SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CERTIFICATE No. 80, for 5 shares of stock, issued in my name, February 23, 1872, by the Masonic Hall Association of the District of Columbia, has been lost, and that I am about to apply for the issue of a duplicate. All persons are warned against purchasing the lost certificate.
JAMES GUILD.
Washington City, D. C., May 17, 1897. 1t*

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14, 1897.
Mr. Chas. P. Merkel is no longer in our employ.
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ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. Moseley of This City Succeeds Rear Admiral Meade.

Edward A. Moseley of this city was elected president-general of the Irish-American Historical Society, at a meeting of that society, in Boston, Saturday night last, to succeed Rear Admiral Richard H. Meade, recently deceased. Mr. Moseley has long taken an active interest in patriotic societies, being a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, a charter member in this city of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and chancellor of the Society of Colonial Wars. He is also a member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association.

He has been secretary of the interstate commerce commission since its organization. Mr. Moseley, who is from Massachusetts, and an ex-member of the legislature of that state, was, at the time of his appointment president of the Mechanics' Exchange of Boston. He has received the thanks of the commonwealth of Massachusetts for his "valuable services rendered the cause of humanity," an honor conferred on but very few by that old commonwealth.

His father, Edward A. Moseley of Newburyport, is one of the executive committee of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Passed Counterfeit Money.

Chief Hazen of the secret service and his officers were very much interested in the case of the woman who passed so many counterfeit 25-cent silver pieces on the Capital Traction and Metropolitan railroads last week, although they have not succeeded in apprehending her. The woman came here from Richmond, and it is said that she had a male companion who was working with her. Officers of the secret service have charge of the case now, the police having turned over to them the evidence they had gathered. There is to be a police investigation growing out of the failure of the two policemen, Officers Lamb and Harlow, to arrest the woman when requested to do so by the railroad conductor who followed her from the 4½ street power house. It is said that charges will be preferred against the officers and the trial board may hear the evidence. Since the woman went to Baltimore, Friday afternoon, the police have not heard from her. It was thought she would endeavor to pass some of the counterfeit money in Baltimore, but the police now believe she did not remain in the monumental city very long, but went farther in order to elude the officers whom she thought might follow her.

Naval Orders.

Commander W. H. Emory has been ordered to Brooklyn as chief of staff; Cadet C. E. Gilpin, from the Indiana to the Brooklyn; Lieut. W. F. Halsey, from the Montgomery to the War College; Lieut. W. L. Rodgers, from the Alliance to the Foote; Commander T. A. Lyons, placed on retired list; Chief Engineer W. B. Bayley, from the bureau of steam engineering to duty with the civil service commission; Passed Assistant Paymaster E. D. Ryan, to the Concord; John J. Rochfort, appointed acting boatswain.

Army Orders.

Capt. J. T. Knight, assistant quartermaster, has been relieved from duty at Jeffersonville, Ind., and ordered to Jefferson barracks, Mo., relieving Capt. J. W. Summerhayes of the construction of public buildings at that point. Capt. Summerhayes is ordered to Fort Myer, Va., to similar duty. First Lieut. J. W. Joyes, ordnance department, has been relieved of duty at West Point, and ordered to duty under the chief of ordnance.

PROBING A MYSTERY

Death of a Child at Emory Grove Excites Suspicion.

INFANTICIDE OPENLY CHARGED

Action of the State's Attorney Strongly Criticised.

CITIZENS ARE AROUSED

Many of the most prominent residents of Gaithersburg, Md., and nearly the entire population of Emory Grove, a hamlet about a mile from that town, are greatly agitated on account of the alleged stifling by State's Attorney Kilgore of an investigation of the mysterious death May 1, or the night previous, of a two-months-old child at Emery Grove.

The investigation was started by Justice of the Peace Baughman and Deputy Sheriff Horton Thompson, and promised, so those officials told a Star reporter, to clear up all doubts in the case. The state's attorney appeared at the preliminary hearing before Justice Baughman, however, and announced that he would not recommend the payment of any expense incurred in making the inquiry, and the proceedings were a little later brought to a close.

The mother of the child in the case was a girl named Bessie Sellman, aged fifteen or sixteen years, who lives with her uncle, Henry Mason, at Emory Grove, and who has been a member of Mason's family ever since her mother died, some six years ago.

According to the statements made by various parties, claiming to be conversant with the facts, Bessie gave birth to a child about ten weeks ago.

No Physician Called.

There was no physician present, and Mrs. Martha Taylor, a well-known and highly respectable colored woman, officiated as midwife. No one outside of Mason's immediate family was informed of what had transpired, and every effort was made to keep the knowledge of the event from becoming known in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Taylor told The Star reporter that the baby was as strong and healthy as children of such a tender age usually are, and that, after seeing it some half a dozen times, at intervals of probably a week, she predicted that it would "grow up and help take care of its mother."

She was, therefore, horrified to be told on the evening of May 3 that a notice was that day found tacked on a tree near the Emory Grove Church, which stated, Mrs. Taylor said, that "Bessie Sellman's baby was dead, and that Henry Mason had buried it in Stevens' lot."

Continuing, Mrs. Taylor said:

"As soon as I heard about that notice, I went up to Henry Mason's house, where I met him on the porch. I said to him:

"'Henry Mason, what in the name of the Lord have you done?'

"He replied, 'Done what?'

"I said: 'Henry, they tell me that Bessie's baby is dead, and that you have buried it. Henry, in the name of the Lord, that baby was two months old, and Brother Bailey (the pastor of the church at Emory Grove) passed every day, and yet you did not have it christened. It was an awful thing to put that baby away so.'

"'Yes,' he replied, 'it is dead, and whose business is it?'

"I answered: 'That notice on the tree said that you buried it.'

"By this time Mason was in a rage, and he said: 'Whoever wrote that notice or says I buried Bessie's baby is a G—d — —.'

"By this time Mrs. Mason put her head out of a window and said to me: 'I don't see what people want to bother in I's and Henry's business.'

"Resuming his remarks to me, Mason said, with an oath: 'Look here, Aunt Martha, you and I have always been friends, haven't we?'

"I replied 'Yes.'

"'Then,' he said, 'you get out; get off of my place.'

"As I went out of the gate of Mason's yard, I said: 'Ah, Henry, you have done a big thing; you have done a big thing without knowing it.'

Suspicion Aroused.

"The actions and language used by Mason led me to believe that something interesting might be expected to occur soon, and I determined to watch for them. Being, however, afraid that if Mason discovered me alone, he might shoot me, I got Tom Davis and Eliza Dorsey to watch with me.

"It was now just dusk, and Eliza Dorsey, Tom Davis and I secreted ourselves in some bushes near Mason's house, and not far from where it was reported the baby was buried, and awaited developments. In a little while, after nightfall, we saw Lum Warfield, Henry Mason's father-in-law, come out of Mason's house, carrying a shovel or spade, and go to the place said to be a grave. After digging for some time he brought out a box shaped like a coffin, and which was covered with something white. This he carried to the yard of Mason's house, passed around it, and, as we afterward learned, buried the body in Mason's yard. By this time I concluded that it was my duty to report the matter to Justice Baughman and Deputy Sheriff Thompson, at Gaithersburg, and did so."

Clarence Ennis, a young colored man living at Emory Grove, said that he was present when Lum Warfield dug the grave from which the coffin was subsequently taken, and that he asked Warfield what he was digging the grave for. Warfield, he said, told him he had been asked to do so by Mason, who always had some "foolish notion in his head."

Justice Baughman told The Star reporter that his attention was called to the case early in the present month, and that he at once decided that the rumors in circulation ought to be investigated. He then went to Rockville, for the purpose of consulting Judge Henderson about the matter. The judge being absent from town, he concluded to confer with State's Attorney Kilgore as to what steps ought to be taken in the matter.

Arrests Ordered.

After hearing Justice Baughman's statement, the state's attorney is reported to have said: "I want you, as soon as you go back to Gaithersburg, to issue warrants for the arrest of everybody who is suspected of having anything to do with this affair, and commit them to the Rockville jail."

Justice Baughman then left Mr. Kilgore, and what followed can best be told in his own words:

"On my way back to Gaithersburg," said the magistrate, "I got to thinking over the state's attorney's instructions, and, after giving the subject much consideration, reached the conclusion that I would not be justified in making arrests by wholesale, as seemed to be the intention of Mr. Kilgore, and after consultation with Deputy Sheriff Horton Thompson, I concluded to issue a warrant for the arrest of Bessie Sellman, the mother of the child. The accused was taken into custody Tuesday, and committed to jail for a hearing on the following Monday.

"At this point Deputy Sheriff Thompson took especial charge of the collection of evidence in the case. He ascertained, in addition to what, as above mentioned, was learned by the representative of The Star from the persons whose names were given, that from the birth of the baby up to the night of its death it was in as good health as could have been expected in a child of its age.

"Mr. Thompson also ascertained, as stated by him, that in the evening, after dark, Bessie left the child for a few minutes alone with parties in her home, and went out of doors, returning a little later to find the baby in spasms. In an hour or so thereafter it died. No notice whatever was sent to the proper authorities, or, if it was sent, was not received by them, and early the next morning Lum Warfield dug the grave in the Stevens' lot, from which the coffin was subsequently exhumed.

"Following the arrest of Bessie Sellman and her incarceration in the Rockville jail, the remains of the baby were taken up by direction of Deputy Sheriff Thompson and conveyed to Gaithersburg, with the idea that an autopsy was to be made by a competent physician. Justice Baughman set the time for the inquest to begin on the day the autopsy was to be made, and in compliance with the request of State's Attorney Kilgore, previously made, notified him."

The Attorney Interposes.

The latter, Mr. Thompson said, reached Gaithersburg about the hour appointed for the inquest to begin, and almost at once, supposedly by appointment, met Dr. McCormick, who saw the baby soon after its birth. A conversation between the doctor and the state's attorney followed, and, at its termination, Mr. Kilgore informed Deputy Sheriff Thompson and Justice Baughman that if an autopsy were held he would refuse to recommend the payment of the bill for the expenses, with the result stated. The state's attorney went back to Rockville, soon afterward, and ordered the immediate release of Bessie Sellman from jail, which order was obeyed. The body was taken back to Emory Grove and reinterred.

This action of State's Attorney Kilgore, it is said, produced mingled feelings of indignation and resentment on the part of both white and colored residents of that section of Montgomery county, and many threats of laying violent hands on Mason by the latter have been made, unless, after a thorough and impartial investigation, it shall be shown that he is innocent of crime in connection with the death of the baby.

While the corpse was at Gaithersburg it was seen by a number of persons. Deputy Sheriff Thompson said he noticed it particularly, and that it bore the appearance of having been strangled. There was, he said, a mark about its throat as though made with a human hand, and there was also blood in the ears and mouth.

"After State's Attorney Kilgore announced that he would not recommend the payment of any bill for an autopsy," said Mr. Thompson, "I denounced the transaction as an outrage on Kilgore's part. Had it been a white man, who was charged with the commission of the crime, and there were similar evidence against him, he would in all probability have been strung up to one of the trees in Gaithersburg, and I assert that this affair ought to be probed to the bottom, if it costs a thousand dollars to do it.

"I am hoping some way will be found to make a full and impartial investigation of what seems to me to be a heinous crime, and until this is done a blot will rest upon the fair name of Montgomery county.

"For my own part I intend to leave no stone unturned to sift the whole affair."

Justice Baughman expressed similar views as to the need of further investigation of the alleged crime, and stated that he believed there would be at least one important arrest made in connection therewith in a very short time.

Purgatorial Pills
The druggist would hardly smile if you asked for "purgatorial pills." There are many of them. But he would probably recommend a pill that did not gripe; a sugar-coated pill, gentle in action, and sure in effect. What are they called?
..Ayer's Cathartic Pills..

The Staging Fell.

What was at first thought to be a very serious accident, and which for a few minutes caused a great excitement, occurred about 12:15 noon today at the Lafayette Square Theater. It was occasioned by the breaking down of a stage upon which six members, four ladies and two gentlemen, of the Castle Square Opera Company were rehearsing their parts in the opera to be rendered there tonight. The noise of the falling boards and timbers was heard more than a square away, and scores of men hastened to the scene. The employes of the theater aided by members of the opera company were, however, equal to the work of rescue, and quickly removed the unfortunates from the debris. The ladies fainted, but were speedily brought back to consciousness by the aid of restoratives. All were more or less bruised by the fall, which was about twelve feet, but none were so badly hurt as to incapacitate them for duty.

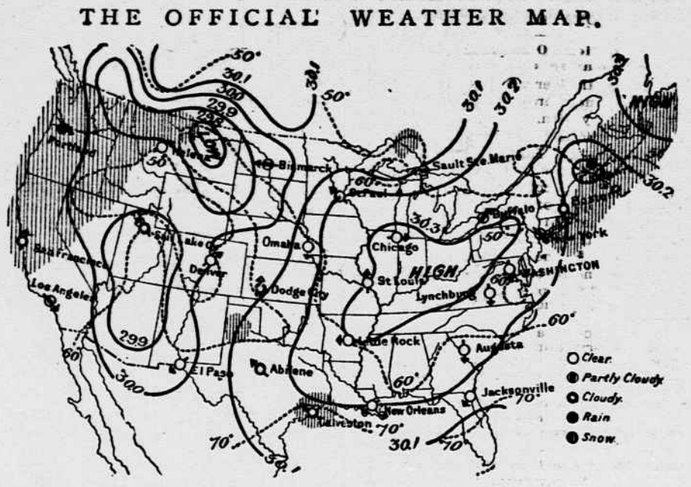
Insolvent Bank Dividends.

The controller of the currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks as follows: 10 per cent, the Moscow National Bank of Moscow, Idaho; 10 per cent, the Kittitas Valley National Bank of Ellenburg, Wash.; 5 per cent, the First National Bank of Ocala, Fla.; 10 per cent, the Keystone National Bank of Superior, West Superior, Wis.; 10 per cent, the First National Bank of East Saginaw, Mich.; 15 per cent, the First National Bank of Eddy, N. M.; 10 per cent, the State National Bank of Wichita, Kan.; 5 per cent, the National Bank of Illinois, Chicago, Ill.; 10 per cent, the Baker City National Bank of Baker City, Oreg.

What to Drink.

There is nothing so delicious and invigorating as a cup of the best coffee, and the only "best" coffee is "dry roasted" Old Mandehling Java and Mocha mixed, sold for 38c. at Reeves, Poole & Co.'s, 1209 F street, of which they are serving a cup free. —Advertisement.

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

TONIGHT TO BE FAIR.

Warmer Weather Indicated for Tomorrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Tuesday: For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday; northerly winds, becoming easterly.

For Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday; northeasterly winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast: An area of high pressure, central in the Ohio valley, covers all the districts east of the Rocky mountain slope. A trough of low pressure covers the Rock mountain districts, with a depression central in Montana. The barometer has risen in the Atlantic and gulf states; also on the northern Rocky mountain plateau; it has fallen slightly in the lake regions.

The temperature is higher in the upper lake region, and has remained stationary in the other districts.

For the twenty-four hours ending Sunday morning occasional showers occurred near the Atlantic coast and in the Rocky mountain districts. During the past twenty-four hours occasional showers continued in the Rocky mountain districts, and the weather has been fair in the central valleys and the Atlantic and east gulf states.

Fair weather, with slowly rising temperature, is indicated for the Atlantic and east gulf states and the Ohio valley. Occasional showers may occur in the west gulf states tonight and Tuesday and in the lower lake region Tuesday.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported:

During the past twenty-four hours—Tyler, Tex., 1.72.

Rivers.—The following changes in the rivers (in feet and tenths) have occurred:

The river at Vicksburg is 8.7 above the danger line and has fallen 0.3.

At New Orleans it is 3.3 above the danger line and stationary.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 1:55 a.m. and 2:32 p.m.; high tide, 7:58 a.m. and 8:36 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 2:50 a.m. and 3:27 p.m.; high tide, 8:52 a.m. and 9:31 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rises, 4:45 a.m.; sun sets, 7:07 p.m.

Moon rises, 9:11 p.m. today.

Tomorrow—Sun rises, 4:44 a.m.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 8:16 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 3:52 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named.

Arc lamps lighted at 8:01 p.m.; extinguished at 4:07 a.m.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Receiving reservoir, temperature, 65; condition at north connection, 1; condition at south connection, 1. Distributing reservoir, temperature, 67; condition at influent gate house, 3; effluent gate house, 5.

Temperatures for Twenty-Four Hours

The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau during the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon:

May 16—4 p.m., 67; 8 p.m., 62; midnight, 55

May 17—4 a.m., 47; 8 a.m., 59; 12 m., 67, and 2 p.m., 68.

Maximum, 69, at 3 p.m., May 16; minimum, 45, at 5 a.m., May 17.

CONDENSED LOCALS

Workmen began today the task of renewing the roofing of the tower of the Church of the Covenant, some of the tile having been loosened by the tornado of September last.

The will of the late Rebecca S. Marshall, dated November 24, 1896, and filed Saturday, makes her daughter, Lillie Marshall Harmon, sole beneficiary and executrix.

Mr. J. Schoenhoff, sixty-five years old, whose home is in New York city, but who is here on a visit, fell from an electric car on H street northwest, between Vermont avenue and 15th street, Saturday night about 10 o'clock, and was painfully injured. He was taken to the Shoreham, where he is registered as a guest.

The dwelling occupied by E. Rubey, 1301 Chester court, caught fire about 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, the smoke arousing the family in time for all to make their escape. An alarm was turned in from box 245, and soon afterward several fire companies were on hand, but not before the flames had made considerable progress. The fire was extinguished quickly. The property was damaged to the extent of $300.

During the forty-eight hours ended at 8 o'clock this morning the police made 166 arrests, including 113 colored persons and 53 whites. There were 31 females among them. Of the total number of persons arrested 91 were single and 75 married.

Two telegrams from Maryland were received at police headquarters today asking the police to look out for thieves and stolen property. One was from the Rev. J. J. Prendergast, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Buckeystown, and the other was from John Hill at Sandy Spring. The former did not state what had been stolen from his church, but the latter complained that his horse was stolen last night.

An attempt was made to burn the stable of Cornelius Hatch, in the rear of No. 1920 10th street northwest, about 10:30 o'clock last night. Policemen Stewart and Kelly were called, and they extinguished the fire before any damage was done. Now they are endeavoring to find the firebug.

George Brown, a colored man who lives at 476 Washington street, fell from one of the cars of the Capital Traction Company last night about 11:45 o'clock when the train was near Washington Circle. It was at first believed by those in the car that the man would have to be taken home in an ambulance, but he was more frightened than hurt. Brushing the dirt from his clothes, he got on the car again and resumed his journey.

Ethel Godfrey, three years old, was found wandering on the street near New Jersey avenue and P street last night about 7 o'clock. The police restored her to her parents, who live at 1306 S street northwest.

George Nussbaum, aged twenty-six, a member of No. 1 engine company on K street near 17th street northwest, was kicked in the head by one of the horses there this morning. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where ten stitches were put in the wound by Dr. M. Barr, after which Nussbaum went back to duty.

Henry Heftler, who was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio engine while walking along the track near Rockville yesterday afternoon, and taken to Providence Hospital, was at 2 o'clock this afternoon thought to be dying. He has been unconscious ever since the accident.

Yesterday afternoon the officers of the sixth precinct raided the house of Mary V. Thornton, colored, in Smith court, and captured a supply of whisky and beer. In addition to a charge of keeping an unlicensed bar the woman was charged with keeping a bawdy house. Today in the Police Court she pleaded guilty to both charges, and went to jail for ninety days in default of payment of $275.

Uley Jackson, a small colored boy, was in the Police Court today on a charge of injuring a tree. It was shown that a horse had torn the bark partly from the tree and the boy finished it. Several other trees had been injured in this way, and the police concluded to put a stop to the practice, if possible. A fine of $5 was imposed on the boy.

A small boy named Edward Florence, who had a good time jumping on electric cars, on 4½ street, found himself in the Police Court today on charges. He admitted that he jumped on the car, but in consideration of the plea made in his behalf by the policeman who arrested him the court took his personal bonds.

Last night about 11 o'clock Joseph Brown and Charles Whitley, colored men, engaged in a fight in Glick's alley, and when the police arrived it was necessary to remove Brown to Freedman's Hospital. He had a cut in his neck which, it was claimed, had been inflicted with a penknife by Whitley. When the wound had been dressed, Brown went home. Later Whitley was arrested, and today in the Police Court the case was postponed.

Public Sale.

Ratcliffe, Sutton & Co., auctioneers, have sold at public sale dwelling 1711½ 8th street northwest, the lot being 17 feet 6½ inches by 95 feet, to Ferdinand Smith and H. Bergmann, trustees, for $2,900.

President Thomas Denies.

President Thomas of the United States Electric Lighting Company denies that he proposes to fight in the courts the permit of the Potomac company to cross his conduits. He says if that company has the right to tear up the pavements every twenty-five feet his company has like privileges.

GOOD CHARACTER

Witnesses Testify as to Mr. Talcott's Reputation.

CONTINUING THE ASSAULT CASE

The Defense Attacks the Government Witnesses Today.

COURT ROOM CLEARED

The Police Court today seemed to be the center of attraction for a large representation of the population of the District, the continuation of the trial of Alfred B. Talcott, the aged electrician at the U. S. Capitol and former well-known newspaper man, being the drawing card. As reported in The Star, Mr. Talcott was placed on trial Friday last, charged with assaulting five little girls, Julia Garrison, Emma Mellen, Addie Garrison, Phoebe Hartley and Lillie Mellen, ranging in age from nine to fifteen years. The testimony adduced during the first day of the trial was of a decidedly extraordinary and extremely shocking character. The case, therefore, has attracted unusually widespread attention.

Although the utmost vigilance was exercised in admitting persons, the court room was crowded some time before the hour set for the resumption of the trial, while scores of disappointed ones occupied the hallways. The front benches, in some unexplained manner, formed resting places for thirty or forty small boys and youths, and that fact was at once noted by Judge Kimball as he mounted the bench. The court exploded something in the nature of a bombshell by directing the bailiffs to clear the room of all persons having no business there, especially the boys. A general but reluctant exodus followed, those ruled out lingering about the building in the hope of later in the day securing admittance to the hearing. The trend of the testimony, however, was by no means as sensational as that of Friday.

Good Character.

Justice of the Peace Samuel C. Mills, Clerk Joseph Y. Potis of the Police Court, Mrs. Henry Sunwold, Mrs. Mary Kaffey and Mrs. Emily Briggs late Friday afternoon began the case of the defense by testifying as to the excellent reputation of Mr. Talcott.

When the hearing was resumed today Messrs. Noble D. Larner, John M. Carson of the Philadelphia Ledger, John H. Brooks of the Navy Department, William J. Murtagh, who was proprietor of the National Republican; M. Marcan of the Western Union Telegraph Company, John F. Cook, George W. Balloch, Harry T. Towers and William H. Smith were called in the order named. Their statements were to the effect that they have known Mr. Talcott for many years, and that they had never heard a breath against his reputation.

A long discussion foliowed in regard to the non-appearance of a witness named Mrs. Hardesty. All the little girls alleged to have been assaulted declared Friday that Mrs. Hardesty was the first person to learn of the assaults. This happened, it was brought out, because of the fact that Mrs. Hardesty is a storekeeper. She inquired of them where they obtained possession of all their money, and was told it was given by Mr. Talcott.

"I served the summons on Mrs. Hardesty," said a policeman, "reading it to her in person. She said she knew nothing of the case, and would not go to court."

An attachment was thereupon issued for the arrest of Mrs. Hardesty, and a policeman set forth in search of her, with instructions to bring her into court forthwith.

Family Testimony.

Dr. J. B. Gregg Custis was the next witness called for the defense. Attorney Carrington attempted to show the physical condition of Mr. Talcott, through talks held by Dr. Custis with Mrs. Talcott, but the question was ruled to be improper. Dr. Custis stated, however, that in his opinion the duration of the alleged assaults as stated by the little girls was an impossibility.

It was desired to place Mrs. Talcott on the stand, but Assistant District Attorney Mullowny called attention to the stipulation that a wife cannot testify for or against her husband.

"By what rule do you move to use Mrs. Talcott as a witness?" asked the court.

"By the rule of necessity and justice," replied Attorney Carrington.

"Have you any authority in support of that contention?" Judge Kimball wanted to know.

"This is as good a place as any to make an authority," submitted the attorney, but the ruling was against him, and Mabel Talcott, the little daughter of the defendant, took the stand.

The statement of greatest importance made by Mabel was that she was present with the other girls the entire afternoon March 7, when Emma Mellen and Julia Garrison claimed to have been assaulted. Mabel declared that she was with Emma and Julia that afternoon from the time the latter two went to the woodshed to play until Julia was compelled to go home, whipped all the way by her brother, Roy Garrison. Not the semblance of an assault occurred during that time, she said.

Roy Garrison was recalled and asked again if he was given money by Mr. Talcott the latter part of March, Mr. Talcott stopping his buggy one day on the street for that purpose. The reply was emphatically in the negative.

Mr. William E. Gross, who said he was with Mr. Talcott on the occasion stated, added that he saw Mr. Talcott give Roy Garrison a sum of money. Objection was made to this testimony on the ground that it was merely collateral, but the court ruled that it was admissable, Attorney Carrington maintaining that the point was important for his claim of blackmail.

Policeman J. P. Smith replied that he never dreamed of making such a remark when asked if he said, in a street car, after the adjournment of court Friday: "I've got it in for old man Talcott, the old — —."

Charles Prather explained the situation of Mr. Talcott's woodshed, the chicken house and the fence. The dimensions of the chicken house, he said, are four feet by seven feet and a quarter. From the position on the fence where Roy Garrison claimed to have witnessed the actions of Mr. Talcott that indicated an assault March 7, so declared Mr. Prather, it was impossible to have seen the alleged assault or suspicious actions.

Attorney Carrington attempted to show by the witness that the little girls have been in the habit of staying out very late at night in unfrequented places with boys, including Roy Garrison, William Milstead and Lawrence Saxty, who testified for the prosecution, when Judge Kimball said:

"Suppose these girls are as bad as you imply? They are under the age of consent, and even if they have been with forty boys and it should be shown that the charges against this defendant are true, he would be guilty of assault."

The question on that point put by Attorney Carrington was ruled out, and then Mrs. Eva Hardesty, who had arrived at court, was called. She kept a candy store last summer, said Mrs. Hardesty, and Julia Garrison, Emma Mellen, Addie Garrison, Phoebe Hartley and Lillie Mellen had, in common with the other children of the neighborhood, made purchases of her.

"On one occasion," stated the witness, "I asked Julia Garrison where she obtained her money, and she replied that Mr. Talcott gave it to her. That was all. She did not say why he gave it to her."

"Did Emma Mellen and Phoebe Hartley tell you they secured their money from Mr. Talcott?" asked Attorney Carrington.

"No, sir."

"Are you positive about that?"

"Yes, sir."

Phoebe Hartley was recalled, and she reiterated her statements to the effect that Mrs. Hardesty was the first person she told that Mr. Talcott had assaulted her. This was brought out by Mrs. Hardesty asking where she got the money.

A recess was then taken.

After recess Mrs. Julia Thompson, who has lived near Mr. Talcott and the little girls for nine years, testified that Mr. Talcott has always borne an excellent reputation, while that of the girls is bad, in fact, they have been the talk of the neighborhood. The three older girls have borne a bad reputation for years. She had heard one of the little girls, on one occasion, say to another, "Let's go around to Mr. Talcott's and make a little change."

Mrs. Edwards and Robert L. Russell certified as to Mr. Talcott's good character. His place is a playground for the children of the neighborhood.

Charles W. Slater and Samuel Hanlein were called to state their knowledge of the reputation of Roy Garrison, the government witness, for truth and veracity. Both witnesses stated with great emphasis that they would not believe Garrison under oath.

Mr. Crosby S. Noyes, called in behalf of the defense, stated that he has been acquainted with Mr. Talcott for years, and has never heard a breath uttered against him. The testimony of Mr. W. H. Barstow was in effect the same as that of Mr. Noyes.

The Defendant.

After several other witnesses had testified as to character, the defendant took the stand. After stating his name and age Mr. Talcott calmly proceeded to describe the surroundings of his residence on E street southeast. His place was at all times open to children, or, in fact, to any one.

"Are you fond of children?" asked Attorney Carrington.

"All my life I have been a fool over children," was the answer. "I can't pass an infant without taking it in my arms."

"Now tell us," asked the attorney, "is there any truth in these charges?"

Then followed one of the most pathetic scenes that has been witnessed in the Police Court for a long time.

"My God, no, sir," shouted the old man, bursting into tears as his trembling hands clung about his withered forehead. "My God, no, sir," he repeated, quivering with emotion.

"Did you place your hands on them?" Mr. Carrington asked.

"Yes, sir, the same as I would on a kitten in playing with it," was the answer.

"Did you have any thought of injuring them?" was the next query.

Again Mr. Talcott broke down completely. "How could I?" he said, again breaking into tears. "Oh, how could I?"

Several other times Mr. Talcott gave way to feelings. He denied as positively as lay in his power committing the assault, and then went on to charge the boys who have figured in the case with blackmailing him.

It would be a physical impossibility, he said, for him to commit the assault.

Mr. Talcott was still testifying when The Star's report closed.

Mr. Michael's Case.

There is some hitch over the appointment of Mr. Michael as chief clerk of the State Department, and although he is apparently on duty he has not yet taken the oath of office. It is reported that the civil service commission question the right of Secretary Sherman to make the appointment and have declined to make the requisite certification.

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