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#### A Fugitive Slave Case.

The city, for the past twenty-four hours, has been the scene of considerable excitement occasioned by the arrest of a colored man claimed as a slave, by an agent of the alleged master, from the State of Mississippi.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Marshal Barker, in the discharge of his official duty, arrested the man named Moses Johnson, upon State street, and conveyed him to the United States court-room, in the Saloon Building; but, in consequence of the prisoner's not being provided with counsel, Mr. Barker very properly postponed the examination until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Meanwhile the rumor of the arrest took wings, and a large number of individuals, including many colored persons, gathered about the entrance to the Saloon, and much excitement prevailed, it being known that the marshal had decided to retain the alleged fugitive in the Saloon Building during the night, and that suitable guard had been set over him. That several of the friends of the prisoner were invited to remain with him, is a sufficient evidence of Mrs. Barker's disposition to do whatever might be desired in the case, consistent with the discharge of his official duties.

As evening approached, the crowd at the corner of Lake and Clark streets increased until the sidewalks and a considerable portion of the street were filled. About half-past eight o'clock the lower doors leading to the Saloon were closed, and some attempts was made to force them open, but the officers in charge prevented it, and no violence ensued.

The Mayor and the City Marshal, together with a number of the police, as well as volunteers, were present to preserve order, and indeed, the prevailing feeling, notwithstanding the strong sympathy on the part of many, in the prisoner's favor, seemed to be to await the result of the legal examination this morning.

Parties of persons, engaged in eager conversation, were in the vicinity of the building, during the night, and at an early hour this morning the entrance to the Saloon and the sidewalks were again filled.

The trial commenced at 10 o'clock this morning, in the U. S. Court room, Saloon buildings, before the Commissioner, George W. Meeker, Esq.

The alleged fugitive was brought into Court in charge of Deputy Marshal Barker, and special assistants, among whom were Messrs. George Rankin, John A. Brown, J. L. Marsh, John Daly, Henry E. Sealey, S. J. Matteson.

Messrs. Fishman, E. Peck, B. S. Morris, and W. A. Windett appeared for the claimant of the fugitive, and Messrs. Manierre, Learned, Freer, and Calvin De Wolf for the fugitive.

The court room was crowded to excess, hundreds were unable to obtain admittance.

Mr. Manierre, on behalf of the defendant, raised the question of the jurisdiction of the court, and Mr. Peck was speaking when we left the court room.

The issue of the matter, we are unable to give, as the examination was not concluded when we went to press.