon Fritsch, John Krieg, Jacob Geiger, Willis McManigal and Barton Holl, are the young men. The young ladies are: Lena Phelps, Florence Raney, Grace Sparrow, Edna Meldrim, Ethel Hotchkiss and Louise Mitchell.

The commencement calendar is as follows:
Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. C. R. Wilson at the Presbyterian church, on Sunday evening, May 30.
Class Night exercises will be at the Opera House on Thursday evening, June 3.
Promotion morning exercises at the school buildings, Friday morning, June 4.
Commencement exercises will be held at the Opera House, Friday evening, June 4. Dr. Fess, the great Lincoln eulogist, will deliver the annual address.

Some of the athletics that the High School boys engaged in were: Ball games at Murray City last Saturday, Logan team defeating Murray by a score of 11 to 4. Sparrow, the Logan twirler, allowed only 5 hits, striking out 9 of his opponents. The Logan High School team regret that no return games can be had here, because of no suitable grounds obtainable. The boys play well, having secured 35 runs in 3 games, and deserve encouragement in some of our citizens trying to secure a ball ground for them.

At Athens on Saturday our high school boys measured up with others. There was a meet of the Southeastern Ohio High School Athletic clubs, under the auspices of the Ohio University Athletic club of Athens. Five young men from Logan contested: Fred Warner, Dean Bort, Will Stone, Carl Blackston and Joe Brown. Will Stone carried off third honors, bronze medal, in placing-hammer contest and Joe Brown won first prize, gold medal, in putting shot contest.

On Saturday of this week the Logan High school will contest with the Nelsonville High School in a foot relay race, from Logan to Nelsonville. The Logan sprinters will be Fred Warner, Dean Bort, Frank Tipton, Joe Brown, John Krieg and Antone Fox. They will each run 2 miles.

John Elder Defeated.
We regret, personally, the defeat of Conductor John Elder, for the appointment of Revenue Collector for this district to succeed Dave Moore of Athens. Willis Bowland, of Columbus, a politician got the plum. It was certainly not sincerely expected by Elder and his friends to come to him, because, President Taft would not appoint a railroad man to any position. He has no use for the railroad boys. Elder had Congressman Douglas, Senator Dick and National Committeeman A. I. Voris and all the national railroad men's organization, but Taft would not heed the supplications. No railroad man need apply to Taft.

Probate Court
Affidavit filed by Wm. H. Copenhaver, alleging the insanity of John Copenhaver, of Ward Township. Warrant issued and subpoena for witnesses. Hearing had, finding allegation and affidavit true. Commitment to Athens State Hospital ordered.

Petition to sell real estate filed by Simeon Rutter, guardian of Thomas McLin, a minor. Order for notice issued; also notice to ward filed and returned. Waiver of summons filed. Hearing had May 7. Order for appraisement issued.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Jack Burnett, New Pittsburg, Ohio; Myrtle Loper, Nelsonville, Ohio.
George Branigan, Ashland Ky.; Ethel Pruden, Longstreth, Fr. Schwartz.

Theoras Payne Dell, Murray Ohio; Wealthy Grace Simmers, Murray Ohio, Rev. Tope.
John Bailey, Goodhope; Myrtle Emma Bowden, Goodhope. G. W. Dupler, J. P.

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OIL AND GAS TALK

The casing has dropped several hundred feet in the Kerr well east of Bremen.

The Mt. Pleasant company expects to complete its first well in Licking county, next week.

The directors of the Oliver company held a meeting in New Lexington on Tuesday afternoon.

H. W. Wolford and W. A. Thompson, directors in the McLuney company, went to Bremen on oil business, Tuesday.

The big Diamond well filled three 250-barrel tanks from the time it was shot Saturday morning until Monday night.

The Logan Natural Gas Co. has secured a franchise to lay piping through Baltimore to their different wells between the two towns of Basil and Baltimore.

Farmers in the vicinity of New Lexington, whose land was considered of no value for oil purposes before the Pike well came in, are now asking \$100 an acre for leases.

The Logan Gas and Oil Company has commenced laying a 16-inch gas line to connect the Licking county line at Union Station, about two miles above Hebron with the Sugar Grove pump station and the West Virginia line. The company also started work on the line in the Basil field.

The Hocking Oil and Gas Co. has three rigs bought and No. 1 is on the ground on the Dickens farm.

No. 2 will be erected on the Houston farm.
No. 1 well is contracted for with Zerkle, Knox & Co.
No. 3 has not yet been located.

The Dividend Oil and Gas Company was incorporated Tuesday with a capital stock of \$50,000. The company holds leases on 1,505 acres some of which is in the Bremen and Junction City fields. A derrick is being erected on a lease adjoining the Alberta territory. The incorporators and directors are C. T. McCoy, president; Ed Pearsall, vice president; W. E. Newman, secretary; Geo. M. Hickel, treasurer; John Chandler, field manager.

The stockholders of the Ohio State Oil company which was recently incorporated by a number of Columbus business men has organized by the election of Frank R. Toothaker, president; W. H. Reynolds, vice president; John W. Bradshaw, treasurer; M. K. English, secretary; D. J. Davis, field manager. The company has some leases in the Bremen field but the principal district of its operations will be in the Ohio and Butler counties, Ky., where the company has leases on over 6,000 acres of land.

Real Estate Transfers
Marion Twp.—Carrie Smith to Wesley R. and Ethel E. Blackston, 2 acres; consideration \$150.
Logan—Uriah Brown and wife to James P. Bright, part of Fractional Lot No. 5; consideration \$300.
Perry Twp.—Samuel W. Lutz to Lulu B. and Jessie Westenberg, 2 1/2 acres; also 10 acres in Sec. 2; \$1.00 and other considerations.
Chillicothe Land District—Samuel W. Lutz to Lulu B. Westenberg and husband, 1 acre and 51 rods; \$1.00 and other considerations.

Benton Twp.—Charley and Susan Dilts to Ada Harper, 40 acres; also 20 acres same township, in all 94 acres; consideration \$1000.
Laurel Twp.—Carl Hoepfner to John Unkle, being an undivided one half interest in about 596 acres of land; consideration \$350.
Logan—Raymond S. Nixon and wife to Ferd Carpenter and wife, Lot No. 830 in village of Logan; consideration \$1250.
Green Twp.—Anna S. Woodruff to Geo. L. and Ethel M. Wright, Lot No. 8 in Sec. 28, containing 10.95 acres; also part of Lot No. 3 in Sec. 27, containing 31.36 acres; also part of Lot No. 4, containing 47.70 acres; also part of Lot 7 in Sec. 33 and Lot 12 in Sec. 34, containing 31 acres. In all 120.11; consideration \$6015.
Quit Claim Deed—Perry Twp.—Salem E. Peterson et al to Celina A. and John Stump, 40 acres in Sec. 28; consideration \$323 25.
Logan—Austin True to Minna R. Wagenhalls, Lot No. 1160 in Glenova Addition; consideration \$500.

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Mrs. Nannie E. Winters.

Mrs. Nannie E. Winters was born in White County, Ill., Sept. 8, 1866, and died at Logan, Ohio, May 13, 1909. She lived 42 years, 8 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of Joseph and Emily Young.

In earlier life she taught for a few years in the public schools. She was married in 1897 to H. H. Winters.

In 1890 her mother died and her father died in 1892, and one year later she lost her only brother. This so reduced the family that in 1901 she came to Ohio to make her home with her great uncle, Aaron Young, and aunt, Cynthia Holmes. Since the death of Mr. Young in 1903 she has lived in Logan.

She leaves to mourn her death two sisters, Mrs. Frank Adcock, of Logan, Ohio, and Cynthia Young, of Lincoln, Ill., and a number of relatives and friends.

She was never strong. For a number of years she has been in poor health. More than a year ago her condition became very serious and she was compelled to go to the hospital for treatment.

While she improved at times there was hope for recovery. She bore her afflictions without complaint and on several occasions expressed her desire to pass to the Spirit World. Yet she was sometimes hopeful and made her plans for the immediate future. But on the morning of the last day of her intense suffering the complication of diseases overcame her strength and she reposed into a sleep from which she never awoke. She passed away quietly and without apparent pain.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of Burnt Prairie, Ill. The funeral was held from the residence of Mr. Frank Adcock, Saturday, Rev. Correll, officiating.

Mr. Eli Oehler, of the shops, was a visitor in Columbus, Saturday.

Yard Brakeman Harry Krinn is laying off and Charley Krieg is filling his place.
Conductor Frank McBride is back on his passenger run to Pomeroy, after a few days vacation.
Brakeman S. B. Knowlton is laying off for a few days and Sam Buchanan is working in his place.
Conductor Jess Voris, who had McBride's run for a few days, has returned to his regular freight run 12.

Conductor Wallace Glenn was in Gallipolis over Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Glenn.
Mr. Charles Unkle, night yard foreman, was off duty Friday and Saturday. Flave Proctor was in his place.
Conductor John Elder was enthusiastic Wednesday morning in his reporting that an immense oil well was struck at Marshfield.

Mr. Charley Deishley, of the dispatcher's office, with Miss Katie Delp, accompanied by Mr. George Smith and Miss Mickel, Mr. Chas. Larimer and Miss Jessie Reasoner, were in Pomeroy over Sunday and had a very enjoyable time.

Oak Grove
Spring is here at last and everyone is busy getting their spring work done.
Lehman and Cecil Miller spent Sunday afternoon with Irma Weaver.

Tillie L. Blosser, of Columbus, who has been employed at Z. L. White's, has returned home to spend her vacation with her parents, Sol Blosser and wife.
John Beery and wife spent Sunday with Pearl Rolston and family.
Frank Brewer and wife are the proud parents of a 15 pound baby boy.

Johnson Trimmer, Killed.
Mr. Henry Trimmer received word that on Friday, May 7, his brother Johnson Trimmer, was killed near his home in Stronghurst, Illinois, by being struck by a train while crossing the track.
We will give a more extended account of the accident next week from the "Stonghurst Graphic."

Mr. and Mrs. Will Deishley are visiting in Lancaster for a few days.

WIND STORM

A wind and rain storm passed through Washington township south of Logan, Saturday evening, that did much damage, and was one of the fiercest in years.

The storm seemed to take in by Honey Fork and over the ridge at George Anthony's, where the greatest damage was done. Anthony's barn was lifted from the foundation and a shed turned, and some damage was done at Chas. Meldrim's. Farther toward New Plymouth the path of the storm showed much damage again, the iron roof and rafters being blown from the barn on James Brimmer's farm, a large tree was twisted off at the residence of Robert Stone, falling on the kitchen and damaging the roof so that the rain poured into the house. The windows were broken in at the Alf Souders house, and a flock of sheep belonging to Wm. Marks were driven before the storm and four killed and sixteen injured.

City Delivery.
With the beginning of city delivery in Logan, U. S. Mail Collection Boxes will be located as follows: Corner Front and Market, Cherry and Mount, Bowen and Mulberry, Main and Spring, Second and Culver, Market and North, Main and Depot, Market and Main, (2) Hunter and Walnut, Hocking and Rochester Avenue, East Bowen St., Rochester and Gallagher Avenue, Zanesville Road, Rempel and Gallagher Avenue, Main and Orchard, High and Second, Furnace and Church, Hunter and West, Hunter and Canal, Ambrose Hotel.

Three deliveries will be made daily to the business houses, two to the general public. To facilitate the work of the clerks in the Post-office, and to insure prompt delivery of mail the patrons of the office should begin now to have their mail addressed to the street or Avenue on which they live. Main and Market will divide the East, West, North and South portions of the town.

Handsome Hocking Product.
It is with pleasure that we present to our readers the likeness of a very handsome Hocking county boy, by name Homer Rodehaver, son of Hall Rodehaver, who is

making good in the music and entertaining world. His newspaper excerpts and letters of commendation are certainly gratifying to him and his friends.

Mr. Rodehaver has been engaged this year to conduct the music at the Lancaster Camp Meeting, Aug. 5 to 14th.

Real Estate for Sale
An ideal home on Glenview Heights. Large house and yard. Splendid view of the city.
25 farms and 25 town properties; 160 acres with good buildings, 5 1/2 miles out of Logan, for \$1,000.
75 acres that is a dandy worth seeing.
215 acres I know you will want, 236, 92, 103, 61, 60, 46, 20, 30, 70, 40, 90, 80, 130, 160 acres. Lots by the piece or by the bunch anywhere in town.

Town property on the installment plan. Homes as low as \$500 and there are some ideal homes.
Columbus and Lancaster property to exchange for Logan property.
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See H. Cornwell at Singer Store.

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