

ESCAPED

From The Knox Co. Jail Did Charles Suttles

By Pushing Out Section Of Crumbling Wall

Suttles Goes At Once To His Old Home

And Is Located By Sheriff P. J. Parker

But Prisoner Makes His Escape In Woods

Knox county's crumbling jail, unsafe and unsanitary, was the scene of a jail delivery early Thursday morning and as a result Charles Suttles, one of the worst criminals confined in the county jail for many a day made good his escape.

As near as can be learned the jail delivery occurred shortly after the midnight hour. There were five prisoners confined in jail at the time, but Suttles was the only one who made his escape.

It is evident that Suttles had been working a night or two in getting ready for the jail delivery, but the other prisoners in jail claim that they did not hear him working at night and to a Banner reporter all stated they were asleep when Suttles made his escape early Thursday morning.

Escape Was Easy

The point where Suttles made his escape is located at the south side of the jail. The boards in the floor were removed from under the sink and once under the floor it was an easy matter for the man to gain his liberty as all there remained to do was to dig away the old crumbling walls and this probably did not require a very long time. If Suttles had help from the outside, and there is some indication he did, it took but a very short time to take the bricks out of the wall and if he did the work all himself he could probably accomplish it in two nights. There was no cement or anything under the floor and all Suttles had to do was to kneel on the dirt floor of the cellar and remove the bricks from the south wall. As has been stated this was very easy as the walls are almost crumbling away. The hole which Suttles dug in the wall was a little over a foot square, but the prisoner was of slight build and he probably had little difficulty in squirming through the aperture.

May Had Assistance

It is almost impossible to tell whether or not Suttles had any assistance from the outside in making his successful escape. The bricks in the wall were all pulled back under the floor in the jail. There are certain marks on the bricks on the outside of the wall that might indicate some instrument had been used on the outer wall of the building, but this is speculation. There is one circumstance that would indicate Suttles had assistance from outside and that is no tools of any kind could be found with which he tore out the brick wall. No knives were missing when his meals were sent in and it is impossible to figure out just how he removed the bricks in the wall.

Other Prisoners "Mum"

The four remaining prisoners in the county jail don't talk very much in regard to Suttles' escape. Samuel Beaman states that the first he knew anything about the escape was when he was awakened from his sleep by Sheriff Parker standing over him and asking where Suttles was. Suttles' cost was adjoining that of Beaman. Another prisoner said he had been sleeping upstairs and heard nothing until Sheriff Parker aroused the prisoners and said that there had been a jail delivery. The other two prisoners stated that they were asleep when the escape took place. One of the prisoners stated to a Banner representative that he was of the opinion Suttles had been at work in removing the bricks for two nights past as he slept all day yesterday and the day before.

Sheriff in Pursuit

According to the other prisoners in jail it was some time between midnight and 12:30 o'clock when Suttles made his escape. The 12:40 train on the C. A. & C. railroad was whistling in when Sheriff Parker left the jail in search of the prisoner. Later the sheriff was joined by Deputy Sheriff Woolson in the search. It was thought that Suttles might have

caught the fast C. A. & C. train for Columbus.

Suttles' Crime

Suttles was arrested about May 12 by Constable Milton Simpkins of Squire Harter's court on a charge of attempted rape upon little Elsie Leploy, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Leploy of near Gambier. At the preliminary hearing before Squire Harter, Suttles waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury, which would have investigated his case at the November term of common pleas court.

Sheriff in Pursuit

As soon as Sheriff Parker learned of the jail delivery, in company with Deputy Sheriff Woolson, he drove to Suttles home which is located two miles east of Gambier in Monroe township. The Sheriff hitched his horse in a dark spot and the two officers concealed themselves near the Suttles home. About three o'clock Suttles arrived on the scene and called to his wife from the road. Mrs. Suttles came out of the house and went to the pump for a bucket of water. It is the supposition of the officers that Suttles entered the yard and went into the house. About this time the sheriff and his deputy closed in on the house and both entered the building in hopes of apprehending the prisoner. When they searched the house no one could be found—not even the wife.

Sheriff Parker and Deputy Sheriff Woolson then left the house and started toward the barn when they overtook Mrs. Suttles returning from the barn. "Where is Charley?" demanded the sheriff. "He is in the barn," replied Mrs. Suttles.

The officers then searched the barn, but could find no trace of the prisoner. A further examination, however, revealed the fact that Suttles had left the barn and had gone through a corn field south of the barn. His tracks through the cornfield were plainly visible. After going through the cornfield Suttles entered a dense woods and it was here that the officers lost all track of the man.

Sheriff Parker stated that it was so dark he could not see Suttles when he came up to the house and cried out to his wife, otherwise he believes he could have captured the man at once.

The officers remained in the vicinity of the Suttles home until after eight o'clock Thursday morning in hopes that Suttles would return home for breakfast, but the prisoner did not come near the house. Sheriff Parker believes Suttles will remain close at home for several days and that he will be easily captured. The sheriff has notified all the surrounding towns and cities of Suttles' escape and has furnished a description of the man. It is possible that Suttles may go to Columbus as his mother is said to be living there.

POSSE

Starts Out In Search Of Charles Suttles

Sheriff Parker organized a posse Thursday afternoon to go in search of Charles Suttles, who escaped jail on Thursday morning. The posse left the city at 3 p. m., and will surround Suttles home near Gambier and will search the woods and territory surrounding the man's home.

BASEBALL

At Lake Hiawatha Park On Saturday Afternoon

The most interesting baseball game of the season is promised at Lake Hiawatha park Saturday afternoon when the Elks play the M. C. Lilley team of Columbus. Tate Cromley will pitch for the Elks. The game will be called at 3 o'clock and the small sum of 15 cents will be charged to defray the expenses.

PICNIC

Of C. A. & C. Employees To Occur Aug. 29

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for the annual picnic of the employees of the C. A. & C. shops of this city. The outing this year will be held at Silver Lake, near Akron on Monday, August 29th.

SUCCESS

In Every Way Was The K. Of P. Picnic

Mt. Vernon Took The Flag From Centerburg

Other Interesting Events During The Day

The second annual picnic of the Knights of Pythias of Knox county, was held at Hiawatha park on Wednesday. The affair was a grand success in every way, being even better than the one given last year. The day was very hot and the ground dry, but the park even in the driest weather is cool and pleasant. This, added to the general atmosphere of good fellowship, which was plainly evident, made everyone present glad that they were there. Large delegations from various points in the county were present and in all, the picnic was excellently attended.

The principal feature of the afternoon was the baseball game between the Mt. Vernon and Centerburg K. of P.'s. In the morning, Mt. Vernon and Fredericktown and Bladensburg and Centerburg played to decide which two teams should oppose each other in the afternoon and Mt. Vernon and Centerburg were successful and as a result, the game in the afternoon was played by these two teams. Mt. Vernon won the game by a score of 6 to 5. An exceedingly good exhibition of baseball was given in this last game, considering the fact that neither of the teams had been given the proper amount of practice and were not in the best of condition to play first class baseball.

The program, which was published in this paper recently, was carried out in order. This was very interesting in every detail. The athletic program was also good and although no records were broken, some excellent work was done by the athletes who took part in the games and contests.

Music, during the day, was furnished by the Centerburg band. This also was a great source of interest for when the picnicers became tired of witnessing the other events of the day, they would sit down and enjoy the music which was rendered in an exceptionally good manner.

RAIN

Occurs At Bladensburg On Thursday Morning

After a long dry spell, Bladensburg was visited by a heavy rainfall on Thursday. The rain began in the morning at about ten o'clock and continued until afternoon. The crops in the fields were almost destroyed by the dry weather and the heat, but were greatly benefited by the rain which came at last.

COOPER

Theatre To Open Season Of Vaudeville Sept. 5

September 5, has been decided upon as the opening of the Cooper theatre for the regular season of vaudeville. Many excellent acts have been booked by Manager Samuel Hantman which will be announced at a later date.

SHOWERS

Are Very Near Us Says The Weather Man

The weather man says there are impending showers and that until conditions develop that will coax these down to us there will be no relief from heat or humidity. The showers are here, he says, right overhead. He can see 'em! Just why they delay in calling on us he don't know. But he says he's sure they can't hold out much longer. Here's hoping.

BANNER WANT ADS PAY

PROGRAM

For The Grange Picnic At Gambier Aug 20

The following is the program for the Knox county Grange picnic, which will be held at Gambier on Saturday, August 20.

10:30 a. m.—Business meeting in Red Men's Hall.

12:00 m.—Dinner.

1:00 p. m.—View of Kenyon College Buildings.

2:00 p. m.—Speaking by L. T. Tabor, State grange lecturer, and Dr. H. W. Jones, Gambier.

3:00 p. m.—Baseball.

SPECIAL

In The City Demonstrating Ohio Wheat

The "wheat special," which is making a trip over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, arrived in Mt. Vernon Thursday morning shortly after nine o'clock and remained here two hours. There were some interesting exhibits on the train furnished by the agricultural college at Columbus and the experiment station at Wooster. A number of persons visited the train and two addresses were given by prominent authorities from the above institutions.

LEWIS

Gets A Warning Of Black Hand Death

Indianapolis, Aug. 18—President Tom L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, is today investigating clues to find out the name of the sender of a Black Hand letter, threatening him with death, which he received last night. It is probable that the letter will be turned over to the postal authorities.

The letter was from an Illinois town, and was written in Italian. It has a picture of a cartridge, a dagger and a black hand. All signs of the Comorra were on it.

For obvious reasons President Lewis would not disclose to the public the name of the town from which the letter was sent.

APPEAL

For Soldiers To Fight Forest Fires

Portland, Ore., Aug. 18—Lightning is believed to have started a series of forest fires, east of Butte Falls, in the Crater reserve, of so serious a nature that the forestry service at once asked for 100 soldiers as fire fighters. The request was granted, and two companies will leave the American Lake encampment tomorrow morning.

The largest fire, one of five, was found to have a solid line of flame, three miles long. The timber is absolutely dry, and the flames are spreading with amazing rapidity. Only a dead calm or a heavy rain will save a large tract of valuable timber.

MATINEE RACES FRIDAY

A fine program has been arranged for the matinee races which will be held this week at Lake Hiawatha park instead of the Mt. Vernon Driving park. There will be no charge made at the gates. All persons interested in good horse racing are invited.

A Startling Reply.

An English country bookseller sent to London for a copy of a book called "Happy Husbands." The work was out of print, but the wholesale agent certainly might have intimated the fact differently. He replied that "There are no 'Happy Husbands' in London."—London Tit-Bits.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Painter, who reside on the Pleasant Valley road.

CASES

Disposed Of In Common Pleas This Week

W. C. Armstrong Files Deed Of Assignment

The following matters were disposed of in the court of common pleas this week by Judge Seward of Newark:

Gill Herman Company vs. Lee et al.—Judgment for Citizens Building & Loan Co. for \$273.87. Decree of foreclosure and order of sale.

Berry et al. vs. Woolson et al.—Commissioners report confirmed and sale ordered.

Phillips vs. Dunlap et al.—Decree of partition. Commissioners Joseph Colopy, William Sapp and William Heaton.

Durbin vs. Battlett et al.—Sale confirmed and deed and distribution ordered.

Sodders vs. City of Mt. Vernon—Leave to file amended petition in 30 days.

Citizens Building & Loan Association vs. Bevington et al.—Sale confirmed and deed and distribution ordered.

Love vs. Love et al.—Decree of partition. Commissioners Bryant Williams, John Gilmore and John Spohn.

Curran vs. Curran—Alimony allowed in the sum of \$25 payable on or before September 1 and \$15 per month, commencing on the first of each month.

Hosack, executor and trustee, vs. M. L. Schiappacasse et al.—Motion to dissolve injunction overruled. William H. Clarke appointed receiver. Bond in the sum of \$500.

McConnell vs. Showers—Sale confirmed and deed and distribution ordered.

Committed to Reform Farm—Guy and Clarence Beaman, against whom an affidavit was made for stealing in the juvenile court, had their hearing before Probate Judge Berry on Wednesday and were committed to the reform farm at Lancaster. The boys were each fitted out with new clothing and will be taken to the institution within a day or so.

Deed of Assignment—A deed of assignment was filed in the probate court of Knox county Wednesday afternoon by Wilhard C. Armstrong and application was made to have John V. V. Elder appointed assignee. The application shows personal property, such as stock, etc., estimated at \$3,000.

CASE

Before Justice Is Dismissed On A Technicality

When the hearing of Minnie Sells, who was charged with threatening Horace Baldwin with a knife, was held before Squire H. C. Wood on Wednesday afternoon, the case was dismissed after it had been learned that Baldwin, who swore out the warrant for the arrest of Minnie Sells, was under a guardian and that he had no legal right to have the woman arrested.

OBITUARY

Sophia Hess

Sophia Hess died at the Knox county infirmary Thursday morning at about two o'clock after a lingering illness caused by a complication of diseases. She was sixty years of age at the time of her death and had been an inmate of the infirmary for a number of years, having originally lived in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon. The funeral at the infirmary Wednesday evening. Interment in the cemetery at the infirmary.

CHILD'S DEATH

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller died at the home of her parents in Millwood at about eight o'clock Wednesday evening after a short illness of pneumonia. The child was four weeks old at the time of her death and is survived by her parents. The funeral at the house at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. Interment at the Millwood cemetery.

BERAPH: Cookies, from Gold Medal Flour, are the best I ever tasted. SOZZA

The Result of a Search

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My wife considers me careless, absentminded and generally untrustworthy. She never gives me a letter to post without insisting upon tying a string around my finger and a knot in my handkerchief just as if I were a little boy. She objects to my having more than fifty cents in my pocket at one time because she declares I never stop after buying a cigar to receive my change, and half the time car conductors return me ten or fifteen cents short change.

My wife recently went to the country, leaving cards stuck up all over the house bearing such miserable injunctions as this: "Take the silver upstairs at night." "Lock the front door." "Count your change." Of course I tore them down as soon as she had left. When I parted from her at the station she told me that she had left her jewel case in her bureau drawer and made me promise that I would go straight home and put it in the safe. Instead I went to my office intending to go home at noon and attend to the matter.

It was three days before I removed that jewel case. Before doing so I examined the contents to make sure the articles were all present, and found that a valuable diamond ring always kept there was missing. It behooved me to recover that ring before my wife's return or take the consequences, the nature of which I was quite aware. Fortunately the owner was to remain away several weeks. I advertised a large reward for the ring and no questions asked. A couple of weeks passed and nothing was heard of the ring.

I meditated having a duplicate made with paste diamonds. But I had no pattern for a workman to copy and had little hope of deceiving my wife if I had. She wrote me frequently asking if I did this and I did that and if everything was safe. I replied that I did everything she commanded and a great deal more. When she asked if I had put her jewel case in the safe I said I had—but not when. Lastly when she asked if all the jewels were there, I wrote, "Your jewels are safe," meaning that they were in the safe. It was a miserable subterfuge, and I was ashamed of it.

A week before my wife returned I absented myself from my office, giving my time entirely to hunting the pawnshops to which everybody knows stolen articles usually find their way. Near the end of that period I found the ring. I proved my ownership, or, rather, my wife's ownership, and secured the property. Then I asked the proprietor how he came by it. He told me that it had been brought to him by a woman who acted as a go-between for persons who wished to pawn articles, but were too respectable to be seen entering a pawnshop. He gave me the address of this broker, and I went to see her.

"That ring was stolen," I said to her, "but I don't suppose you know this when you pawned it. If you will tell me who brought it to you I'll make no trouble about your receiving stolen property."

She said that she couldn't leave her shop at the time, there being no one to take her place, but if I would call the next afternoon she would take me to the thief.

I took the ring home and put it in its place, glad enough to escape the obloquy that would have been heaped upon me for my forgetfulness. That night my wife returned and found the house in good condition and nothing missing. I felt very fine over this, assuming some superiority by telling her that for her to leave out the jewel case just before going away was simply shocking. If I hadn't hurried home to take care of it something might have been lost. She made no reply, and I was glad she didn't, for it would have been a catalogue of my own past offenses.

The next afternoon I left the office early and called on the woman broker who was to show me the thief. She was ready for me, and we sallied forth together. The route we took led my way, which was, to say the least, convenient. She finally turned into the street in which I lived, moving in the direction of my home. What was my astonishment when she stopped at my own door?

"All right," I said, trying to conceal my feelings. "Now describe the thief." She described my own wife.

It was now a clear case that the jewel was not in the case at the time of my wife's departure. Being curious to know why she had pawned it, I wished to speak to her about the matter, but if I did so I would criminate myself in the matter of neglect. I waited till we were together one evening in her room before dinner and the jewel case was on her dresser. I looked over the contents and asked:

"My dear, I don't see your double diamond ring here."

Then she confessed that she had pawned it to get a scapegrace brother of hers out of a scrape. "I discovered the loss when I put your case in the safe," I said. "I have recovered it. Here it is." I handed it to her and told her how I supposed it had been stolen and found it in a pawnshop. I returned the money loaned on it, and since then my wife has been much more tractable.

Are You a Farmer?

If you are, we can save you money on **GRAIN SACKS**. Threshing time suggests the need of good sound sacks for the bumper crop of wheat and oats.

AMOSKEAG A BAGS
23c

STARK A BAGS
25c

Ringwall's

SERIOUS

Accident Came Near Resulting At Bladensburg

Traction Engine Breaks A Gas Line

What might have been a very serious accident occurred just south of Bladensburg at about four o'clock Wednesday afternoon when a threshing machine drawn by an engine, was pulled over a gas line. While passing over the pipe, in which there was a leak, allowing the gas to escape, an explosion took place, as the gas was allowed to reach the fire in the fire box of the engine. The separator caught fire and was soon burning briskly. The blaze, however, was soon extinguished. Mr. Newton Edwards, who was on the platform of the engine when the explosion occurred, was severely injured by being thrown to the ground by the shock. He sustained a number of painful bruises as well as a number of small cuts about the head and face. The rest of the crew of men escaped injury.

AN ARBITRARY EDITOR

"I am sending you some manuscript," wrote the budding authoress. "I also enclose a letter of introduction from my pastor, one from my teacher, and a paragraph from our home paper telling of my adoption of a literary career. Is there anything else I might send to interest you in my writings?"

"Dear Madam," wrote the perspiring editor in reply, "you need send me but one thing—a good short story."—"Life."

EXERCISE

(Chicago Post)

Exercise is what people talk about. Exercise consists of a cold bath every morning, a brisk walk of five miles in the open air, and a session with the clubs and punching bag.

This forms a constant topic of conversation. Folks who talk about it always say they must take it. Exercise is seldom taken. It is not very catching.

A man who is naturally healthy, who eats pie and Welsh rabbit and all such stuff, will look you in the eye and swear that his perfect condition is entirely due to the regular exercise he takes. A man who is growing fat will say that he is going to take regular exercise and reduce. He keeps saying this until he grows so big that his clothes have to be measured by trigonometry.

Nobody takes exercise—unless he

THE CIRCUS

Frank A. Robbin's all feature shows were in our city on Wednesday. It was truly an old fashioned circus, and they drew large crowds to the various entertainments. This show was a clean and good production. The men who were connected with it, so far as we met them, were gentlemen. The show in itself was beyond the average circus. We heard many people say, who had visited the larger shows, that this was the best for the money that they had ever attended.

The parade in the forenoon was the best show parade we have ever had in our town. It was about a half mile long and was filled with variety. There were three bands in the procession.

The acrobatic performances, the clowns, the trained animals, and the music were features of the entertainment.—Mt. Union Times.

Will exhibit in Mt. Vernon Monday, August 29.