

Flotsam and Jetsam.

Dillon on Municipal Corporations:—

A fifth revised and greatly enlarged edition of "Dillon on Municipal Corporations" is announced for immediate publication by Little, Brown & Co., Boston. It was over 45 years ago that the author, then a Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa, commenced the preparation of this authoritative treatise, and the work appeared in one volume in 1872. Because of the growth of the law on the subject the new fifth edition will appear in five octavo volumes, containing 2,034,878 words. Judge Dillon, after serving as Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, Judge of the United States Circuit Court, President of the American Bar Association, and professor in the Columbia University Law School, is now an eminent railroad attorney in New York City.

A shoe company in St. Louis is giving some trouble to a judge. The company sues a railway company for the loss of 449 left shoes which were destroyed in a fire in the railroad warehouses. The shoe company wants \$965.37 for the loss, while the railway company contends the shoes were valueless because the right shoes were missing. The shoe company admits that a left shoe alone has no value as an article of wear except to a one-legged man, but it insists that the shoes burned were used by a travelling salesman as samples and that the right shoes were in the possession of another salesman. With the loss of the left shoes they declare they have lost the entire 449 pairs. The travelling salesman testified that his samples, as he carried them, possessed no market value, he having only the left shoe of the many kinds in his three trunks, and added that to have a right shoe made to match the left would cost more than the original pair would have sold for. The judge said that in a long judicial experience he had never heard of such a case before, and would therefore take it from the jury for examination of the law. He further stated that if the plaintiff could recover for 449 pairs of shoes lost in Florida, and the right-foot shoes were similarly destroyed in some other state, the plaintiff might recover for 898 pairs of shoes.

TWO GRUMBLERS:—"MacMahon, J.:—I give a grumbling assent. Teetsel, J.:—I agree." See *McKeown v. Toronto R.W. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 361, 369.—*Law Notes.*