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RUBY ESTES ACQUITTED

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against Ruby Estes until Ruby commenced to strike her; that Ruby many times with a pair of scissors; and that the room was covered with blood; that she was too scared to do anything.

The story of the defendant, Ruby Estes:

Defendant stated that she married Joe Estes, at Dalhart, Texas, December 8th, 1904; that she came from Texas; that she lost her parents when a child; that on the day of the killing she had been to town with Blanche, and while at town had drunk all day and both were intoxicated; that she had been abused by Blanche while over at town; that when she returned Marie Moore had twitted her about the girls in the house being intimate with her husband, Joe Estes; that Marie Moore especially accused Blanche Hudson of this intimacy; that witness had been crying about it; that Marie Moore told witness, (Ruby) to go to Blanche's room and accuse her of it, and that she, (Marie), would go in Ida's room and see if Blanche would deny it, and if Blanche did, she would face her in it; that witness did not want to go; that Marie insisted; that she did go to Blanche's room and she denied what Marie Moore had told Ruby; that she turned to go out of the room, and that she met Marie Moore at the door.

Q. Well, go ahead and state just what occurred next?

A. Marie pushed me back in the room and closed the door.

Q. Well, what next?

A. She asked Blanche if she denied staying with Joe?

Q. Joe who?

A. Joe Estes, my husband.

Q. What did Blanche say?

A. Blanche began cursing me then.

Q. Well, what did she next do?

A. Well, she made a cigarette.

Q. Well, what else?

A. Turned around to the dresser—

Q. Just go ahead now and tell what followed.

A. As she turned around to the dresser to get a match she brought out a hat pin.

Q. Go ahead and tell what occurred.

A. Well, she struck at me with the hat pin, toward my face, and said: "Dam you—you bitch, I'll fix you," and she made for me and I dodged, and it kind-a lodged in the side of the door facing.

Q. Well, go ahead.

A. She made several dashes with this hat pin; struck me in the breast.

Q. Just show the jury.

A. Right on my left breast.

A. And Marie made the remark, "You have made your threats, now carry them out, Blanche," and by Marie pushing me into the room and closing the door, and Blanche grabbing this hat pin and coming after me with it, I thought that it was framed up for them both to be against me.

Q. Where was Marie at the time?

A. Marie was sitting on a trunk.

Q. What was Blanche's condition when she advanced on you?

A. She was mad; she was just shaking with rage.

Q. Was she saying anything? Yes, she was cursing me.

Q. Well, what did you do?

A. After she struck at me—and struck me here, I was standing right by the washstand, and saw the scissors there and picked them up; she ran at me again and I stabbed her.

Q. Do you know how many times you stabbed her?

A. I don't know.

Q. Were you both fighting?

Yes sir, she was fighting with me; met me with this hat pin.

Q. Well, what next do you recollect in that connection?

A. Well, I don't remember. The first that I remember was being in my own room.

Q. Well, what was your condition at that time?

A. Well, I was intoxicated; I was dazed and crazy and everything else.

The argument of counsel consumed several hours, being based largely upon the credibility of these two witnesses; the counsel for defense made an earnest appeal to the sympathy of the jury.

The Court instructed the jury to find murder either in first or second degree, or find not guilty.

The verdict was not guilty.

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Last Saturday night a meeting of the citizens of Quay county was held in the court house as previously announced. The meeting was called to order by T. W. Heman at 7:30. The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting and read the following letter from the Statehood League at Santa Fe:

October 21st, 1907.

COL. THEO. W. HEMAN,
Tucumcari, N. M.

My Dear Col. Heman:—Your favor of the 20th inst., has been received and I desire to thank you for the same. In the beginning of the present statehood campaign, it was urged by some of the prominent men of the Territory that the delegates elected to the Constitutional Convention last year be called together with a view of drawing up a constitution and appearing before Congress and that body to ratify the same at once. Mr. Jones, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, together with a number of Republicans, opposed this plan of procedure and it was decided that, in order to have a united people on this question, that plan should be given up and one adopted by which we should simply demand an enabling act from the Sixtieth Congress, thus uniting the people of the Territory in the matter of statehood under one platform.

In the formation of statehood leagues, the plan which has been followed so far in the counties that have organized, is to call a mass meeting, absolutely non-partisan,

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