

G. J. HIERS GETS SIX YEARS.

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pocket at time. Lyles Ehrhardt, a 13-year-old boy, was in the rear of the store when the shooting commenced, playing with Kinsey children. Kinsey was talking with Morris at front of store. There was no loud talking. Heard gun or pistol fire, and saw Kinsey fall. Witness then ran out of back door. On cross examination, witness said he did not know whether Kinsey and Hiers had any words or not, but he did not hear any. Kinsey might have been talking to Hiers. Never saw the defendant at the time.

Maxwell Kinsey, 10-year-old son of Kinsey, was the next witness. Said his father had just been eating supper in the store. He and his brother stayed at the store every night, as his mother was dead and they had no one to stay at home with. Heard Hiers say "You are gone," or something like that, and fire. He ran to the front of the store and asked Mr. Hiers not to shoot any more. Hiers pulled pistol and fired four or five times more. Priestster came up and told him his daddy was about gone. Hiers went toward the hardware store after the shooting. Several persons then came up. Witness did not see or hear his father do anything to Hiers. On cross examination, witness said his little brother went out in the street. Heard Kinsey and Morris talking, but did not hear any words between deceased and Hiers.

George W. Brunson, of Lodge, was stopping at Ehrhardt, en route to his home at the time of the killing. Went to Kinsey's store few minutes before shooting, and talked with Kinsey, who appeared in cheerful mood. Witness was looking for car to take him home, and saw one coming south, with very bright lights. Car slackened about Dannelly's stables, thought he saw a man get out and walk toward Kinsey's store. Heard gun shots and children screaming. Immediately following were several other shots. Man walked away down street and got in car. Did not think that engine stopped running while car was standing. Car was standing about a half minute. Heard no loud talking at time of shooting. Was only few seconds after he saw man walking until he heard shooting. Cross examined, witness said it was a very short intermission between first shots and others. Said Morris must have been going fast to get to Dannelly's store before the shots were over with.

Frank Cummings, who was with Mr. Brunson, corroborated Brunson's testimony. He heard gun shot, and looking, saw George Hiers. When the first shot fired, witness saw another man, who left. Hiers had gun in left hand, pistol in right. Heard no talking. Saw auto come up and slow down some distance before it stopped. John Hiers was in car when it came up to hardware store. Engine was not shut off while standing. When the shooting was over, Hiers came up to car with gun in hand, saying something like "Come on, John, I've got him." Heard children crying. Described position of Kinsey's body. Saw no weapon. Was not dead when he got there. Did not go into store. John Hiers got out of car near hardware store.

J. W. Priestster said he was on the sidewalk at E. P. Copeland's store at time of killing. This is the same side of street as Kinsey's store. Saw Hiers, in front of Kinsey's store, shoot. Heard children crying, and saw Hiers shoot with pistol. When gun shot, he ran to store. Several others came up. Saw Hiers go down street and get into auto. Heard no one say anything before shooting. Corroborated other State witnesses as to position of body and position of right and left hands. Was not quite dead when he came up. Saw Chassereau move body. Saw marks as if made by shot about foot from floor on barrel and counter. Cross examination: Was about 25 feet away at time of killing. Little lapse before the third shot, and pistol shots were very rapid. No one was present when he got there. Witness did not see the pistol picked up from floor.

Mr. Priestster's testimony concluded the State's case in main.

Defence Opens.

Counsel for the defence announced that several important witnesses were still absent. The court instructed the sheriff to use his best efforts to secure one of the absent witnesses, Mr. Edwins, who was said to have been in town Friday. The sheriff, accordingly, dispatched four or five bailiffs in all directions to intercept the witness. However, the efforts were unavailing Friday. The witness was finally secured, in Orangeburg, Friday night and came to Bamberg Saturday morning. Neither of the other absent witnesses were secured.

The first witness Friday morning was Charles E. Bickle, for the defence. Mr. Bickle resides one mile from Ehrhardt. He worked for Kinsey some time previous to the killing. He wrote letters for deceased,

but does not remember any threats against the Hiers family. Had heard about the case against Kinsey, and understood that George Hiers had been pushing it. Witness declared that the deceased frequently oiled his pistol, and said that Kinsey told him he would see fun if the case was not settled. Witness said that the sheriff took Kinsey's pistol from him on one occasion. He left Kinsey's employ in September. He did not tell Hiers what Kinsey had said. He told of an attack intended by Kinsey on Haskell Hiers; Kinsey had pistol at time, and Haskell had rifle. Kinsey, he said, decided it was not a good time to make an attack. Witness said Kinsey was in a bad frame of mind toward the Hiers as long as the case continued. He told several people about it. Cross examined by the solicitor, witness said the case against Kinsey was settled for \$30, so Kinsey said. Said Kinsey had not settled with him and he quit working for him. Said he held no grudge against Kinsey.

E. P. Copeland said that he was acquainted with both parties. He considered Kinsey's reputation bad. In reply to the solicitor, witness said that Kinsey had never bothered him.

J. M. Kirkland said he was a former member of the Ehrhardt town council. Kinsey's reputation was bad. Said Haskell Hiers worked for him. Said Kinsey was not bad when sober. He did not know Kinsey's condition on day of killing. Kinsey was put in jail once for trying to kill Haskell Hiers. The trouble between Haskell Hiers and the deceased, said the witness, was the result of attempts to enforce the prohibition law. He heard of threats of Kinsey against George and Haskell Hiers about a week before the homicide. He told Haskell of the threats. Cross examination: Could not say from whom he heard threats. Haskell Hiers had called sheriff over phone, but witness was not allowed to go in to conversation. Haskell Hiers had carried pistol when he heard of threats. Case against Kinsey was settled for \$30. Haskell Hiers weighs about 180 and Kinsey weighed about 120. Told of trouble between Haskell Hiers and Kinsey, when the former knocked Kinsey down and took pistol from him. Haskell swore out warrant against Kinsey. Witness also related the trouble between John Hiers and Kinsey, both being fined \$5. Hiers gave the pistol he took from Kinsey to the magistrate. Kinsey asked the witness to help settle the case against him. Witness does not know who got the money Kinsey is alleged to have paid. The Hiers agreed to drop the case if Kinsey would pay the costs, and not sell whiskey any more. Replying to the solicitor, witness said that a citizens' meeting had been held in regard to Kinsey's conduct. Said George Hiers wanted protection, and if protection was not given him, he would have to protect himself. Witness said council did nothing with Haskell Hiers for knocking Kinsey down. Replying to Mr. Mayfield, said people commended Hiers.

The two warrants sworn out by Haskell Hiers against Kinsey, one for violation of the prohibition law, and the other for assault and battery, were offered in evidence.

P. P. Padgett said that he had talked with Kinsey about the Hiers. Kinsey said he intended to get George and Haskell Hiers for reporting him for selling whiskey. Deceased showed him shot gun in October. Kinsey said he had got gun to get settlement with the Hiers. Witness told Haskell Hiers about it. He heard no other threats. On cross examination, the witness said that he did not think the deceased was drinking on the afternoon of the homicide.

J. H. Carter testified that he heard Kinsey make threats against the Hiers. Deceased showed him pistol with which he said he was going to kill Haskell and George Hiers because they had sworn out warrants against him for selling whiskey or Jamaica ginger. This occurred just a few days before the killing. Kinsey was very angry. Witness told Haskell Hiers what he had heard. On cross examination, the witness said he thought it was his duty to tell Hiers of the threats.

E. D. Grant, marshal in Ehrhardt at the time, was the next witness. (Ruling on an objection at this point, the court said that if the deceased had violated the prohibition law every day in the year, it gave Hiers no right to kill him, and he would allow testimony as to violations of the prohibition law only to show the frame of mind of the parties at the time of the homicide.) Witness told of a case of bottles of intoxicants seized in the depot, presumably destined for Kinsey, and that Kinsey thought Hiers had something to do with the seizure. Kinsey said he did not like the Hiers, and they had no use for him. Witness said he was in Dannelly's store at the time of the shooting. Ran to Kinsey's store, saw the last shot fired. Kinsey drank at times; was sober that day. Saw Kinsey about 15 minutes before

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