

ARKANSAS NEWS.

Jim Wyrick, One of the Olyphant Bandits, Placed on the Witness Stand.

Claims That He Intended Taking a
Hand in the Hold-Up, But De-
serted the Crowd.

Two Notorious Horse Thieves From the Choctaw Nation Caught in Arkansas.

Two Negroes Frozen to Death on Red River—
Arkadelphia Happenings—Both's
Trial Postponed at
Hot Springs.

Special to The Gazette.

NEWPORT, January 29.—There was an unexpected halt in the trial of James L. Wyrick, one of the alleged Olyphant train robbers, this morning, on account of the sickness right unto death of the father of one of the jurors.

Court adjourned until 1:30 in the afternoon. When the Court was convened at that time the juror had returned and the trial was resumed. After all the witnesses for the State had testified the defense placed the defendant, James L. Wyrick, on the stand. This was an unexpected turn in the trial as Brady, the one tried last week, was not placed on the stand and it was not expected that Wyrick would be. His statement is in substance as follows. After stating his name he said: "I have been engaged in peddling whiskey in the Indian Territory and in that capacity met Padgett and Brady who broached the subject of robbing a train. This subject was discussed at several meetings and finally an agreement was entered upon. In pursuance of that purpose himself, Padgett Brady and Mansker, came to Kensett together from which place Brady and Mansker went to get the balance of the band. They all met at a negro cabin about three miles from Olyphant. There he was

about of a train. I was
some wandering. I was
home in Benton County and
preparations to go to Hot Springs
and that while en route he was ar-
rested by Mr. B. Helmick of the
Missouri Pacific Detective force.
The names of the other members
of the band he says are those al-
ready published, namely, Sam and
Pennyweight Powell, O. Truman
and Chas. Mansker.

His testimony was quite a
sensation. The first argu-
ment for the State is
now being made at 8:30 p. m. It is
expected that the case will not be
given to the jury before tomorrow.
Wyrick's testimony agrees with
that of Padgett's in all respects,
but the most important and that is
that he was not at Olyphant when
the train was robbed, and conse-
quently could not be guilty of
murder in the first degree, under
the instructions of the jury.

The Two Powell Boys Located in Texas.

The following entry appeared
yesterday on the executive register
in the Secretary of State's office.

"The Governor yesterday issued a
requisition upon the Governor of
Texas, for Pennyweight Powell

and Sam Powell, who are charged by an affidavit before T. W. Wilson, with the crime of murder and robbery, Edgar E. Fitch, being appointed agent."

The Powell boys, it will be remembered, were respectably connected and were well-to-do farmers, living near Siloam Springs, in Benton County, Ark.