

THE GAINS BUTCHERY.

EVIDENCE SECURED TO DISPROVE WILSON'S PROPOSED ALIBI.

Mrs. Tabbs Supplements Her Confession by Identifying the Body, and a Witness Found Who Gives Important Testimony.

The strong chain of evidence by which Chief of Detectives Kelly and his able staff have so adroitly connected George H. Wilson and Mrs. Hannah Mary Tabbs with the murder of Wakefield Gains is daily receiving new additions. Mrs. Tabbs yesterday supplemented her confession by identifying the human trunk found near Eddington as that of Wakefield Gains, and a woman has been found who declares that she saw the victim sitting in a room in Mrs. Tabbs' house on the morning of the day on which the foul deed was committed. The same witness also maintains that she watched Wilson leaving the dwelling between 10.30 and 11 o'clock on the same day.

Shortly before noon yesterday Mrs. Tabbs and Wilson were taken from the Moyamensing prison by Detectives Geyer, Crawford, Miller and Tate and brought to the Central Station, where they were locked up in cells in the basement. The negroess was subsequently taken to the Coroner's office, in front of which were congregated several hundred colored men and women. About ten minutes before her arrival a wagon drove up before the door on Seventh street and a pine box, containing the dismembered trunk found in Totham's creek, was lifted out and carried to the small store room adjoining the apartment in which the inquests are held. When Clerk Donal and Undertaker Matthews had removed the lid and covered the body with a sheet, Mrs. Tabbs was directed to follow Deputy Coroner Powers. He walked before her in such a manner that she could not see the trunk until standing close beside the coffin.

Mrs. Tabbs Identifies Gains' Body.

The sheet had been thrown off and the remains lay uncovered upon a heavy piece of dark paper. As the woman looked at the body not a muscle of her face moved. Quietly and without a tremor she gazed upon it, and in answer to the question of the Deputy Coroner, "Do you recognize that body?" she indifferently answered:

"Yes, that is the body of Wake Gains, and it is the body I took down with me on the train to Eddington and threw down upon the bank of Totham's creek."

The shawl strap and bloody skirt found in the stream were next shown her, and she identified the former as the one belonging to Gains and by which she carried his body, and the calico garment as having been used by her as a cover for the sewing machine. A few minutes later she was again taken to the Central Station.

Although Wilson's legal advisers claim that they can prove an alibi for the prisoner, it became generally understood yesterday that Chief Kelly had secured sufficient evidence to effect any testimony of that character that they may offer at the trial. The Chief, however, when questioned, declined to converse about the matter, and stated that he was satisfied his case was perfect. After a careful investigation a reporter learned that the important witness was Mrs. Mary C. Bailey, who lives at No. 1030 Richard street, almost opposite to the house in which the horrible butchery was performed. Her story was as follows:

An Important Witness' Story.

"On Wednesday morning, the day of the murder, I was washing. I know it was Wednesday, because I always wash on that day and no other. The front door of my house was open and I could see right over into Mrs. Tabbs' house. From 9 o'clock until 9:30 I saw Wake Gains, whom I knew by sight, sitting at the window reading a paper. A little while before that I saw him go out with a pitcher as if going for beer. I did not hear any noise or other signs of a quarrel, and knew nothing further than that until about 10.30, or it may have been later, when I saw George Wilson come out of the house carrying a bundle, which was wrapped in light brown paper.

"He carried it by the string and away from him, instead of in his arms. I have often seen George Wilson, and know him to speak to. He lived for some time in the neighborhood, and this is the way I know him. When he came out of the house he did not look around at all, but hurried up Richard street, toward Seventeenth. I did not see anyone else about Mrs. Tabbs' house on that day."

Inquiry in the vicinity showed that Mrs. Bailey was regarded by her neighbors as being trustworthy, and that her reputation was above reproach.

Again Committed to Prison.

The two prisoners were given a hearing yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Smith at the Central Station. At exactly 2 o'clock two reserve policemen pushed a passage through the crowd that obstructed the aisles, and shortly after Mrs. Tabbs and Wilson were brought up stairs and given a seat on the bench outside of the dock.

The woman was neatly dressed in deep black and her demeanor was a mingling of weakness and indifference. Wilson's face was a study, and from the beginning of the hearing to its conclusion he gazed around the room in an unconcerned manner, meanwhile chewing upon a piece of tobacco. There was an utter absence of seriousness in his appearance, and if he at any time realized the terrible nature of the charge pending against him he cleverly concealed it. Messrs. Brown and Costa appeared as counsel for Wilson.

Chief of Detectives Kelly went to the witness stand and in a low, hoarse voice, caused by a heavy cold, said: "I desire that the prisoners be held to await the action of the Coroner's jury on next Wednesday at 11 o'clock."

The magistrate then asked Mrs. Tabbs if she had counsel, and she replied:

"None, sir."

After a consultation with Clerk Moffitt the magistrate concluded the hearing by remanding the defendants to the county jail to await the action of the Coroner.

The Purchaser of the Hatchet.

Among the visitors to the detective headquarters yesterday afternoon were John Loughran, a pawnbroker at No. 1704 South street, and his young son. They asked for Chief Kelly and were ushered into his presence. After a protracted conversation the two walked up stairs toward the Mayor's apartments, and on their appearance at the base of the staircase Detective Miller warned them not to acquaint the reporters with the result of the interview. It is believed that the blood-stained hatchet which was pledged by Hattie Armstrong at the request of Mrs. Tabbs in Hunt's pawnshop, at No. 1538 South street, was purchased at Mr. Loughran's store.

Chief Kelly, it is claimed, notified Loughran to call on him, and it is understood that the man is relied upon to furnish a description of the person who bought the murderous weapon.

Coroner's Physician Forman yesterday made an autopsy of the body of Gains. He also subjected the clothes worn by Wilson and the saw found by the detectives in the house on Lombard street to a thorough microscopical examination to detect, if possible, whether the stains were caused by the blood of a human being. The result will be made known at the inquest to-morrow.