

COUNTY JAIL IS HAUNTED

Invisible Spooks Walk About in the Still Hours of the Night and Frighten Prisoners.

DREADFUL STATE OF AFFAIRS

Colored Man's Slumbers Are Disturbed by Midnight Visitor, Whose Footsteps Wake Him Up.

A ghost has broken into the county jail to disturb the mental equilibrium of one Charles Jackson, colored, who is being held there for trial on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The ghost has not yet been seen, but it has been heard, and Jackson is ready to declare that he has felt its presence. Even Jailer Anderson is down to a guess regarding the matter, and while not at all fearful that he is to be supplanted by the invisible visitor, nevertheless has determined to hunt down his ghostship.

Like all other darkies, Jackson is not at all superstitious, and would never believe in the presence of a ghost around his place of habitation if the ghost really were not there. But he is so well satisfied the jail is haunted that a great and overwhelming fear has taken possession of him.

After Jackson had retired to his cot Thursday night and Jailer Anderson had tucked himself away in his little bed in the frowning tower of the bastille, and the god of sleep had gathered both men into his arms, the ghost walked. As if some prisoner wearing heavy boots, the unseen visitor stalked about the front corridor of the jail, awakening the sleeping jailer and the solitary prisoner. Mr. Anderson was the first to be disturbed by the ghost. He listened to the footsteps and very logically came to the conclusion that Jackson had come out of the side corridor in which he slept and was making a fire in the front corridor. The sound of the footsteps indicated that the person or thing responsible for them was walking around the stove.

"Hey there, Jackson! What do you want?" called out the jailer. The sound of Mr. Anderson's voice echoed through the long corridor, but elicited no response.

The ghost continued to walk. "Now, cut that out, Jackson, or I'll lock you in a dark cell," the jailer continued.

But he received no answer. Then he rose from his bed and went to the window of his room, from which he could survey the jail. As he looked he saw Jackson crawling from his cell in the corridor. The negro called out to him, asking if he had been walking around the jail. Mr. Anderson replied that he certainly had not, and charged Jackson with having created the commotion. This the prisoner denied. He insisted that he had been awakened by the sound of the footsteps, and that if the jailer had not been in the front corridor, then a ghost must have been.

That settled it. The presence of the ghost was made certain, and the Jackson nigger's blood froze in his veins. It was bad enough to have the penitentiary staring him in the face without any ghosts breaking in to disturb his slumbers.

And, to make matters worse, the ghost kept walking for several minutes. Evidently the ghost was a pedestrian. After the conversation the men went back to bed, but Jackson did not fall asleep until the morning sun peeped over the eastern hills and filled all the world with glory.

"I knew something awful was going to happen to me," said Jackson yesterday, explaining the visit of the ghost. "When dem other fellers was beah,

they tole me ghosts would come in and scare me, and it's jest, as dey said. Dat man Salling what robbed the depot, he tole me to look out. If dat ghost comes again, I'll die!"

"I suppose ghosts were made to frighten darkies," said Jailer Anderson, "but just the same it's not at all pleasant to be waked up in the middle of the night by the sound of the footsteps of someone or something that doesn't exist. I wouldn't trade places with Jackson for the 1904 tax roll and the new court house thrown in."

The situation has been rendered the more disagreeable by the absence of lights. The work going on at the court house yard has deprived the jail of its lights, with the result that the bowels of the jail are as dark as Egypt. Thus, a ghost of the right color can stalk around all night and never be detected. Yesterday the courts added another prisoner to the jail's complement, so the ghost may not walk tonight.

ITS SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Lodge of Masons Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary of Its Birth.

Temple lodge, No. 7, A. F. and A. M., last night celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its first meeting. The celebration took place two days later than the date on which the first meeting was held, the aim being to jointly commemorate the semi-centennial and St. John's day. The members of the lodge gathered around a banquet table in the new annex to Masonic temple, and until after midnight the celebration was in progress.

Temple lodge was instituted November 24, 1853. On June 15 of the following year its charter was granted, and the first meeting after the lodge was chartered was held June 22, 1854. Last night's celebration of the event was the most thoroughly enjoyable occasion, perhaps, in the history of the order. The following program was rendered:

- Invocation Rev. W. S. Short
- Reading of Minutes of First Meeting E. C. Holden
- Address—"History of Temple Lodge" Dr. J. Tuttle
- Toast—"The President of the United States" J. T. N. Callaway
- Response G. C. Fulton
- Toast—"Grand Lodge of Oregon" K. Osburn
- Response B. Van Dusen
- Toast—"Master of the Lodge" W. L. Robb
- Response O. F. Heilborn
- Toast—"Wardens" O. F. Heilborn
- Response E. Z. Ferguson
- Installation Ode.
- Toast—"Three Grand Lodges of Great Britain" E. F. Thayer
- Response James Finlayson
- Toast—"God Save the King" A. C. Cailan
- Response William Ross
- Toast—"Past Masters" J. Q. A. Bowlby
- Response O. I. Peterson
- Toast—"Ladies of the Eastern Star" C. A. Coolidge
- Response J. Bruce Polworth
- Last Masonic Toast.

Cavalry Helpless.

Fusan, Thursday, June 23.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—A Russian cavalry division, commanded by General Rennenkampf, opposes the Japanese right flank. The country is mountainous and almost impossible for cavalry operations, although it is ideal for infantry movements, hence the cavalry forces upon which the Russians have greatly depended to harass the Japanese have proved ineffective.

Cholera at Saltanabad.

Washington, June 24.—Vice Consul John Tyler at Teheran has notified the state department that there were 250 cases of cholera at Saltanabad, which is the principal center of the Persian carpet trade with America. The consul has warned agents not to make shipments for the present.

TO OPEN ON THE FOURTH

Hedrick's Vaudeville Theater Almost Ready for the Patronage of the Astoria Public.

IS A MODEL OF CONVENIENCE

Will Seat More Than 300 People and in Every Way Will Be One of the Handsomest on the Coast.

Hedrick's theater, Astoria's latest and newest place of amusement, will be thrown open to the public on the afternoon of the Fourth of July. Of all the pretty and conveniently arranged showhouses on the coast, none is more attractive than Hedrick's, which is being constructed with the sole idea in view of making matters pleasant for Astoria theatergoers. Mr. Hedrick has just returned to the city from a tour of the larger towns of the northwest, and has arranged for attractions that insure the success of the bill of the opening week.

The new playhouse occupies two-thirds of the building at the corner of Twelfth and Duane streets. The main floor of the theater will seat 208 persons, while the balcony will seat an additional 100. The seating capacity of the house can be increased 60 at the pleasure of the management. There are four pretty boxes in the theater, two on the main pavilion and two on the balcony. Large entrances lead from the building to both Twelfth and Duane streets. The stage is 30x13, and from any seat in the building, whether on the main floor or on the balcony, every inch of the stage may be seen. The theater is provided with gas and electricity and is to be heated by hot water. In the matter of comfort and safety, the arrangements are perfect, and indeed there is absolutely nothing lacking in the new playhouse.

The furnishings will be the best that money can buy. Expensive opera chairs have been ordered from the east, but will not be installed until July 15. White and gold will predominate in the decorations, and the building will be brilliantly lighted, in all with more than 160 electric lights. Of this number about 45 will be inside the building, while the others will be displayed outside. The dressing rooms are large and conveniently arranged.

Mr. Hedrick will open on the afternoon of the Fourth with the best array of vaudeville talent that ever opened a Pacific coast playhouse. There are eight different sets of performers for the opening week, some of them of national reputation. The theater will be thrown open for a 2 o'clock performance on the Fourth, and from that hour to 10:30 a continuous show will be given. There will be an entire change of performance twice a week.

"I believe I have arranged for attractions that will be appreciated in Astoria," said Mr. Hedrick yesterday. "I have signed with the Lang vaudeville circuit, which extends from Kansas City to Oakland, and which insures for this city the very best vaudeville talent in the business. It will be my aim to conduct a high-class vaudeville theater that will merit the patronage of the people of this city, and it will be pleasing to me to demonstrate my ability in the line of entertainment."

The carpenters are rushing work on the new building, and it will be completed in time for the Fourth of July opening. The admission price to all of the shows will be 10 cents.

WILL BUILD A VIADUCT.

Franchise Granted New York Railway Company.

New York, June 24.—A franchise has been granted by the rapid transit commission to the New York Connecting Railroad Company for building a viaduct railroad through Long Island city to the East river at a point opposite Ward's island, thence by means of a bridge to pass over Ward's and Randall's islands to join the New Haven & Hartford system at Mott Haven. Consent of the board of aldermen remains to be secured.

The proposed route is part of a plan evolved by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to provide plans for the extension of the traffic to New England territory. The connecting company is building large freight yards and piers at Greenville, N. J., and in South Brooklyn. Freight from the Pennsylvania lines may, by this road, be ferried directly across the bay and hauled

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The connecting railroad, it is expected, will be used chiefly for the carrying of freight but the franchise permits the running of passenger trains over the route. The capital stock of the connecting railroad company is jointly held by the Pennsylvania and the New Haven companies.

WERE PROMOTED.

Several Receive Honors at the King's Birthday Fete.

London, June 24.—Among the king's birthday honors are the appointment of Sir Robert Finlay, the attorney general for services rendered during the Venezuelan arbitration at The Hague to be grand commander of the St. Michael and St. George, and G. A. Drummond, president of the bank of Montreal, to be knight commander of the same order.

Alfred Harmsworth, proprietor of the Daily Mail and other publications, was created a baronet.

The birthday honor list was very lengthy. No new peers were created, but three privy councillors, seven baronets, 23 knights and a large number of appointments and promotions were made and various orders bestowed.

PROFESSOR SEES STARS.

Says They Are Double and He Found One Hundred New Ones.

Berkeley, Cal., June 24.—Professor W. T. Hussey of the astronomical department of the University of California at Lick observatory, has just issued a bulletin announcing his discovery of 100 new double stars. The bulletin describes the stars and their positions in the heavens. The bulletin is of great scientific value to the astronomical world, as the stars possess some striking characteristics.

Most of the stars were located through the 12-inch and 36-inch telescopes at the Lick observatory, although to make his observations complete Professor Hussey made several trips to Lovelock observatory, on Echo Mountain, and to the Lowell observatory, at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Professor Hussey occupied one year in making the observations.

Will Carry Slungshots.

St. Louis, June 24.—The Jefferson guards at the world's fair grounds have been notified that they will be equipped with a new defensive weapon. In a circular letter signed by Lieutenant Charles Brooks Clark, the quartermaster, the guards were informed that they are authorized to carry slungshots in the future and also to use them whenever necessary. The slungshots are heavily loaded with lead and are securely attached to the wrist. They are being issued by the quartermaster's office.

WON GLOBE TROPHY.

Outcome of Shooting Tournament at Pendleton.

Pendleton, Ore., June 24.—E. F. Conzarr of Livingston, Mont., winner of two medals in the first day's shoot, today in a class match won the Globe trophy, the most coveted and valuable trophy of the tournament. E. E. Ellis of Seattle won the Walls Walla Brownlee medal. The shooting today was excellent. The weather was almost perfect, and all contestants were in good condition.

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NO CELEBRATION.

Butte Socialists Object to Spending Money for Fourth.

Butte, Mont., June 24.—Attorney Jesse B. Roote, formerly of the Clark corps of lawyers, but now with the Heinze people, acting for the socialists, has secured an injunction against the city council of Butte restraining that body from appropriating \$1000 for a Fourth of July celebration. The money was to have been expended for the Meagher and Philippine memorial funds and the decoration of the city hall with a number of American flags and bunting. The socialists maintain that the street car company, which is owned by Senator Clark, should meet all the expenses incident to a celebration. Mayor Mullins is indignant, and as a result the edict has gone forth that, as the city will not be permitted to engage in the observance of Independence day, no one else shall, and veterans are restrained from firing a salute with the big cannon at the Columbia gardens.

Fishers' Strike Still On.

Vancouver, B. C., June 23.—The striking Indian salmon fishermen remain firm in their refusal to fish in the Skeena this season unless the cannery grant them 10 cents per fish on lays instead of 7 cents as offered. Cockeys are commencing to run on the river in small numbers. A large run is expected daily and out of a possible 800 boats but 200 are fishing, and they are nearly all manned by Japanese. The Indian women are standing by the action of their men folk and refuse to work in the canneries or at mending and packing the fish.

No Complaint Reported.

St. Petersburg, June 24.—Count Cassini, Russian ambassador at Washington, has not reported any complaint against Lieutenant Commander Takashita, naval attaché of the Japanese legation, as a result of his "Bansei" toast at the dinner of the American Asiatic Association at New York, June 1, when Prince Pu Lun of China was a guest.

Famous Horse Sold.

New York, June 24.—Lord Brilliant, the famous show horse owned by W. T. White of Cleveland, O., has been purchased by John Gerken of this city. The price was not made public.

Milwaukee Flooded.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 24.—Two and one-half inches of rain fell in about an hour this afternoon, doing thousands of dollars of damage.

The city hall basement was flooded to the extent of a foot, and nearly every basement in the business section of the city was flooded by water backing up from the sewers.

Steamer Overdue.

San Francisco, June 24.—The steamer St. Paul, which sailed from San Francisco on June 2 for Nome, has not yet been heard from. The St. Paul is now about ten days late, and as there is a heavier inflow of ice than usual, it is feared she is in trouble.

Embalmed Beef for Russian Troops.

St. Petersburg, June 24.—The war office has adopted the Morgan process of preserving fresh meat for an army in the field. A corps of men is being prepared to be sent to Manchuria to take charge of the army slaughter houses.

Japanese Soldiers Carry Brandy.

Liao Yang, June 24.—The messenger of the Manchurian army says that flasks found on dead bodies of Japanese at Vafangow contained brandy instead of water, and intimates that the Japanese "bolstered themselves on Dutch courage."

Railroad Deal.

Victoria, June 24.—It was learned here today from a capitalist who has just returned from a trip to London that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has decided to take over the whole line of the Canadian Northern railway. The Canadian Northern extends as far west as Edmonton with numerous branches.

Stage Robber Captured.

Boise, Idaho, June 24.—The man who held up and robbed the stage near Silver City Wednesday morning was captured about 10 miles from Jordan Valley, Ore., by Tom Skinner and another man. The robber gave his name as William McNally.

Walcott Wins.

Baltimore, June 24.—Joe Walcott, welterweight champion of America, won the decision over Mike Donovan of Rochester, N. Y., tonight in a 10-round bout.



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