

THOMAS PITTS' PLEA OF DRUNKENNESS

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS RUDD

Dr. Bagby Elected Moderator of Middle District Baptist Association—Lamb and Wallace May Speak in Manchester Monday.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, No. 1102 Hill Street.

Thomas Pitts, the express messenger on the Southern Railway, who was arrested Wednesday night in Richmond on a warrant charging him with attempting a violent assault upon Miss Willie Morris, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Morris, of No. 1213 Porter Street, is held in Manchester jail awaiting a hearing in the Police Court this morning.

The case was called in the Police Court yesterday morning, but upon motion of Mr. D. L. Pulliam, counsel for Pitts, was continued until this morning.

Squire Jordan, who is presiding over the court in the absence of Mayor Maurice, has entered an order to the effect that the court-room will be cleared during the trial of the curious crowd, and only the officers of the court, witnesses and newspaper representatives will be allowed to be present.

Pitts was refused bail and committed to the jail.

Yesterday afternoon Pitts retained Mr. Harry Smith, of Richmond, to appear with Mr. Pulliam as his counsel in the trial.

The accused was arrested Wednesday night at 10:30 o'clock by Officers Clarkson and Bradley, of the Richmond force, and Officer Wright, of Manchester, at the office of the Southern Express Company. He was brought to Manchester station and spent the night in the police station.

Miss Willie Morris, the young lady upon whom the assault is alleged to have been attempted, is only seventeen years of age and very pretty. She is the daughter of Mr. S. M. Morris, one of the prominent business men of the city, and whose family is most highly respected.

Mr. Pitts had for several months boarded in the Morris home and had the confidence and respect of the household. Being thirty years old he had never been thought of as paying attention to Miss Morris.

Pitts' defense is drunkenness. He does not deny being found in the young lady's room, but explains his presence there by the fact that he was drunk and missed his way to his own apartment in the same house.

A threatened attempt of assault was made last Tuesday night, the delay in executing the warrant being due to the fact that Miss Willie Morris was not able to make a statement of the case until Wednesday afternoon.

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The water commission will be excepted, it being allowed to place the work with whomsoever it may see fit, but with the understanding that the City Engineer have general supervision. The committee ordered a six foot stone gutter on Stockton Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets.

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he was willing that the State should pay the reward as soon as a proper identification shall be made, but the reward will not be paid until the claimants shall reach an agreement. It now seems likely that the aid of the courts will be invoked. It is said Governor Gear will also favor the payment of the reward.

Clothes Torn From Tracy's Body. (By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, WASH., Aug. 7.—When the sheriff, with the body of Tracy, drove through Davenport, hundreds of persons followed up the street and crowded about the wagon.

By the time the wagon reached the morgue the body was so crowded and the morgue doors had to be closed. Several persons were allowed to see the body, and then trouble began.

Everyone wanted a relic and in a short time nothing was left of Tracy's body. Some of the things which had been used by Tracy to keep from bleeding to death were carried away and in some places his head had been made bald. His trousers were cut into strips, and before they were divided they were cut into smaller pieces.

Many of Tracy's cartridges were divided among the members of the posse.

HARRY TRACY'S RECORD

Remarkable Events of His Career Since He Escaped from Prison. The career of Harry Tracy, who has been identified as Harry Tracy Severens, the grandson of an old and respected citizen of Grand Rapids, Wis., has been naturally more or less hidden since his escape from the Salem prison.

When he did appear, however, it was in a manner to leave a lasting impression upon those who saw him. Tracy, in contact, and his course may be best summed up as follows:

June 9.—Harry Tracy and his brother-in-law, David Merrill, escaped from the Oregon State penitentiary, at Salem, Ore., by the three guards—Timony, Jones and Fryell—and wounding a convict—Frank Ingram—who tried to stop them. Ingram has since been pardoned by the Governor of Oregon for his bravery.

June 10.—Heard by J. J. Roberts, near Salem, getting food and clothing; stole two horses and rode toward Portland; held up two members of pursuing posse and took their horse and buggy.

June 11.—Fired on pursuers from ambush, near Gervais, and made their escape.

June 12.—Surrounded by 250 members of the Oregon militia, but broke through cordon in night and escaped.

June 14.—Stole two horses near Oregon City and rode through the suburbs of Portland.

June 15.—Forced two boatmen to row them across the Columbia River, landing in Washington, five miles above Vancouver.

June 17.—Had an exchange of shots with posse at Salmon Creek, but escaped unhurt, and at Ridgefield stole two horses and continued flight.

June 23.—Robbed the house of a ranchman, who was at church, near Lacouture, Ore., and stole a horse and buggy.

June 25.—Stole breakfast of a farmer near Kelso.

June 26.—Took two more horses.

June 29.—During the night slipped through a strong posse guarding the road near the Chelan county.

July 1.—Both men seen on the Northern Pacific tracks at Tenino, thirty miles from Tacoma. Here traced of Merrill was lost.

July 2.—Tracy held up six men in eating house, near South Bay, and forced away \$1,000. He then took a large gasoline tank and drove it to Seattle. On the way he told the crew that he had murdered Merrill. Landed at night near Seattle.

July 3.—Tracy was killed at Bothell, six miles from Seattle. Killed Deputy Sheriff Charles Raymond, of Snohomish county, and Dr. Deputy Sheriff "Jack" Williams, of Seattle; wounded Carl Anderson, a newspaper reporter. Returning toward Seattle, he was surrounded while eating supper in a suburban residence. He killed Policeman E. E. Breez, and Nell Rawley, a game warden. Sheriff Cuddehe fired two shots at the convict, but missed. That night Tracy slept in a cemetery.

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LA GRIPPE COUGH

Cured by Dr. David's Cough Syrup of pure pine tar, horseradish, wild cherry, etc. Large bottle 25c everywhere.

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS have the true ring of truth about them. We do not indulge in word building—our plain facts carry conviction with them. At this season of the year we must rid ourselves of all surplus stock. Next year our offerings must be entirely new—that's the reason we are sacrificing our stock of Extra Trousers—

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FURTHER RESISTANCE USELESS. They, as well as I, knew further resistance was useless, and we gave up. I want to say, further, that up to this time I had no conversation with any of the mob and I rendered no aid or assistance, unless, did Mr. Charles Harrison, the only man, Mr. Hinks says, who had the nerve to do what should have been done, and others had not the nerve to do, come upon the scene of action, when we were on the steps fighting with all our might Mr. Ferguson stood on the platform of the door, pleading, and would no doubt have been with us on the steps but for the fact that he was under treatment for heart failure. It may be—and my doubt is true—that Mr. Hinks was also doing all he could by talking to the men under these circumstances, but for Mr. Hinks to give himself and Mr. Harrison credit for all that was done, and to blame us, is, to say the least of it, unjust. I do declare that the officers and all there, so far as I saw and know, did all that any sober-minded man could ask to be done, and I have no doubt that the men who were killed by the mob were killed by the mob, and not by the results would have been simply without saving the negro. What could a dozen or more men do, most of them without arms in the situation of a been-burned, determined man? But with my prudence is a dangerous commodity. I have known hundreds of brave,