

CLAIM OF A WIDOW

That Judge Botkin Was in the Plot to Assassinate Her Husband.

HER CHARGES BEING BACKED UP

By Secretary Rightmire, of the Citizens' Alliance, Who Is

IN THE COMBINATION AGAINST BOTKIN

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

TOPEKA, KAN., Jan. 18.—The fight to force the resignation of Theodore Botkin, a Judge of the Thirty-second Judicial district, brought to light to-day an alleged conspiracy which includes six counties in southwestern Kansas.

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"I know the names of the men who conspired to kill my husband, and I know more about their secret consultation for the perfection of their plans than I have told. All this can be produced in evidence when men can go into court and tell what they know without fear of assassination instead of, as now, telling it in secret and enjoying secrecy. I am not planning or expecting to kill Botkin. If he and all his fellow murderers were killed, it could not restore my husband, whose presence and tender care made all the joy and comfort of life for me. Botkin has my permission to live out all the years of self-condemnation and fear which nature can give him."

Secretary Rightmire's Charges.

Secretary Rightmire, in his open letter, claims that he can prove that the proprietor of a boarding-house in Ulysses, Grant county, saw William O'Connor, County Attorney of Stevens county, J. H. Pitzer and James Brennan, who afterward shot Wood, attempt to break into a room in which Wood was sleeping, three weeks before he was shot. Rightmire claims that Botkin was in town the same day and stated to a friend that "Wood must die before he left town."

The right following the murder at Hopton, Rightmire alleges that Judge Botkin

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

A True Story from North Carolina.

Some one has said that "the true and the false speak the same language." But there can be no doubt that this speaks with the true ring to it. Letter from Mrs. J. M. Holleman, proprietress of "Hotel Holleman," Apex, N. C.—"My son Harvey had scrofula from the time he was three years old until he was seven. We had the best doctors that the country afforded, yet he was given up to die, several times. Some one recommended Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. After taking five bottles he was well enough to get about, and has mended so fast that he is now enjoying good health."

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and his friends held a drunken carousal, and that Sheriff Dunn, who was killed in Seward county, took a prominent part. Mrs. Wood and Rightmire claim they can prove that Dunn said at this time that there were two men in Springfield and one in Liberal who would be killed next.

In an interview to-night Judge Botkin says that Mrs. Wood's letter and Rightmire's charges were simply made for the purpose of prejudicing the public against him.

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