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Commissioner's Court Held in a Beer Saloon—Pendery, Callahan, Gambell, Hook and Medill Act as Body-Guard—Court Held in the Night—Judge Callahan Presides at a Beer Table.

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DELAWARE, Nov. 11, 1861.

On Saturday afternoon Deputy U. S. Marshals Hook and Medill, U. S. Commissioner Callahan, Judge Pendery, Judge Gambell, — Shepherd, and James M. Churchill of Leavenworth, and Dr. Rixie, and a Mr. Vincent of Platte county, Mo., came to Delaware City, where they remained until it became dark, when the whole party left and went to the house of Adam Bowman, a free negro living about three miles south of Delaware, and arrested a negro man named George as a fugitive slave. They returned with the negro to Delaware City about 9 o'clock at night, and Commissioner Callahan opened Court in Fred. Smith's *Grocery*, when it was proved that the negro was a fugitive slave and belonged to Dr. Walker of Platte county, Mo., and he was delivered over to Dr. Rixie as the authorized agent of Dr. Walker, who is a well-known secessionist.

Dr. Rixie, in company with Marshals Hook and Medill, took him to the river where they had a skiff in readiness, and crossed into Missouri. After they had landed on the Missouri side and were going up the bank, they were fired upon by a party of men without any challenge whatever. Dr. Rixie was wounded in the breast and cheek, having five buckshot wounds in his breast and one in the cheek; he however succeeded in reaching the skiff. The negro ran down the river. Hook and Medill escaped unhurt and succeeded in getting back to the Kansas side. After the party had got into the river, they were again fired at and cursed as "d— Jayhawkers." Dr. Rivie was taken to Leavenworth during the night. The party who did the firing have since been ascertained to belong to the company of Stuart, who hails from Parkville, and co-operates with Si. Gordon.

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