

THE GRAND JURY BEGINS ITS WORK

Investigating the Escape of Topeka Joe From Jail.

THE CHARGE OF JUDGE WITT.

He Directs That the Condition of the Building Be Inquired Into-The Prison Is Visited and Inspected. Adjourned to Tuesday.

The grand jury of the Hustings Court, began an investigation of "Topeka Joe's" escape from the city jail yesterday. A number of witnesses were examined, the jail was visited and carefully inspected and the jury adjourned until Tuesday morning.

They are Messrs. Julius A. Morris (foreman), G. Watt Taylor, John H. Frishkorn, J. B. Lambert, Charles Hagan, Geo. Schoen, W. T. Hancock and W. G. Miller.

The following gentlemen were sworn as witnesses: Messrs. J. C. Smith, James E. Taylor, E. M. Noble, P. H. Davis, C. M. Johnson, W. G. Tate, Thomas J. Smith, Claude Hoy, Floyd Clark, Michael J. Roudy, Wm. Collins and Arthur G. Gunn.

Judge Witt directed that the investigation be not only directed to ascertain whether or not officers had voluntarily or through carelessness, permitted the prisoner to escape, but that the jury also inquire into the matter of the safety of the jail as a place for the confinement of prisoners.

NEW BUILDING NEEDED.

The witnesses were called into the grand jury room one at a time. Up to this writing there has been no evidence of voluntary aid to the prisoner in making his escape. The witnesses, however, understood, in the matter of the jail, that a new and a modern jail is needed.

Judge Witt's charge to the jury was as follows: Your special duty to-day, gentlemen of the grand jury, is to investigate the escape of Joseph Bailey, alias "Topeka Joe."

About the 1st of August the Hon. Sidney Smith, Judge of the County Court of James City, committed this prisoner to the jail of our city for safekeeping, and on the night of September 2d he escaped. It is well known that he was one of the most notorious and desperate characters in the country, and for this very reason he should have been carefully guarded, and every precaution taken for his safe incarceration.

THE LAW IN THE CASE.

The law of this State by which you are to be guided in your investigation is embraced in two sections, passed by the Legislature at its last session, and is as follows:

"If any sheriff, jailer or other officer, or any guard or other person, summoned or employed by any such sheriff, jailer or other officer, voluntarily suffer a prisoner convicted of or charged with a felony to escape from his custody, he shall be fined not more than ten dollars."

And "if any sheriff, jailer or other officer, or any guard or other person summoned or employed by such sheriff, jailer or other officer, voluntarily suffer a prisoner convicted of or charged with a felony, or negligently or voluntarily suffer a prisoner convicted of or charged with an offense not a felony to escape from his custody, he shall be fined not more than ten dollars."

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IMPORTANT ARREST.

Deputy Marshal West Captures a Supposed Bank Robber.

United States Marshal Morgan Treat received a telegram yesterday from J. E. West, one of his deputies, stating that he had arrested at Fort Monroe one W. B. Danton, who is charged with embezzling \$10,000 from the Union National Bank in Chicago.

Mr. West said he recovered \$2,000 from Danton's person. The man was taken before United States Commissioner Kimberly and entered a plea of guilty. He expressed a willingness to voluntarily return to Chicago.

Papers in the case were forwarded to Judge Washburn, at Rockbridge Alum Springs, where they are to be signed. Deputy West will take Danton to Chicago.

Deputy Marshals West and Pinkerton at 10 o'clock Friday night arrested at Old Point William D. Dunton, who is charged with stealing \$10,000, went from Chicago to New York, thence to Atlantic City, where he procured a ship ticket and sailed down to Point Comfort. Officers were waiting for him and took him in, recovering \$2,000 from his person. There was a woman with Dunton on the yacht, but she disappeared. Her identity is not known.

Democratic Speakers.

Headquarters State Democratic Committee, Room 22, Chamber of Commerce Building, Richmond, Va., September 21st. Speakers and places of speaking are announced as follows:

JOHN W. DANIEL, Nelson Court, September 24th. Middlesex Court, September 25th. Gloucester Court, September 27th. Franklin Court, October 1st. Danville, October 2d (night).

THOMAS S. MARTIN, Cumberland Court, September 25th. Albemarle Court, October 1st. Appomattox Court, October 4th. Greene Court, October 19th.

WM. HODGES MANN, Fluvanna Court, September 24th. Cumberland Court, September 25th. Greenville Court, October 1st. Caroline Court, October 8th.

JOHN L. JEFFRIES, Washington Court, September 24th. Montgomery Court, September 25th. Roanoke City, September 25th (night). Rockbridge Court, October 1st. Alleghany Court, October 2d. Wythe Court, October 8th. Giles Court, October 9th.

JOHN LAMB, King William Court, September 25th. West Point (night), September 25th. Sussex Court, October 4th.

FRANCIS H. LASSITER, Brunswick Court, September 24th. Spotsylvania Court, September 25th. Backstone, September 25th. Wakefield, September 25th. Waverly, September 25th. Powhatan Court, October 1st. Nottoway Court, October 4th.

JAMES HAY, Brunswick Court, September 24th. Backstone, September 25th. Amelia Court, September 25th. Wakefield, September 25th. Waverly, September 25th. Albemarle Court, October 1st. Shenandoah Court, October 8th. Greene Court, October 19th.

H. D. FLOOD, Augusta Court, September 24th. Highland Circuit Court, Sept. 25th. Buena Vista, September 25th (night). Rockbridge Court, October 1st. Appomattox Court, October 4th. Spotsylvania Court, October 8th. Buckingham Court, October 8th.

A. J. MONTAGUE, Bedford Court, September 24th. Lynchburg, September 25th (night). Rockbridge Court, Oct. 1st. Nottoway Court, October 4th. New Kent Court, October 11th. Culpeper Court, October 15th. Tazewell Court, October 16th.

ROBERT TURNBULL, Amelia Court, September 24th. Powhatan Court, October 1st. Nottoway Court, October 4th. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, Montgomery Court, September 25th. East Radford, September 25th (night). Roanoke City, Sept. 25th (night). Charlotte Court, October 1st. South Boston, October 2d (night). Houston, October 3d (night).

J. W. S. CLAIR, Staunton Court, September 24th. LEWIS H. MACHEN, Fauquier Court, September 24th. Louisa Court, October 8th. C. A. SWANSON, Franklin Court, October 1st. Bright's (Pittsylvania), October 2d. Henry Court, October 8th.

HENRY R. POLLARD, King William Court, September 25th. King and Queen Court, October 4th. T. J. BOWLING, Spotsylvania Court, October 1st. King and Queen Court, October 4th. JOHN F. RIXEY, Orange Court, September 24th.

PETER J. OTEY, Bedford Court, September 24th. Montgomery Court, September 25th. Campbell Court, October 8th. WM. P. BARKSDALE, Surry Court, September 25th. Spotsylvania Court, October 1st. Alleghany Court, October 2d. Nottoway Court, October 4th. Henry Court, October 8th.

R. C. MARSHALL, Fauquier Court, September 24th. E. LEE, JR., Fauquier Court, September 24th. Gloucester Court, October 1st. King George Court, October 4th. Loudoun Court, October 8th. Petersburg, October 13th. Dinwiddie Court, October 15th.

Page Court, September 24th. Madison Court, September 27th. Winchester, October 1st. Berryville, October 8th. S. L. KELLEY, King William Court, September 25th. West Point (night), September 25th.

H. L. MAYNARD, Isle of Wight Court, October 1st. James City Court, October 8th. D. GARDINER TYLER, Surry Court, September 25th.

"DEWEY," THE SUCTION DREDGE.

It is Now at Work on the W. R. Trigg Shipyards.

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Under Contract for Over 400,000 Cubic Yards of Sand—Will Take Several Months to Complete the Contract.

There is now at work on the Trigg shipyards a dredge which is wonderful in its construction, and, while nothing new, is the only one of the kind that has ever been used around Richmond. The suction dredge, owned by the property of the Standard Dredging and Contracting Company, of Baltimore, and is under contract with the Trigg Company for 475,000 cubic yards of sand.

When under favorable circumstances the dredge can pump about 3,000 cubic yards of sand, but the rate is not constant, and the first week did not come up to expectations. Soon a night-shift will be put on, and the work will go on both night and day. When this is done it is expected that the amount of sand moved from the bed of the river will amount to more than 100,000 cubic yards per month. At this rate it will take between four and five months to complete the work.

HENRICO NEWS.

Contract of the Scavenger Forfeited From Barton Heights.

The contract of Mr. John H. Smith, as county scavenger of Henrico, has been forfeited by the Board of Supervisors, the result of various complaints lodged against Mr. Smith. The county will be divided into two districts with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway the dividing line and two scavengers will be appointed. The contract will be put up for bid on the 12th of October and the appointment will be made by Mr. Henry Hechler, chairman of the Board.

The Supervisors failed again to agree on the appointment of a superintendent of the County Almshouse. The vote yesterday was 12 to 10 in favor of Mr. T. D. Crouch and Mr. L. L. Fussell, and the matter will now go for a second time before Judge Wickham.

The Fairfield School Board met yesterday morning and decided to open an additional school in the Fairfield High School in the abandoned school houses in Howard's Grove. The Board appointed Lizzie Johnson to the Board Swamp School.

The Varina Schools will open to-morrow, and the opening exercises will be held in the new building at Laurel Hill. It will be a frame structure and will be completed in about two months. Miss Dorothy Baver was appointed to act as substitute for Miss Kate Chadwick in the school at Laurel Hill.

Mr. William Elyson qualified yesterday as administrator in the estate of William Bennett, deceased.

A liquor license was granted to Edward Lewis of Fulton.

H. C. Wesley, a special policeman in Henrico, was attacked by two boys and a burglar on the Nine-Mile Road, at an early hour yesterday morning. He chased them off with his revolver, but did not succeed in catching the man. It is supposed the man was about to rob Mr. Wesley's bee hives.

The Northside Gun Club met Friday evening. Quite a crowd was present and some good shooting was done, with the following score: Jackson, 21; Lorraine, 21; Purdie, 20; Filippin, 18; Simmons, 18; Tolson, 19; Cross, 16; Crismond, 15; Ruffin, 11; Kemper, 12; Warren, 11; Filippin, 8; Hatcher, 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin have returned from their extensive bridal trip. They will take up their residence in Brooklyn Park.

Mr. Harden Bache, of Pittsburg, Pa., who has been visiting his father, Mr. Wallace Bache, will return home to-morrow.

The Barton Heights Chess Club will hold a meeting to-morrow night. Mrs. L. Phillips' little girl is very sick at her residence, on Virginia Avenue.

Mr. Leslie Williams, of Barton Avenue, is on a business trip to North Carolina. Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, of North Avenue, has returned home after an extended visit to her daughter near Asbury Park, N. J.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss Lucy Lee Carlock to Become the Bride of Mr. James W. Sheffey.

The marriage of Miss Lucy Lee Carlock to Mr. James White Sheffey is announced to take place at Marion, Va., on October 2d.

Miss Carlock is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Rev. Dr. L. H. Carlock, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Marion, while the prospective groom is a prominent attorney of Marion, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Smyth county, and a son of Judge John P. Sheffey of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. The affair will be both the young people belong to Marion's "four hundred."

PROMISING RUN.

Stockton's Trial Trip Proved Most Encouraging.

Vice-President Liburn T. Myers, of the Trigg Shipyard Company, who made the trip down the river on the Stockton, returned yesterday from Norfolk, and gives the following account of the new torpedo boat.

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just before slowing down reached 264 revolutions. "When the facts are considered that she was carrying about twenty-five tons more than her contract requirements, and that her performance was very promising. "The Stockton is at Norfolk to-day, taking on picked coal, having her boilers cleaned, and excess weights removed, preparatory to making the builder's speed trial, which is expected to start on Monday. "After she has been sufficiently tried to satisfy us that she is in condition for her official trial our present purpose is to take her to the Norfolk navy-yard and assign department to appoint the day for her trial, which will bring her back to Richmond for such finishing work as is yet necessary. "All arrangements have been made for the launching of the Desatur on next Wednesday at 1 o'clock.

MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

And Now Rewards Are Offered by South Carolina Official.

The Superintendent of the South Carolina Penitentiary offers a reward of \$200 for the capture of D. C. Murphy, and \$100 for the capture of W. H. Collins (both white), who escaped from that prison on September 20th.

Murphy was serving a life sentence for murder. He is thirty-six years old, 5 feet 8-1/4 inches in height, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, small scar on upper lip; long, sharp nose; two upper and two lower teeth out.

Collins was serving a life term for burglary. He is twenty-four years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, brown hair, blue eyes, two scars on left index finger, number of Indian scars on left arm.

A family embracing father, mother and three children came to the city several days ago from a distant part of the country. They came in a wagon and are in search of work. The children were prohibited from begging by Major Howard, and yesterday afternoon the mother called upon him to give her something to eat. He gave her a meal ticket for a meal at the Second Police Station.

James Hill, charged with attempting to shoot Fund Braxton, was arrested yesterday morning and lodged in the Third Police Station, awaiting trial.

Willie Coles, charged with stealing a bicycle from Mr. Lawrence Paul, is also in the Third Station. Both arrests were made by Officer King.

Mayor's Signature.

The Mayor has vetoed the ordinance which increased the salaries of the city employees to come through the treasurer's office instead of the cemetery keepers.

The reason for this was that no provision was made in case of Sunday's and holidays, when the city offices were closed. The resolution transferring \$300 from one department of the water works to another was approved in order to erect the city water mains to the Soldiers' Home for protection in case of fire.

Hoge-Meyer.

News has been received here of the marriage, on September 19th, of Mr. Hampton Hoge, a son of the late Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., to Miss Agnes Meyer, of New York City.

Mr. Hoge has been engaged in business in New York for four years with the establishment of John Wanamaker.

Mr. Patterson Well.

Hon. S. S. P. Patterson, who, several weeks ago, sprained his ankle by stepping off his bicycle, has fully recovered, and abandoned his crutch yesterday, for the first time.

Mr. Grubbs Leaves.

Mr. John L. Grubbs, assistant postmaster of Richmond, will leave to-day for Boston, to attend the convention of postmasters. Mr. Grubbs will ask the body to make Richmond its next meeting-place, and will take with him invitations from the Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies.

Woodstock Notes.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WOODSTOCK, VA., September 22.—Mrs. Allan Campbell, of Falmalea, Ind. Ter., is visiting her brother, Dr. J. L. Campbell, and other relatives in and near this place.

Mr. George Fadel and Miss Carrie Rickard, both of Columbia Furnace, this county, were married at Maurertown by Rev. Shaver.

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Arbuckle's Ariosa Coffee, 2 lbs. for 25c. Cranberries, 5c qt. Oranges, 25c doz. Best Dunlop Pat Fam. Flour, \$4.25 bbl or 28c sack. New North Carolina Clipped Herrings, 1/2 bbl. \$2.50 or 10c doz. New Sorghum Molasses, 50c gal. Cedar Tub, 35c. 10 bars Octagon shape Soap for 25c. 4-String Broom, 18c.

Bon Ton Cheroots, 5c pkg. Fine Soda Crackers and Ginger Snaps, 5c lb. Cedar Buckets, 12c. New North Carolina Roe Herring, \$2.50 half bbl. or 15c doz. Best Root Beer, 5c bottle. Fine Creamery Butter, 15c lb. Best Sugar-Cured Hams, 12 1/2c lb. Baker's Cocoa, 10c can.

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