

# IDENTITY MAY BE HARD TO ESTABLISH.

## Ellis Glenn Trial Set for To-Day— Mysterious Woman Suspected of Masquerading as a Man.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 7.—To-morrow morning is the time set for the trial of Ellis Glenn on an indictment for forgery, and both her attorneys and the Prosecuting Attorney state that they will be ready for the trial.

There will doubtless be much difficulty in securing a jury, for the case of the mysterious woman, who is charged with masquerading as a man, has been thoroughly discussed, and there are few men in the county who have not expressed an opinion as to her guilt or innocence. Yet there is a wide difference of opinion as to whether Ellis Glenn is the same person as the man who is accused of the forgery.

Persons who knew E. B. Glenn well when he was living in this county state that Ellis Glenn, the woman who is now here for trial, is not the same person; while others, who knew her equally as well, state that there can be no doubt that she is the same person. There will be little difficulty in proving a forgery, but the difficulty will be to identify Ellis Glenn, the woman, with E. B. Glenn, the man, who is accused of the forgery, and to fix the crime on her.

### Witnesses in Her Behalf.

Among those who will be the strongest witnesses in her behalf will probably appear Miss Ella Duke, the girl to whom E. B. Glenn was engaged to be married in Butler, Ill., and her father and sister. Ellis Glenn has had letters from them stating that they would appear at the trial when necessary as witnesses in her behalf, and it is understood that they, or part of them, will be here this week. They have always maintained that Ellis Glenn is not the same person as E. B. Glenn, to whom Miss Duke was engaged. Miss Ella Duke and her sister still maintain a regular correspondence with Miss Glenn, and send her at intervals clothing and other gifts, showing the friendly relations still existing, which would not be expected if Ellis Glenn were the same person who palmed herself off as a man and won Miss Duke's affections.

The young man who slept in the same room and the same bed with E. B. Glenn at Williamstown for several weeks will be a strong witness in her behalf, and his testimony will make it almost impossible to prove that Glenn was a woman.

On the other hand, there will be witnesses from Williamstown, where Glenn lived for nearly a year, who will positively identify Ellis Glenn as the same person who lived there as a man.

The defense expects to prove by one witness, if she can be secured, a woman who lived at Williamstown while Glenn was there that Glenn was a man.

### Her Story Has Many Believers.

The story Ellis Glenn tells of her twin brother, who so resembles her as to be undistinguishable from her is credited by some persons here, who doubt her guilt. It is even stated that he is in Canada, and that he sends monthly drafts to Caldwell & Watson, Glenn's attorneys, who are understood to be paying her expenses. She lives without tolling, at a comfortable boarding-house in the fashionable part of the town, and has everything in the way of luxury that could be desired. She seldom goes out, and never receives company, save a few intimate lady friends, but she always seems to be well supplied with money.

A few weeks ago, C. T. Caldwell, one of her attorneys, took a mysterious trip of several weeks, and no one knows just where he went. It is now claimed that he went to Canada and saw the twin brother, E. B. Glenn, for whose offenses Ellis Glenn is now about to be tried. She has six of the ablest attorneys in the city retained, and not one of them would handle the case unless he knew he would get his fee. Money is coming from somewhere, and her friends assert that her brother is paying all her expenses.

The case will occupy the court's attention for a week or more, and will no doubt be productive of much sensational testimony.