

UNWRITTEN LAW UPHELD

The Jury Returns a Verdict of "Not Guilty."

A dispatch from Houston, Va., says that after being out 35 minutes, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of ex-Judge William G. Loving, of Nelson, manager of the Virginia estate of Thomas F. Ryan, who was placed on trial for the murder of Theodore Estes, son of Sheriff M. K. Estes, of Nelson County. Judge Loving shot and killed young Estes April 23 at Oakbridge, following a buggy ride Estes had taken with the Judges daughter, Miss Elizabeth Loving, who told her father that her escort had drugged and assaulted her.

The jury retired at 4.45, and from that time until the verdict was returned the defendant remained in the same seat he had occupied since the trial began, surrounded by the members of his family with the exception of his daughter.

After the jury had been excused Judge Loving, his wife and other relatives shook hands and thanked each juror for the verdict. Tears streamed from the eyes of both the defendant and his wife, Judge Loving was surrounded by many of his friends, though there was no demonstration.

The following statement was given out by counsel for Judge Loving:

Within half an hour after the rendition of the verdict by the jury and the adjournment of court counsel for Judge Loving were called on by two of the jury, who stated that they had been appointed a committee representing the entire jury to convey to Judge Loving and his wife and daughter the information that, while they believed that Miss Loving's statement on the witness stand of what she had told her father was a true account of what she had communicated to him, yet not for a moment did the jury entertain the opinion that an actual assault had been committed by the deceased upon the young lady, but on the contrary, they were fully satisfied that no actual assault had been committed, but that there had been an attempted assault.

Counsel for Judge Loving, on being interviewed in this connection, said:

"The conclusion of the jury to the effect that no assault was committed was absolutely correct."

Holiver Megorden Pays Penalty.

Holiver Megorden expiated his crime, the killing of his wife, Mary Megorden, by being hanged in the execution chamber at the state prison today. As he stood on the scaffold he made no speech whatever, but finally whispered a prayer as the black cap and nose were being placed. He raised his right hand over his eyes just as the black cap was placed over his face.

It was one of the quickest and most featureless hangings ever held at the prison. The only incident was the fainting away and collapse of an employe of the local electric company, who was overcome by the sight of the hanged man.

Besides the newspaper men only a score of people witnessed the execution, among these were Sheriff Stevens of Portland and Father Levesque of Woodburn, Oregon.

Megorden was 58 years of age and lived on a farm near Nyssa, in Malheur county. In March 1905, he shot and killed his wife, Mary Megorden after a family quarrel, during which one of his sons, about 18 years old, struck him with a gun. During the melee Mrs. Megorden started to run to a neighbor's house, but was overtaken by her husband, who in a moment of passion shot and killed her.

Megorden according to the prison chaplain, E. W. St. Pierre, died a Christian and to the last protested that he had not deliberately committed the murder. He was an educated man and had one of the finest fruit ranches in eastern Oregon. He was fond of chemistry and botany, and at one time was publisher of a paper at Canyon City. He was normally, it is said of a kind and loving disposition, and sympathetic. About half an hour previous to the execution, as he was walking up and down the corridor of the south ward, accompanied by Chaplain St. Pierre, he saw two little English sparrows that had found themselves imprisoned within the inclosure. His heart went out to the birds and he opened a window to liberate them.

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