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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRANKFORD.

The Horse Thief and Jail Breaker Makes Arrangements to Escape.

Yesterday afternoon John Frankford, now serving a nineteen-years' term of imprisonment in the Lancaster county prison for horse-stealing and larceny, was detected in ingenious arrangements to make his escape. It will be recollected that after his attempt to break jail several weeks ago, and nearly succeeded in sawing his way out, he was removed from his iron-clad cell on the lower floor to a stronger one, cell 52, on the second tier. Here he has been confined and closely watched until such time as the cell being double iron-clad with chilled iron could be finished. For a few days past the prison officials have suspected him of another attempt to escape, and yesterday underkeepers Albright and Murr entered his cell and told him of their intention to remove him to his new quarters. He made not the slightest objection, but putting on his hat, said he was ready to go, and asked that his things might be taken along. The officers did not consent to this but made a thorough examination of his cell. In his bar of soap, about 5 inches long and three inches thick, they found a good sized hammer. In his loaf of bread they found a file and a knife; and under the lining of Frankford's hat they found a case knife, ground down to a point, after the manner of a shoemaker's knife, well worn. They also found that the iron bars of his cell window had been partly sawed off, but to no great extent.

The officers have no knowledge as to how Frankford came into possession of the tools found in his cell. They are certain, however, that he did not obtain them from any of his friends on regular visiting days, as on those occasions an officer always stands between the prisoner and his friends and hears all that takes place during the interview.

When detected, Frankford had no explanation to make, but quietly accompanied the officer to cell No. 7, on the lower tier, which has been especially prepared to receive him. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the officers' quarters and is under their eye day and night, and has recently been covered with a sheathing of chilled iron on top of the original sheathing of boiler iron.

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