GEORGE COLVIN'S GANG

Sent to the Grand Jury For Stealing Whiskey.

The case of George Golvin, Dudley Lee, George Hoston and Saint Shafer, charged with breaking open Huddleston's bar-room on last Friday night, was heard yesterday evening before Justice Howerton.

George was tried first. He was represented by Messrs. Berkeley and Robertson. Mr. Hoge appeared for the prosecution.

The first and most important witness called was Rachel Chambers. She cooks for George Colvin, and was present on the night of the robbery.

Rachel says Lee and Hoston came in late and got a shovel. Peg said he was going to get whiskey from Huddleston's bar. They took the shovel out, and she next saw them digging a hole. She looked through the window. Directly they came in and said they got under the bar, but the floor was too thick for them to get through.

They next secured an axe and a butcher knike, broke the slats off the window and cut out the putty. They then put Saint Shafer in, who handed out the liquor to Lee and Hoston. George staid in his restaurant.

A jug of gin was brought in. George tasted it and said it did not suit his customers. It was sent back. A jug of wine was next brought. George could not handle that, and it was also sent back. The next was a jug of red whiskey. George tasted it and said it would do. Then another jug was brought, followed by brandy, cigarettes, and the pistol. "Peg" said he wanted the pistol.

Racheal made known the robbery to Mr. Huddleston on Monday evening. She was afraid to tell at first.

George wanted to throw the jugs in Charlie Moten's yard. She asked them not to do so, as Charlie Moten had trouble enough anyway.

Captain Berkeley—"Why did you wish to keep Moten out of trouble? Is he a particular friend of yours?"

Rachel—"If it had er been anybody else's yard I would er said the same thing. Suppose it had been yours, I would have said don't throw them jugs in Mr. Berkeley's yard; he has trouble enough anyway." [Laughter].

Mr. Huddleston said he missed the whiskey and other articles the next morning after the robbery. He suspected George Colvin and finally got Rachel to tell him about the theft. This was on Monday following. He also searched the house and procured several bottles and the pistol. He identified them all as his property.

Officer Locke and E. B. Huddleston testified also as to finding the bottles and the pistol concealed in George's house.

George Colvin was sworn and testified to an alibi. He said his wife and daughter were at the Opera House Friday night. They came back about 11 o'clock. All three then went into Huddleston's bar and took a drink, after which they started to their homes in Old Lick. There he remained till next day.

George denied the stealing and said no bottles or jugs were found under his house. They could not have been placed there as the floor lay flat on the ground. He said Rachel was drunk and that she informed because of a difficulty.

Lillie Colvin said she and her mother were at the Opera House. George joined them after the play was over, and they went straight home. She was sure of this, and was certain they did not go back to the restuarant.

Another witness was examined and the counsel argued the case.

Dudley Lee, George Hoston and Saint Shafer were then brought in. They pleaded not guilty, and Rachel gave her evidence over again. It was exactly the same.

The prisoners then testified in their own behalf, and each told conflicting stories.

'Squire Howerton sent the whole gang, including Saint Shafer, on to the grand jury. The latter attempted to escape while being taken to the cell, but was stopped on his way down the rear steps.

Methodist Ministers Moving.

Rev. J. H. Boyd, who for four years has been pastor of Greene Memorial M. E. Church, South, of this city, left yesterday morning for Baltimore to assume his duties as pastor of Emanuel Church, of that city, to which he was recently appointed by Bishop Hendrix. Rev. Mr. Boyd was accompanied by his family, and the best wishes of a host of friends in this city go with him.

Rev. C. H. Buchanan has also moved to his new work in Vinton.

The Conference Would Come Again.

From the Episcopal Methodist.

Our readers will no doubt desire to learn what our impressions of the conference at Roanoke are. We were very favorably impressed in almost every way. In the matter of entertainment we believe the unanimous verdict would be, that the result was a pronounced success, and should the conference be invited there after a few years we believe the invitation would be heartily accepted. It is well known that Roanoke is a booming town, now containing about 20,000 inhabitants and sanguine people estimate it even 2,000 more. We remember when we first began to edit the paper the town was called Big Lick and contained at most 600 people.

Now after about ten years the town has grown to be a city lighted with electricity, and aside from the railroad shops, is the seat of numerous flourishing manufactories, and as soon as other railroads, now projected and some in course of construction, are completed, it proposes to be a competitor of other cities in the distribution of wholesale supplies. Already its stores are metropolitan, and we were surprised at the large and varied stocks carried and the energy displayed. Our church is an excellent one, named after a loved pastor now deceased, the Greene Memorial Church, and our people are about to build a much finer church to accommodate the greatly increased membership, inasmuch as the present edifice will not hold the present membership, if they were to come together simultaneously. Two other missions will shortly grow into self-supporting churches, and Vinton, near by, becomes a station this year.

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