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A FARCE IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE.

Was ever the nation treated to a farce, played in the sacred temple of justice, more disgusting than that which has been going on in Nashville for several weeks past? Already several thousand taxpayers have been summoned, the state has spent large sums of money, and still the jury box is not filled.

The old dodges are being worked there by wily attorneys. Every subterfuge possible for the smart mind to conceive is being brought into play. Every ruse known to the art of evasion is being exercised. If justice triumphs over this determined effort to thwart its progress it can be but through some miracle.

The idea seems to be in selecting jurors to find men as blindly ignorant, as hopelessly narrowed, as wholly incompetent as possible, rather than men of sound minds, of stable judgment, capable of weighing, cogitating, thinking.

So far the work of selecting jurors to try the alleged murderers of Carmack has been a farce stupid and inexcusable, it seems. The jury box is being filled with freaks of all varieties, and if we may judge from the scant information obtained very few of the men chosen are fitted for service. Several of them seem to be hopelessly addicted to the drink habit.

The Columbia, (S. C.) State speaks of the jurors, in this wise:

"Where did they get these jurors and talesmen whose 'doings' daily enliven the press reports from the scene of the Carmack-Cooper trial in Nashville? Was there ever before such a weird and woolly bunch?"

"First one juror announces to the court that he is accustomed to his morning toddy, and that he had suffered greatly the morning in question in consequence of being deprived of it. Couldn't he have it? The judge declared he could."

"Juror Number 2 remarks to the judge that time was beginning to hang rather heavy on their hands: Couldn't they play cards? The judge declared they could, and added that they could shoot craps on the floor if they had a mind to."

"Juror Number 3 is challenged on the ground that he was drinking when selected, and he admitted that he had been 'a little drinking' but that he was not drunk. Questioned as to the matter of degree, he gave it as his opinion that he never regarded himself as drunk so long as he was conscious."

"The need of prohibition seems to have been urgent in Tennessee. Juror Number 4 was challenged for drunkenness. He was a blacksmith and a witness brought in to testify swore that the juror 'would put a shoe or two on a horse, collect for the work and go three miles to a saloon for a drink before he would finish the job.'"

"Another juror, so it was testified, or it may have been this same bibbling blacksmith, had not been sober for twenty-five years."

"A talesman was excused from appearing before the court on the ground that he was celebrating his one-hundredth birthday."

"Another talesman could not read 'but his wife could'; lived within two miles of his brother but had not seen him in three years, had heard that there was a killing but was not certain as to who was killed and who did the killing."

"And finally we have the talesman who approached the judge, 'accompanied by a buxom young woman,' and complained that he had been summoned to appear in court at 10 o'clock and 'had an engagement' to get married to the young woman at the same hour. What was he going to do about it? The judge appeared inclined to hold the talesman, until the near-groom explained that 'it's dangerous to put it off,' when he was excused."

"This Cooper jury and talesmen is a wonder—and a joy. Where did they get it? It's a pity Barnum is dead."

Here is a picture of the mental endowments of one of the specimens examined yesterday. We quote from a press dispatch:

"The first panel of 48 men was exhausted without securing a juror. The fourth man in the second, D. M. Bannister, admitted that his eyesight was failing but proudly added: 'But I kin see to shoot a rifle just as good as I ever could.'"

"Asked how many children he had he replied, 'Ef they be all livin' now, and they was when last I heard from 'em I've got eight.'"

"The state challenged Bannister."

The Associated Press of yesterday also carried this statement:

"Most of the men drawn on this venire live in remote parts of the county, where newspapers are seldom read because of illiteracy. The few from Nashville and vicinity, it is conceded, cannot qualify as jurors because of having read testimony at application for bail."

The idea seems to be to fill the jury box with twelve men who have less sense, are more poorly informed and more hopelessly ignorant than any other citizens of Tennessee—and with such material as this the effort will be made to avenge the murder of one of the greatest men the state has produced in a century. Since when has illiteracy become the paramount requisite to jury service? The absurdity of the rejection of every man who has "read the papers" must appeal to every man who is able to add two and two.

The entire affair is a stupid farce in the outset. A jury could have been selected from the first panel—a jury of intelligent men—who would have come infinitely nearer passing sentence intelligently than the aggregation now being gathered from the caves and backwoods where newspapers are a rarity and the Queen's English has never been spoken correctly.

Meanwhile the nation sits silent and with chagrin and humiliation watches the progress of this burlesque. The blood of Carmack calls aloud for revenge. Three men are accused of one of the blackest murders on record. Witnesses are ready to swear the killing of Carmack was a plot of cowardly assassins who hated the dead man because he dared attack their be-fouled and be-spotted records. The good woman who was an eye witness is waiting to tell to the world the cowardly manner in which the killing was accomplished. Shall justice be side-tracked thus?

The nation is growing sick of these outrages in the name of justice—of these frivolous methods of sparing the lives of rich and influential criminals through technicalities and the other fake-blinds conceived in the minds of learned counsel. Harry Thaw cheated the gallows and the murder which he committed goes unrevenged. Recently one of the Hains brothers were cleared of an equally black crime through sickening appeals to the "unwritten law." It seems now that the Cooper trial is to be another of these modern farces played in the temple of justice.

Just how long will this pace be kept up and the courts retain the respect necessary to their existence we tremble to think.

THIS IS MY 48TH BIRTHDAY.
 Arthur P. Davis.

Arthur P. Davis, one of the engineering experts invited to accompany President-Elect Taft to Panama, was born in Decatur, Ill., February 9th, 1861, and received his education at Columbian University, Washington, D. C. In 1884 he was appointed topographer of the United States Geological Survey. This office he held for 10 years, conducting surveys in Arizona, New Mexico and California. After that he was hydrographer in charge of all government stream measurements and in 1898 he went South as hydrographer in charge of the examination of the Nicaragua and Panama canal routes. He is now chief engineer of the reclamation service. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of the Washington Academy of Sciences, and of the National Geographical Society.

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OPTIMISM.
 Yes, the world is growing better. I can feel it in my bones, As friends make our burdens lighter Cheering us on and rolling away the stones.

I have often been icy cold, When crossed in life's pathway, And would frown and fume and scold If my specks had gone astray.

I would recall to mind some fault, I'd heard about my neighbor, And my nerves would be very taut, Making it hard for me to labor.

'Twas then I recall my imperfections, And how good the folks had been; How I'd gone the wrong direction, How off to me their help they'd lend.

Would you want everybody to know The things you've often done? Would you stand and see them throw The accusing stone or would you run?

In my righteous indignation At the things we read about, The men that rule the nation! Down with traitors I would shout.

But put yourself in their place, And your deceitful nature unlock And report in all the cases That you would not have watered the stock.

And if you had a brother, sister, Father, cousin, uncle or aunt, Wouldn't you help a little mister To buy each one a pair of pants.

If you owned all the candy, Corn, wheat, and chewing gum, You would think yourself a dandy, And wouldn't you make the prices hum?

The world is growing better, I see it day by day, While I'm raking up the litter, While I'm mowing down the hay.

The Lord's been good to us all: Let Him always hold the reins, In Him I'll trust stand or fall, Whether He sends sunshine or rain.

Wednesday night, February 3d, 1909.

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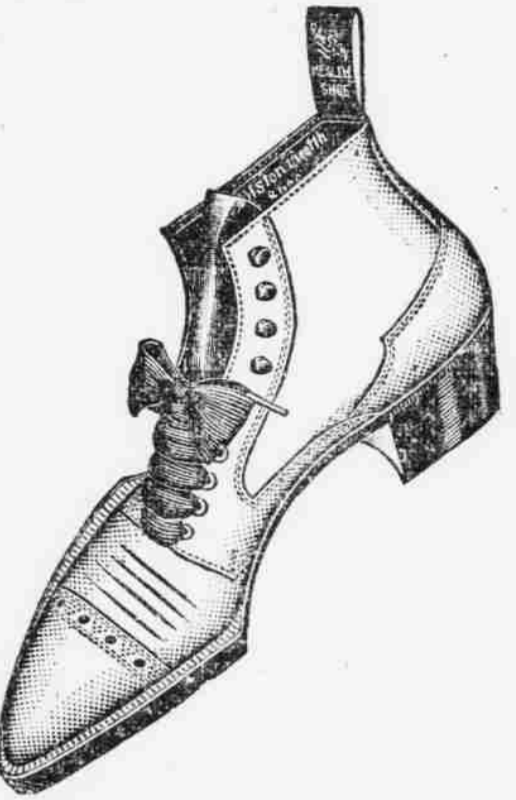
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