

The Madisonian.

JAKE HAIN GOES FREE

RESULT OF THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Nellie Hain, the Prosecuting Witness, Mixed Her Dates and Went Back on Her Original Story, in Consequence of Which Her Father Was Set at Liberty.

Jake Hain is a free man and the awful charge against him which loomed up like a black thunder cloud has been dissipated into a thin mist of invisibility. His examination was held before Justice McGown, Thursday morning and lasted about 20 minutes. But one witness was examined—Nellie Hain, the 14-year-old girl, who directed the suspicion of this awful crime upon her father. The details of this nasty mess are entirely unfit for publication.

It seems that Nellie, in common with many other imaginative young creatures, has a defective memory. At the crisis it wavered and the vision of stern prison walls which has haunted the father for several weeks, went back into the nothingness from whence it came.

The examination was a private one, all spectators being excluded. W. A. Clark appeared for the defendant and County Attorney Callaway for the state. The offense charged in the complaint was rape, to which the defendant, on being arraigned several days ago, pleaded not guilty.

The complaint fixes March 2 as the date on which the offense is alleged to have been committed. This is in accordance with the girl's story as related in the office of the county attorney to that official when the complaint was made out. According to her previous story, narrated to several, she accompanied her father to Virginia City, Saturday, Feb. 29; they left on the same day, spending Saturday and Sunday night at the home of W. J. Oliver in the Madison valley. Monday, March 2, she accompanied her father to his home, and alleges that the offense was committed on the night of this date. On the strength of her narrative her aunt, Mrs. Berger, swore to the complaint on which the action was based.

But on the stand the girl told a different story. She swore positively that no offense was committed on the night of March 2nd; that Hain made improper advances, but nothing wrong was done.

"Either you or I have a very defective memory," remarked the county attorney. "Didn't you tell me in my office that this offense was committed Monday, March 2?"

Then she said that nothing "unusual" had occurred between herself and her father after Feb. 29, the date of their visit to Virginia. She testified that her father had assaulted her on other occasions but could give no dates.

Such dates as he gave were contradictory.

"It is very clear to me that this defendant cannot be bound over upon such evidence as this," said the county attorney.

"That is my opinion," said Justice McGown.

There was no cross examination.

"I move that the defendant be discharged," said Mr. Clark.

"I ask that he be discharged, myself," said Mr. Callaway.

"The defendant is discharged" said the court, and the agony was over.

The suddenness with which the examination came to an end, was as sensational as some of the testimony introduced, and which is not printed for obvious reasons. It fairly took the breath away from the clerk of the court, and it was several seconds before the defendant realized the changed condition of affairs. Other witnesses who were subpoenaed, but who were not called upon to testify were: Dr. Kagan, Robert Hodge, C. M. Pinckney, O. B. Walton and Mrs. Berger.

TO WORK THE KENNET.

Quite a Force of Men Will be Put to Work on This Mine Forthwith.

W. B. Millard, of Omaha, owner of the Kennet, at the head of Postal Wade creek, has made necessary arrangements to develop and work his

property during the coming summer and a force of 20 or 25 men will be put to work at once under the supervision of Mike O'Donnell, brother of Hugh O'Donnell, superintendent of the Easton. The shaft is to be driven to a depth of 600 feet, and the property thoroughly developed.

Mr. Millard has made arrangements with the Lucus Mining Company for use of their hoisting plant and machinery, and Will Conway has the contract for removing the plant from Summit to the Kennet. The ore will be treated at the Large mill, under an arrangement with the Prospect Company. Work began Wednesday and Mr. Millard hopes to be hoisting ore by the 20th.

Mr. Millard left for Omaha yesterday and will return about May 1.

Mr. Millard certainly has the best wishes of the community in his enterprise—not that he needs them specially, but he has them just the same. He considers this section the coming Johannesburg of America and is willing to back his judgment with hard cash. Thus with each succeeding day does the mining boom come our way.

MAY OPEN A BRICK YARD.

Thompson Brothers, of Sheridan, are Thinking of Starting a Yard Here.

Thompson Brothers, of Sheridan, will probably open up a brick yard in Virginia this summer. J. T. Thompson was in the city Monday to look up this matter and the MADISONIAN is informed that he is very much encouraged at the outlook. Mr. Thompson has made a practical test of brick clay near town and states that it makes an excellent brick. He says that he can sell brick in quantity at \$8 per thousand.

There is no reason why a brick yard in Virginia would not be a paying proposition. It looks as though the city hall proposition would materialize, which will mean the consumption of a large quantity. Building is contagious and a good healthy building boom may follow the erection of the city hall. We understand that Mr. Mailand is thinking of putting up a brick residence, and the first brickmaker in the field will get the cream of the business.

VIRGINIA VISITORS.

People Who Have Visited the County Seat During the Week.

Among the arrivals at the Madison house, this week, were:

Mrs. Harry Young, Adobetown; Mrs. Seymour Potter, Adobetown; Thos. Thexton, Ennis; S. L. Thompson, Sheridan; Josh Hamill, Sheridan; W. A. Pott, Madison Basin; S. E. Smith, Ennis; A. J. Ericson, Sheridan; N. Banks, Sheridan; Eugene Valencour, Easton; W. Mosser, Easton; J. M. Seigfried, Park mine; A. C. Buzzard, Moore Creek; J. E. Dickey, Rochester; Tom A. Deering, San Francisco; A. C. Anderson, Dillon; W. C. McKaskel, Pony; J. L. Wright, Pony; J. Maloney, Puller Springs; A. Sturtyoed, Helena; A. M. Menbrow, Oakland, Cal.; G. R. Dawkins, N. C.; G. H. Richardson, St. Louis; A. H. McMillan, Belt, Mont.; J. E. Clark, Denver; G. A. Carty, Washington Bar; O. B. Walton, Washington Bar; Dan Meany, Easton; C. M. Pinckney, Washington Bar; A. Pollock Milwaukee; Alex. Metzler, York Ranch; Sam Ogden, Smumit; Harry Foster, Sheridan; R. Rusle, Sheridan; George Farnsworth, Chicago; Geo. A. Shufeldt, Chicago; F. Hermesmyer, Sheridan; R. H. Deweese, Kansas City; J. Rosenberg, Omaha; Homer Hutton, Jack Creek; J. Conway, Madison Valley; W. O. Thompson, Pine Grove; Wm. Higgins, Minneapolis; Fred Krause, Helena; Geo. E. Marston Great Falls; Simon Hartman, Chicago; N. Rider, Pony.

GEORGE PARKER'S VERSION.

Of the Awful Tragedy of Last Summer—Other Madison County Charges.

Sheriff Haines returned from Warm Springs Tuesday evening where he left Joseph T. Pierce, the Pony man, recently adjudged insane. The sheriff conversed with George Parker, who is as well apparently as he ever was. He told the sheriff that he was anxious to get out and as soon as he does will go east. Parker recently talked with one of the physicians at the asylum concerning the killing of his mother. He

said he had a very faint recollection of entering his mother's room on the morning of the tragedy with a revolver in his hand. When his father saw the gun he made a grab for it and in the scuffle which ensued, the revolver was accidentally discharged, and his mother killed. He can remember nothing that happened subsequently.

Mrs. Ferguson, of Harrison, who was committed to the asylum about a year ago, has been discharged as cured.

George W. Vernon, the old man who was taken from the poor farm to the asylum some time last winter, died about two weeks ago. Vernon was one of the pioneers of Montana.

Jacob Zwinckle, of Twin Bridges, who was committed to the asylum last winter was discharged recently.

Barney McDonnell is no better.

DOESN'T LIKE SOUTH AFRICA.

Dan McLeod of Leiterville is There and Does Not Like the Country.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Feb. 27.—[Editor MADISONIAN.]—Well, here I am in the famous Transvaal, and after having been here two weeks, will say that I sincerely wish I was back in the land of the free and the home of the brave, or to be more particular, back in Madison county, which I believe is fully as good in a mining way, as this much landed section.

I left Leiterville in December, arriving here about six weeks later. And I want to say to the Leiterville miners, many of whom, like myself, had the South African fever when I left—stay where you are. Don't come to South Africa. If you do, you will regret it, as I do.

I left South Hampton, England, Jan. 3, arriving at Captown on the 29th. The only stop we made was for coal at Las Palmas, a beautiful island on the coast of Spain. Capetown is a beautiful place. It has the finest park I have ever seen and is green all the year round.

We had a difficult time getting into the Transvaal; were stopped 10 hours and were ordered out with a rifle to the battlefield at night, but by a search, I got out of it. Everything is upside down here and the whole country is likely to be involved in a war at any time; they are preparing for it on both sides.

The people here are about 100 years behind the times, but to hear them talk, you would think they owned the whole world. In one thing, however, their heads are level—the mine foremen and superintendents are invariably Americans. The natives do the common work in the mines for which they are paid from \$12 to \$15 per month, which is big money for them. Their clothing consists principally of a string of beads; they eat one meal a day, cold water and corn meal and they eat it like hogs.

Water is very scarce. No tea or coffee is served at meals. Beer costs two shillings (50 cents) a glass.

Now to conclude, I want to say to the miners of Montana, and particularly to my friends in Leiterville and Virginia City, stay away from South Africa. I am here now and will make an effort to better my condition. This is no country for a working man or a prospector. The county is located in every direction for 200 miles. DAN McLEOD.

Mrs. Lowe's Troubles.

The troubles of Walter and Bessie Lowe very nearly culminated in a murder yesterday afternoon. Walter made a jealous play at his wife with a gun and then she secured the revolver after it had been taken away from him and fired a shot at him, but the bullet missed its mark. She greatly regrets her poor marksmanship, and if the story which she tells of the latest indignities to which her husband attempted to subject her is true there will be a good many people who will wish that she had taken lessons with a revolver and become proficient in its use before she took the shot at the cause of all her troubles. The shooting occurred in the alley back of the Odd Fellows hall in West Broadway, and as it was immediately followed by a policeman firing a shot at Lowe as he attempted to escape, there was a great deal of excitement for a few moments.—Standard.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Most Perfect Made.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

T. J. Farrell of Farrellton was in the city yesterday.

Robt. Boatman and C. B. Miller of Centennial valley are in the city today.

"Bread on the Waters," a drama, will be produced at Armory hall Monday, April 20.

Regular services will be held in the Christian church to-morrow, Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Judge Bob Hedge, C. M. Pinckney, O. B. Walton and G. A. Cortey, were Virginia visitors this week.

Rev. Bowker left for Pony Wednesday morning to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Flynn, who died there Tuesday morning.

The school election, held in this city Saturday, was a very quiet affair. Only 14 votes were cast. W. J. Foreman, M. Mailand and J. Albright were the winning candidates.

Dr. LeRoy Southmayd left for Helena Wednesday morning to attend the annual meeting of the State Medical association which assembled in Helena yesterday.

J. R. Dickey of Rochester passed through the city Wednesday en route to his home. He has been over in the Madison country where he located several copper properties.

Clark Anderson of Anderson Bros., stage line was in the city this week. He was making a tour of his line and has just put four-horse stock between Whitehall and Twin Bridges.

The city council did not meet Tuesday, no quorum being present, and Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting until next Tuesday. Aldermen Allen, Donaldson and Foreman were out of town.

The Virginia "Has Been" base ball team (a juvenile organization) won over the Adobetown "Is-ers," (also a juvenile organization) in a game played in this city Sunday. The score was 49 to 27.

W. D. McKaskel, who has extensive and valuable mining interests in the vicinity of Pony, was in the city several days this week. Mr. McKaskel says that the new year has opened up most auspiciously for the Pony country.

Homer Hutton of Ennis was in the city Sunday. Mr. Hutton expects to market considerable lumber in Virginia this season and will keep two four horse freight teams on the road between his Jack Creek saw mill and Virginia during the summer.

George Shufeldt has disposed of his interest in the lease on the Cook mining property to his partner, George Farnsworth. The mine is improving with depth and Mr. Farnsworth proposes to push development work with vigor. Mr. Shufeldt left for Pony yesterday morning on business of a mining nature.

County Treasurer Albright received telegram Monday from Attorney General to the effect that the supreme court had decided the state license law constitutional in its entirety. This will result in the prevention of endless confusion and the saving of a large revenue to the state and counties.

The phantom party given by the Ladies of the Maccabees at Armory hall last evening was a pleasurable event, and was largely attended. The ladies in charge are to be congratulated on the manner in which the affair was conducted. Space is at a premium in the MADISONIAN this week and prevents a more detailed write-up of the affair.

Misses Fannie and May Poindexter, Daisy and Anne Congor came over from Dillon and made an abbreviated visit with Virginia friends this week. The trip was made to show Miss Anne Congor, who has been visiting in Dillon for several months, a bit of the wild and woolly west before she returned to her eastern home. Grace Herndon and Mrs. Frank Wilcomb accompanied them from Laurin.

The Easter services at St. Paul's church were away out of the ordinary, and the attendance was such that many were turned away at the door, the church being crowded to its utmost capacity. The Knight Templars attended the service in a body in

full uniform. The interior of the building was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the choir rendered special Easter music. The service was conducted by Rev. Bowker, assisted by Lay Reader R. A. Vickers. The offertories during the day amounted to \$36. Rev. Bowker is building up a reputation as an indefatigable and painstaking minister.

The Episcopal guild gave an entertainment on last Tuesday evening which was largely attended. The following program was rendered: Violin trio by Misses Nelson, Reta and Lotta Elling; vocal solo Miss Wilson; recitation, "The Irishman's Panorama" by Miss McGregor, and it was well received. During the tableaux Prof. L. Hall read Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women." All the young ladies looked so lovely that we will omit comparison—comparisons are odious anyway—Mrs. Elling had charge of the tableaux. The good night drill, by eight little girls, especially pleased the audience. Francis Mailand looked very "cute." The little girls participating in the drill were Edie Buford, Nellie Jessen, Louisa and Francis Mailand, Myrtle Foreman, Byril Mitchell, Ella Vickers, Fannie Rief, and Lena Vanderbeck. The committee on arrangements were Mr. Bowker, Nellie Cole, Fannie McGregor and Mrs. McNulty.

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