

to go to that country with good intentions, and not with the design of doing a wrong at the very start. They have no reason to suppose, even if they should be organized into associations, that other masters will permit them to dress them of any right whatever. The Jackson county resolutions on this fact very distinctly before them, and it will save a great deal of unnecessary excitement in the Territory and out of it, if they will quietly take possession of the land, and cultivate it to the best advantage, without interfering with the rights of the rights of their neighbors.

Arrest and Examination of Fugitive Negroes in Cincinnati.

Information having been given to United States Deputy Marshal Thayer, that a gang of fugitive slaves were secreted in the woods on Litch Run, he promptly the services of deputy city marshals Lee and Worley, and Sheriff W. Ward Covington, Kentucky, and on Wednesday night, caught nine negroes at a stable, about a mile beyond the asylum, and brought them to the city, in the company were four men, two women and three children; they were all arrested under a warrant issued by United States Commissioner John P. Scott, upon the oath of William Walton, Boone county, Kentucky, who claims four of them. The negroes all carried bundles, and were apparently much traveled and fatigued. They had been kept in the stable where they were found, by a master, who afterwards gave information to the officers. On being brought to the city they were looked up in the watchhouse cells during the night.

Yesterday morning they were taken out, placed in an omnibus belonging to the Covington and Lexington Railroad line, and carried under the guard of a posse of our municipal police to an unoccupied room in the third story of the old Court House building, in Court street, near Main, where United States Commissioner Pendry proposed to try the case. The negroes were handcuffed, but seemed as cheerful as could be expected.

They were Lewis, a young man about twenty-four years of age.
Susan, a woman, thirty-nine years of age.
Wesley, a boy, nine years of age.
John, a boy, seven years of age.
Almeda, a woman, twenty years of age, who carried Sarah Jane, a child, three years old, in her arms.

Lee, a young man, twenty-one years old.
Shadrach, a venerable Uncle Tom, sixty years of age.

Anderson, a young man, twenty-two years old. Upon the case Commissioner Pendry, the Commissioner, Mr. Walton could only swear definitely to the six named by himself, who are Lewis, Susan, Wesley, John, Almeda, and Sarah Jane, and according to them were himself to jail, and the case continued to last past one o'clock P. M., so that the necessary papers could be made out.

Lee is claimed by John Galma, the guardian of Elizabeth and Jasper Blickenbaker. Shadrach is claimed by Jonas Christie, and Anderson by John P. Scott. Susan is the wife of old Shadrach, and Wesley and John are their children. Lee and Almeda are husband and wife, and Sarah Jane is their child.

They were all plainly but comfortably dressed. Old Shadrach wore a coat from the same piece of cloth as that worn by his master. The negroes did not complain of ill treatment, but in answer to the remarks of Mr. Christie that they had run away because they had been told that they were sold to be taken down the river.

One of the Kentucky gentlemen went up to Shadrach, and wanted to know how he had fared. "What," said he to Shadrach, "induced you to run away and desert these people with you. You must have thought these devils over here would take care of you. You have been always kindly treated, yet you ran away. They would take you to Canada where in two winters, you would be frozen, every one of you."

The old darter looked sly, but said nothing.

The attorneys for the claimants were Messrs. Ketchum, Fuqua and Dudley, and the negroes were defended by Messrs. Joffile and Gelsbail.

At half past two o'clock P. M. United States Commissioner Pendry opened his court. There were few spectators in court, and those were generally colored. Shadrach was also brought in by officers Thayer and Worley. He is a venerable "Uncle Tom" kind, with a good expression of countenance. He was dressed in pants from the same piece of cloth as his master's clothes were made. His owner, the old abolitionist farmer, gave him a high character, and expressed the opinion that he had been induced by white men to run away.

John P. Scott, being sworn, deposed:—I reside in Boone county, Kentucky; I was born and raised there, and have known James Crider for twenty-five or twenty-six years; I have also known Shadrach, who is about sixty years of age, quite black, and with grey hair; I have known him as the slave of Mr. Crider, with whom he has lived since 1836 or 1837; my father owned him before Mr. Crider; I cannot say whether he was born a slave; he was a slave when I first knew him, and was then a crown man; he ran away from his master on Sunday night last; he was found in this State, four or five miles from his place, in a stable; I do not know the fact of his leaving from circumstances.

Mr. Mitchell objected to the detail of these circumstances, and the question on which it was founded was withdrawn.

On the cross-examination Mr. Scott deposed:—I am not positive how long I have known Shadrach, but it is thirty years or more; he was a slave then to John Harding, who now resides in Missouri; if he is alive I do not know Shadrach to have been born a slave; he left Boone county on Sunday night last; I know of his leaving by circumstances; I do not know of his going to Indiana except by circumstances; I was with the party when he was arrested.

Direct examination resumed.—I have seen Shadrach nearly every week, once or twice at my house. William Walton being sworn, deposed:—I reside in Boone county, Ky.; I am within a few days of being seventy years old; I have resided in Boone county for the last twenty-nine years, and have known James Crider for twenty-seven years; he has resided on the same farm nearly the whole time, and is but five or six miles from me; I know Shadrach well; I have done so for twenty-seven years; James Scott owned him the fall I moved to Boone county, or the next spring; he was living with Mr. Scott as a servant or slave, and has been living with Mr. Crider as a slave; I have known him better for the last ten years than formerly, as about ten years ago he took a negro woman of mine for his wife; he has been in the habit of coming to my house every week; he left last Sunday after sunset, he came to my house to see his wife after supper; when I got up on Sunday morning and saw no smoke from the kitchen, and no person stirring, I went and found there was no one about; I then went out to the gate; I returned back, and found tracks; I also found where the fence had been pulled down, and the three horses which were missing had been taken through; I followed the horse tracks to the barn in the road where the horse had tied to get a difficult way, I heard.

Objection to hearsay evidence made by Mr. Mitchell, and sustained.

Next saw Shadrach two miles from the Brighton Home, in an old stable, in this country, he is now sitting here; he (pointing to Shadrach) is the same person.

Commissioner.—How long have you known Shadrach?

Mr. Walton.—I don't recollect how long it is; twenty-five or twenty-six years. I have always known him as the slave of James Crider.

Cross-examination.—I was not present when Scott sold Shadrach to Crider; I understood as if I had; Scott told him as a slave; I do not know that Scott ever bought him; Shadrach came every week, with few exceptions, to my house; he generally got there before about 2 o'clock in the afternoon; he had been to an hour, sometimes during the evening; he usually left my house before sunrise on Monday morning; sometimes he staid till half an hour after I was up; he left late one earlier than usual.

Direct examination resumed.—Mr. Ketchum: Did other slaves escape at the same time with Shadrach?

Objection by Mr. Mitchell, that the question was not relevant. Mr. Ketchum.—I introduce it as a circumstance to show that he left without his master's consent.

The question was finally withdrawn. Mr. Dudley, being sworn, deposed:—I reside in Covington, and practice law.

Mr. Ketchum.—Is Shadrach recognized by the lavers of Kentucky?

Objection by Mr. Mitchell, that this should be proved by records.

The Commissioner ruled, that as he was satisfied in his own mind that it was recognized by the laws of Kentucky, it was not necessary to prove it. The Court took no objection to the facts. The point was received in this, and the case of Anderson being returned for the fugitive.

It being proposed to bring up the slaves in lots, as ordered by the different masters.

Mr. Mitchell:—Let us not go to drug us into a premature trial. The Court is not a slave market, and the Court is not a slave market.

Mr. Ketchum:—I do not see him after he left my house, which was about dinner time; he came to my house frequently, when his master and myself exchanged notes; he came to my house with the master's consent; I don't know whether his master gave consent at other times.

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We were to meet some persons at the Brighton Home who would show us the place; some of Boone county, and some in Boone county.

Mr. Eldridge, of Covington, brought to the city in an omnibus, and locked up; I was present when John P. Scott purchased Anderson and his mother; his mother had been a slave over since I first knew her, and so on.

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