

# DODGE CITY TIMES



## Bobby Gill Arrested

First, about that night in jail, as recorded in the Dodge City Times, June 9, 1877:

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HISTORY  
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Bobby Gill done it again. Last Wednesday was a lively day for Dodge. Two hundred cattle men in the city; the gang in good shape for business; merchants happy. and money flooding the city, is a condition of affairs that could not continue in Dodge very long without an eruption, and that is the way it was last Wednesday,

Robert Gilmore was making a talk for himself in a rather emphatic manner, to which Marshal [Larry] Deger took exceptions, and started for the dog house with him. Bobby walked very leisurely so much so that Larry felt it necessary to administer a few paternal kicks in the rear. This act was soon interrupted by Bat Masterson, who wound his arm affectionately around the Marshal's neck and let the prisoner escape.

Deger then grappled with Bat, at the same time calling upon the by standers to take the offender's gun and assist in the arrest. [Policeman] Joe Mason appeared upon the scene at this critical moment and took the gun. But Masterson would not surrender yet, and came near getting hold of a pistol from among several which were strewed around over the sidewalk, but half a dozen Texas men came to the Marshal's aid and gave him a chance to draw his gun and beat Bat over the head until the blood flew. . . . Bat Masterson seemed possessed of extraordinary strength, and every inch of the way was closely contested, but the city dungeon was reached at last, and in he went. *If he had got hold of his gun before going in there would have been a general killing. . . .*