

Staton Thinks His Wife and Smith Were Old Friends Unknown to Him



James A. Staton (on the right), who broke jail at Brighton with Frank L. Smith, Stingley murderer, and was captured in New Mexico, and Sheriff Herman Schloo of Adams county, who brought Staton to Denver yesterday afternoon.

Says She Urged Him to Aid Desperado to Escape—Her Visit to New Mexico Mystery --Harvey Smith Sent the Money.

(By WILLIAM L. BLISS.)

"To be afraid to look a man in the eye—fearful that he may recognize you and consider it his duty to turn you over to the authorities; to be fearful of being shot down like a mad dog without a chance for your life, a hunted man—that's my idea of a hell on earth," said James A. Staton, jailbreaker, when he was brought back to Denver by Sheriff Schloo yesterday afternoon.

"Why, I've slunk around in the night after dark since I escaped from the jail at Brighton, afraid of my own shadow. Asleep in an outhouse, shivering with the cold, a mouse scurrying around looking for food was enough to cause me to run for miles in the dark, and to meet a man face to face unexpectedly made my heart leap into my mouth and I could almost feel the bullet plowing into my body that I was certain he was about to fire into me. And when he didn't fire and passed me by with perhaps a nod I would tremble and shake and then start and run for fear that he might turn around and come back again.

"That's why I gave myself up to Sheriff Mansker down in Clayton. My idea of happiness was to be back safe in the jail from which I escaped and helped a murderer to escape. I had not killed anybody. The offense charged against me before I broke jail did not mean a long jail sentence even if convicted.

"Why should I risk my life and become a desperado, placing myself in a position where I might have to fight for the right to live, and then perhaps be shot down after surrounded by a posse?"

STATION APPEARED LIGHT-HEARTED.

Staton laughed and appeared to be as light-hearted as a boy who has been let out of school for a long vacation instead of a man facing a long jail sentence for assisting a murderer to escape.

He arrived in Denver at 3:25 o'clock from Clayton, N. M., where he gave himself up to Sheriff Mansker. Sheriff Schloo was shackled to Staton and was taking no chances on his prisoner's escape.

ing a second time, although Staton laughed at the possibility as a huge joke. "Me escapes?" he said. "Never again. I'll take my medicine, even if it's life imprisonment."

Sheriff Schloo had been warned that friends of Staton would attempt to take his prisoner away from him at the Union depot. But Staton assured him that he wouldn't go with them if they did try to take him away.

Staton is not certain that his wife was as loyal to him as she pretended to be. If it were not for her he would never have attempted to break jail, he said. He didn't want to break jail, but he says his wife insisted that he should assist Smith, who had confessed to the murder of Detective Jesse H. Stingley, to gain his freedom.

MRS. STATION TAKES DYNAMITE TO JAIL.

"She visited me on the Sunday before we broke out," he explained. "I had never even hinted to her that I wanted to make my get-away. But she brought me two sticks of dynamite hidden underneath her corset. When the jailer wasn't watching her very closely she pulled the sticks of dynamite out, carefully wrapped in a piece of newspaper. She told me to take them and blow out a corner of the jail. I don't want to break out of here," I said to her.

"No, but that fellow Smith does," she said. "They are going to hang him and we must get him out." She said she didn't care whether I got out or not.

"I would rather Smith got out than you," she said. "I hate a jail and I hate an officer." I took the dynamite and then I handed it back to her. Smith was mad when he heard about it, but my wife came back the next Wednesday and brought us two saws. I took them and hid them away. I hadn't asked for them and didn't want them. But Smith was glad. Even before my wife brought the dynamite he had been talking about escaping and seemed to know that something was being done for him. I had been in jail for three weeks before Smith came and my wife had never said anything about me escaping.

'SILVER THREADS' WONE E. B. WILLIAMS DENVER GIRL BRIDE

Woman Charged With Diamond Theft Met Accused Accomplice in Hotel.

"Silver Threads Among the Gold" still has the power to charm as it did years ago, especially when sung by a man with a good tenor voice.

Friends in Denver say it was responsible for the marriage of the former Miss Marjorie Edwards and E. B. ("Doc") Williams, who now are in jail in San Francisco waiting to be brought back to Denver to face trial on a charge of stealing \$300 worth of diamonds.

The romance started in August. Miss Edwards and a party of friends were dining in the West Court hotel one evening, where her present husband was engaged as entertainer. They had been there only a few minutes when "Doc" started on the words, "Darling, I am growing old." Members of the party say that Miss Edwards was entranced, not only with the words, but the voice and singer as well.

It was Miss Edwards who asked for an introduction. A mutual acquaintance brought it about. The couple were introduced. A few days ago, was the result.

It was on Oct. 23 that Miss Edwards left her home at 1728 West Third avenue, saying she was going to Pueblo. Two days later, Mrs. Marv Marshall, a roomer at the Edwards home, missed her diamonds. The police were called to search for Miss Edwards, but could not find her. They suspected her of the theft.

A deputy sheriff left for the Pacific coast last night to bring the couple back to Denver.

DOORS OF THEATERS MAY OPEN TO 'KIDS'

Fire Commissioner McGrew has enlisted among the opponents of the McGowan law, regulating the attendance of children at moving picture shows and other theaters at moving picture shows and other theaters.

McGrew took his children to a theater Wednesday evening and the doorkeeper refused to admit them unless the father remained during the entire performance. McGrew explained he had business to attend to and could not remain, and was told that in that case the children could not be admitted. He finally decided to postpone his business engagement, rather than disappoint the children.

The fire and police board yesterday instructed Miss Josephine Roche, inspector of amusement places, to be liberal in the enforcement of the law. Children hereafter will be admitted to theaters at Saturday and Sunday matinees. One show of an educational character, has sold several hundred tickets for evening performances to school children.

A bill repealing the more drastic provisions of the ordinance will be introduced in the council, and Mayor Arnold has announced that he will sign it. A committee of theater managers, consisting of Dr. W. C. Webber, of the trig theater; S. S. Baxter, of the Isis, and A. C. Carson, of the Opheum, called on the mayor yesterday afternoon and received his assurance to this effect.

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More Good Things to Enliven the Occasion	\$1.95 for Men's Corduroy Trousers; light or dark; plain or full peg.	98c for Boys' Indian Play Suits, with fancy hat to match; the best.	98c for Men's \$1.00 Slippers; the \$1 kinds.	Are the Proper Things for Christmas Gifts	\$1.49 for Small Boys' and Girls' Rubber Boots; regular \$2 values.	\$1.48 for Ladies' Fine Trimmed Julietts, hand-turned leather soles, in all colors; also Colonial styles; values up to \$2.50.	49c for Men's \$1 House-fur-trimmed Felt; all colors; plain or tipped toes with rubber heel; the \$1.50 kind.

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