

Rogues Loose.

SHEARS, VANNES, TAYLOR & OTHERS ESCAPED.

By a slip from the State *Journal* of office we have the particulars of the great jail delivery:

After all the expense and trouble our county has endured to provide a safe jail we seem to be worse off than any county in the State. Although built of solid stone, and apparently impregnable to force or ingenuity, there have been more escapes from the new jail, in the short time since its construction, than from the old wooden jail during its whole existence. The most remarkable and daring of these efforts was executed on Sunday morning, when nine prisoners escaped, including some of the most dangerous scoundrels that ever infested my community. J. B. Shears, the counterfeiter, whose ingenuity has been frequently alluded to by the press since his arrest, was the projector and leader of the operation. With him escaped Henry Brooklock, indicted for the murder of McFall, Michael Gallagher, the murderer of Costillo, J. Wood, J. McRoy, Geo. Wagner, Jas. Vanness and J. A. Taylor, who were confined for counterfeiting, we believe, and Lee Overman, a negro, had been arrested on Saturday night for a burglary committed at Shelbyville, in this State, and was only put in jail for safe keeping till Monday, when the officers from Shelbyville, who came after him, could take him away. He had been in jail but a few hours when he escaped.

The manner in which their escape was effected was singular. As well as we can learn, it was about as follows: Shears, either from his wife, who visited him a day or two before, or by the assistance of Lakin, another counterfeiter who is out on bail, obtained a key with which he could unlock his cell.

This key he had to use outside, while he was inside of the grated iron door.

The way he did it was ingenious. He got a poplar stick about three feet long, and about the middle of it made a mortise, in which the handle of the key would fit, and through the mortise, and of course, through the ring or bulge of the key, he drove a peg, so as to keep the key from falling out. This stick he put through the grating, and slipped up and down till he got the key into the hole. Now the puzzle was to turn the key. This he accomplished as ingeniously as he did the other process. He fastened a string to the upper end of the stick, drew it through the grating, and pulled down as far as the hole in the grating would allow, and then passed it through another hole lower down, and again pulled, and so on till he got the key turned round and the door unlocked. He then went to all the other cells, unlocked them, and set all the prisoners loose.

Before doing this he had planned the way to get out of the jail. He and the prisoners in the cell with him and managed, probably by using the timber of their bunks, to pry up the stone covering of the cell far enough to allow the body of a man to pass. This is the most extraordinary part of the wholefeat, as it would appear impossible to move the huge block, by any means, much less by such contrivances as could be manufactured in a jail cell. It was moved, however, and propped up. The way into the garret of the jail (Shear's cell being in the upper tier next to the roof) was now open. From the garret a small chimney rises, and thus afforded the only means of exit to the jail roof, except by cutting right through. By some means Shears forced himself far enough up this chimney to be able to pick out some of the bricks above the roof, and finally to make a hole through which a man could crawl. In fact, as it appears from the street, the chimney was nearly cut off at the roof. The road out was open now, and it is probable that at this time the other cells were unlocked. While this was going on the prisoners were singing as they frequently do, vociferously, probably to drown the noise of their operations. When all was ready, about three o'clock, they crawled out upon the roof, and thence let themselves down into the yard by a rope made of their bed clothes, which they tore up and tied together. This rope was lying in the yard when we were there yesterday. By means of a plank they scaled the wall of the yard and were safe. Thefeat is one that deserves a place beside those of Jack Sheppard.

It is believed that Shears was provided with the key he used by Lakin, who, it will be remembered, was arrested at the same time as the Lafayette gang, at Rensselaer in Jasper Co. He is a blacksmith and was in the habit of making tools for his associates. He was put in jail here after his arrest, and probably obtained a model for the key at that time. The prisoners have probably concealed themselves in the woods, and will travel by night, and in out of the way roads. There were probably confederates in waiting for them, as there were marks of carriage wheels near the jail. No suspicions were entertained by the Sheriff at all, and he neither saw nor heard anything that could excite them. Everything appeared to be going on in the usual way at bed time. The escape was due entirely to the defective character of the jail. There are but six prisoners left now—some of them probably not daring the hazardous mode of escape, and others refusing. Abner Smith, charged with mail robbery in Boone county, formerly a resident of this city, refused to escape and another of the prisoners slammed a door several times violently so as to alarm the jailor, but the thickness of the jail walls and the lateness of the hour defeated his

purpose. Notices will be dispatched to all points as speedily as possible and all efforts made to retake the prisoners.

None of them had been taken yesterday evening, though it was believed that the track of three had been found.

Ruffian in the Confessional.

It is stated that nearly all the members of the Constitutional Convention, whose session at Lecompton were so carefully guarded by United States troops, have deemed it prudent to return to their various homes in other States. The reasons for this course is thus given in a letter to the Vicksburg Whig, dated Feb. 24th, 1858. As the Whig is published in Mississippi, one of the empire slave States, the letter does not need to be endorsed as genuine:

My reason for leaving is, I think a good one I cannot stay any longer—I have been, as every one must, be identified with politics. I, unfortunately, for my future prospect in Kansas, have taken an active and rather prominent part. And now, to confess the truth and shame the devil, we, the pro-slavery men, cannot expect any favors of the d—d Abolitionists; for, although we have been in a minority ever since I came to Kansas, we have denied this, to prevent discouraging emigration from the South, and have bullied and swindled them in our elections, until even I admit they've a right to feel outraged. To-day they outnumber us at least four or five to one. The disproportion is too great for us to fight any longer—the more so from the fact that the ensuing spring's emigration will swell their majority to probably eight or ten to one; for our men are leaving daily, and theirs are pouring in.

EPISCOPAL NOTICE.

The Rt. Rev. George Uppol, LL. D. Bishop of the diocese of Indiana will preach in this village on Friday evening, April 16, 1858, at 7½ o'clock, in the Methodist church. All are respectfully invited to attend.

COMMERCIAL.

LIGONIER MARKET.

REGISTER OFFICE, Mar. 31, 1858.

Wheat,	50@62	Feathers,	50
Barley,	\$4.00@4.50	Feeds,	5.
Flax,	25@30	Flour Seed,	\$2.50@3.25
Corn,	15@22	Potatoes,	25.
Pork,	\$3.75@4.25	Apples,	50
Beans,	75.	Lard,	8.
Bitter Apples,	\$1@1.25	Tallow,	10.
Butter,	12½%	W. R. Cheese,	10.

TOLEDO MARKET.

Office of the Toledo Blade, Mar. 30, 1858, 2 P. M.]

FLOUR—Held at \$7.62½@7.75.
WHEAT—red 70c. white 75c.
CORN—50@52c.
RYE—Unchanged; 45c.
Oats—50@52c.
CLOVER SEED—\$2.75@3.25
TIMOTHY SEED—\$1.75@2.25
MESS POLE—Held at \$1.50.
LARD—\$1@1.25.
SAFETY—\$1 per lb.

NOTICE is hereby given that the corporation hereof existing between the undersigned, under the name, style and firm of, O. ARNOLD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All claims due the firm will be paid to O. ARNOLD, who will still continue the Drug Business at the old stand.

ORRIN ARNOLD.

R. S. HUBBARD, Jr.

Ligonier March 29th, 1858.

NOTICE is hereby given that my wife, Luthera, has left my bed and board, without any cause or provocation, I therefore warn all persons not to harbor or trust her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

April 1, 1858—SYLVESTER S. SCOVILL.

Attachment

NOTICE is hereby given that a summons was issued and will of attachment by me, Henry Hostetter, a Justice of Perry township, Noble County, and State of Indiana, on the 24th day of March 1858 upon the affidavit of Lewis Covell, against the goods, chattels, rights, credits, moneys, and effects of Henry Core, late of said County—March 30th, 1858, summons returned [to-wit] defendant not found in my county attachment returned [to-wit] March 29, 1858. I attached one bay Horse as the property of said Core, of the value of \$40, and that I, Henry Hostetter, will on the 1st day of May, 1858 at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, at my office in said township, proceed to hear and decide upon said matters, and the claims of the creditors. HENRY HOSTETTER, Justice, Ligonier, March 30, 1858. n92

Surveyor's Notice.

PER application, notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that I will on S. o'clock A. M. of the 25th day of April 1858 proceed to per-estate and locate the corners, of section twenty-nine, town thirty-five range nine east, 2nd Meridian, and continue until the whole is completed.

E. B. GERBER Dept. S. N. C.

Surveyor's Notice.

PER application, notice is hereby given to all interested, that I will in the morning of the 32d day of April 1858, commence to run the lines of subdivisions, perpetuate and locate the corners of sec 12, Washington township, Noble Co., and State of Indiana, and deal in all kinds of

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Gothic Silver Case and Pen. 2.00

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March 4, 1858. 5-3-1858.

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