

James A. Ingle (-7 Mar 1869)

The Evening Star, March 5, 1869

Horrible Murder of a White Man by a Colored Woman Jealousy Said to be the Cause

About 11 1/2 o'clock this morning, as Mr. James Ingle, a young white man, about twenty-five or twenty-six years old, boarding at a house on 1st street east, between A and B streets north, was lying down on a sofa in a room of the house, he was suddenly approached by a colored woman employed in the house, who struck him on the head with an ax, driving in the skull and making a frightful wound. Milly Gaines is the name of the colored woman, and after committing the deed she at once proceeded to the Central Guardhouse and gave herself to custody of Lieut. Kelly, stating that she had killed a white man. She was placed in one of the cells until the condition of the wounded man could be ascertained and the particulars of the affair ascertained. It is rumored that jealousy of a white woman who accompanied Ingle on the Avenue yesterday to see procession was the cause of the attack.

Drs. Ford and Dexter were called and did what they could for Ingle but he died about 1 1/2 o'clock p.m., having been unable to speak after the blow was struck. The accused when she arrived at the station house, coolly said to Lieut. Kelly: "I've killed a man, at least he will die;" and on being questioned said something about the deceased having seduced her. When informed that he was dead she showed no signs whatever of sorrow. After the death of Ingle, Justice Clark examined the accused at the Central Guardhouse, when Mrs. Fosdick, Miss Shafer, Mr. Driggs and others gave their testimony, from which it appeared that yesterday the deceased went out with Miss Shafer and the accused followed them; close by them; that they tried to make her leave, but failed, and she followed them back to the house, insisting on going into the parlor with them and that there was a dispute between the deceased and the accused.

Lieut. Kelly testified that the accused said when she gave herself up that she had killed a man; that she got Gen. Burnett's pistol and an axe and tried to shoot him, but the pistol would not go off, and he dared her to strike him, and she struck him with a hammer, (having dropped the axe outside, and went back and put away the pistol, then took a street car and came to the station. When asked if she had anything to say, she remarked that he had twice before drew a pistol on her; that he attacked her about following him and Miss Grace, and she slammed the door on him; that she got the pistol from Gen. Bennett's room and while deceased was at breakfast with Miss Shafer and Miss Petrie, she pointed the pistol at him, and the other colored women knocked it aside. She charges that he was going to deprive her of life after having seduced her, having promised her he would support the child. After breakfast she went in the room and they had some words, and he dared her to strike him, and she did, giving him a whack with the hammer her, and here, (putting to the front and back of the head) and kept on striking, and then went back and put away the pistol.

Justice Clark said he would have to commit her, and she said she knew it; that she was willing to go to jail, her life being as good as his, and if she had not killed him he would have killed her.

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Funeral

The funeral of the late James A. Ingle, who was killed by the colored woman Millie Gaines, on Friday last, took place from Knights of Pythias Hall yesterday afternoon--the body, after the post mortem examination, having been taken in charge by Syracusan Lodge, K.P., of which he was a member. The

services were conducted by Rev. E.C. Merrick, of the M.E. Church, and Supreme Chancellor Reed made appropriate remarks, after which the procession formed and headed by Heald's Washington Band escorted the remains to the Congressional Cemetery, the services of the Order being conducted by P.C.C.M. Barton.

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Murder Case Set for Trial

The trial of Millie Gaines, colored, for the murder of James A. Ingle, on 1st street east, on the 5th of March last, has been set for tomorrow (Tuesday) week. Hon. A.G. Riddle and Mr. A.K. Browne appear for the accused.