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Police Court.

Henry Hartman, a 17-years-old youth, who neither goes to school nor works, but whose ambition is to be as tough as possible, was arrested last night by Officer. Charles on a warrant sworn out by C. A. Gerkes for attempting to provoke a breach of the peace. Hartman yesterday was refused admittance to the Gerkes home by his sister, Mrs. Gerkes, and he then broke the door. He has been in the habit of coming to the Gerkes home and using profane language and applying vile epithets to Mr. and Mrs. Gerkes and their little child. Mayor Black fined him \$10 and costs and committed him to the Cleveland workhouse.

12/13/1894

LEMLEY CONFESSES.

He says the Two Olivers, DeWitt and Beatty Did the Job.

Late this afternoon Wm. H. Lemley, who was arrested Saturday night for being implicated in the Garrett robbery, made a confession of the whole affair to Prosecutor Douglass. He stated that the four men now under arrest are the ones who entered the house of Wm. Garrett, bound and gagged him and stole \$80, two watches, a revolver and other property. Lemley said that these men came to his saloon at Newville about 12 o'clock on the night of the robbery and bought several bottles of beer, which he carried out to them. They inquired where Mr. Garrett lived and also asked other questions which led Lemley to believe that they were going to commit a robbery.

Lemley claims he had nothing whatever to do in connection with the robbery, but is confident DeWitt, the two Olivers and Beatty are the guilty parties.

5/2/1894

Police Court.

In Police Court today Mike Dell, who was charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was released for want of evidence.

Peter Ackerman, who was charged with the same offense, waived examination and was bound over to Common Pleas Court in the sum of \$300.

Charles Swasick then stepped up to receive his sentence. Mayor Black gave him a lecture and fined him \$25 and costs for fighting and \$10 and costs for the assault on Mrs. Valentine, and committed him to the Cleveland workhouse until paid.

"Poison" Kaufman was released last night.

4/30/1894

Metropole Cafe Assigns.

Mrs. Mary E. Geddes, proprietor of the Metropole Cafe, made an assignment today to Olin M. Farber. She assigns all the goods and chattels of the cafe and book accounts and also the homestead on South Main street. The appraisers are James Donovan, Geo. Geddes and Abe Hassler.

The liabilities will be about \$5,000. The assets will probably amount to the same, the stock and fixtures being valued at \$1,500 and the home at \$3,500. It is thought that all creditors will be paid in full.

NEATLY TRAPPED.

12/11/1894

Alleged Counterfeiters Captured
by a U. S. Detective.

CHAS. HUFFMAN AND LOUIS REED

Taken in Tow Last Night on the Charge of Manufacturing and Circulating Bogus Coin—Huffman Confesses His Guilt to a Shield Reporter—Reed Denies His Guilt, but Six Bad Half Dollars Were Found on His Person.

For some months bogus coins have been circulated in this city and several months ago Clarence Davidson and the Dellarver brothers were arrested and taken to Cleveland on the charge of circulating the spurious coins. The federal authorities learned from the prisoners that the money was made in this city and a secret service man was sent here to catch the leaders of the gang. Accordingly U. S. Detective Manley, of Cleveland, has been in the city for the past week. Not until last night, when he arrested Chas. Huffman and Louis Reed on the charge of counterfeiting, was it known what he was after.

The detective, with the assistance of Officer Call, played his cards well and was duly rewarded. He already knew that counterfeiting was being done in this city and, after investigating the matter, discovered that Charles Huffman made the coins and disposed of them through Louis Reed. The detective worked himself into Reed's confidence and told him that he would like to handle the money. Yesterday Mr. Manley made an engagement to meet Reed in Central Park last evening and receive from him three \$5 gold pieces and also a number of silver dollars, quarters and dimes. Reed appeared at 7 o'clock, the appointed time, and met the marshal, but the money was not ready. Reed said he did not have the bogus money with him, but his partner was making it at his home and it would be ready later. The detective then placed Reed under arrest and lodged him in the jail. When Reed saw that he was caught he claimed he was innocent, but on being searched six counterfeit half dollars were found on his person.

The detective and Officer Call then proceeded to the home of Chas. Huffman, on North Mulberry street, where they found Huffman in a room upstairs busy at work making counterfeit coins. As soon as Huffman was aware that the "jig was up" he wilted and confessed. His wife had admitted the officers and did not appear to be very much surprised at the arrest of her husband, and took it very coolly. All of the molds, coins and material

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Suit for Dower.

"Susan Clapper against John C. Sutter and Mary A. Sutter" is the style of a case filed in Common Pleas Court today. The parties interested live in Shelby. The plaintiff is the widow of Samuel Clapper, and Mary A. Sutter is her daughter. The defendants obtained possession of the homestead in which plaintiff had a dower interest of one-third. She therefore sues for \$270, back rent due her, and asks the court to give her dower interest. Laser, Bricker & Workman are her attorneys.

to do with any of the bogus coin and nothing can be proved to the contrary. The six half dollars found on me I found near the Richland Buggy shops on the Erie railroad last Friday. I did not know they were counterfeit but did not try to pass them. If Huffman says I am implicated I will deny it. This is all I have to say."

A SHIELD reporter called on Mrs. Huffman this morning and interviewed her regarding the matter. Mrs. Huffman showed traces of suffering, and in response to the reporter's questions she stated that she had nothing to say other than that Reed rarely came to their house, and that she knew nothing of what was going on.

Mr. Huffman, father of the man arrested, was present and told the reporter that it was all Reed's fault; that Reed had been running after his son and for some time had been trying to persuade him to go into the counterfeiting business. Mr. Huffman said further that he had always thought that Reed was a bad man and had repeatedly warned his son to keep away from him. Reed seldom came into Mr. Huffman's house, but would come into the alley and call Huffman out when he wanted him.

Detective Manley stated to a SHIELD reporter this afternoon that he has telegraphed to Cleveland for instructions regarding the disposal of the men. He will not arrest Mrs. Huffman, as he does not believe she had anything to do with the counterfeiting. He said the bogus \$5 gold pieces are as good counterfeit pieces as he ever saw.

The authorities say they are satisfied that Reed is one of the leaders of a gang, as some months ago he was frequently seen holding long and secret conversations with Clarence Davidson, who is now in Cleveland on the charge of "shoving the queer."

1/9/1894

Bound Over Again.

Otto Fink was arraigned in Police Court this afternoon upon the charge of stealing the horse of Adam Weiser. Fink, through his attorney, L. C. Menger, waived the reading of the affidavit, pleaded not guilty to the charge and was bound over to Common Pleas Court in the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury.

1/4/1894

Police Court.

Byron Oyler, who lives east of the city, met with a disastrous accident about 5 o'clock last evening. He was driving east on East Fourth street and when below the railroad his rig was struck by a team driven by Elias Kistler. Oyler's horse was thrown, the harness was badly broken and both shafts broken off his buggy. Mr. Oyler sustained some bad bruises about the face and his boy was injured on the shoulder. Mr. Oyler claims that Kistler and William Linn, who drove another team, were racing and ran into him. Mr. Oyler swore out warrants in Police Court, this morning, for the arrest of both Kistler and Linn for fast and reckless driving upon the public streets.