

"The judges in early times in Illinois, were gentlemen of considerable learning. In general, they were adverse to deciding questions of law. They never gave instructions to a jury, unless expressly called for, and then only on the points of law raised by counsel asking for them. I knew one judge, who, when asked for instructions, would rub his head and the side of his face with his hand, as if perplexed, and say to the lawyers: 'Why, gentlemen, the jury understand the case; they need no instructions; no doubt, they will do justice between the parties.' This same judge presided at a court in which a man named Green was convicted of murder, and it became his unpleasant duty to pronounce sentence of death upon him. He called the prisoner before him and said to him: 'Mr. Green, the jury in their verdict say you are guilty of murder, and the law says you are to be hung. Now, I want you and all your friends down on Indian Creek to know that is not I who condemns you, but it is the jury and the law. Mr. Green, the law allows you time for preparation, and so the court wants to know what time you would like to be hung?' To this the prisoner replied: 'May it please the court, I am ready at any time; those who kill the body have no power to kill the soul; my preparation is made, and I am ready to suffer at any time the court may appoint.' The judge then said: 'Mr. Green, you must know that it is very serious matter to be hung; it can not happen to a man more than once in his life, and you had better take all the time you can get; the court will give until this day four weeks. Mr. Clerk, look at the almanac and see whether this day four weeks comes on Sunday.' The clerk looked at the almanac, as directed, and reported that that day four weeks came on Thursday. The judge then said: 'Mr. Green, the court gives you until this day four weeks, at which time you are to be hung.' The case was prosecuted by James Turney, the Attorney-General of the State, who here interposed and said: "May it please the court, on solemn occasions like the present, when the life of a human being is to be sentenced away for crime by an earthly tribunal, it is usual and proper for courts to pronounce a formal sentence, in

which the leading features of the crime shall be brought to the recollection of the prisoner, a sense of his guilt impressed on his conscience, and in which the prisoner should be duly exhorted to repentance, and warned against the judgment in a world to come.' To this the Judge replied: 'O, Mr. Turney, Mr. Green understands the whole matter as well as if I had preached to him a month. He knows he has got to be hung this day four weeks. You understand it in that way, Mr. Green, do you not?' 'Yes,' said the prisoner, upon which the judge ordered him to be remanded to jail, and the court then adjourned."

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

Malvina Dubois, doing business under name of F. Arpin & Co., Montreal, Aug. 12.

Auguste Gendron, hay dealer, Montreal, Aug. 10.

Eusèbe Huot, hardware merchant, Montreal, Aug. 13.

Pierre Léonard, boarding-house keeper, Montreal, Aug. 12.

J. A. Placide Renaud, hardware merchant, Drummondville, Aug. 13.

Curators appointed.

Re Andrew Boa, Lachute.—W. J. Simpson, Lachute, curator, Aug. 10.

Re Collette, Decary & Co.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Aug. 13.

Re J. E. Constantin & frère, Ste. Julienne.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Aug. 12.

Re N. Leroux & Co.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Aug. 13.

Dividends.

Re Desilets & de Grandpré, Ste. Eulalie.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 5, T. Beliveau, St. Wenceslas, curator.

Re J. Bte. Dionne.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 4, J. E. Girouard, Drummondville, curator.

Re L. P. Guillemette.—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 29, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

Re J. F. Letourneux, first dividend, payable Sept. 9, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Alexandre Maranda.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 1, J. P. Germain, St. Hyacinthe, curator.

Re H. E. Pelletier, Ste. Louise.—First dividend, payable Sept. 3, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re Adélarid Voiseux, inn-keeper, Belœil.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 3, J. P. M. Bedard, Belœil, curator.

Separation as to Property.

Léa Jacques vs. Philippe Richard, parish of St. Pierre Les Becquets, Aug. 8.

Céline Bleigner dit Jarry vs. Emery Denis, Montreal, Aug. 14.

Philomène Tellier vs. François Vésina, Montreal, Aug. 1.