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## The Civil Punishment of Treason.

But few trials for treason have ever occurred in this country, and a large proportion of the cases have resulted in the acquittal of the defendants. From the nature of our institutions great freedom of opinion, and even of what in monarchial countries would be construed into treasonable action, has been tolerated and encouraged. A people who frequently chose new rulers must have a fair opportunity to discuss the actions of those who are, and those who aspire to be, their law-makers and Executives. It is not always easy to draw the exact line between patriotic and treasonable opposition to an Administration. Two men may perform the same act, or use the same language, and one be animated by a good and the other by a bad purpose. But it is nevertheless necessary for the safety and security of society, for the preservation of the very freedom to which we have referred, that all attempts to overthrow by force and violence our Government, or to subvert the laws by revolutionary measures, should be sternly checked and severely punished. A republic is the best form of government, but an anarchy is the worst. The most fearful fate that can befall a nation is to have its destinies controlled by the caprices of armed mobs, or shaped and directed by crafty and desperate conspirators. If defeated minorities were permitted to defy the popular will at pleasure, and to "secede" whenever they could not gain power, the elective system, of which we are justly proud, would become a scourge instead of a blessing. One gigantic attempt to perpetrate this crime has been made on a scale that has shaken the very foundations of the nation. We should spare no pains to make it the last, as it was the first, great rebellion. It is not enough to beat down its armies. We must punish its leaders, and show that treason can be combated successfully in our civil courts as well as in the tented field.

The intention and meaning of the Constitution in defining that offence are clear enough. If the rulings of judges are sometimes that doubtful and conflicting, and the legal judicial interpretation of the collateral questions, which are certain to arise in treason trials, unsettled, it is time that they should be authoritatively settled now, at a period when the public mind is keenly alive to the dangers of civil war. We could have no judge disgrace his office by the shameless disregard of precedents, and the usual systems of interpretation. But where the scales are evenly balanced on technical points, the welfare of the American people demands that all the new lights of this era should be thrown on the side of National protection. If there are doubts, it is far better that they should be solved in a way that will promote the interest of thirty millions of people than that they should furnish pretexts for the escape of blood-dyed criminals, and for the encouragement of new generations of traitors to overthrow our free institutions. Our existing laws against treason are amply sufficient to secure its punishment, if they are interpreted according to the spirit of the common law upon which they are partially founded, or the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States. But there has nevertheless been some subtle reasoning on the bench, and in the Secession logic with which our Senate Chamber has too often resounded, will be better now and hereafter if the true spirit of loyalty which is predominant among the people, and which is so powerfully exhibited in the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government, should so find fitting exponents in the judiciary. For this we have no fears.

## The Lone Star no Longer Alone.

The surrender by KIRBY SMITH of his trans-Mississippi forces winds up the rebellion, and secures the return of the "Lone Star" to the galaxy of the Union. The war ends as suddenly as it began. It remains only for the people to strive, by increased industry and energy, to repair the pecuniary loss that it has caused, and for the Government to complete the work of reorganization and secure the punishment of the leading offenders. Let treason be not merely "scotched," but killed outright, so that it may become an unknown crime in all our future annals. We must guard against a repetition of the scenes of the last four years, and make men shudder at the mere thought of conspiring against the Republic as the one great unpardonable sin which no pretexts can justify, no circumstances palliate, and no legal devices shield from condign punishment.

## LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, June 2, 1865.

Wendell Phillips' late demonstration on negro suffrage, and against President Johnson for not recommending it, is characteristic. That uneasy spirit was not satisfied with the Administration of Mr. Lincoln; now, then, conid he be pleased with that of Andrew Johnson? The first was denounced long before he had a trial, and almost before he had a chance to act; and the second is doubtless to be subjected to the same querulous and editorial temper. It is in vain to reason with men of this school. Four years ago not a few of them would have been willing to see the Union divided, if that would have saved bloodshed and made the free States a separate free empire; and many of them would have gratefully compromised even a partial abolition of slavery, if that could have been achieved without war. I do not question that Mr. Phillips is a very sincere man, only he has an odd way of showing it. Several years since he came here to Washington with his friend, Major George Stearns, of Boston, and called together a number of leading men at his lodgings, where, after a pleasant collation, he proceeded to scold them with that easy and superior air which he knows so well how to assume. The result was, a very square *rotestandum* from some gentlemen, who, however willing to drink Major Stearns' champagne, were not so ready to digest Dr Phillips' bitter pills. Now we have this same personage complacently advising the reconciliation of the entire war debt because President Johnson has suggested that the question of suffrage should be remitted to, or kept with, as in all other cases, the people of the States of the South preparing to resume their relations to the National Government. Such a proposition from any other quarter would be denounced as more than treasonable. Coming from Mr. Phillips, however, it must be received as the counsel of a very eccentric and most impracticable theorist — a man who, strictly agreeing with his own friends, even such old anti-slavery men as Wm. Lloyd Garrison and Gerrit Smith, cannot be excited to agree with practical statesmen like Andrew Johnson. The easiest thing in the world it is to find fault. The illustrious Mr. Lincoln had his own sad experience of the truth of this remark; for he realized that those who indulged in faultfinding never sympathized with the responsibilities of the ruler, but really tried to increase them. This is a world of facts, not fancies. Slavery has not been abolished by speeches, but by bullets. It never would have been seriously touched; nay, it would to day stand a dominant and defiant power if the war upon it had been conducted by such philosophers as Wendell Phillips. Nor is suffrage to be secured to the negro by the dissemination of revolutionary ideas, whether they come from Mr. Phillips or from others. That it it will be secured, and that, in my opinion, it ought to be secured, by some process, which will not end in injury to the blacks and in damage to the Government, I have not a doubt. I can well appreciate the eager desire of earnest men to counteract the influence of the returning rebels at future elections in the Southern States, and I know that this is one of their main reasons for insisting that the colored men of that section should be secured the right of suffrage as the surest set-off to that influence. But you cannot force the matter. Indeed, it may be gravely questioned whether any action of the President would give the blacks their rights at once; and whether, if so given, it might not be the cause of serious troubles among the Southern loyal whites, who, left to themselves, would opportunely confer it according to the mode suggested by the President, if in their judgment it would seem to be necessary. Emancipation did not come to us at once. Hoped for, prayed for, even demanded, as an instant incident of the war, at the beginning, it came gradually, as that great instrument of God's providence, Abraham Lincoln, obeyed the Divine inspiration; but it came surely, and it is now an irrevocable blessing. As to the question of colored suffrage, which Mr. Phillips and some others demand as a right, and denounce President Johnson for not *forcing* in the Southern States, let us not forget the obstacles to an indiscriminate bestowal of it. I believe that every colored man who has fought for the flag should be clothed with the right to vote for it. But I know hundreds of intelligent colored men who unhesitatingly doubt the expediency of giving this right to all their illiterate brethren of the South. These masses must be trained for a series of years before they are fully equal to a responsibility, which, conferred at once, may be used by their worst foes for their own selfish ends. How is it in Massachusetts, the State of Wendell Phillips? If there is on God's footstool a perfect Government, it is that of Massachusetts. However considered or criticised, it is the best type of a Republic. Its colleges, schools, hospitals, prisons, churches, municipalities, its learned men, its academies of arts and sciences, its streets, railroads, agriculture, and commerce, combine to make it worthy of all eulogy and of universal emulation. *But no colored man, and no white man, can vote in Massachusetts unless he can read and write.* I would not insist upon this as a condition precedent in the Southern States, in view of the real benefit to be secured and the future danger to be averted by giving the negroes there the weapon of the ballot. But I certainly would not reject the example of Massachusetts, nor rush into abuse of President Johnson because he refers the whole question to the States themselves. Whenever Congress can act on this question they ought to act. I do not think they should refuse to admit Senators and Representatives from North Carolina because the colored men of that State have not voted in the prior elections. *But I am clear that the intelligent colored men of the District of Columbia should be made voters by the next Congress.* As a body I do not know a more useful, faithful, and industrious class of citizens, and they would prove to be an element of strength and security to the National Capital in many respects. Congress can do this great work legitimately and properly, and the people will applaud it; and in good season the whole country will come under the same system, till the once difficult problem of *enlightened freedom* is forever settled and solved. OCCASIONAL.


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# THE TRIAL.

## MORE TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENCE.

## EVIDENCE RELATING TO SPANGLER, ARNOLD, AND PAYNE.

## Arrangement and Construction of the President's Box, at Ford's Theatre.

## MEDICAL TESTIMONY ON THE SUBJECT OF INSANITY.

## Violence and Irregularity of Payne's Conduct.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—After the reading of the record, the examination of witnesses for the defence was resumed.

**Testimony of Charles Bulger.**

By Mr. Ewing: The testimony of this witness was as follows: Witness knew the prisoner, Edward Spangler, having boarded at a house at which the prisoner boarded for five or six months; after the assassination the accused remained at the house for several days.

**Testimony of John Gunther.**

By Mr. Ewing: The testimony of this witness was substantially the same as that of the previous witness. He testified to having boarded for several years at the house at which the prisoner stopped for six or seven months, and was certain of having seen him about the boarding-house some two or three days after the assassination. Witness never saw him wear a moustache.

Cross-examined by Judge Advocate Bingham: Saw the prisoner generally in the morning or evening; the accused did not sleep at the boarding-house.

**Testimony of Thomas J. Reybold.**

By Mr. Ewing: Q. State how long you have been in Washington, and what has been your occupation here? A. I have resided permanently in Washington, during the last twelve or fifteen years, coming here ago, at which time I came to Washington for Mr. Ford; I was employed at that gentleman's theatre to take charge of the books; I was to purchase for the house, and purchase everything that was to be purchased for the house; any repairs to the house were entrusted to me; that was one of the businesses there; in the absence of either of the Messrs. Ford, I went in the box office and sold the tickets.

Q. Have you been there since the assassination of the locks of the private boxes being broken, and if so, what you know?

A. I think it was during Mrs. Bowers' engagement in March, about the 7th, when being one day at dinner, Mr. Merrick, of the National Hotel, asked me to reserve some seats for him that evening, he thinks, in the dress circle; I replied that Mr. Merrick had not arrived by the end of the first act, and as it was customary for all reserved seats not occupied at the end of the first act to be sold to some persons present wanting seats, those seats were taken shortly after that; Mr. Merrick, accompanied by his wife, then came in, and I went to the box office and was informed of their arrival, and asked what I had done with the seats reserved for them, and I went to see about it, and found that the lock had been forced open; I then took them up stairs to Box 6, which was locked and could not be entered; I then crossed to Box 7, and found the door open, and the lock of Box 7 was broken off; I endeavored to force it open by applying my shoulder to the door, but failing in this, I used my foot, and succeeded in kicking it open.

Q. State whether that tier led into the box which the President occupied? A. It led into the President's box.

Q. State whether you saw Spangler, if anything, after the assassination? A. I do not recollect seeing him after that; I only knew that he was arrested in the house on the following Saturday morning.

Q. Where was Spangler on the night of the murder? A. I cannot say; in accordance with my usual custom I went to Baltimore on that Saturday night to visit my family, as stated before.

Q. Was the theatre closed until your return? A. I was; I returned on Monday morning.

Q. Examine that rope, exhibiting rope found in the carpet bag of the prisoner Spangler), and state whether you know of any such rope being used about the theatre, and whether it has been used? A. From its appearance I know that it has been used; if it had not it would be lighter in color; it has the appearance of having been used in the flies for drawing up the scenes; what is called a border rope.

Cross-examined by Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham: Q. Did you say that kind of a rope was used in the theatre in fixing up the flies? A. The wings; or, at least, the borders.

Q. The proper place would not be a carpet-sack had a mile away? A. No sir, I do not think it would.

Q. Mr. Spangler would not supply the theatre with a rope at his own expense? A. It is not my opinion that he did.

Q. Then you say that he used, which you have described, is a permanent fixture, is it not? A. Sometimes we use a great many of these ropes, and then take them down and they lay up in the loft until we need them again.

Q. Was it the inner or the outer door of the box that you forced open? A. It was the inner door.

Q. Is there but one opener to the door? It is.

Q. Could you, by direct force, have burst open the door of the box, the keeper of which was fastened by screws, and the door framed in such a way as to splitting the wood? A. I might have started the keeper; it would have been according to the length of the screws.

Q. Is not the facing of that door of pine? A. Yes, sir, as far as I can judge.

Q. Is it your opinion that the keeper of the lock could have been burst off by force without splitting the wood? A. I think so; it might have been so.

Q. When were you in the box last? A. The morning after the assassination.

Q. Was it before the assassination? A. About five minutes that afternoon.

Q. Did you see upon the mortice in the wall or a pin or screw used to fasten the door? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you see a mortice there the *morning* after the assassination? A. No, sir; my attention was not called to it.

Q. State what you know, if anything, about the rocking chair in which the President was sitting when placed in the box? A. I do not know who put it there, but I know who was ordered to put it there; I was in the box only about five minutes; I was ordered in fixing the fixes; it was then in the corner of box 7, and sitting in the position in which the chair was then placed, the President would have his head against the wall, and his side partially toward the stage.

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Q. How long was it before the assassination that he used it? A. About two weeks.

By the Court: Q. Do you know of what material that rope is made? A. I think it is a Manilla rope.

By Judge Advocate Holt: Q. Do you or not know that the color or a rope does not depend on its age or use? A. I know that water will make the color of a rope darker, but its color, so far as my knowledge extends, does depend upon its use.

**Testimony of Henry E. Merrick.**

By Mr. Ewing: Q. State your business? A. I am clerk at the National Hotel.

Q. State whether or not, some time before the assassination of the President, you went to Ford's Theatre and Mr. Reybold showed you to a box?

A. Yes, sir; it was on the evening of the 7th of March; I had my wife and other ladies with me, and we were shown to a box on the right hand side as you pass down the dress circle; it was the box nearest the entrance; I do not know the number.

Q. Have you certain that it was the box furthest from the stage? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know anything about the door being forced open? A. The door was forced open by Mr. Reybold, who was unable to find the key; the keeper, I think, was forced off; at least the screw that held the upper part of the keeper came out, and it whirled around and hung by the lower screw; we then entered the box and remained there during the play.

Q. Do you know when John McCullough, the actor, was last at the National Hotel? A. Our books show when he left there on the 26th of March; he paid his bill on that day, and since then I have not seen him.

Q. Was he in the habit of stopping at your hotel? A. He was; I have never known him to stop at any other hotel.

Q. Was he there on the 2d of April? A. Not to my knowledge.

Cross-examined by Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham: Q. Many persons come into your hotel to visit guests of the house and go away again without your knowing it, do they not? A. They might call there on their friends.

Q. On the night of which you have spoken as the occasion of your visit to the theatre you entered the first box that you came to in passing down the dress-circle? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Then the box next the stage you did not enter at all? A. I did not; we entered the first box.

**Testimony of James Lamb.**

By Mr Ewing: Q. State when and in what capacity you were employed at the time of the assassination of the President? A. At Mr. Ford's Theatre, where I have been employed for the last two seasons, over a year, in the capacity of scene-painter.

Q. Examine that rope, (exhibiting to witness the rope found in Spangler's possession), and state whether you have seen any rope like that used in the theatre? A. I have; but all ropes of this description bear some similarity; ropes like that are used in the theatre for suspending borders that hang across the tops of the scenes; they are called border ropes.

Q. What is the length of ropes used for that purpose in the theatre? A. Not less than eighty (80) feet; they are used for raising and lowering the borders; these borders are long strips of canvas, which are painted to represent interiors and exteriors; sometimes, when it is necessary to alter them, they are lowered upon the stage for the purpose of being repainted; the ropes used are about the length of this one.

Q. Examine carefully and state whether it has the appearance of having been used? A. It has the appearance of having been chafed, and a new rope would be a little rougher, it stands to reason.

Q. Do you or not see here the mark of a knot in the rope? A. I cannot say that there is anything about it that would lead me to form an opinion on that point; it is the same kind of a rope that is used for that purpose, but if it had been so used I think there would be a knot here; one end appears to have been cut; there were about forty or fifty such ropes employed about the theatre.

Cross-examined by Judge Advocate Bingham: Q. Where you employed in the theatre at the time of the assassination? A. I was employed there at the time of the assassination; I was not present on the night of the assassination; I was at home.

Q. You only occasionally belonged to the church, eh? A. Well, that's all.

**Testimony of Mr Reybold.**

Q. State you visited Ford's Theatre since you were upon the stand? A. Yes sir, I have.

Q. Did you examine the keepers of the locks of boxes No 7 and 8? A. Yes, sir.

Q. State the condition in which you found them? A. Box 8 has been forced and the wood was split; box 7 was also forced; you could put the screwsin and out; box 8 the keeper is entirely torn off.

Q. State whether or not it was done by any imprudent. A. I think not; it was done by force applied to the outside of the door.

**Testimony of Mr. Plant.**

Q. What is your residence and occupation? A. I am a dealer in Provisions at present; my residence is 832 G street, between 9th and 10th, Washington City.

Q. Have you ever been engaged at any time in stable-work? A. For the last 16 years, more or less.

Q. Have you visited Ford's Theatre to-day? A. I have.

Q. State whether you examined the keeper on the private boxes, and if so, what boxes? A. Yes, I did; boxes 7 and 8; and to all appearance they had both been forced open; in No. 7 I could put the screw in and push them in with my thumb and fingers; in box 8 directly under the keeper it gone entirely.

Q. State whether you noticed a hole in the wall to the passage which leads into the boxes. A. Yes sir.

Q. State whether it has the appearance of having been covered? A. Yes, sir; it has been, but I could not say which one; there being no paper on it.

Q. Did you notice a hole in either of the doors of the boxes? A. Yes, in the door of box No 7.

Q. What size? A. Not more than a quarter of an inch in diameter; it is larger on the outside than on the inside; a sort of wedge-shape.

Q. Could you tell how that was made? A. I should judge with some instrument; one part felt as if it was done with a knife at the right hand side and the bottom of the hole, and another part looked as if made with a similar one part feels rough, as if made by the withdrawing of the gimlet after the hole was bored.

Q. Do you think that a gimlet was used in making the hole? A. As far as my knowledge of that goes, it might have been done with a knife.

**Testimony of William Smoodh.**

(Witness for the prosecution.) Q. State where you reside. A. In Prince George county.

Q. How near Surattsville? A. About one mile.

Q. Are you acquainted with a man named Jenkins, a brother of Mrs. Surratt? A. Yes, sir; I know two of her brothers.

Q. Do you know the one who has testified in this case, J. B. Jenkins? A. Yes, sir.

Q. State what position he has occupied towards this Government during the rebellion? A. During the first year he was in the rebel army; after that time he was looked upon as a secesh sympathizer.

Q. Do you know Mr. Surratt? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you have any conversation with him on the Saturday succeeding the murder? A. I had.

Q. State what it was. A. I met two young men connected with General Augur's headquarters, and one of him told me Surratt was supposed to be the man who killed Lincoln, and I asked Mr Surratt if he knew where Booth was. He said he reckoned he was in New York by this time; I asked him why he thought so, and he said. "My God, John Surratt has all about him, and he has been a long time in a place where he could escape, but when he came home he was ready to go to jail." I asked him what he was doing in Washington and he said he was going to engage 100 men to go to Mexico; I asked him if he was going to take his family, and he said no; I asked him if he was going to take any baggage, and he said he would get what he could carry, as he could very well have done on his horse, having his horse loose; I suppose it was about the 5th or 6th of April; I asked him if he was going to the house of Mrs. Surratt was not a place he would be likely to go to for the purpose of hiding and screening himself from justice.

The objection was sustained by the court.

Q. How long did he stay at your house? A. A few hours.

Q. Do you know where he went then? A. I do not.

Q. When did you see him the third time? A. In January of this year at my own home.

Q. Describe how he was dressed at the time? A. In black clothing—citizens' dress.

Q. What did he represent himself to be? A. He spoke from Canadian county. Q. He gave his name as Payne.

Q. How long did he stay at your house? A. I think six weeks and a few days; I do not remember the exact time.

Q. Do you remember about the date he came in January? A. I cannot; I think he left about the beginning of March.

Q. Did he ever see any company while here? A. No, sir, to my knowledge.

Q. Did you ever see J. Wilkes Booth? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know whether Payne was ever called upon after that time, by J. Wilkes Booth? A. No, sir.

Q. Did he or not take a room in your mother's house? A. Yes.

Q. What were his habits? Was he quiet or did he get a good deal? A. He did not go out a great deal; he was remarkably quiet.

Q. Did he ever say did his quietness show itself? A. He was a great deal in his room; he seemed to be reserved; and, I thought, seemed to be depressed in spirits.

Q. Was he or not exceedingly taciturn? A. He was remarkably fond of playing with children.

Q. Have you or not a library in your father's house? A. No; we have a good many old books; a good many medical ones.

Q. Do you know whether the prisoner can read? A. I do not.

Q. Did he or not give himself up to reading medical works while at your house? A. He did not.

Q. Was not his taciturnity so remarkable as to be noted upon by the rest of the boarders? A. I think so.

Q. Do you know whether the prisoner was at that time in possession of a great amount of money? A. I do not; he had enough to pay his board.

Q. Do you know how the prisoner happened to leave your house? A. He left one morning when we were at breakfast.

Q. Did he say anything to you about a conversation he had had with Spangler relative to the assassination? A. Yes; he was grumbling and saying it was well for Ned that he had not something in his hand at the time; witness asked him what Ned had to do with it; he said he might a very hard blow, and said shut up," at the same time, "You know nothing about it."

Q. When did he say that was? A. That was while the party—Booth or whoever it might be—was leaving the stage, that is making his escape; I never was much at the theatre, and have forgotten the name of the piece; I did not understand the remark; I thought the keeper; it would have been according to the length of the screws.

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Q. Have you seen the prisoner, Samuel Arnold? A. I saw him about the latter part of March or the first of April on Sunday, for the first time.

Q. What hat did he wear on? A. I cannot tell.

Q. How long did he remain there? A. About two weeks, as the best of my knowledge; he was a clerk in Mr. Wharton's establishment; chief clerk I believe.

Q. How often did you see him during his stay there? A. I saw him every day; I cannot say how many times a day.

**Testimony of James Lusby.**

By Mr. Stew: I reside in Prince George's county; I am postmaster at Surattsville; I have resided there ever since Christmas; I saw John Surratt there in March last; I do not know exactly the day; it was on Good Friday, on the day that Lincoln was killed.

Q. Did you see Mr. Lloyd on the evening of that day at Surattsville? A. I and him went that day from Marlboro.

Q. What was Lloyd's condition at that time? A. He was very much drunk; I thought; I reached Surattsville about one minute and a half before he did; I drove up to the tavern door; he went up to the front door.

Q. Did you see the prisoner Mrs. Surratt there that day? A. I saw her as she was starting out to go home in a buggy; I was ready to go home at the time Lloyd drove up? A. Yes; the buggy was there waiting for her, and the left about fifteen minutes afterwards.

*Cross-examination* by Judge Holt: Q. You drove upon the side of the house, and Lloyd went round to the other side; did you not? A. Yes; Lloyd was intoxicated when I first came I went into the house and got a drink.

Q. Did you see Mrs Surratt when you first came; you did not see her in the bar-room, did you? A. No.

Q. And you did not see her when Lloyd came up? A. No.

Q. You did not see her until you got your drink? A. I do not remember whether I got my drink when I first saw her or not.

Q. You say Lloyd was drunk; how do you know that fact? A. I have seen him before.

Q. Did you see him drinking? A. Yes; and took drinks with him.

Q. Which drank the most? A. I never measured mine.

Q. Were you as tight as he was? A. Not quite as tight.

Q. Were you after you had the additional drink; you had the advantage of taking that drink at Surratts; while while Lloyd went around to the kitchen, hadn't you? A. I don't know; I never tried to pass even with him; I did not say I was drunk; I don't say whether I was, though I had drank with him right smart; that is all.

By Judge Burnett: Q. Do you live at Surattsville? A. Not a mile and a half below.

Q. What has been your boarding-place for the last two or three years? A. I have been a farmer all the time; I have never been away from home farther than Washington in my life.

Q. Mr. Lloyd was sober enough when you left him to drive his own horse and take his fish. A. I put the kitchen? A. He drove his own horse; I didn't see him go to the kitchen.

Q. Did you see him fix Mrs. Surratt's buggy? A. No; I do not know anything about that.

Q. How long before you left was it that you saw Mrs. Surratt? A. I saw her as she was getting in the buggy; I was ready to go home at the time; I was in the house.

Q. How far is it from Marlboro to surattsville? A. About seventeen miles; it is a little over or about 2½ hours.

Q. How often do you stop on the road? A. Once or No.

Q. Then he was two and a half hour's without getting any drinks before he came to Surattsville? A. Yes, sir.

**Testimony of Matthew J. Pope.**

By Mr. Dester: Q. State where you live and what your business is. A. I live in Washington, and am Superintendent of the Soldiers' Rest.

Q. State whether or not, on or about the 12th of April, the prisoner Arnold called at your place and wanted to enlist in the army? A. There was a question handed in by a soldier, I don't know exactly the day, to sell a large dry house, I had in charge.

Q. How old did Arnold seem to be? A. I don't know; I did not take any particular notice of his age, and I don't know as I examined him at all.

Q. Do you remember the person who brought the horse there? A. I do not know as I would remember him was to see him again.

Q. Look at the prisoner, Atzerott, and see if you recognize him as that person? A. I do not know if the features are nearly alike; if he was the one, he is not nearly so stout; I think he was heavier. I did not take much notice of him; he asked me if I wanted a couple of horses; I told him I did not; it was some time in the afternoon; he brought the horse up round to the front door; I went out to the front door; he went up to the front door; I went out to the restaurant, and took a drink; he went away with a man by the name of John Barry; after a time he came back, and the man who brought the horse then took him away.

Q. Did you ever see that man Barry after that? A. Not at the time? A. He had been drinking a little; I do not know whether he was or not; he was a carpenter of the navy yard; he carried on the business.

Q. Did you ever see him after that? A. Yes; he was in Washington about the time of the assassination of Mr. Garland, when he awakened me, asked me what Neal rated to me, and I told him that Neal had stepped on my foot, and he said, "I don't say which way he went."

Q. Were you not on the stage in the afternoon of the day of the assassination? A. Yes, sir.

Q. State what you and Spangler saw. A. I saw a man in the cross circle smoking a cigar, and I asked Spangler if he had his cigar; Spangler said he then said we ought to tell him to go out, and Spangler said he had a right there; I recognized my self as a man that I had seen in the latter part of March or April in Washington, and I told him that Ned had stepped on my foot, and he said, "I don't say which way he went."

Q. Where you not on the stage in the afternoon of the day of the assassination? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you know whether that was the door that was used on the night of the assassination? A. Yes, sir, it is; I the other one could not be used.

Q. Do you know whether the lock that was burst open was afterwards repaired? A. No; I suppose it was repaired afterwards; I suppose it was my place to have reported the fact, and though I frequently passed into the box afterwards, I never thought of having the lock fixed.

Q. To whom would you have reported for repairs? A. To Mr Gifford.

Q. Did you ever do no report to him of it? A. No, sir; I never said anything about it; I never thought it worth while to mention it.

Q. State what you know of the private box; one of the lower boxes in the dress circle, on the right hand side of the stage.

**Testimony of Louis J. Carland.**

By Mr. Ewing: Q. State whether you are acquainted with Jacob Ritterspaugh? A. I am.

Q. State whether you saw him in Mr. Gifford's room on the night of the assassination, after it had taken place; and what did Ritterspaugh say on that occasion? A. He was asleep, and on my awakening him he appeared frightened, and thought I was Mr. Booth; I asked him where Spangler was, and he replied he was in the dress circle; I asked him if Sam Spangler he was standing behind the scenes, just after Booth ran out the back part of the theatre; he said he thought Spangler was after Mr. Booth." when Spangler stepped him in the mouth—I was present—I thought you were in bed—I was not in the office all the time—after I went home in the morning, when the tickets were obtained for the President by his messenger; I do not know positively whether there were any sold, or whether there were any persons present or any.

Q. State at what hour the President engaged those seats? A. Between ten and eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Q. Had he been previously invited? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did you see the messenger? A. I did, and was talking to him.

Q. State whether you saw anything of Booth that morning, before the President had engaged the box? A. I cannot say whether it was after or before that time; I saw him that morning; I generally came there about that morning; I am generally there every morning; his letters were directed to Mr. Ford's box in the post-office, and were brought to the theatre every morning.

Q. Did Booth get more than one letter that morning? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. State if you know any reason why the rocking-chair in which the President is said to have sat that night should have been in the position in which it was? A. The position in which it was placed the same in which I had placed it myself on two other occasions when the President occupied that box, and on the occasion when I was ordered to put it in position, the rockers would be in the way; the removal of the partition left a triangular corner to the left hand side of the box; the rockers of the chairs went into the corner, and were out of the way; that was the only reason why I put it there.

Q. When was that? A. During last winter a year ago.

Q. It had not been used in the box during this last season prior to that time? A. The sofa had been used; it had not.

Q. State what you saw of Spangler, if anything, after the assassination? A. I do not recollect seeing him after that; I only knew that he was arrested in the house on the following Saturday morning.

Q. Was the theatre closed on the night of the killing? A. I cannot say; in accordance with my usual custom I went to Baltimore on that Saturday night to visit my family, as stated before.

Q. Was the theatre closed until your return? A. No; I returned on Monday morning.

Q. Examine that rope, (exhibiting rope found in the carpet bag of the prisoner Spangler), and state whether you know of any such rope being used about the theatre, and whether it has been used? A. From its appearance I know that it has been used; if it had not it would be lighter in color; it has the appearance of having been used in the flies for drawing up the scenes; what is called a border rope.

Cross-examined by Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham: Q. Did you say that kind of a rope was used in the theatre in fixing up the flies? A. The wings; or, at least, the borders.

Q. The proper place would not be a carpet-sack had a mile away? A. No sir, I do not think it would.

Q. Mr. Spangler would not supply the theatre with a rope at his own expense? A. It is not my opinion that he did.

Q. Then you say that he used, which you have described, is a permanent fixture, is it not? A. Sometimes we use a great many of these ropes, and then take them down and they lay up in the loft until we need them again.

Q. Was it the inner or the outer door of the box that you forced open? A. It was the inner door.

Q. Is there but one opener to the door? It is.

Q. Could you, by direct force, have burst open the door of the box, the keeper of which was fastened by screws, and the door framed in such a way as to splitting the wood? A. I might have started the keeper; it would have been according to the length of the screws.

Q. Is not the facing of that door of pine? A. Yes, sir, as far as I can judge.

Q. Is it your opinion that the keeper of the lock could have been burst off by force without splitting the wood? A. I think so; it might have been so.

Q. When were you in the box last? A. The morning after the assassination.

Q. Was it before the assassination? A. About five minutes that afternoon.

Q. Did you see upon the mortice in the wall or a pin or screw used to fasten the door? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you see a mortice there the *morning* after the assassination? A. No, sir; my attention was not called to it.

Q. State what you know, if anything, about the rocking chair in which the President was sitting when placed in the box? A. I do not know who put it there, but I know who was ordered to put it there; I was in the box only about five minutes when ordered in fixing the fixes; it was then in the corner of box 7, and sitting in the position in which the chair was then placed, the President would have his head against the wall, and his side partially toward the stage.

By Mr. Ewing: Q. Was it after Booth played Pescara? A. I cannot say positively; I would not tell that; he ordered the box on two occasions, but on one occasion did not use it, for he told me in the course of the day that he would not be able to use the box, as some ladies stopping at the National Hotel had disappointed him.

Q. How long was it before the assassination that he used it? A. About two weeks.

By the Court: Q. Do you know of what material that rope is made? A. I think it is a Manilla rope.

By Judge Advocate Holt: Q. Do you or not know that the color or a rope does not depend on its age or use? A. I know that water will make the color of a rope darker, but its color, so far as my knowledge extends, does depend upon its use.

**Testimony of Henry E. Merrick.**

By Mr. Ewing: Q. State your business? A. I am clerk at the National Hotel.

Q. State whether or not, some time before the assassination of the President, you went to Ford's Theatre and Mr. Reybold showed you to a box?

A. Yes, sir; it was on the evening of the 7th of March; I had my wife and other ladies with me, and we were shown to a box on the right hand side as you pass down the dress circle; it was the box nearest the entrance; I do not know the number.

Q. Have you certain that it was the box furthest from the stage? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know anything about the door being forced open? A. The door was forced open by Mr. Reybold, who was unable to find the key; the keeper, I think, was forced off; at least the screw that held the upper part of the keeper came out, and it whirled around and hung by the lower screw; we then entered the box and remained there during the play.

Q. Do you know when John McCullough, the actor, was last at the National Hotel? A. Our books show when he left there on the 26th of March; he paid his bill on that day, and since then I have not seen him.

Q. Was he in the habit of stopping at your hotel? A. He was; I have never known him to stop at any other hotel.

Q. Was he there on the 2d of April? A. Not to my knowledge.

Cross-examined by Assistant Judge Advocate Bingham: Q. Many persons come into your hotel to visit guests of the house and go away again without your knowing it, do they not? A. They might call there on their friends.

Q. What are some of the leading symptoms of moral insanity? A. The causes are as different as the individuals affected; if a man, for instance, believes an act to be right within him he did not believe to be right in health, and which people generally do not believe to be right, I would regard that as a *symptom of moral insanity.*

Q. Is depression of spirits at any time considered a symptom of insanity? A. It is.

Q. Is great taciturnity considered a symptom? A. It is a frequent symptom of insanity, though I can conceive how taciturnity could exist without insanity.

Q. Is it a disposition to commit suicide? A. It is.

Q. Is great caution in making pleasure excursions of insanity? A. The lessee frequently exhibits great caution in their plans to effect their object.

Q. Is it a penalty for a madman to conceal and to act with other madmen or sanemen in their plans? A. It is not impossible, but it is infrequent.

Q. Do madmen conspirate together in plans? A. Very rarely indeed.

Q. Is or is not a morbid propensity to destroy a proof of insanity? A. Not a proof, but a very common attendant on insanity.

Q. Is it a symptom of insanity if one, apparently without provoc