THE MEYER MURDER CASE

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY TAKEN YESTERDAY,

Tending to Prove That Mrs. Meyer and Her Children Returned Alone From Jackson.

THE PRISONER READS A WRITTEN STATEMENT.

Argument Begun by Attorney-General Peters and Judge Douglass —Adjournment of Court.

The trial of the Meyer case was resumed yesterday. The courtroom was crowded, every available seat being occupied in anticipation of the fact that the arguments of counsel would begin during the day.

Concluding the Evidence.

The State recalled Mrs. Odell, who testified as follows: There is no furniture in the hall opposite my bedroom door, from where I saw Meyer and wife when they went into their room Monday night. The furniture in the hall is west of my door, and in the rear end of the hall. I observed Meyer and his wife from the door of my east, or bedroom. I never saw Meyer go down stairs after he went into his room. I heard no one go down stairs. After the door had been closed some one opened it and picked something up and then closed it.

Cross Examined by Defendant.—Are you not near sighted, and do you not see badly; in fact, are your eyes not weak?

"I am not near sighted. My eyes at times may be a little weak, but I see very well."

Gen. Turner—When we were up in the hall night before last making experiments as to whether a person in front of your door could look east down the hall and see a person unlocking Meyer's door by the light of a match, did not your daughter Maud, by your direction, show where you stood and say to a gentleman, "Ma stood here when she saw Meyer and wife enter their room?"

"No, I did not tell Maud to stand anywhere, nor did I ever show her where I stood; but I did tell her several times where I stood."

"Did you not stand in your door while this experiment was being made?"

"I did not."

"Did you not go to your door and call Maud and tell her to come in the house?"

"I called her, but did not come to the door. I was in my kitchen getting supper."

"Don't you know when you called Maud you were in your extreme east room and that you have no room east of the room you called her into?"

"No, I do not know this, nor you either, for it is not the fact, and my bed-room is east of the door where you all made the experiment."

Mr. B. P. Robson was next examined, who testified: I am a railroad man. On the night of September 6th I came from Ripley, Miss., to Memphis. I remember distinctly to have gone to Mississippi on Friday, September 3d, and that I returned on Monday night, the 6th, by way of Grand Junction, over the Charleston road. I boarded the train at Grand Junction. I came down in the sleeper, and was conversing with several gentlemen on the way. The train was over an hour late getting to Memphis, which made it after 11 o'clock. I got off the train and took a street car at Jefferson street. I most positively remember that on this street car was a lady and two little girls, and that they had some bird cages; that when the car got to either Third or Second street, I don't remember which, they got off, taking the bird cages. A colored man also got off. He was a tall mulatto man. I do not know what became of them after they got off the car. No white man got off. This left one other man and myself on the car. The man remaining on the car with me had a sandy mustache. These were all the passengers on the car from the depot.

Cross Examined.—The train was over an hour late. I am positive that little Carrie Meyers, whom I now see, was one of the little girls. I did not see Meyer. I am not acquainted with him or his family. Seeing him now, I assert he was not on the street car. He could not have been there without my seeing him. I paid no attention to anybody on the railroad cars. There were quite a number of people got on at Grand Junction. There must have been fifty or sixty people on the platform there. My attention was attracted to the lady and two little girls on the street car by the bird cages and by them laughing and talking, sticking their heads out of the car window as if trying to see where to get off. I don't know whether the negro took the bird cages or not. I think it must be a quarter of a mile from Second street to Charleston depot.

The State here asked the privilege of introducing testimony as to the good character of Mr. J. J. Dunnavant, as the defense had by indirection attacked his character for honesty, truth and uprightness by asking certain witnesses questions as to whether or not the prosecution had bought testimony and bribed witnesses. The Court ruled they might introduce this testimony.

Mr. J. L. Goodloe and C. H. Raine, the former an attorney and the latter cashier of the Mercantile Bank, testified to the good character of Mr. J. J. Dunnavant, brother of deceased and prosecutor in the case. Mr. G. W. Fisher, furniture dealer, and E. A. Keeling, together with Mrs. Margaret Gray, were introduced by the State, who testified to the good character of Mrs. Odell.

The State then introduced the Chief of Police, W. C. Davis, who testified: At the request of State's counsel, I went with several gentlemen night before last and made experiments in the hallway at No. 227 Second street. I Went back to the rear of the hall opposite Mrs. Odell's door while Mr. Hedrick stood at Meyer's door as if in the attitude to unlock it. Hedrick struck a match and I could plainly see him and recognize his features. I could recognize a person at the head of the steps at that end of the hall by the match light. I then changed positions, standing at Meyer's door and Mr. Hedrick taking the position in front of Mrs. Odell's door. I struck several matches one at a time standing at the ordinary distance a person would stand to unlock it. A person might stand so close up to the door on purpose as to prevent anyone from seeing them in the hallway at Mrs. Odell's door. There is no furniture in front of Mrs. Odell's eastdoor. There is something like furniture piled in the west end of the hall.

Mr. W. O. Hedrick, of the police force, was put upon the stand, and testified to the same facts as were testified to by Chief Davis, stating he could see plainly a person at the position named, and could readily recognize any one he knew. He stated, as he left the witness stand, that he was in no manner interested in the case either with the one side or the other.

Mr. A. J. Murray, a civil engineer, was then introduced by the State. He said he had been employed to draw a diagram of the hall and make observations there with his instruments. He presented the diagram, and said: Setting his instrument one foot from Meyer's door and his line of sight struck the north wall beyond Mrs. Odell's east room door; that a person standing at the north wall, opposite Mrs. Odell's east room door, could easily observe a person one foot from Meyer's door; that a line of observation from the north wall, opposite Mrs. Odell's door, would strike the facing of Meyer's room door, as shown on the diagram.

Mr. J. J. Dunnavant being called said he had never in any way, shape or manner offered, or authorized anyone else to offer, anything to any witness to testify in the case. That he did not know Mrs. O'Dell or any of the witnesses from 227 Second street, and did not see them until placed on the witness stand. That he and deceased lived in adjoining houses, and he knew that his brother staid at home very closely at night. That on Monday night he sometimes attended a mechanics' association to which he belonged. That he had also several nights met a committee of the First Baptist Church in regard to building a lecture room, which they had contracted for.

The State then offered to prove the good character of the deceased, which the Court ruled out.

This ended the evidence in the case. Counsel for the defendant then offered that he be allowed to make a statement to the jury.

Judge Dubose then said as there was no testimony by an eye witness to the killing he would permit defendant to make a statement to the jury, but that it could not be considered as evidence.

MEYER'S STATEMENT.

The prisoner then took the stand and, in a monotonous tone, read the following statement from manuscript:

While I was working at Nashville I received a letter stating "that my wife went buzzy riding with a friend of yours; he treated her to champagne and beer, got her drunk, and when at home took her and thrown her down on the floor; she struggled a little finally; signed sincerely your friend, N. N." I paid no attention to that. I thought nothing of it—only some jealous enemy, perhaps. When I got done I went to Jackson, Tenn., to fresco two churches. When I was there a week or so I received another letter saying my wife was untrue to me; look out and watch, your friend, N. N. This one made me think, and I wrote to her to come to me in Jackson. We lived happy, but it bothered my mind a great deal, and I thought several times of speaking to her about it, but I never did. The more I thought of it the worse I felt. The main thought was of my children. If it was true I pitied them. I was afraid to believe it, but I must find out and be sure. I never said anything about it to her, but made up my mind to find out. I had prospects for work in St. Louis. I told her probably I might go to St. Louis when I got done with my work at Jackson. I told her I would go to Grand Junction with her as an escort, and by that time I would make up my mind whether I would go to St. Louis or not. When we got there I told her that I would go to St. Louis. We took supper at an off hotel because it was much cheaper than at the railroad hotel. We waited late at Grand Junction for the train, but when it came I kissed them all goodbye, gave my wife the tickets, and we parted. My heart gave way to sad feelings when the train took my two darlings off. Could that woman be false? She had been such a good woman to me always. But why those letters? There might be something in it. I walked up and down the railroad all night. When daylight came I walked on. I don't know which way. I made up my mind to be a tramp, take sketches, etc. I walked in the woods. I remember making a pencil sketch. I don't remember much after that, but only thought of being a tramp and of my dear children. What will become of these two little darlings? I have no way to express my feelings. I don't know how long I tramped around, but I made up my mind to go home and see for myself and be sure. I don't remember when I got on the train, nor did I care to think, but I got to Memphis at night anyway. I reached home and everything was quiet in the house. I went upstairs very easy. I expected I had to knock at the door and watch the other door, but to my surprise I found the front room door open about one-half inch or so. I went to it, listened. I heard nothing but the breathing of my children, as I thought. I pushed the door open, went in, looked at the parlor bed; did not see any one but my wife on it asleep. I stood awhile to think. Could she be untrue to me? Could she destroy my children's home? I determined to watch her the next night. I sat down to clear my mind, but the more I thought about it the more dizzy my head got. I felt thirsty. I looked for a bucket to get some beer. I missed the ice box and saw the stove in its place. I went into the closet where the cooking vessels were, got the bucket and went after beer. I came home, saw everything was the same, went into the closet and drank it. I felt better. I placed the bucket just where I got it, put off my shoes, went after writing paper in my desk and books. I can't say why I took the books; found some old rags, clothing, bed clothing, etc. I spread them out and laid down. I went out into the front room again, found some bread, and again went in, laid down, ate my bread and dropped off to sleep. The beer done me good. I woke up just as it was getting light. I wrote a letter to her, dated at St. Louis, etc.; told her I would not be home very soon, etc. I dobbed the stamp and envelope with a cork moistened with ink, went out, put it where we used to get our letters, and went back to the closet again. I heard them getting up, I thought, very late, but oh, when I heard the sweet voices of my darlings it seemed like a knife going through my heart, but I determined to watch her if I be not discovered, and waited as long as I could hold out. I thought, Oh, how happy they are. I could hardly stay in the closet; and must my children, my innocent children, suffer for her wrong, which they will surely find out in the future if it is true. But the morning passed off. In the morning when I was writing about the feeling a father and children must have when a woman is seduced, etc., I heard footsteps coming upstairs and in my parlor as familiar as the owner of the rooms, without knocking. A feeling rushed over me I can't describe. Everything seemed to whirl of a sudden. Could she be doing wrong? God help me and my dear children! I crept into the wardrobe. I was astonished to see my friend Dunnavant. He was sitting on a chair. I saw him feel her leg, then get up and close the door. He put his arms around her and threw her back on the bed. She scuffled. He got his knee between her legs and put his hands to his pants. I could not see any more. I jumped out and said: "Hold on there!" He jumped from the bed and ran toward me. I raised the pistol and ran backward, when the pistol went off. He got hold of me, grabbed the pistol out of my hands and we scuffled. I tore loose and ran to the Station House to give myself up. If he would not run to me I would have said: "My home is disgraced by you. You took the honor away from it. Take it all, only give me enough money to pay the fare for my children to Cairo, and I'll leave it all. If you want the wretched woman, take her. Keep my furniture, my organ, my pictures—everything, only let me take my children from this town."

I feel that I did my duty to my children, and what every man would have done that loves his home. The idea that I wanted money for the price of my wife's honor and my own is too horrible to mention. To sell the honor of my little darlings? Where is there money enough for that? I always did make a good living for them and could do it yet. Murder is a horror to me, and no money could induce me to commit one. I thought only of my children, who for their whole life would feel the sorrows that man brought on them. What can wipe out that stain? Is it money? No, indeed.

H. H. MEYER.

Sunday, September 19, 1886.

Meyer read his statement in a plain and audible voice, but with a tremor in it. He broke down while referring to the unjust charge that he meant to blackmail Dunnavant, and the devastation of his home and childrens' happiness, but recovered and read his name in a clear voice.

Attorney General Peters opened for the State, and was followed by Judge Douglass for the defense.

Tomorrow Mr. Ryan will speak for the State, Gen. Turner and Col. Gantt for the defense, when Gen. Wright will close for the prosecution. The entire day tomorrow will be consumed in argument to the jury.

LEITH LIBERAL CLUB.

MR. GLADSTONE APOLOGIZES FOR HIS ABSENCE.

Address by the Earl of Aberdeen—Liberals Must Heal the Schism in Their Ranks.

LONDON, October 23—The Leith Liberal Club was opened yesterday. Mr. Gladstone sent an apology for his absence and hearty good wishes for the success of the club, adding: "Your club was formed during an epoch of a dangerous chism, which every good Liberal must desire to heal. It is the object of the Tories to keep the dissension alive by postponing the question upon which it arose. I rejoice to see Lord Monck, a dissenting Liberal, suggesting a reapproachment. I hope he will continue his patriotic labors."

The Earl of Aberdeen delivered an earnest address, in the course of which he asked his countrymen to consider whether the time has not come to show that our policy toward often saddened Ireland is one of peace, appealing to the best side of human nature. Away, he said, with the notion that that policy is a base surrender to violence. No, it is a policy, no matter which party carries it, which is in accord with the best instincts of the traditions of Liberalism. Lord Roseberry, in an apology for his absence, wrote: "For the present we are in the back water of the torrent of passion which has raged the greater part of the year. We have no policy to oppose. The government's dealing with foreign affairs will be guided by facts of which we were unaware, but if they use British influence in support of liberty and order in the Balkans, firmly maintain the neutrality of the New Hebrides, and while supporting the rights of the North American colonies aim at an amicable settlement of the fishery dispute, they will receive the support of all of their countrymen. Their Irish policy is still undeveloped. The Liberals therefore must endeavor to heal the schism in their ranks. I fear the leaders will be able to do little in this direction, but I have unlimited faith in the rank and file. If during the winter they set themselves to discuss, without passion or prejudice, the question dividing us, they may solve difficulties that appear more formidable than they really are. We can do nothing without the United States, and they can do nothing without us. Both sections will incur a great responsibility if they allow the party to be permanently broken up without making an effort to prevent it."

A VERY OLD CHESTNUT

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And Revived Long After the Death of the Statesman Most Prominently Mentioned.

NEW YORK, October 23—The *Mail and Express* says: Considerable talk was caused today by the dispatch from Louisville stating that the private papers of the late Jacob Thompson were about to be published, and that they would give some startling facts regarding the part taken in the plot to free Confederate prisoners during the war by Western sympathizers at the North, some of whom are holding office at the present time. It was learned by a *Mail and Express* reporter that Mr. A. R. Hart, of this city, has important documents in his possession bearing on this subject. Among these are sworn accounts of meetings held by Thompson and other conspirators by persons who were present, and in one of these accounts the name of a man now a prominent Federal officer in Chicago and of a man who is a prominent city official there are mentioned. At this meeting Thompson was heard to tell of the failures of this and other plots to cripple the North and to say the inauguration of riots and the employment of men to engage in them cost the Confederacy $500,000. Thompson also said that they had undertaken to release prisoners from all the Northern prisons, had purchased arms and smuggled them to their "friends" sufficient to have armed all the prisoners, and that "this was all that was wanting, our friends North stated." Thompson also told that when the time came, which was the last night before the Presidential election, at Camp Chase the effort was too feeble to be recognized, and at Chicago, where he had been "assured the prisoners would be released and the city burned and destroyed," only little was done before the leaders were arrested.

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MEMPHIS JOCKEY CLUB'S

PROGRAMME FOR A WEEK OF RARE SPORT.

Names of the Horses Now on the Ground and Those to Come—Notes of the Turf.

The New Memphis Jockey Club have completed all their arrangements for the fall race meeting, which commences next Tuesday. There are a great many horses at the track now, and many others will arrive within the next twenty-four hours. That Memphis is to become a popular winter resort for the horses is very plain. About one-half of those participating in next week's programme will winter here. Several of the trainers said yesterday to a representative of the APPEAL that Memphis is the best point they know of for winter quarters, the weather not being too severe, the ground high and dry, and the opportunities for exercise and training being better than at any point North. The roads from the city to the grounds are now in excellent condition, having been recently graveled and graded. Those who have horses and vehicles of their own cannot find better drives than on the roads between the city and the grounds. Considerable improvement has been made since the spring meeting, a number of the stables having sheds added, giving more room for the horses when the weather is too bad for exercise on the track.

The club has done all that is possible to be done to make the club grounds attractive. Its purses are large, and its accommodations are first class. There will be plenty of horses. Let each of our citizens ask himself if he cannot take sufficient recess from business to attend the races, and whenever employers can spare the attaches of their houses a few hours they should be permitted to take the pleasant little trip to the racing grounds.

THE STABLES.

Carmichael's—Fred Woolly, Dawn of Day, Rico, Debro, Dawn of Day and Woolly have been winners this season.

Sam Brown's.—Mona, Katie A., both winners.

John Davis's.—Gray Cloud, Monarch, Hopedale. Hopedale and Gray Cloud winners.

John Grayer's.—Aurelian, Hop Sing, Pioneer. Aurelian is the only winner in the lot.

Moy's—Roger Eastman, Slocum. Both have been "off," but are now nearly right.

Dick Shea's.—Ascoli, Judge Burnett, Roy Boy.

Weatherford's—Paragon, Twilight.

J. B Gray & Co.'s.—Emma Manly, Dyer, Wicklow, several two year olds, four yearlings.

L. R. Ketcham's.—Boomerang, Festus, Lucas, Faster, Emma Kennedy, Mary Paine, Rose. Three of these have been winners.

Williamson's—Union Jack, Tzura.

Wm. Mulkey's—War Sign, Tony Pastor, Jim Nave, Hornpipe, Breakdown, Virginia. Four of these were winners.

Wm Brady's.—Clonee.

Mike Welsh's.—Volcano, Hattie Carlisle. Hattie winner.

Armstrong's.—Effie H.

Ed Corrigan's—There are thirteen yearlings in this stable, six Longfellows and several King Bans; Jennie Treacy Hinda and Cary are turned out. Slave Jerome was to run, but he is now sick.

G. M. Rye's.—Warrenton, Bixby, Slickaway, Col. Zeb Ward, Will Lyons, Little Rock, The Crow. Warrenton is the only one of these Arkansas travelers that has been a winner.

Pat Corrigan's.—Free Knight, Hazaras, Cuban Queen, Jessie B. All winners except Jessie B.

Campbell & Fenton's.—Jim Gray, Panke, Ligan, Lafitte, Little Joe, Berlin, Logan, Elisie B., Henrietta, Lucy Lewis. Nearly all of these have been winners.

Brackett's—Nina B., Barbary, Leroy, Peacock, Cap. Hamner, Willie Martin, Belle Brackett.

COMING.

The La Masney stable, with ten horses, several of the first class; D. T Pulsifer, eight; Brannon Bros., ten; Peter Winsor, five; T. H. Stephens and P. H Donovan, each with several horses, left Lexington last night, and should be at the track today.

Notes.

THE WASHBURN has secured the saloon privileges. It could not have fallen to better hands.

WILLIE MARTIN and Belle Brackett are not likely to start here. Leroy is the best of the Brackett lot.

JENNIE TRACY, at the beginning of the season one of the best of two year olds, has had enough, and is now in the pasture.

SOUTH HARRIS is growing tired of trotters. He says several boys who used to rub horses for him at $20 per month are now making big money with the runners, while he is barely making a living with the trotters.

ON Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday the races will be preceded by a fox hunt, and three real live red foxes have been specially imported from New Hampshire for the occasion. This will doubtless prove an attraction that few can withstand.

JIM GRAY is considered the best horse at the track. His owners had concluded not to run him any more this season, but it is now thought he may go in the Peabody Hotel handicap. He has won for his new owners seven races, netting $13,000.

GRAY & Co.'s stable, when here in spring, had several good ones—Jim Gray, Lucas, Faster and Wicklow. The three first were sold, and the last has gone wrong. Mr. Gray now has a number of yearlings, some of which he is likely to train into good race horses.

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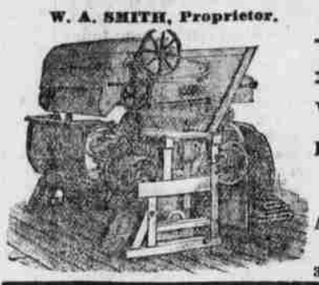

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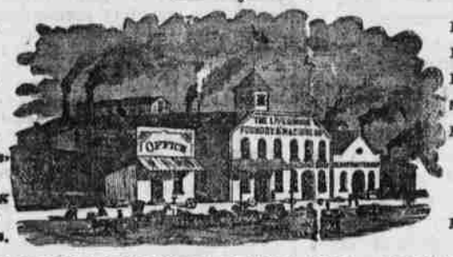

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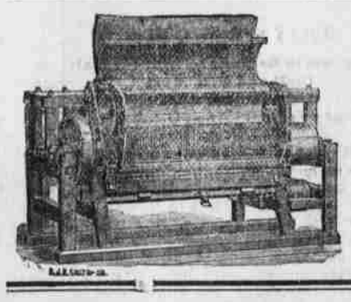

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