

Stroll in 1913 ends with coed's assault

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ber of young men about who answered the same description." As for his coat and hat found at the attack scene, he replied that he "had been suddenly taken sick and for that reason went home without them."

Stineburg pleaded "not guilty" when his trial was held in November of 1913. It is apparent, however, that when his attorney sized up the evidence, he chose to have the defense take the tack that Stineburg was not guilty because he was not entirely in charge of his faculties.

After the prosecution had presented witnesses who placed Stineburg at the dance and definitely saw him dancing with Helen Murphy, the state rested its case. The defense witnesses testified that Stineburg had been drinking. Taking the stand in his own defense, the young man told the court, "On the night of the dance I came home at 5:45 o'clock, shaved, dressed and had supper. ... First place I went was to Walker's grocery about 7:30. Met Harry Botts and went to the Stradley pool room and

later to the Greek pool room. Botts got a quart of whiskey in bottles. We went to the Book Nook and drank Coca-Cola whiskey high balls. Drank two bottles of beer at the well house and killed the two pints of whiskey." He said he recalled nothing else after heading in the direction of the Student Building.

The jury found Stineburg guilty, without criminal intent, and he was sentenced to pay a \$700 fine and spend 180 days in jail. At first, the young man's attorney asked for a new trial, but the motion was dropped after the prosecution "announced that they heartily joined in the motion for a new trial on the grounds that there was a miscarriage of justice."

Actually, Stineburg's lapse of memory on that summer night in 1913 cost him very dearly. At the end of his trial it was remembered that he had had an earlier conviction for robbing a local store. In that case his sentence had been suspended on the promise of good behavior. The next chapter in his life was to be a motion by the state to re-open the earlier case.