

## TURNER BURIED.

### The Murderer's Body Placed In the Eastern Cemetery—Absurd Stories Afloat.

#### Commonwealth's Attorney Kohn Thinks No Grounds Exist For a New Trial For Patterson.

Albert Turner's remains were buried yesterday afternoon in the Eastern Cemetery, the funeral taking place from the undertaker's establishment, 1001 West Chestnut street, at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. G. C. Scott, pastor of Zion Baptist church.

Since the refusal of the officers of Zion church to allow Turner to be buried from that edifice, his sister, Mrs. Thomas, made one or two attempts to have her brother buried from other churches, but was unsuccessful, the pastors holding that since Zion church has refused to bury its dead it would not be right for another church to do so. The body, which had been embalmed, was being kept for a Sunday church funeral, but, such being impossible, Turner's sister decided to have the burial yesterday afternoon.

The undertaker refused to have anything to say to the crowd of negroes who stood in front of his establishment all day, but somehow the news that the funeral was to occur leaked out, and before 3 o'clock

#### SEVERAL HUNDRED NEGROES,

mostly of the lowest and most superstitious class, assembled in front of the doors. Many of these gave as their reason for coming that Turner had threatened to "hunt" all who knew him if they didn't attend his burial. At 3 o'clock Rev. Scott arrived, accompanied by Turner's sister, his two nieces, and about two dozen negro women. Turner's relatives were dressed in deep mourning, and displayed much grief when they were led into a little back room. The top of the coffin was removed, when they were allowed to look on his features for the first time since he was hanged. The face of the corpse was not mutilated, but his neck was marked with a large, deep welt, where the hangman's noose had come in contact with it. The forehead was wrinkled, and the eyes were swollen. After the relatives had looked at the remains, the doors were thrown open, and as many of the crowd as could pack themselves into the house, did so, while those outside

#### PUSHED AND ELBOWED

those in front of them. Those who gained access to the room in which the body was laid were allowed to approach the coffin and look on the murderer's face.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Scott offered a prayer, and afterward delivered the burial sermon, which was brief. He began by saying that Turner had awakened to the enormity of his sin before death, and had repented earnestly. He died like a Christian, and refused to meet his Maker with a lie upon his lips; therefore he had to the best of his power righted the wrongs he had inflicted on William Patterson and Stephen Morrell. He then drew a lesson from Turner's death, and after a prayer the coffin was closed and placed in the hearse, which, followed by two carriages and a hundred negroes on foot, wended its way to the Eastern cemetery, where the body was buried. There were no services at the grave, as Rev. Scott was unable to go to the burial, being detained by a call to a death-bed.

#### ABSURD STORIES AFLOAT.

Yesterday morning a great many absurd stories were circulated among the superstitious negroes concerning Turner. The undertaker, in deference to Turner's wishes, refused to allow any one to see the remains until the funeral, which, in a manner, was responsible for the mysterious stories whispered about among the ignorant colored people. One of the stories was that as soon as the body was cut down it was taken to the shop of Watson, laid out on a table and a galvanic battery of great power applied. After working several hours they succeeded in bringing Turner back to life. They claim that he was waiting an opportunity to escape. One man goes so far as to say he peeped through a crack in the door, and saw Turner sitting up talking to the undertaker.

#### A PICTURE OF THE SCENE.

A large picture, containing several scenes at the hanging of Turner, is on exhibition in the window of the Times counting-room. Hundreds of people stopped to look at it. The work was done by Mr. Frank Wybrant.

Patterson's lawyers decline to say what they propose to do in regard to his case. Mr. Harper spent over an hour with his client this morning at the jail. Patterson seems to think there is now nothing against him, and that he will soon be discharged.

The scaffold upon which Turner was hanged was taken down at noon yesterday by Turney Bender, Maj. Hughes, Alf. Davis and four moonshiners. It will be put away in the court-house, and saved for the next unfortunate.

#### STRUCK & BRO.'S GENEROSITY.

The carpenter firm of J. N. Struck & Bro., who built the scaffold, charged the county \$100 for their work and material. Yesterday they subscribed their bill for \$100 to the fund being raised for Jemie Bowman's funeral and deathbed expenses.

#### MR. KOHN INTERVIEWED.

A reporter for the COURIER-JOURNAL called on Hon. Aaron Kohn, Commonwealth's Attorney, yesterday afternoon, and questioned him as to the admissibility of Turner's dying statement and his alleged "confession" as evidence before the Court of Appeals in the question of a new trial. He said:

"The Court of Appeals is simply a court of review. From the record, Criminal Code, Section 340, it will be seen that it can only reverse a case for an error of law to the defendant's prejudice. The Court of Appeals has often decided, and it is the law of the State, that a reversal can not be had upon the grounds of insufficient evidence; that questions of fact are solely for the trial jury, and are not reviewable.

"This case against Patterson must be decided by the Court of Appeals solely upon the records before it, and these always consist of the proceedings of the court trying below. Nothing occurring since can, according to law, be considered by the Court of Appeals. All the statements made by Turner will be excluded from this tribunal, save those he made before the Jefferson Circuit Court as witness under oath against Patterson.

#### NO NEW TRIAL.

"I am satisfied that no ground, either legal or equitable, exists for a new trial. I can conceive any reasonable man easily of Patterson's guilt, beyond the shadow of a doubt, without using a single statement made by Albert Turner."