

MURDER OR SUICIDE.

Pretty Lulu Lester Kills Herself with the Ball Meant for Her Worthless Betrayer.

Excitement Runs High in Braidwood—Some Talk of Lynching.

(From The Prairie Echo, March 27.)

The peaceable city of Braidwood was thrown into a fever of excitement on Saturday evening, March 26, by the killing of Miss Lulu Lester, either by her own hand or that of an assailant. The girl was found in the ladies' waiting room at the C. & A. depot at Braidwood about 8 o'clock Saturday evening with a bullet wound in her head and gasping for breath. She was removed to the Cottage hotel immediately, where she died about an hour after she was found. Miss Lulu Lester was 21 years of age and lived with her parents at Heyworth, Illinois. She came to Braidwood on the 7:10 train, Saturday evening to see a young man named Ora Crandall, to whom she was about to bear a child. Immediately on her arrival in Braidwood she went to the home of Mr. Miller (stepfather to the young man Crandall) but the latter was not at home; from there she went to the Commercial hotel where she remained a few minutes and then returned to the depot, where it is said, she took her own life. It is claimed that Miss Lester is from a good family. Mr. Crandall has also been much respected in Braidwood. Several letters were found on the person of the young girl, the contents of which the coroner would not divulge, though it was ascertained from other sources that the letters charged the young man with unfaithfulness and betrayal, and divulged the fact that she came to Braidwood on this occasion for the express purpose of killing her betrayer. It is also learned that she made a trip to Braidwood about two weeks ago in a vain effort to see Mr. Crandall.

Mr. Crandall was a brakeman on the Chicago division of the C. & A. railroad and formed the acquaintance of Miss Lester at Bloomington.

A heartrending story is told about the girl's visit to the Commercial hotel. It appears that she went there and requested the privilege to remain in the office until the train would come, going south. The proprietress answered that she did not keep a public waiting room for ladies, but that she could let her have a room for fifty cents, thus the poor girl did not have, so she had to go to the depot.

Excitement ran high in Braidwood all day Sunday, and until after one o'clock this morning groups of people could be seen on every corner discussing the sad affair. There was some talk of lynching Sunday morning but the people cooled down later in the day. The girls parents telegraphed for the remains late last evening, and they were shipped on the Alton train leaving Braidwood at eleven o'clock last night.

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