

The following is an imperfect synopsis of the argument of Hon. Aaron Perry, in the Young murder case:

IF THE COURT PLEASE, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY:

Long before the law was uttered upon your ears, we were feeling the responsibility of our position and come to aid you.

This is not a controversy between the family and the prisoner, it is a controversy with the great Commonwealth. The party who is on trial is Calvin Young, not the family.

It is indeed a sad case. Of all the hearts that have been saddened, the heart filled to bursting is that of Calvin Young.

Not every killing is murder within the law. The question is whether Calvin Young did, with malice aforethought, kill Levi Allin on the 14th of June last. To be sure he had not spoken to Mr. Allin for nearly a year, but it was not because he held a grudge against him. They had exchanged works, and during haying Mr. Allin promised to help him and failed to keep his promise, and Mr. Young deeming such treatment unmanly and unfriendly, concluded to let him entirely alone. Calvin Young was a peaceable man, had borne the reputation as such, and the testimony of witnesses to sustain that reputation, they have not attempted to disprove. When he became aware of the quarrelsome disposition of deceased, he said he would let him alone, and so for a year did not speak. The cause was not sufficient on the part of Young to do Allin injury. Not a thing else do they or can they urge before you. Can you create malice? Can you become angry without a cause? You know you cannot influence your feelings without cause. It was just as impossible for Young to have such anger toward Allin as to fall against the sky. He was simply doing the work given by Baker. He knew his work would be useless unless protected, and what he did on the road was simply to protect his own work, and he did it in a proper manner. Besides, gentlemen of the jury, so far as the culvert is concerned, no evidence goes to show whose district it is in. They undertake to build mountains out of mole hills. All things tending to point to the prosecution, they want you to look at with a magnifying glass. Allin did not have any vested right in the culvert. You will remember that when Allin re-built that culvert it was from plank from that district, the culvert existed years and years