

IS MELINDA A HYPNOTIST?

Interesting Evidence Brought Out at the Police Court.

MELINDA WRIGHT AND WILLIAM HECTOR NOW ON TRIAL.

Thomas Ogden Says That There Was a Man Sitting at the Table

WHILE THE RESCUE WAS EFFECTED, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM.

The case of Melinda Wright and William Hector, charged with assisting John Devine to escape from the police station on Wednesday evening last, was taken up in the police court this morning. There was quite a number of spectators present and the proceedings were most interesting and at times rather laughable.

The charge was read over to the prisoners and on being given the option of being tried by the police magistrate or waiting for the county court in June they agreed to accept the former. On being arraigned they both pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mr. Harry F. McLeod appeared for the prisoner and the crown was not represented by counsel.

Policeman George Riddout was called and told about arresting Devine on Tuesday evening and locking him up in a cell at the police station.

He searched his pockets before locking him up, but found nothing. Witness visited the police station at 4.15 o'clock Wednesday morning and was sure that Devine was then in his cell, as he heard him calling for water. Shortly before the hour for opening the court he learned that the prisoner had escaped.

To Mr. McLeod the witness said that it was Policeman Wright who had locked the door of Devine's cell.

OGDEN'S TESTIMONY.

Thomas Ogden, colored, who was next called, swore that he was a resident of St. Marys. He was intoxicated on Tuesday night last on the public streets of the city and was arrested by Policeman King. He could not remember the exact time when he was arrested, but thought it was about five o'clock in the afternoon. A man named Devine was in the cells when he got there. He remained there until morning. He saw Melinda and William Hector visit Devine's cell the next morning. Melinda came to the cell door, spoke a few minutes to Devine and then went out. About five minutes later Devine opened the cell door and walked out. He did not see Melinda use keys, nor did he hear any noise that sounded like the breaking of a lock. Devine came back a few minutes later and gave witness a bottle of liquor, which he used. Before the visitors came Melinda arrived on the scene. Policeman Wright came in and fixed the fire. The clock was then striking five or six, he could not say which. After fixing the fire Mr. Wright went out and took a chair near the table. Witness saw no more of him after that. He did not see Mr. Wright in the station while the accused were there. He saw the legs and feet of a man sitting at the table outside, but could not say who he was. Did not see Mr. Wright there afterwards. If he had been there witness would have seen him. He did not know who the person was who was sitting at the table, but heard him leave about half an hour afterwards. Witness had a bottle of liquor when arrested, but one of the policemen took it from him. He could not say that the bottle was the same one that Devine had handed back to him. Neither of the prisoners spoke to witness while in the

cell. He was positive that he did not recognize the men sitting at the table.

The prisoner in answer to a question, said the lights were burning at the time Devine had left. He contradicted himself a moment later by declaring that Policeman Wright had put the lights out at the time he fixed the fire. Being asked how he could see the man at the table if the lights were out he replied that it was daylight at the time. Several times the witness got badly tangled up in his evidence, and it was difficult to tell just what he intended to say.

Under cross examination the witness said that he was wide awake when the accused came in, and was occupying the middle cell. Devine occupied the cell on the upper side next to the window. When the doors were closed the locks came close together. When the visitors arrived, witness was standing up for the reason that he had nothing to sit down upon. He said he had heard the clock strike, before Mr. Wright came in to fix the fire, but did not know whether it was five or six o'clock. He last saw Mr. Wright about fifteen minutes before the accused came in. He saw nobody in the police station during the night besides officers Wright and King. After Mr. Wright had fixed the fire he went over by the table and sat down. Did not see him move afterwards. Somebody was sitting at the table when the accused came in. The accused had nothing to say to witness while they were in the station. William Hector remained in the entry, but witness did not hear him speak to the man at the table. Did not hear the conversation that passed between Melinda and Devine, and could not say that there was any.

There was a lock on the door of each of the cells, and they seemed to be pretty good ones. He thought they could be unlocked without much noise. When Melinda came back the second time she only remained a minute or two. Devine followed fifteen or twenty minutes later. He did not observe the man sitting at the table at that time, but he was there when Melinda first came. He did not think the accused while walking about the floor made any great quantity of noise, nor did they seem to be trying to conceal their operations. After leaving the cell Devine went towards the table where the man was seated. He remained there two or three minutes and then returned and gave witness the bottle of whiskey.

The witness was sharply questioned on other points of his testimony, and contradicted himself a number of times. He could not be made to say that he heard Policeman Wright leave the station, nor was he able to recognize the man sitting at the table.

The witness was fined \$5 for being drunk, but as it was the first offence for ten years the penalty was allowed to stand and he was discharged from custody.

The prisoners were remanded to jail until Monday morning.

Brunswick shall not be higher than the minimum in Maine.

The bill relating to the Christian Science church in St. John was agreed to.

The bill to incorporate the Carleton Masonic Hall Company was agreed to.

The bill to amend the Restigouche Boom Company's act of incorporation was then taken up. Mr. McLatchy explained the bill at length.

The committee will sit this evening to further consider this bill, which will be opposed.

The public accounts committee this morning had under review expenditures on bridges. Mr. Winslow of the Board of Works was present.

VETERAN POLITICIANS.

Mr. Johnson, M. P. P., Runs Across an Old Friend.

Two old friends, who had not seen each other for the long period of 25 years, met in the corridor of the Legislature building yesterday afternoon. They were Mr. Urbain Johnson, the father of the house, and Mr. William Swin, ex-M. P. P. of Doaktown, Northumberland County. They sat in the legislature together from 1874 until 1878, and not seen each other since that time. It is needless to say that the meeting was a most cordial one, and they spent a pleasant hour talking over old times. Both gentlemen have passed the four score mark, but are still remarkably vigorous, physically and mentally. Premier Tweedie and Mr. Johnson are the only members of the present legislature who were members of the house prior to 1878.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mr. Owen Sharkey of Van Buren, Me., is among the visitors to the city today.

Mr. J. L. Hutchinson of Rexton, Kent county, is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. Ernest Hutchinsan of Douglastown, is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. George McAvity of St. John, is in the city today, a guest at the Queen.

Mr. W. O. Carter of Richibucto, is stopping at the Queen.

Mr. James Robertson of St. John, is stopping at the Queen.

ATTRACTIVE SHOW.

Don't forget the production of Captain Racket at the opera house on Tuesday evening next. Reports from points visited by the company are most favorable, and a notable feature will be the specialties, including most popular songs from Isle of Spice, Yankee Consul and Sultan of Zulu. A most enjoyable evening is promised those who attend. Sale of reserved seats open at Wilkes' confectionery store, Saturday morning.—d.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bedlake, of London, England, and a family of six exceedingly bright looking children, arrived in the city by last evening's train and are staying at Long's Hotel. Mr. Bedlake came to Canada to make his home but he is undecided as yet just where he will locate. He may possibly purchase a farm and remain in this locality. Mr. Bedlake is a gentleman who seems to be very wide awake and will no doubt make a success of whatever he undertakes.

SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Complaints have been made against a number of city grocers for allowing their delivery teams to drive on the sidewalk of Odell Avenue. It is claimed that they have been doing this all winter and have cut the sidewalk up very badly in places. Roadmaster McKay is now looking into the matter.

LAUGH.

That is what every man, woman and child did who were fortunate enough to hear the King of Humourists, John Thomas, at Saco City Hall last evening. The expressions of mirth on the part of the auditors was excessive, and some of the people laughed till they cried. His humorous songs, recitals and impersonation of different characters, grotesque facial expressions and electrical magnetic manners are worth going miles to see.—Record, Biddeford, Me. You may hear John Thomas at the Opera House tomorrow evening.—d.

FANCY BISCUIT.

G. T. Whelpley has just opened a large assortment of new and dainty fancy biscuit.—d.

For Sale.

One Jersey Cow, 4 years old. Enquire at L. A. MORRELL'S, Saunders street. March 30—d21

TO LET.

First of May next. Cottage with barn attached, situated on Westmorland st. Garden in connection. Apply to MRS. DR. B. COBURN, Corner Westmorland and Charlotte sts. Mar. 30—d61

For Sale.

Piano, in good condition, very reasonable. Apply to MRS. POWYS, University Avenue. Mar. 28—d31eod

For Sale.

A freehold property, consisting of self-contained double tenement, situated on the south side of Court House square, at a bargain. Apply to J. G. ADAMS. Mar. 25—dead2wks

For Sale.

T. E. Babbitt & Sons, Gibson, N. B., have on hand and for sale about 150,000 feet lumber, scantling, sills, planed hemlock boards, fairly dry, pine and spruce boards, cedar shingles, etc. T. E. BABBITT & SONS, Gibson.

TO LET.

The large and convenient house now occupied by Mrs. David Burt, King street, fitted with all conveniences. The three storey brick building, King street, now used for Carriage Workshops, to be fitted for desirable tenants. The upper rooms in the Brick Building, corner of King and York st., suitable for storing furniture. The Brick Factory on York st., to be fitted up in stores and offices, suitable for the requirements of tenants. Mar. 25—d11

To Let.

The brick house on King st., now occupied by Dr. W. H. Irvine after May 1st. This house has been recently renovated. Apply to F. B. EDGECOMBE. Jan. 31—d1f

SPECIAL.

If you want the new up-to-date Shoulder in your SUIT or OVER-COAT, leave your order with

Jos. Walker,

The West End Tailor,

Where you can find always on hand the latest novelties in English, Scotch and Domestic Cloths, also a choice line of Pantings. Prices moderate, fit and workmanship guaranteed.

JOSEPH WALKER,
Merchant Tailor,
1st door above the People's Bank.

Picture Post Cards 50 cards, all different, Maritime Province views, full size, corner designs in colors, postpaid \$1. P. D. Ayer & Co., Publishers. Moncton, New Brunswick.

Have a Smoke

We have just opened a big stock of these well known Cigars:

Maradonas	-	-	-	2 for 25
Angel Queens	-	-	-	10 straight
Marguerites	-	-	-	3 for 25
Hamacas	-	-	-	3 for 25
Templars	-	-	-	5 cents

DON PABLO, the best 5 center in town.

HUNT & MacDONALD
DRUGGISTS, . . . QUEEN STREET.

EDGECOMBE'S

Specials for Saturday.

\$3.50 W. B. Corsets for 98c.

Going to clear out our entire stock of W. B. Corsets. The ridiculously low price we have put on them should rid us of the lot before noon. About 100 pairs of the celebrated W. B. American Corsets, all good styles, straight front, etc., shapes to suit all figures. white, grey and a few pairs of black, sizes 18 to 28, regular prices \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50, While they last Saturday per pair

98 cents

STOCKINGS

Ladies' Fine Cashmere Stockings, All-wool, extra weight, plain or ribbed; sizes 8½, 9, 9½, 10, special per pair

25c

KID GLOVES

Ladies' French Kid Gloves, a splendid make for spring wear. 2 dome fasteners, in all colors and black, per pair

75c.

Y. M. C. Garters

The best Hose Supporters made, will not tear the stocking. Women's size 28c., Misses' 25c. and Childrens per pair

22c.

NEW BELTS

A special—This is the best value in a 25c. Belt we have ever been able to offer. It is made of black Corded Silk, 4 ins. wide at back, finished with four silk buttons and black or gilt buckles, special

25c.

Things for Men

Everybody knows the Dry Goods Stores as the Women's Stores. We want it equally well known that this is a man's store too. A whole storeful of things. Suits and Overcoats, Ties and Scarfs, Collars and Cuffs, Shirts and Suspenders. Umbrellas and Handkerchiefs, and every price and every article well thought out. We want the men to know how big a part of this store is for them.