

## THE FAYETTE COUNTY TRAGEDY

**Death of George Venable---His Dying Statement---Condition of the Other Participants in the Deplorable Affair.**  
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JONESBORO, February 11.—George Venable, who was shot by Mat Harris on Monday night last, in Fayette county, died yesterday afternoon about three o'clock. His statement, made a short time previous to his death, is as follows: He, W. C. Dulin and Davenport, brother-in-law of Harris, had been together to a distillery in the neighborhood. On returning Davenport left them and went to Harris' home. After proceeding a short distance their shaft broke. Dulin being drunk could render no assistance, and Venable went to the house of Harris and called. Harris asked who it was, and upon being answered by Venable he fired, the load taking effect in Venable's bowels. It was several hours before Venable could reach Dulin and make him understand he was shot, and when he did so Dulin assisted him to a neighbor's house and went for assistance. Dulin afterwards returned to Harris's house, accompanied by June Venable, when Harris again fired, the load taking effect in Dulin's thigh and side, and one shot striking June Venable in the nose and one in the hand. The Venable boys are sons of Dr. John Venable. Dulin is seriously wounded and June Venable slightly. Various causes are assigned as to the difficulty. It is generally believed, however, that Harris was jealous of George Venable, believing that he was on terms of undue intimacy with his wife. The trouble is greatly regretted by all good citizens.