

CITY "JAIL" IS TO BE IMPROVED

Mayor Thompson Explored Its
Dingy Interior Yesterday.

WILL MAKE A NEW CELL.

Where Naughty Boys Will be Incar-
ated—Work Will be commenced
Immediately.

Yesterday afternoon Mayor Thompson spent an hour exploring the vile old jail, sarcastically dubbing "the city jail." Following his visit plans have been made and will be immediately carried out to make several much needed improvements in the old cold storage shack.

Any changes that could be made in the "jail" will doubtless be pleasing alike to the unfortunate beings who are incarcerated therein, and the officers who have charge thereof, for the reason that any changes must be for the better, for it is beyond the vale of possibility for it to get worse!

The improvements to be made will prevent any further communication between prisoners and their friends on the outside. The closest at the south end of the building to which any and everybody could have access, is to be closed up tight. This will prevent any escape via the tunnel beneath the jail, as explained in these columns several days ago.

Heretofore it has been the practice to lock the boys who came within the clutches of the law, in one portion of the women's ward, rather than allow them to associate with criminals and hoboes. But recent events have taught the authorities that this plan was not a good one by any means. A few days ago three boys were locked in a cell in the women's department and were only separated from the females by a wooden door. With a red-hot poker a hole was soon burned through that and when the jailer entered the building he found the inmates "joshing" each other.

That is not all he discovered either. The youths had jerked down all the electric wires and ruined the lighting facilities of the building, and it required several hours' hard work on the part of the electrician to make repairs. The boys were then placed in cell No. 8 up stairs. Here is where more improvements are to be made. In the west end of cell 8 there are two rooms one 8x11 feet, the other 7x8 feet. On the side of the door communicating with these two rooms and the main part of the cell will be covered with sheet iron. In these two rooms, boys and "respectable" people will be held. Thus, association with men and the women will be cut off.

The City Council will be petitioned to furnish linoleum for this apartment. It has been suggested that the city arrange with the mission houses to take care of lodgers so that the bunk house could be abolished and the jail yard practically closed. By doing so the chances for jail breaks will be reduced to a minimum.

PARALYZED THE TRAIN SERVICE.

A Chicago dispatch this morning says:

The storm of snow, hail, sleet and rain, which swept over Chicago all day yesterday and last night, paralyzed train service on the three elevated railroads of the city, and all other means of transportation suffered more or less. The elevated roads were brought to a standstill in the early evening hours and the electric surface lines ran cars only at long intervals. All incoming trains were late from a few minutes to several hours, while some from the west did not arrive until morning. One man was killed and scores of persons injured by falling down on the icy sidewalks. Navigation on the east shore of the lake is suspended. The easterly winds of the past forty-eight hours have driven the ice fields back to this side of the lake and today the fields extended out into the lake for over ten miles. In places the ice is 20 to 30 feet high where the great jams have forced it out the water. Conditions have not been so bad in this harbor for years.

Dispatches received in this city show that the storm extended over Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin, and that more or less damage was done in all these States.

VISITING HIS OLD HOME.

Hyrum Dunbar, son of W. C. Dunbar, and wife, are visiting in this city previous to their departure for the coast. All the boys are acquainted with Hyrum or "Pat" as he was familiarly known. He was prominent as a comedian in many of the amateur performances given here. He has not visited his parents and home for seven years and is astonished at the rapid growth of the city, particularly the east side. He and his wife leave for California next week for pleasure and will call at Salt Lake on their return.

QUORUM REORGANIZED.

The Second Quorum or Elders of the Granite State was organized at Forest Dale last night, President Frank Y. Taylor and Counselor Miller were present, and effected the organization. A secret ballot was taken and a choice made of the ones receiving the highest vote. The Elders chosen were Arthur L. Castleton, president; Wm. A. Moreton, first counselor; M. C. Morris, second counselor; Orson Ruml, secretary and treasurer.

The officers were set apart and made remarks declaring their intentions to devote themselves to their new calling. After remarks by President Taylor and Counselor Miller the meeting adjourned.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

John A. Bergquist, a native of Sweden, but now of Salt Lake county, was admitted to citizenship by Judge Cherry today.

The Grosbeck company amended its articles of incorporation today by increasing its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and adding the shares at \$10 each. The amendment was filed with the county clerk.

HARD CRIMINAL IS CHAS. READ.

Wanted for Murder at Grand
Island, Nebraska.

HE IS "ARKANSAS FATTY."

Discovery Made by Deputy Sheriff
Harries of Salt Lake—The Prisoner
Stabbed His Companion to Death.

Sheriff Howells and two of his deputies, Ben Harries and Sam Dowds, have been hard at work for several days past to get in possession of some of the history of Charles Read, the man who attempted to escape from the city jail a few nights ago. The work of these officers has at last been rewarded.

In 1898 Read was serving a five years' sentence in the State prison of Iowa at Anamosa for grand larceny. Read was known at Anamosa as Thomas King. On the 11th of April, 1898, he escaped from prison. According to the information received by the sheriff's men, Read, on the 10th of June, 1899 got into a fight with his traveling companion, named Taylor, at Grand Island, Neb., and stabbed him to death. A description of Read, alias King, was sent out under the name of "Arkansas Fatty." Deputy Sheriff Ben Harries concluded that Read was the man wanted, and with the assistance of Chief Hilton, secured a picture of Read.

The photo was sent to Anamosa, Iowa, and yesterday the sheriff received the following letter from that place:

"I positively identify your man Read as King, who escaped from our prison. Notify me at once when I can get him. I am anxious for his capture."

"WM. A. HUNTER, Warden."

This letter is dated March 3, 1900. Later Sheriff Howells received the following telegram from Sheriff Taylor at Grand Island, Neb.:

"Your letter and description of Read at hand. I identify him as Arkansas Fatty. I will be after him as soon as I get requisition papers."

There is a reward of \$200 for Read or King.

It is now plain why Read trembled so when his picture was taken and when he was taken before Judge Timmony to answer to the charge of attempting to escape from the city jail.

JUDGE TIMMONY'S COURT.

Tom King, Mike Murphy and Wm. Thompson, three plain drunks, upon today said guilty to the charge. The first two will pay \$5 or five days, while the latter's portion was \$3.

Ned Rooney, who acted not unlike a lunatic, said he did not know what he did. With the understanding that he would let whiskey alone in the future he was told to go.

Frank Hay looked indignant when the charge of being drunk was read to him. According to Officer Hempel, Hay did considerable begging yesterday. "What is the matter with you?" asked the judge.

"I've been sick."

"Would you like a chance to quit the town?"

"Yes, sir."

"Give you two hours to get out," remarked the court.

When there is a good sized rock pile found, where city prisoners could develop their muscle and earn their soup, such worthless characters as John Nugent and John Redman, members of the "hobo eleven," will be few and far between in Salt Lake.

Nugent and Redman entered Longmore's store yesterday afternoon and while Redman engaged a clerk in conversation Nugent purchased two pairs of trousers. There was no doubt as to this in the mind of the court and he sent Nugent up for twenty-five days and gave Redman forty-five days.

J. P. Conway said he had never been there before. "You're lucky," observed his honor. J. P. got three hours to quit Salt Lake.

Tom Lloyd and Tom Bell are two fellows who have been given positions on the rock pile, for the "jail" has no horrors for them. Nay, they love it. Last night they tried to break into it. They were caught endeavoring to pass alcohol in to the prisoners. They were sent up for twenty-five days.

Irene Jackson, a colored woman, admitted to slapping Mrs. Wilson in the mouth because the latter "assaulted" her. The court thought that a fine of \$25 would about fit the case.

Strike in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, March 6.—A strike of about thirty electric crane men at the Allegheny works of the Pressed Steel Company, has resulted in the refusal of the employees in the car department to continue work. Over 1,000 men are said to be involved. They say the men employed to take the places of the striking crane men are inexperienced and so make the work of the other workmen extra hazardous.

The crane men are striking for an advance of 25 cents a day.

A. G. Glover, representing the company, denies there is any incompetency on the part of any of the crane men employed, and says only a few men are out.

Wages for Potters.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 6.—A conference of committees representing the United States Potters' association and the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters, is being held here to arrange a uniform scale of wages.

The scale will affect 10,000 skilled and 30,000 unskilled workmen.

Renominated Hitt.

Freeport, Ills., March 6.—Robert P. Hitt was renominated by acclamation for Congress at the Republican congressional convention here today. C. A. Works of Rockford, Ill., is named for member of the State board of equalization.

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WILL THE APPEAL BE DISMISSED?

Position of Abe Majors Under Sentence of Death for Murder.

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

Answer of the Prisoner's Attorney to Dismiss Filed and Taken Under Adversity.

The motion to dismiss the appeal of young Abe Majors, alias James Morgan, now under sentence of death for the killing of Police Captain Brown of Ogden last April, came up before the Supreme Court today. Attorney General Bishop appeared in behalf of the State, while Attorney J. H. Jones represented the defendant. The matter was submitted without argument, the court merely being informed of the attorney general's motion and the answer of the prisoner's counsel as filed today.

Majors was found guilty of the crime in May, 1899, and on the 16th of the same month, was sentenced to death by Judge Rolapp. The prisoner's attorneys gave notice of appeal, and on the grounds that the rules of the Supreme Court governing the same had not been complied with the State based its motion to dismiss.

It was contended by the attorney general that the abstract filed by counsel for Majors on February 14th, 1900, did not comply with rule 8 of the court rules; that but one copy of the abstract was filed with the clerk of the Supreme Court, when the order required the filing of three; that the abstract did not contain an index, or set forth the filing of all the papers in the lower court; also that counsel for Majors had not filed with the Supreme Court a copy of his points and authorities in the form of a printed brief, nor a statement of the facts necessary and for the consideration and determination of the points relied upon for a reversal as provided for in rule 10 of the Supreme Court.

REITS THE MOTION.

In an affidavit and answer resisting the motion to dismiss the appeal Attorney Jones sets forth the impendency of the case and says all the rules of the court have been complied with, and that the record on bill of exceptions and the typewritten abstracts on appeal were procured in small sums contributed by sympathizers of the youthful prisoner. Three typewritten abstracts, Attorney Jones says, were filed with the Supreme Court clerk. Five copies in all could only be procured on account of the limited means to pay the cost of doing the work. The first copy intended for service upon the attorney general was lost, and Mr. Jones was forced, he says, to send the State's attorney his office copy, necessitating the retaining of one of the three court copies, until another could be secured.

The conclusion of the index, Attorney Jones does not regard, at this stage, as a material or substantial defect, for the reason that the abstracts cannot be used until the case comes regularly on for hearing, at the next term of court. In the interim Attorney Jones asks for permission to supply the index.

In conclusion the affidavit contains that the appeal is a case similar to the one at bar has been substantially complied with, and he says it can, if necessary, be literally complied with before the case is heard. It might have been heard during the present term, he says, if the application to have the case docketed on February 15th had not been denied by the chief justice in open court.

Supreme Court Hearings.

The supreme court heard arguments today in the following cases:

C. E. Thum, receiver, appellant, vs. James Pines, et al., respondents.

C. E. Thum vs. Daniel Wolstenholme, appellant.

Civic Federation of Salt Lake City vs. Salt Lake county, appellant.

In the case of John P. Robinson et al. vs. the Pacific States Savings, Loan and Building Company it was today ordered that the remittitur be stayed until the petitions for a re-hearing are disposed of.

The petition of John Edmonds for a writ of mandate directed against Judge Jacob Johnson, of the Seventy judicial district, was passed.

Trial Not Concluded.

The damage suit of J. T. Burgess et al. as the heirs of Charles Burgess, deceased, against the Salt Lake City Railway company, the trial of which began before Judge Cherry on Friday last, had not concluded up to a late hour this afternoon.

Baseball and Divorce.

Detroit, Mich., March 6.—James D. Burns and Geo. L. Stallings today closed the purchase of the Detroit club of the American baseball league. The price is \$12,000 cash. This will enable the divorced wife of Geo. B. Vanderbeck, the late owner, to collect the alimony granted her, amounting to \$5,000, and will end the litigation.

JOHN H. BENBROOK ON THE RACK TODAY

(Continued from page one.)

"What is your weight?"
"The last time I weighed, I was about 155 pounds."

"And your height?"
"A little over 5 feet."

"Five feet 8 or 9?"
"And you call that a little over five feet?"

"Five feet 8 or 9?"
The witness then took up the struggle in the room, saying Morris, after striking him the second time, clutched him by the throat. Benbrook tried unsuccessfully to release the grip on his throat.

"Didn't you shoot at him while he held that hat in his hand?"
"No, sir."

"And didn't you commence shooting as he came and shot into the other room?"
"No, sir."

"He didn't draw any gun or use any gun?"
"I didn't see any."

"And you knew he didn't have any gun when you got a postponement last January?"
"I can't say that I knew he had any gun."

"Did you say you both went down at that?"
"Yes."

"Do you say you both got up from that?"
"Yes."

"So you got up first?"
"We got up about the same time."

"When you fell, who was on top?"
"He was."

"You didn't shoot your revolver with the left hand that night?"
"I did not."

After describing the position they were in, as nearly as possible, Mr. Brown asked the witness to explain how it was, if he used his right hand, and Morris was lying on top of him. Benbrook said he couldn't explain it. He did not know just when he pulled the gun, although it was after Morris got him by the throat.

"Didn't you shoot him as he threw the hat down?"
"No."

"Didn't you stop and take a shot at the hat before shooting at him?"
"No."

"How close was he to you when you shot?"
"I cannot say, but he had me by the throat. I don't know what our positions were."

"You don't know much about this fight, do you?"
"What I have told you."

WHEN MORRIS FELL DOWN.

"Now, when he went down the last time, did you fall, too?"
"We both fell."

"Did you kill him?"
"We both fell."

"But I want to know about you. Did you fall?"
"Yes, he went down first and I fell on top of him."

"Did you jump astride of him and commence hitting him with the gun?"
"I did not. I fell on top of him. We were struggling when we fell. I was badly excited and scared."

"Was he struggling when you were on the floor?"
"Yes."

"We were grappling all the time. I kept thinking I was defending my life." "Did he make a move after he fell on the floor?"

"Struggling."

"I cannot describe it. I have told you."

"Didn't you know you were striking a dead man, sir?"

"I didn't know there was any dead man there."

"Did you see Albert Morris at any time during the encounter?"

"I don't remember seeing him. The first I remember of that is seeing the policeman in uniform who jerked me away from me. He asked me if it was my gun, and I answered that it wasn't, that I didn't know anything about it."

SEARCHING QUESTIONS.

"You did know that it was the gun you had been using?"

"Yes."

"You did know something about it—where it came from?"

"Yes."

"You had been using that gun there in self-defense you could have said, 'I used that gun in defending my life, couldn't you?'"

"I suppose so."

"Did you tell them what you did there in the presence of the dead, in the presence of the man you had just killed?"

"I cannot say. I was excited."

"You said that then in defense of your life, to save your bacon, didn't you?"

"I cannot say exactly what I said."

"If you were so excited, why didn't you explain this struggle there?"

"I didn't know that I had to, there."

"And didn't you say, 'I did not have a gun?'"

"When Sheets was searching me, I said I didn't have a gun."

"Didn't you say that in the hall?"

"Wherever Sheets was searching me, that's where I said it."

"Had you been drinking that day?"

"I hadn't taken many drinks."

THE NIGHT BEFORE.

"What time did you go to bed the night before?"

"Don't think I had gone to bed."

"Hadh't you been drinking all through the night and heavily in the morning?"

"No, sir."

"You got into a hack that morning?"

"Yes."

Judge Powers—I object to this. It is immaterial, irrelevant and altogether too remote.

Senator Brown—I want to show that he was drunk.

Continuing, witness said he took a hack and went to the Sheep Ranch, where he armed himself. He drove to the rear of the Merchants.

"Took a shot at the hackman there, didn't you?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you have some trouble with the hackman over the pay and didn't you take out a gun and shoot it off a couple of times?"

"No, sir. There were two men on the box of the hack, and when I asked what the charge was, one of them said two dollars. I said I didn't want to buy the hack, and the other man said a dollar was enough. That was all there was to it."

"Then you didn't draw your revolver and take a couple of shots?"

"No. I was going to San Francisco in the evening, and going to my place, took the car from the safe."

GUN DISCHARGED ACCIDENTALLY.

"You went to the Gaiety saloon that morning?"

"I did."

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"And drew your gun there, didn't you?"

"I took it out, was looking at it and it went off accidentally."

"Oh, accidentally. Didn't you have some trouble with Mr. Busby, the bar keeper there?"

"Never had a word of trouble with him in my life."

"He is dead now, isn't he?"

"I understand so."

NO TROUBLE WITH STONE.

"You then went up to see Mr. Stone at his residence?"

"Yes."

"Left your gun there?"

"Yes."

"They took it from you there?"

"They did not. Stone left word that he and Andrew Burt had gone to his house, and for me to come up."

"Isn't true that you and Stone had trouble and that you armed yourself and went there to fight?"

"It is not true."

"Didn't they take that gun away from you?"

"No, it was a large one, and Mr. Wells said Stone had a small one, and so I concluded to leave it there."

"There have you lived besides the places you have mentioned?"

"That is all."

AN ARIZONA KILLING.

"Did you ever kill a man in Arizona?"

"I don't know. I went with a posse to arrest a man. He made a fight, took a shot at me, resisted, and was shot."

"You shot at him?"

"Yes."

"Did you kill him?"

"I don't know whether I killed him or not."

"Did you kill Burton C. Morris?"

"I suppose I did."

"Did you ever kill any more than these two men?"