

BLINDED THE KEEPER.

Desperate Prisoners Throw Pepper in Eyes of a Turnkey.

THEIR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FAILS.

The Eyesight of the Victim Nearly Destroyed by the Convicts.

SINGLE DAY'S NEWS OF THREE STATES.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—At midnight last night the prisoners in the county jail in this city, in a desperate escape, nearly destroyed the eyesight of a turnkey. As the turnkey was making rounds of the lower cells he left open a door leading to an outer vestibule and approached the door behind which were the prisoners. E. Ward Clouston, the executive clerk of the Circuit Court, who is under an indictment for robbing the State treasury and for burning a box of papers which is alleged to have contained the evidence of his guilt, handed Hall a valise as the latter opened the door and asked him to give it to his father. As Hall stopped to accept a prisoner named James dashed a handful of pepper in his eyes, blinding and smothering him.

Surprised as he was Hall had the presence of mind to jump back and slam the door, which lashed with a spring, and this saved the turnkey from being blinded. He escaped the conspiracy. After giving the alarm and becoming almost insane with pain. At the present time he has seen nothing and his eyesight is in a very critical condition. He became as full as a balloon and was unable to move. The prisoners are E. Ward Clouston, Murders Stephen Warren and John Mortimer, Burglars George W. Lane, Lee Oakes and James Smith. All these men were in the corridor when the valise was committed.

Justice James Jackson, who is now holding court here, ordered an investigation at once. William James was put on the stand and made a full confession. He said: "As Hall reached down to take the valise I threw in his face the pepper I got from Clouston. Clouston got it from Mortimer. I was instructed by them to throw the pepper and they would back me up. They didn't tell me what they proposed to do."

The prisoners were then returned to jail pending a further investigation. Clouston's last friend was a turnkey, who made no further efforts are being made to secure bail for him. The turnkey was Clouston's particular friend in jail, giving him many special privileges, and in no way treating him as a common prisoner. Judge Jackson gave peremptory orders that no favors of this kind be shown to prisoners hereafter. Young James, who made the confession, is not a hardened "crook," but a green countryman who tried to forge a check.

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STILL GOING DOWN.

Changes in Wells, and the General Production Yesterday.

OIL IN THE LEBBE VENTURE.

The McCoy Well at Sistersville Showing for a Production.

MANNINGTON WELL IS LOOKING BIG.

Another drop in the estimated production of the McDonald field was recorded yesterday. It fell from 22,000 to 21,500 barrels, a decline of 500 barrels. There were no big wells brought in, but before the week closes the Devonian Oil Company expects to finish up some wells west of the Noble heirs and the Mark Robb farms, which will add materially to the daily production of the field and possibly bring it up to 24,000 or 25,000 barrels a day.

The Philadelphia Company's well on the Leede farm, located at the extreme north end of the McCoy field, developed a showing of oil at a late hour Monday night, and according to instructions it was shut down until the owners could be communicated with and some decision arrived at as to the best method of developing the oil, if any, that should be found in the well. However, there is not enough oil to warrant their rigging it up even for a pump, but with deeper drilling it may be brought up to a respectable producer.

There was another well opened in this field yesterday which may lead to more developments. It is the Kuppel Oil Company's No. 1 on the Moore farm. Yesterday afternoon, when 10 or 15 feet in the sand, they struck a pay streak, and in a few moments the hole filled up several hundred feet with crude petroleum. The owners believe they will get a good producer and they intend to drill it deeper into the sand this week.

Operators who are interested in northeast McCurdy claim that there is an egg-shaped pool in that locality which they expect to open up before the end of the year. The Hutchinson Oil Company's well on the Hutchinson lot west of Oakdale, in the eastern part of the County, is reported to be showing only for a duster.

Greene & Forst shot their No. 6 on the Marshall farm, located southeast of Nobles-town, last evening, and it was reported to be making 60 barrels an hour. Their No. 7 on the Marshall property is due to get the sand either the last of this week or the first of next.

The Fort Pitt Gas Company has just finished up a well on the Diebold farm at Groveport, on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, which is reported to be showing about 200 barrels a day. The Woodland Oil Company's No. 3 on the Crawford farm, located southwest of McDonald, is due in the fifth sand this week.

The Taylorstown Natural Gas Company is drilling a couple of wells west of Clayville, which will be finished up about the middle of next month. On account of their isolated locations they are very important wells, and will determine the value of a very large tract of land.

A party who returned from Mannington, W. Va., yesterday claimed that the fifth sand well of Montgomery & Co. on the Straight farm, three miles southwest of Mannington, is making 27 barrels an hour. This is a remarkable record for that country and goes to show positively that there is a nice pool of oil in its vicinity.

Jennings & Co.'s well on the Myer farm near Underhill, is due in the sand within a few days. Showing for a Producer. The production of McDonald was 21,500 yesterday, 500 less than the day before. The hourly gauges of the largest wells at McDonald yesterday were as follows: Greene & Forst's No. 6, 23,000; Backeys run of Mackeysburg, 5,100; shipments, none; Backeys run of Lima oil, 47,500; shipments, 4,924; Eureka run, 16,250; shipments, 2,180. New York transit shipments, 40,923. Southern pipe line shipments, 30,323.

THE ELBA WORKS IDLE.

Engineers Came Out Yesterday and Presented a Start-Manager Everson Expects a Large Complement of New Men, and Will Start Full Turn This Morning.

A DREADFUL SCOURGE.

The Case of Mr. Palmer—Pneumonia Carried Him Off Suddenly—Everyone Should Know the Symptoms and Be on Guard.

Mr. Wilson K. Palmer, of New York City, left a circle of friends one afternoon recently when he received pneumonia. He was a bright and vigorous man, and his death is a sad loss to his family. The pneumonia was carried off suddenly, and everyone should know the symptoms and be on guard.

There are ten thousand men and women in America today in the same condition as Mr. Palmer. He was in his best of health, and he died. The pneumonia was carried off suddenly, and everyone should know the symptoms and be on guard.

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To the Humane Society of Western Pennsylvania.

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Advertisement for Wood's Prospanol, a medicine for various ailments.

Advertisement for Manhood Restored, a medicine for various ailments.

Advertisement for Weak Men, Your Attention, a medicine for various ailments.

Advertisement for Japanese, a medicine for various ailments.

ALTERATIONS.

Now being made to our building for the easy handling of a stock of wall paper will not be completed until October 15, until which time we will offer the same low prices as our stock will permit.

G. G. O'BRIEN'S.

Paint and Wall Paper Store, 229 Fifth Ave., three squares from Court House.

Advertisement for Vennsylvania Lines, highlighting their services and routes.

Advertisement for Diamond Healthful, Agreeable, Cleansing, and other products.

Advertisement for American Family Soap, Best for General Household Use.

Advertisement for Burlington Route, highlighting their services and routes.

Advertisement for Best Line Chicago and St. Louis to Pacific Coast, highlighting their services and routes.

Advertisement for Elaine, highlighting its features and benefits.

Advertisement for Family Safeguard Oil, highlighting its safety and effectiveness.

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