

Theft of furs raised a stink

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Wantland's guilt or innocence. They did not return until 6 p.m.

The outcome was that Wantland was found guilty, and Judge Miers sentenced him to the state prison for one year. His destination was the facility then at Jeffersonville.

Time brings with it many changes. Today, the idea of sending someone to prison for a year for stealing \$6 worth of animal skins sounds utterly ridiculous.

It was not noted by the *Courier* re-

porter whether Wantland had been convicted of any other crime prior to the skunk incident. Actually, the court did have other options at its disposal besides the state penitentiary.

In the same edition of the *Courier* was a little item that indicates what another option would have been for Judge Miers in regard to Wantland. The item said, "Supt. Snoddy of the work house had a force of prisoners cleaning around the public hitching rack yesterday morning. The work had to be discontinued owing to rain. It is a good thing and should be carried out at least once a week."