

POOR DOCUMENT

A MURDER TRIAL IN 1900.

The nine hundred and ninety-ninth witness in the great spin-it-out-as-long-as-we-can case took the stand, and the lawyers proceeded to torture him with the assistance of the prisoner at the bar.

Lawyer—"I believe you are from Southern China, sir?"

Witness—"Yes, sir, and I wish to get back as soon as possible."

Prisoner—"What's the matter with you, you goggle-eyed, cadaverous reptile? Haven't you been paid ten thousand dollars traveling expenses. Shut up, Mr. Lawyer, I'm running this case and I mean to put this long sardas where he belongs at the start. If you don't like our style, you—big boned son of the East, you can take your soap and toddle home just as quick as you please."

Judge—"If the prisoner will allow the court to—"

Prisoner—"Shut up, Judge. I know what I'm about. Who's running this case, you or I?"

Judge—"Well, if the prisoner pleases, I should like to—"

Prisoner—"Now, Judge, how many times during this trial have I got to remind you that we can get along without your advice?"

Lawyer—"If the prisoner is through, we will now proceed to examine the witness."

Prisoner—"Yes, for the present. I will deliver my daily oration later."

Lawyer—"I am about to put the first hypothetical question to the witness. Those wishing to remain throughout the delivery of the question will find excellent board and lodgings at the hotel opposite. The questions will be delivered in sections, and I think I can get through with it in the course of a month."

Eighteen days after. Witness still on the stand.

Lawyer—"And now having heard the first hypothetical question, what is your opinion?"

Prisoner—"Oh, never mind his opinion. He is nothing but a—pimple-headed liar, and he might as well go home and seek his feet, Judge. I think it is about time we adjourn. Suppose we shut up shop for the day."

Judge—"But I beg to remind the prisoner that it is only 2 o'clock, and—"

Prisoner—"Oh, what's the diff? I've had enough of this racket for to-day, and I don't want to see that—blasted ass on the witness stand to-morrow, either. We must have a fresh man. He's too ancient."

Lawyer—"But, begging the prisoner's pardon, I must remind him that the witness has yet to answer our question."

Prisoner—"It doesn't make a bit of difference. He's an old fool and I'm tired of him. Judge, are you or are you not going to adjourn?"

Judge—"The court is adjourned—until, what time shall I say, prisoner?"

Prisoner—"Oh, well, make it 11."

Judge—"Eleven o'clock to-morrow morning."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

SHE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT.

Just about midnight the other night, four men in a Detroit saloon sat looking at a fifth. The fifth one was drunker than the other four. While all men were created equal, some men get drunk twice as fast as others.

"It will never do to send him home in this condition," said one of the four, after a long silence.

"No, it would break his wife's heart," added a second.

"But we can't leave him here, and if we turn him out the police will run him in," observed the third.

"I have been thinking," mused the fourth. "He has a telephone in his house. Here is one here. I will make it my painful duty to inform his waiting and anxious wife that he won't be home to-night."

He went to the telephone, got her call, and began:

"Mrs. Blank, I desire to communicate with you regarding your husband."

"Well, go ahead."

"He is down town here."

"I know that much."

"In descending the stairs leading to the lodge-room he fell and sprained his ankle."

"Are you quite sure he didn't break his neck?"

"It is not a serious sprain, but we think it better to let him lie on the sofa in the ante room until morning. Rest assured that he will have the best of care. We are doing so."

"Say," broke in a sharp voice, "you bundle him into a wagon and drive him up here, where I can keep him hidden until that drunk goes off! He won't be sober before to-morrow night."

"My dear mad—"

"Get out! If he is sleepy drunk put water on his head! That's the way I always do."

"Will you let me inform you that—"

"No, sir, I won't! Throw water on his head, get him into some vehicle and rattle him up here, for it's most midnight now and it will take me half an hour to get his boots off and push him upstairs! Remember—pour water on his head and yell 'fire' in his ear!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

Mrs. Cashel Hoy is the wife of the Colonial Secretary, with an independent income of some \$10,000 a year.

PERSONAL AND OTHER NEWS.

The decrease of the United States debt during December was nearly \$13,000,000.

Gen. Sir Patrick MacDougall and Lady MacDougall leave Canada on the 4th prox., and remain in Europe until the end of May.

The courts of San Francisco granted 364 decrees of divorce during the year just closed, a proportion to the inhabitants of the city vastly larger than even New England tolerates.

Each United States Senator receives \$5,000 a year, besides mileage and an allowance of \$125 a year for newspapers and stationery.

Edith Gray is a variety actress who charms her audiences by her shrinking bashfulness and fragile beauty. Still, she fired four shots at a gambler in Council Bluffs.

There has been a formidable invasion of commercial travellers since New Year's day," says the *Chatham World*, and gives the names of twenty-four of them with the following:—

The drummers came down and in hotels enrolled.

With trunks just as full as ever they'd hold, And their samples, in number like sands on the shore, Overflowed every table and littered the floor.

It would have been very much better if the editor had remarked right off that they "came down like a wolf on the fold," instead of gently insinuating it by the apt adaptation of the words of a familiar poem to the circumstances of the case.

The "Compt d'Eu," the first ship of the new line between Canada and Brazil, left Halifax on the 11th inst., for South America and West Indian ports, with a cargo valued at \$30,000.

The Beecher family have made money by their literary efforts. Harriet Beecher Stowe realized about \$35,000 from "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and her brother, Henry Ward Beecher, has always been largely paid. His "Norwood" turned into his treasury the neat sum of \$20,000. Still, Mr. Beecher has hurt his reputation greatly by his failure to write his "Life of Christ," and it is doubtful if he can ever readily obtain his former prices for literary work. Mr. Beecher is known among literary men as one of the laziest of writers—that is to say, he likes his ease too well, and prefers it to puzzling his brain with evolving plots for a story or a sketch.

Mr. Edward Stanwood, succeeds the late Mr. D. A. Goddard, as editor of the *Boston Daily Advertiser*.

Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett is only thirty-two years old.

The death is announced in London of the widow of Mr. E. A. Sothorn, the actor.

Madame Marie Roze sang before Queen Victoria, at Osborne, on the night of Dec. 20.

The Princess of Wales has sent to King Kalakaua several photographs of herself and her sons as a contribution to a bazaar to be held in Honolulu in aid of the building of the cathedral there.

The family of Benjamin Cleveland, of Horton, N. S., numbering twelve brothers and sisters, have had a remarkable longevity, their united ages totaling 984 years and 7 months, and averaging 82 years. The father came from New England and settled in Nova Scotia soon after the expulsion of the Acadians.

Hanlan arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, on the 16th inst.

A bigamist named Edward N. Barick, a traveller for a New York firm, turned up in Montreal the other day under the name of Romayne. It appears he married a girl in Skowhegan under the plea that he was a single man, and went to Montreal, where he gave out he was a music teacher. The father of the new-made bride, began to make inquiries and found the second had a wife and three children in Plainfield, N. Y. The fugitives were traced to Montreal, where the father of the girl found her in poverty. The fellow made a clean breast of the affair.

The lily has been exchanged for a spray of fern by Oscar Wilde.

His mother and sister excel King Alfonso with a gun, although he is an excellent shot himself.

A head of hair sixty-eight inches long is the proud possession of Miss Lenora Horn, of Peru, Neb., and for which she has refused \$500.

The eloquent speech delivered by the Governor-General at Winnipeg on his return from his extended North-West tour last summer, has been printed for distribution by the Department of Agriculture.

The following is worth quoting as showing what Great Britain owes to Oxford University as a training school for statesmanship: Sir Robert Peel took a double first; Sir Chas. Wood (Lord Halifax), Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Robert Lowe (Lord Sherbrooke), a first in classics and a second in mathematics; Lord Shelborne, Lord Kimberley and Mr. Dobson, a first in classics; and Sir Stafford Northcote a first in classics and a third in mathematics.

"The Trinity House" is a new Boston "fad," instituted by the ladies of Trinity church. It is a place where women who go out to do daily labor can send their children.

Jay Gould is perhaps a very rich man, but his word was not good enough for a cheap lunch at a New York restaurant, at which he happened to stop the other day, and find himself in the unpleasant situation of being short of funds. The proprietor was just about to hand him over to the police as an impostor when a friend called in and loaned the great finance king the price of his dinner.

A kind physician, wishing to soothe the last hours of a poor woman he was attending, asked her if there was anything he could do for her before she died. The poor soul, looking up, replied:—"Doctor, I have always thought I would like to have a glass buttermilk before I died."

The Princess Beatrice's Birthday Book, quite an ordinary work of its kind, has had so great a sale that she has already received from it \$15,000 as copyright. To be a princess and write books is a good thing.

The Princess Louise is about to contribute to *Good Words* a series of drawings illustrative of Quebec and its surroundings. They will be published along with historic and descriptive notes, and a poem on "Quebec," by His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne.

Hanlan suffered considerably on his passage to England. His weight is 175 pounds, and he intends reducing it to 160. He is undecided with regard to a choice of his trainer.

TEMPERANCE IN FRANCE.—A temperance movement has begun in France. The inhabitants of that country are not, it is true, forsaking the rough Bordeaux wine, which is known by the name of "le petit bleu," but they are eschewing brandy; and it is hoped by those who are sanguine that, having given up the more seductive fluid, they may in the end be induced to surrender the less palatable drink. Possibly this might be the case, but for one little difficulty, which does not seem to have quite presented itself to the temperance advocates. The real cause of decrease in the consumption of brandy in France appears to be that so much inferior cognac has been vendued of late throughout the country that the people, in sheer despair of getting anything better, have simply forsaken the beverage rather than be any longer deceived.

A SAVING WOMAN.—"You may talk about your mean men," said one rustic to another on the ferry boat, the other day, "but we've got a woman over there in Alameda who takes the pie."

"Kinder close—is she?"

"Close? Why, last month her husband died—fourth husband, mind—and I'm blamed if he didn't take the door-plate off the front door, had his age added, and then nailed on to his coffin. Said she guessed likely she'd be wanting a new name on the door soon any way."

—*San Francisco Post.*

A watchmaker is sitting in his shop, surrounded by clocks and watches all gone, and no two alike. He perceives that it is getting late in the afternoon, and anxiety rushes upon him. He rushes out of his shop and stops the first passer-by. "Sir, what o'clock is it, please?"

Prospectus of the "Herald."

I offer THE HERALD to the public, believing that a journal, liberal in its opinions, independent in its tone, and prompt in the matter of news, will be well received.

THE HERALD will give prominence to local news, and by having upon its staff an experienced city editor, who will devote his whole time to the local work, it will be able to give a complete and reliable report of the events which happen in Fredericton and vicinity.

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Long editorials will be discarded as a rule, and in this department the subjects dealt with will be those of a present interest and which have some bearing upon the affairs of the people of Canada.

In politics THE HERALD will be LIBERAL. Canada is essentially democratic in sentiment. Their manner of living, their education, the example set them by their fathers, are such that self-government and equal rights must ever be the birthright of Canadians. It follows therefore that anything in the political constitution which impairs the exercise of the functions of government by the people, any system of administration which favors monopolies, or has a tendency to exalt one class above another, are antagonistic to public sentiment and the best interests of the country. An important epoch in the history of this country is not far distant. Changes in the political status of the Dominion may be brought forward to be dealt with practically at any time. The

HERALD will enter upon the discussion of such subjects as these with a determination to consider them from a Canadian standpoint, and to favor and advocate anything calculated to advance the material interests of the people.

In discussing the political issues now before the people, this journal will act in sympathy with Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Parliament.

The people of Canada cannot view with indifference the enormous expense attendant upon the administration of government. This is entirely out of proportion to the wealth and population of the Dominion, and as in a new country, seeking to build itself up by attracting immigration, it is all important that the rate of taxation should be kept low, the HERALD will join hands with those who advocate a reduction in the cost of government. The expense of administration and the large debt of the Dominion compel the imposition of a customs tariff, which, in order that sufficient revenue may be raised, must bear so large a proportion to the foreign trade of the Dominion as to be necessarily "protective." The so-called "National Policy" is simply the outcome of past and present extravagance, and cannot be justified by reference to any principle other than this, that the country ought to meet its engagements as they fall due. The people not being willing to have resort to direct taxation, it follows, as a matter of course, that whatever party is in power will be compelled to continue a high tariff. Nevertheless such alterations ought to be made in details as will make the burden of taxation bear as lightly as possible upon the staple industries of the country and the laboring classes. The nearer we can approach to free trade the better, in view as well as of the interests of our own people as of the relations in which the Dominion stands towards the other parts of the Empire and the United States.

Upon the Temperance question THE HERALD will occupy no uncertain position; but will give its assistance to any well devised attempt, either by legislation or otherwise, to suppress the use and traffic in intoxicating liquors.

THE HERALD will endeavor to keep its readers informed as to the progress of thought in the domain of religion and philosophy, without occupying any extreme or partisan position; neither publishing anything merely because it is novel, nor omitting to do so because it assails some generally recognized opinion.

The clergyman resident in the city will be requested to favor the readers of the HERALD by permitting the occasional publication in extenso of sermons by them. A special effort will be made to keep a record of what is transpiring in the religious world. No prominence will be given to any denomination over another, but it will be our constant aim in the matter of news to treat all classes, creeds and sects with even-handed justice. THE HERALD will devote considerable attention to its tri-weekly issues to City matters, and it invites any of the ratepayers who may desire to do so, to employ its columns for the expression of their views on civic questions, with these conditions, that public men must be dealt with solely in their public capacity, and that all correspondence must be short, to the point, and deal with facts.

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The Saturday edition of the HERALD will not be a simple reproduction of the tri-weekly editions. It will be made up by selecting the articles in those editions of most interest to the public generally, as well outside as within the city. In addition to this, the local and foreign news will be brought down to the hour of going to press, and in this respect THE HERALD will stand alone among the weekly newspapers of New Brunswick. It will also contain all the Church announcements for the next Sunday and the ensuing week, and such other features as may suggest themselves as calculated to make it a welcome visitor in every home, not only in this city, but along the valley of the Saint John. There is a field here for the right kind of a weekly paper, and the HERALD proposes to try and occupy it.

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