

YOUR OWN FEELINGS OF WOMEN GROWN

Letters to Be Read in Snell Will Cause Cause Tears and Trembling.

MARY SEE GOLDEN GLITTER

Write Tender Missives to Aged Millionaire and Dabble Fingers in His Fortune—Dewitt County Is Agog With Coming Scandal.

CLINTON, Ill., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Dewitt County is awaiting with mixed feelings of apprehension and excitement, the re-opening of the famous Colonel "Tom" Snell will case next Monday before Judge Cochran.

Two hundred and fifty letters from various women will be offered in evidence by the attorneys representing Richard Snell, the disinherited son, when the case is called, and these letters, if they are admitted as evidence, will cause heartaches and the breaking of family ties in many homes where today perfect contentment reigns.

This is a county of feuds and private quarrels, many of which have estranged the leading families in this part of the state and if salacious gossip touches the names of many women, each victim of her indiscretion will have a host of enemies who will rejoice at her downfall.

Letters From Girls Now Grown. Some of these letters hark back to the school-girl days of respectable matrons, who now have daughters of their own that are being introduced into society, and at whom the finger of suspicion has never pointed.

Others hark back long since to the days of stern reproof. It is not considered possible that all of these letters will be admitted as evidence by Judge Cochran and even if they are, strong attempts will be made to keep them away from the public eye.

It is known that the court is strongly opposed to the dragging of women's names in the mire unless the letters written by them are necessary in proving that the 57-year-old Clinton millionaire was insane.

Has Eventful Life. Snell's history makes an impressive study. He came to Clinton, Ill., in 1832, with his father, John Snell, and in 1835 made the bulk of his fortune himself by buying land and building it up by railroad contracts.

At the time of his death he owned property of the farm land in the vicinity of Clinton. He built a home at a cost of nearly \$200,000 after the close of the Civil War, which is now, with its rich furnishings, falling into decay. It is surrounded by an estate of 1000 acres.

Begins Amours When Wife Dies. In 1855 his wife died and at that time a young girl, an old friend, prevented him from digging into her open grave while his burial services were being read.

There is evidence to support the contention that Colonel Snell began his amours with women, and especially with young girls, shortly after his wife's death. Colonel Snell acquired his title of Colonel in the Civil War. He raised the One Hundred and Seventh Illinois Regiment in Clinton and went into Kentucky with his command. He was a friend of Abraham Lincoln, and once was candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois.

TAMPERS WITH WITNESSES. Druce's Lawyer Says Impositor Got Letters From Miss Patterson.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Druce case, which has been so prolific of sensations, today offered still another.

The solicitor for George Hollaby Druce, who claimed to be the son of the Duke of Portland in the latter's dual personality of T. C. Druce, and as such, to be heir to the title and estate, today made public the correspondence he has had with the public prosecutor, in which he asks that official to assist him in locating letters offered him by Miss Mary Patterson, of New York, but which have fallen into the hands of a man purporting to be his representative.

In a letter to George Hollaby Druce, Miss Patterson said she had several letters written by T. C. Druce to her mother, in which Druce referred to himself as the Duke of Portland. George Hollaby Druce sent Miss Patterson money to come to England, but, according to her later letters, a man representing himself as an agent of George H. Druce's solicitor, called on her and got the letters. The solicitor is anxious now to find the letters, as he judges, however necessary in the defense of Miss Robinson.

Miss Mary Robinson, said to be an American, the daughter of a Southern planter, testified during the progress of the Druce case that she knew Druce as the Duke of Portland, that Charles Dickens told her that Druce was the Duke of Portland, and that Druce himself afterwards confirmed the statement. Miss Robinson was arrested January 17, on a warrant charging her with perjury, and she came up for trial today. Her attorney declared that he had been unable to get any coherent story, that he believed her to be of unsound mind, and that the case was one for medical experts. The judge, however, decided there was no evidence to bear out the contention, and he ordered the trial to proceed.

DEMANDS CALDWELL RETURN. Britain Presses Extradition Case, Despite His Illness.

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