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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Put Him in Solitary Confinement 45 Minutes

And When Liberated on True Facts He Thought He Had Been in Cell Twenty Four Hours.

George Parsons and I were enemies from the first. We did not affiliate as boys in the village school, and as we passed together into the higher grades we became even less friendly. We did not use our fists on each other, but within each breast there still rankled the remembrance of unsettled old scores. Later on we bestowed our affections upon the same lady Laura Marshall was not a coquette, but it seems to take her a long time to make up her mind which one was to be the happy man. When her choice was announced, Parsons was furious, and we had bitter words before witnesses.

It was evident that my story was not credited. My counsel was an old and tried friend of my youth, but he did not possess the ability to show the jury the flimsy character of the evidence of the prosecution. It was against his advice that the case had been put on trial so early, but so confident was I of acquittal that I did not realize on what precarious ground I stood. I felt that in some way my innocence would be proved, although I stood almost alone in my belief. The trial was a brief one, and the arguments of the lawyers were soon finished. To these and the charge of the judge I listened like one in a trance. The jury passed out, and a few friends came to me with words of cheer and hope.

At last the hour of my deliverance is at hand. How long it takes the jailer to reach my cell! He is walking slowly. He halts before my door and deliberately inserts the key. The bolts move slowly, the door swings open, and I step forth. I devoutly offer a mental prayer of thankfulness. I follow my conductor and soon stand in the presence of the warden, who grasps my hand, saying: "I have good news for you. You are free." I tottered and would have fallen had an officer not assisted me. I cannot realize that my imprisonment is at an end.

My amazement is even greater when George Parsons comes forward, but in the hearty handshake that follows we become friends. His story is soon told. He had received a letter stating that his uncle was seriously ill in a neighboring state and wished to see him. At first he determined to start the following day, but found that by walking across to a junction he could take an express train that night. He wrote a letter of explanation for his clerk, but it was laid in a booby trap and he did not find it until a fortnight later. It now became necessary for him to make a journey west, and he left immediately. Not until his return home did he learn of the supposed tragedy and he lost no time in coming to the prison to release me.

FRISCO'S MAYOR A MUSICIAN Was Once Heard at an Elks' Matinee in Dawson

He Worked Some Ground on Lower Bonanza - Was an Argonaut of the Days of '97.

San Francisco's new mayor, elected November 5, is a musician, a violinist, who until he was put at the head of the union labor ticket was leader of the orchestra in the Columbia theatre. Musicians, as a rule, know but little of business or anything else outside of that pertaining to their own profession, and the election of one of their own number to the mayoralty of San Francisco came as a tremendous surprise to the musicians of Dawson, many of whom are from the city of the Golden Gate. He who has thus sprung into such prominence is Eugene E. Schmitz and there are a large number here who will remember his first and only appearance before a Dawson audience. In '98 Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Roncoverri, also a Frisco musician, started for the Klondike via St. Michael. They succeeded in getting no further than Fort Yukon.

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public, and the reception he was accorded was one which he will probably never forget. In the election were three candidates, Union Labor, Republican and Democratic, Mr. Schmitz' majority running over 5000. After the result became known the poet laureate of the Examiner, the only newspaper which supported the labor party, ground out the following verses apropos of the occasion:

The contest is over, and Schmitz is the man. We've elected our violin player. The ancients were blessed with Apollo and Pan, But we have a musical Mayor. Sweet harmony now in the city will reign. Of discord no human will dare to complain. In the town with a musical Mayor. The City Hall boys will be one happy band, From District Attorney to Weigher, Their leader will have undisputed command. In the town with the musical Mayor.

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