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Yours truly,
H. E. C. BRYANT.

MAY INDICT TRUSTEES.

Sudden Halt to Prosecution of Cases Against Negroes for Keeping Disorderly Houses—Records of Police That Trustees of Organizations Owning Buildings Are Liable.

A complaint lodged with the recorder and chief of police, asking the enforcement of the law against the entertainments and dances given in the various colored halls of Brooklyn by colored people, caused the issuance of warrants for Ed McGee and John Ross, both colored. The charge which both men faced yesterday morning is that of running a disorderly house, a public nuisance.

A large crowd of negroes manifested their interest in the proceedings by their presence at the trial. McGee was represented by Mr. Thaddeus A. Adams and John Ross by Mr. E. R. Preston. J. T. Sanders, the city's only colored lawyer, appeared for the prosecution. This fact, in connection with other related ones, caused an amusing mixup which may result in the cessation of litigation. The movement backing the petition was started among the colored ministers and circles. Investigation, however, developed the fact that the hall in which the dances and gatherings are held is the property of the colored lodge of Odd Fellows and Good Samaritans. It was when the recorder realized that it would be a harder matter to get evidence against the individual giving dances and ruled that the board of directors of the organizations which owned the buildings were primarily responsible and should be prosecuted.

High up on the rolls of the directors appear the names not only of the attorney who was conducting the prosecution, but of many of the prominent colored citizens and ministers who had instigated the litigation. This discovery disqualified Sanders from appearing and caused some consternation. Among the trustees are Cave Smith, Oscar Crane, Dave Frazier, H. A. Kirk, Joseph Hunter and C. S. Smith. These names and others were taken down.

Such evidence as was introduced went to show that two week meetings are held in these halls, which are on Second and Boundary streets. The attendants were loud, boisterous and profane and the best of the colored citizens of that neighborhood interested themselves to see that the meetings meet with abolition.

A RAMPANT PRISONER.

Southall, Charged With Breaking in the Southern Hardware Store, Becomes Pugilistic, But is Tamed by a Mountaineer—An Interesting Little Disturbance in the County Jail—The Mood of a Dope Fiend.

J. A. Southall, alias W. H. Watson, the dope-fiend robber who broke into the Southern Hardware Company's store, on the corner of Trade and Church streets, last week, ran amuck in the corridor, of the white ward of the county jail yesterday morning and caused considerable commotion among his fellow prisoners. Southall had become drug thirsty and wild. Jailor E. O. Johnston had opened the individual cells and turned the prisoners together so that they could be more comfortable and have more room in which to walk. Young Livingston, the boy arrested at the Selwyn Hotel, on a charge of burglary, was singled out and chased by Southall. The flaxen haired youth ran as best he could in close quarters. Mr. Johnston heard

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the noise of the disturbance and went to quell it, but when he arrived on the scene one of the Queen boys, a mountaineer who is charged with making liquor, had taken a hand, and was standing over Southall threatening to break his head with his powerful fist if he made another move.

"Don't hurt him," cried Mr. Johnston. "Well, what shall I do with him?" asked Queen.

"Grab him and pinion his arms." The word was hardly given before Queen nailed his man and held him like a vice. Mr. Johnston ordered Queen to carry Southall into a cell where he was locked in. When alone in the cell Southall dropped on the floor, grabbed the bars of his door and drew himself up and butted his head against the iron.

"Do it again," said Mr. Johnston. Southall butted the iron again.

"Another time," said Mr. Johnston, "it will do you good."

Southall butted one more time like a goat and then fell over and played possum. The county physician called and gave some medicine. All will be well with him in a few days. The Queen brothers, three stalwart sons of Wilkes, may have to calm him now and then.

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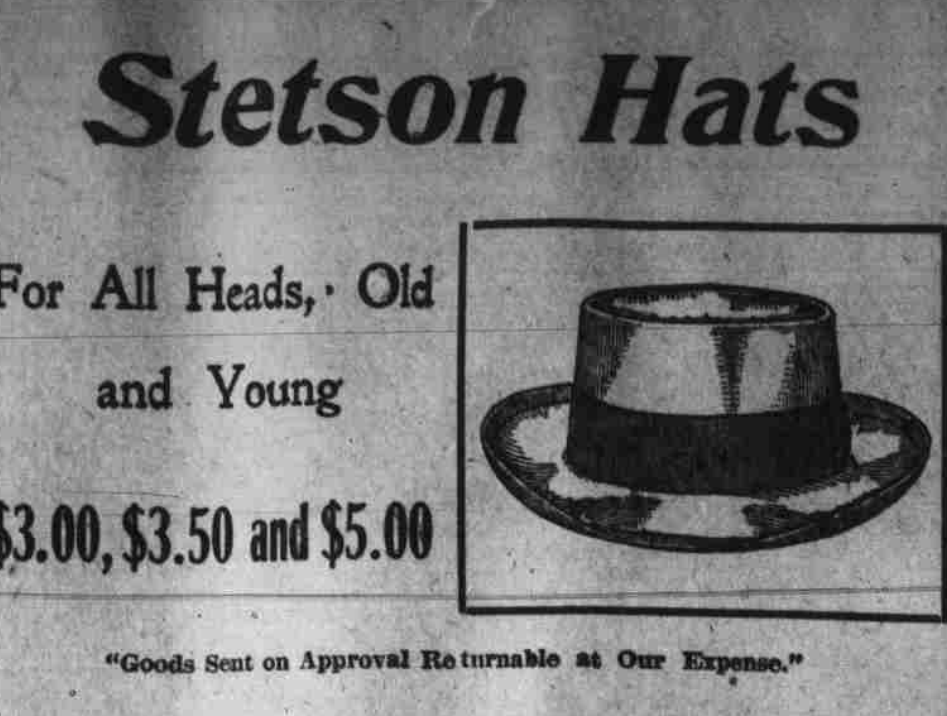
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