

Exciting Time at Hannaford

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No home seemed safe any more and any person who happened to be on the side-walk after 11 p. m. was shadowed. Searchwarrants were requested and issued and the homes searched, whether there were any grounds for suspicion or not. And when it was rumored that Boe was to leave on No. 2 Thursday evening a mob decided to meet up to accord him the proper farewell party, and no one can tell what that form might have taken had the plans been allowed to materialize.

As the train pulled in, Boe, accompanied by the village marshall arrived at the depot but he did not board the train. No attempt was made by the mob to lay violent hands on Boe, but the feeling evidenced was so intense that the marshall thought it advisable to display his gun in an effort to awe the crowd. Boe is also said to have flashed a gun. This embittered the crowd still more, but Boe and his defenders were permitted to return to the town hall unmolested.

The marshall and Boe, accompanied by one or two citizens, then entered the village hall. Two members of the town board also joined them a little later and a council of semi-secret nature took place behind closed doors.

During this session a window in the hall was broken, and the marshall appeared at the porch and made a second attempt to disperse the crowd by threatening with a gun. There is said to have been a number of guns in the possession of members of the crowd, but no attempts were made to use them.

Someone suggested that the sheriff be called which was done, and about 10:30 Mr. Nelson arrived. Having looked the audience over for a few minutes, Mr. Nelson asked why he was called and what he was wanted to do. In reply to which he was instructed to take Mr. Boe to the county jail and lock him up for the night. A sheriff must have definite reasons for jailing a man, but no one seemed to have any specific complaint against the accused and Mr. Nelson was about to announce that "I find in him no fault at all" when someone remembered that Boe was carrying concealed weapons, which would be cause enough for his arrest. The sheriff, learning this, entered the building to search for those weapons, but was informed that the authorities of Hannaford had appointed him night watchman, thus authorizing him to carry weapons.

Naturally, when this information was conveyed to the crowd they became still more incensed, and after some more parleying, the board took the necessary steps to remove Boe from the police force, informed him that he no longer had the backing of the village authorities and he agreed to leave Hannaford never to return. When this information was given out, it appeared to be satisfactory to the crowd, and it broke up about 11:30.

While the direct cause of Thursday night's tumult was Boe's activities and over-ambitious efforts the past ten days to run down supposed violators of the law, it must not be construed to mean that the citizens of Hannaford want to shield criminals. Ninety-five per cent of the people in Hannaford want the laws rigidly enforced, but in this instance most of the bitterness was engendered because of the shady reputation of the person who acted as a law officer, although he had evidence to show he had authority from federal sources.