

SHIREY ASSASSIN REPORTED CAUGHT

J. C. Langston, Former Depot Agent at Minturn, Arrested in South Dakota After 10 Days' Chase.

Charged with the murder of A. W. Shirey, the wealthy merchant of Minturn, J. C. Langston, formerly from Mountain depot agent at Minturn, but now a citizen of South Dakota, has been arrested in that state and is now being brought back to Arkansas, according to a telegram received last night by the Gazette from John P. Paul of Newport, grand secretary of the Old Fellows lodge of Arkansas, who assisted in making the arrest.

The telegram states that Langston was arrested by Mr. Paul and Sheriff W. R. Surridge of Hoxie, Ark., after a 10-day trip across the country. In his telegram, Mr. Paul calls Langston "the Shirey murderer," a statement which indicates that he believes there is sufficient proof to convict Langston of the crime, which aroused attention throughout the entire state.

Louis Joseph of Newport, grand master of the Old Fellows lodge, was in Little Rock last night, and he stated that Mr. Paul and Finkerton detectives have been working on the Shirey case for some time and that Mr. Paul is confident that Langston murdered Shirey.

Letters to Mrs. Shirey.

He said that letters and post cards have been obtained which show that Langston wrote to Shirey's wife, who has married since Shirey was killed, both before and after the murder, and that some believe that Langston was in love with her.

He also said that a stranger arrived in Hoxie on the Frisco from Kansas City on the day that Shirey was killed, and in the afternoon went to a livery stable, secured a horse and rode away toward Minturn. It is further stated that that stranger returned to the stable late that night, that the horse was sweating and had apparently been rode hard and that the stranger was excited. He left that night, going back toward Kansas City over the Frisco. He registered at the hotel under the name of "LeRoy." A bottle of whiskey bearing a **Kennedy City** label was found, with the broken pieces far from the place where Shirey was killed. It is believed that whoever did the killing was aided by confederates.

May Establish Alibi.

Mr. Joseph said that as far as he knew the fact had been established that Langston was at his home in South Dakota two days before Shirey was killed. Whether he has an alibi to prove that he was at home from then until a day or two after the killing is not known here. On the day of the killing his name was registered at a hotel in a South Dakota town, but those pushing the case contend, it is said, that this registration might have been entered by a confederate. The "L" of "LeRoy" registered at the Hoxie hotel is said to be identical with the "L" as signed by Langston.

Shirey left an estate valued at several hundred thousand dollars to the Old Fellows lodge. By a settlement, the lodge was given a part of the estate and the heirs the remainder. The lodge has been prosecuting the search for the murderer ever since the crime was committed.

Surridge captures J.C. Langston, 6-10-1910

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