

A Prison Tragedy

A Hartford paper of the 3rd inst., says: There was great excitement at the Wethersfield State Prison from 11 o'clock Saturday night till 5 yesterday morning.

It appears that two prisoners—Henry Hamlin and William Allen, both of whom were sentenced for eight years for burglary in New London county, in 1871—planned an escape. Hamlin had a skeleton key made in the prison, and they ingeniously made it so that it would open every cell door in the prison except two, the locks being alike. He got out of his cell between the time of locking up and the sliding of the bar, and secreted himself overhead, under the ceiling of the upper tier.

When everything was still, and the watchman came on, Hamlin operated the lever of the sliding bar so that he could let out Allen by unlocking his door. Both started to surprise the watchman, bind and gag him; but he had heard a noise and was on the look-out, and came upon them before they were aware he was so near and demanded that they should halt. They were not disposed to stop, and he fired twice at them with his revolver. One of them threw up his hands and said, "Don't shoot. I'm hit and killed."

The watchman supposed he had fired a fatal shot and was thrown off his guard, and the convicts pitched upon him, knocked him down and gagged him with a home made gag of leather, which was fastened around his neck, and then put handcuffs upon his wrists. They then left him, and it is supposed were about to release one or more other prisoners, as they had their own way, with the watchman quieted, and could have made a general uprising of convicts.

But they had not gone far before Shipman got the gag loose and called for help. They returned to him, and Allen, drawing a large knife which came from the shoe shop, said: "Stop your noise or I'll cut your—throat." The watchman, who exhibited coolness and courage, still struggled and shouted, when Hamlin came up, and having the pistol taken from the watchman, placed its muzzle close to the latter's left breast and fired, inflicting a mortal wound.

By this time the pistol shots had begun to arouse the sleepers in other parts of the prison, and Overseer Arnold came to the door of the guard room. Seeing the feet of the watchman hanging over from the tier platform, which he recognized by their having moccasins on, and seeing also a man leaning over him, he fired a rifle into the hall, without aiming it at the figure he saw, lest the watchman might be struck. The shot alarmed Hamlin, for he was leaning over the prostrate form of his victim, and he ran around the corridor. Meanwhile, Overseer Hill had got into the corridor and saw him coming and fired. Hamlin returned the shot, neither taking effect.

Both Hamlin and Allen now sought refuge in the attic and forced their way through the plastered ceiling by the use of heavy bars of iron which were obtained from the shoe shop, one being a standard, 20 inches long and an inch and a quarter in diameter, and the other a claw, 15 inches long. In the attic they had full swing, as no one dared risk going there because it was known that there must be one charge left in the revolver. Moreover, it was deemed best to surround them lest they might get more desperate and set fire to the building, and there was great fear of this. Guards, armed with rifles, were placed all about the outer walls of the prison, and all inside avenues of escape were carefully watched.

At 1 o'clock Hamlin showed himself at an opening leading from the attic to the garret of the office building, and was at once fired upon by Overseer Botello, who was on duty there. He then went back to the centre of the attic. He evidently remained in and about the cupola of the prison, which is reached by a ladder. At about 5 o'clock in the morning he showed himself there to the outside guard, and Overseer Riley fired at him, whereupon he cried out: "Don't fire any more; we will surrender." They were told to come down and report at the guard-room door, which they did, and were then handcuffed and taken to dungeons. Shipman died at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, having suffered terrible agony.

Mysterious Arrival.

On Friday night a small sloop was observed entering Baltimore harbor, manned by one colored man and carrying only one sail, the jib, out of which the bonnet had been taken. She had no mainsail, and appeared to have had rough usage, as her paint was discolored and she looked to be in bad repair. Her crew of one man her up near the Canton steamboat wharf, and casting anchor, lowered a boat and pulled hastily ashore, neglecting to stow his single sail. On landing he pushed the small boat adrift and disappeared. Some people who saw this performance, thinking it strange, reported the affair to the police, and a look-out was kept for the man, but he did not return, and Captain Kenny seized the vessel. She is sloop-rigged, decked over and has a small cabin, in which was found a stove, some cooking utensils, but no papers or any other article that gives a clue to her owners. She has recently been supplied with a new topmast, and on her stern was found almost obliterated by paint not yet dry, her name, "The Native, Norfolk."

ASSIGNEE'S SALE. OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned, Assignee under a deed of voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors of Mrs. Margaret R. Donley, will sell by outcry, upon the premises, in Carroll twp., about 1 1/2 miles west of Delville, on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described valuable real estate, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND, situate in the township of Carroll, county of Perry State of Pennsylvania, and bounded by lands of G. H. Adams, Adam Beam, T. Matlack and others containing

115 ACRES, strict measure, and having thereon erected a large good TWO-STORY DWELLING HOUSE, with KITCHEN attached, HALF BAKING OVEN, BATH, wood house, smoke house, hog pen and other necessary outbuildings.

There is a good young ORCHARD in prime bearing condition and other fruit trees upon the premises. The water is supplied by two good wells and a spring which runs in several fields. The quality of soil is good red shale.

NOTE.—This property is in every way desirable. It is situate within a mile of a school, a mile and a half of stores, mills, blacksmith shop, etc., and about two miles to the nearest church. It is pleasantly located on a point of scenery, and will make in every respect a most desirable farm home.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when the property is stricken down, one-third of the remainder upon the confirmation of the sale, and the balance to be divided into two equal annual payments, payable respectively the 1st day of April, 1878, and 1879, to be secured by judgment bonds, with interest from 1st April, 1878, when deed will be delivered and possession given. JOHN S. RICHES, Assignee. Sept. 4, 1877.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Jacob A. Rice, late of Saville twp., Perry county, Pa., dec'd., will sell by public sale, on the premises of the late deceased, three miles west of Ikesburg, on the public road leading from Ikesburg to Bealton, Juniata Co., Pa., on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described valuable real estate, consisting of, to-wit:

No. 1, is a tract of land situate in Saville twp., Perry Co., Pa., adjoining lands of John Shero, John Hartman, George W. Sheaffer and others, containing EIGHTEEN ACRES more or less. The improvements consist of a Two and a Half Story water power

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No. 2, is a tract of land containing One Hundred and Forty Acres, more or less, being ridge and mountain land, about twenty acres cleared for business is timber land. This will be sold in lots to suit purchasers or in one lot as purchaser may desire—(adjoining lands of Conrad S. Rice, John Drompold and Absalom Rice and others, situate on the public road leading from Ikesburg to Bealton, Juniata county, Pa.)

TERMS OF SALE: TEN per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when the property is stricken down; one-third of the remainder on the 1st day of April, 1878, when deed will be delivered and possession given; one-half of the balance on the 1st day of April, 1879, and the remainder on the 1st day of April, 1880. Unpaid purchase money to bear interest from 1st April, 1878, and to be secured by judgment bonds. For further information call upon or address A. M. Markel, Attorney for Administratrix, or CHARLOTTE A. RICE, Administratrix. Aug. 21, 1877.

VALUABLE PROPERTY At Private Sale.

THE subscriber offers at private sale in Spring township, Perry county, Pa.,

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W. A. SPONSLER, Attorney for said Trustees. August 23, 1877.

ESTATE NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the estate of John Neidigh, late of Jackson township, Perry county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, residing in Mifflin township, Cumberland county, Pa.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them duly authenticated for settlement to THOMAS E. MOFFITT, Executor. P. O. Address, Newville, Camb. Co., Pa. W. A. & W. H. SPONSLER, Attys for estate. August 21, 1877.—64

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All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement to JOSEPH B. McCLINTOCK, Administrator. P. O. Address—Shermansdale, Perry Co., Pa. July 24, 1877. J. C. H. SULLIVAN, Attorney.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Ephraim A. McLaughlin and wife, of Toboyoc township, Perry county, Pa., by deed of voluntary assignment dated the 18th of July, 1877, have conveyed all their real and personal property for the benefit of creditors to the undersigned, residing in Blain, Jackson township.

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