

Evansville Daily Journal.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING...MARCH 31

The Trial of a City Officer for Assault and Battery.

Esquire Walker's office was filled on Monday evening by a crowd attracted to the spot by a report that the City Marshal was to be tried for assault and battery upon the person of one of the Saturday night rioters. Mr. Seymour appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Foster for the defence. The evidence established the facts that a crowd of lawless persons had taken the Neptune fire engine over the canal for the purpose of "washing out" a disreputable house. The Marshal was on the ground for the purpose of suppressing the riot, and with the assistance of others succeeded in preventing the outrage. One individual who seemed to be taking an active part in the row, was arrested by Marshal Martin, at the suggestion of the Mayor and marched off toward the lock-up. On his way, the prisoner kept his hand in his pockets, and the Marshal suspecting that he was armed, ordered him to take his hand out. He refused to do so, and the Marshal struck him. This was the assault complained of by the plaintiff. The jury after being out a few moments rendered a verdict of "Not Guilty."

We have before us a long and well written defence of Marshal Martin. Had we the space to spare this morning we would gladly publish it. But Mr. Martin requires no defence. He had in his custody a man who had been taken in the commission of an unlawful act, and if he had reason to believe that the man was armed and might attack him any moment, it was his duty to prevent the occurrence of such a contingency. This he did and nothing more. Men who take part in such disgraceful acts need not complain if they get into difficulty. There are no words sufficiently emphatic to express the meanness of the act contemplated by the mob last Saturday night. It was a cowardly, unmanly attack upon defenceless women. Such loathsome dens and hot beds of vice as the one attacked on Saturday evening, should be abolished; but let the regularly and legally constituted authorities consummate the end. The citizen, except in self-defence, is never warranted in taking the law into his own hands, and he who does so, must not complain if exposure and obloquy overtake him.

Lamb's Confession.

The following is a confession of the murder of his wife, made to the magistrate before whom he was examined in St. Louis, on Saturday.

I was married to Sarah S. Lamb at the Court House in Quincy, Ill., in November, 1856, by a Justice of the peace. I did not take my wife with me to Mendota, but left her with her father in Hamilton. I went in November to her father's house to remove her for the purpose of going South to spend the winter. Myself and wife came to St. Louis, arriving on the 27th or 28th or 29th of November. We got here before daylight in the morning, and took breakfast and dinner at King's Hotel. We left King's Hotel and went to the Astor House, on Franklin Avenue, kept by Harmon Corp. During the time I remained at the Astor House my wife was unwell. I had physicians attending on her—Dr. Christopher and Dr. Washington. Her sickness was caused by my giving her poison—strychnine, obtained on Broadway. I bought the poison for the purpose of giving it to her. I think I gave it to her twice. My intention was to destroy her life. I went for physicians to keep the people in the house from suspecting. I administered their prescriptions. I think she recovered from the effects of the poison I had given her. She vomited up the poison before the prescriptions were administered, I think. It must have been three or four days after we arrived at the Astor House that I gave her the poison. She was confined to her bed as much as two weeks. About the 17th of December we left the Astor House, the sun being perhaps two hours high. I told her we were going down the river to Carondelet. We left the Astor House in a baggage or express wagon. Nobody but the driver went with us. My wife seemed perfectly willing to go. We went down to the lower ferry landing. I do not know who the driver of the baggage wagon was, nor the number of his wagon. I think the driver was a colored man. We went into a little room on the ferry wharf-boat. There was a young man on the landing, and I asked him if my wife might sit in there; he said she might. I told two boys to bring me a skiff. We staid there until the boys came up with the skiff. I paid six or seven dollars for it. We had been there about an hour before the boys brought the skiff. We went down the river and stopped below the steamboats about fifty rods, where a levee or street is built out towards the river. I stopped to get a weight, telling my wife it was to put in the bottom of the boat to keep it steady. Two boys brought a stone spear. I did not get out of the skiff. My real design in getting those stones was to sink the body of my wife. After getting the stones we went on past an island, without any trees on it, on the Missouri side. I did not see Carondelet at all. I did not notice more than one island of the kind spoken of. We went down the river about half way of the island, on the east side, near the channel where the steamboats run. It was getting considerably dark. It was rather on the Missouri side, about forty or fifty yards from the shore. The steamboat channel is between the Illinois shore and where we were. When we got there I put my hand on the back of her neck and pushed her head down under the water, keeping it under the water about two min-

utes. She was then dead—caused by my holding her head under the water. I took her shawl off, and bonnet, and tied a twine around the stone two or three times, and attached it to her neck. I then lifted the stone over the skiff and she dropped right down. The stone was a little larger than this book, (Revised Statutes,) ten or twelve pounds in weight. I got the twine or cord for the purpose of using it thus. I then got out on to the island and shoved the skiff out into the stream. I then hallooed for some one to come and take me off the sandbar. I hallooed about one hour and an old countryman, a German, and another came and took me off. It was getting dark when I threw my wife overboard. I designed drowning her when we left the Astor House. My reason for causing her death was that I felt satisfied I could not live happily with her. She had never done or said anything to cause me to feel in that way. I had neither ill-feeling towards her or towards any of her relatives. I felt as though I could not go back among my neighbors with her, because I was afraid they would think I had married one below my station in life. After getting ashore at the island I came up to the city, it being about 9 o'clock when I arrived. I stayed that night on Broadway. I left here the next day after, and went to see her parents, taking all her baggage except what she had on. I told her parents I had buried her in Memphis because I wanted to screen or cover up the true facts. I married again, on the 30th day of December, Louise Shortell. At that time she did not know that I had previously been married to Sarah Stafford. I married so soon after my former wife's death, because she would not wait for me any longer. I had kept company with her along in the Fall before I married my other wife. I can offer no excuse for murdering my other wife than for the purpose of marrying this one. My present wife was not *enamored* before I married her. If there is a virtuous woman in the world she is one. I had no criminal intercourse with her before we were married. I have made a confession in which I stated there were two men with me in the skiff when I drowned my wife. That statement was false; this one I am making is a true one. Two men knew of my design before it was executed, but not a great while before. I told them of my intention and asked one to assist me in the matter. He expressed his willingness to do so out of friendship. He went down alone to the river, not in the wagon. His name is Josiah Moyer, who was boarding with me. I lodged the night I came back. I paid him \$5, I think, for assisting me. He knew my intention at the time I went to the river. I wanted him to go with me in the skiff at first, but we changed our minds about the necessity of going. The other man's name is Joseph Sawyer. I cannot say where he is now; he was in Mendota the day I left there. I told Mr. Moyer, after the deed, that everything had gone under. Those were the words I used. I have endeavored to make a frank confession. I once left the church. It is the transgression of my duties towards my God which has brought me here and brought this on me.

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SIXTH WARD.—MR. CARLISLE: Please announce THOMAS REDMOND candidate for Councilman of the Sixth Ward. Mr. Redmond desires to be supported as a candidate for FREE SCHOOLS; he has been connected with them from their infancy, and knows the benefits they derive, especially conferring upon the youth of the city.

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(From a Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, March 25, 1858.
In the SENATE, the discussion on the Minnesota Bill is principally in reference to the number of Representatives to which the new State will be entitled—whether she shall be restricted to one Representative, in accordance with the enabling act and an imperfect official census, or be allowed more, in accordance with elections of the people and unofficial reports of populations. The precedent established in the Kansas case prognosticates a decision of the question according to the strict letter of the law, and the official record.

Is the House, it has been suggested that the Kansas Bill be taken up on Thursday next with the view of bringing it to a final vote. But it is thought by many knowing ones here that there are too many "big speeches" still pending in that body, on so popular and prolific a theme, to admit of so early a disposition of the question.

THE MAMMOT STEAM FAN for ventilating the new Hall of Representatives is now completed and works well.

THE GREAT CHANDELIER in the Senate Chamber is to be lighted to-morrow evening, before a public audience, by "Gardner's patent galvanic lighting apparatus."

THE SAUK RAPIDS LAND OFFICE, Minnesota, is to be removed to St. Cloud, in that Territory, on the 19th of April next.

A PENSION CERTIFICATE has just been issued to the widow of the late Commander Herndon. The Star suggests the passage of a special act of Congress for the relief of this lady and her orphan children, more commensurate with the circumstances of the case.

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