

IN REBUTTAL.

Attorney Varian Plays His Cards Against the Marshal.

CLOSING SCENES OF THE DRAMA

Anna Prindle's Past Life Brought Into Prominence.

HER MOTHER'S TESTIMONY.

Rebuted Stark Subjected to a Severe Cross Examination. — Something New About the Defendant's Story. — Warden Parsons Replied. — A Worthy Battle Between Counsel.

The news report of the investigation into the charges preferred against Marshal Parsons closed at 2:45 yesterday afternoon, and the following is an account of what transpired after that time, the afternoon having been taken up with the rebuttal evidence adduced by the prosecution.

Mr. E. J. Stark said he came from Missouri about three years ago. His age was twenty-five. He will recently was employed as an inmate guard in the penitentiary, having gone there in the latter part of October, 1898. Mr. Dyer was then warden. Witness stated what were his general duties while a guard at the penitentiary.

Mr. Varian: Were you in the Prindle woman's cell in the morning when she and Maggie Parker came down to go before the commissioner?

Q.—No, sir, I was not.

Q.—Did you go into her cell after she had returned from seeing Mr. Stephens and myself, and did you have a conversation with Prindle in which you advised her and Maggie, when they were being taken to the trial for to save and tell their story straight, and to "stick the old one" as a "b—" or worse, to that effect?

A.—No, sir, I was not.

Q.—Did you ever have such a conversation with that girl or anybody else in the whole world?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you ever have any flirting or any other impropriety with these women?

A.—I had only the same relation with them as with the other prisoners.

Q.—But did you not see her?

A.—No, sir, I did not.

The witness' attention was then directed to the question of her "cousin" Mary, and he stated that when he told Mr. Vandenberg of his suspicions, the latter at once sought to force the matter off.

He believed he told Vandenberg on the morning, when she was about to go before the grand jury, that "there was no woman to be put in the cell with her" (referring to the Prindles), but that if she was put in, he would see to it that she was not put in with the same, who had simply to tell the truth.

Q.—Did she know and nothing more, he had no ill feeling against the man?

Mr. Hawley witness admitted having occasionally talked to the female prisoners in their cells.

Mr. Hawley: When you told Anna Prindle and Maggie Parker to "stick the old one on the old man," why did you speak in that way?

Witness: Well, I just meant that I would like them to be as easy as possible towards him.

Q.—Did you use the words "old man"?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was that the way you were generally in the habit of speaking of the man?

A.—No, sir, I do not know that it was.

Q.—Why did you use that expression to Maggie Parker?

A.—Well, you see, to me, but I do not know that I had any particular reason for it.

Q.—Now, do you think it was the proper way for you to address a prisoner in respect to the man who had charge of the penitentiary, and who was your superior officer?

A.—In the way I used it I did not know that there was anything disrespectful about it at all.

Mr. Hawley (interjecting): Of course you know that it was disrespectful to raise the subject in their estimation? That was your motive for this speaking of the marshal in that way?

A.—Well, I thought that if I spoke to her in that way that she would be "as easy as she could."

Q.—Did you go to that cell and talk to her in this way with the intention of inducing her to suppress her testimony before the commissioner, or to retract anything she had said before with respect to the marshal?

Witness said that he did not.

Q.—Did you not believe that there was a "trap" put up on the marshal by these two girls?

A.—Well, I don't know that I did. I did not know what was going on, therefore I could not form any opinion about it at all.

Q.—Did you or did you not believe at that time that these girls had put up a job on the marshal?

A.—I did not know anything about it.

Q.—Did you believe it?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you believe they were going to testify against the marshal?

A.—Well, I knew they were going down from the marshal's cell.

Q.—Did you believe and understand that they were coming down here to testify against the marshal?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And it was for the purpose of procuring a modification of that testimony in some way that you went to Maggie Parker and had this conversation with her?

A.—It was for the purpose.

Q.—(Drum.) Answer the question, please.

A.—For the purpose of procuring a modification of her testimony, do you say?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Well, I don't know that it was. In answer to other questions by Mr. Hawley, witness said he never saw the marshal about the Prindle case, he investigated a charge against Kate Prindle (sister of a "Red" who was with Anna Prindle) at Warden Vander-

berg's request, and the warden ordered her to be locked up in her cell.

Mr. Varian: This charge against her was an attempt to get the jury to believe that she was a "Red" who was with Anna Prindle.

Witness answered yes.

Witness E. J. Stark, recalled by the prosecution, said that the end of this conversation he had with the woman.

Q.—When was this?

A.—On December 2 or 3, I believe.

Q.—What did you tell him?

A.—That Prindle had sent word that Kate Prindle wanted to see the marshal's wife in regard to things that had transpired there. Prindle said that she and those two girls were putting up a job.

Q.—You told him that Kate Prindle said that before the girls went to see the grand jury, she went to their cell and had this conversation with them?

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Mr. Prindle's house, yesterday morning, to obtain more information concerning Anna Prindle. He did so on the last evening.

Mr. Stark, called by the prosecution, said that he had seen Anna Prindle a year or two ago at the residence of the Prindles. He was sitting in the room, and Prindle lived with her at that address, last year. Her reputation had been good during all the time, so far as she was known.

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