

JURORS SURE TO WIN.

A Glance at Some of the Exceptional Bulwarks of Liberty.

CONFESSON OF AN OLD LAWYER.

How He Worked Men in Whom He Knew He Could Mold.

A RIVER FIREMAN'S VANITY STIRRED.

That a large percentage of business and non-professional people allow the professional classes to think for them is, perhaps, not strange, as it has been the rule from time immemorial; but when a man so eminent as Thaddeus Stevens declared that if it were possible that anything could be beyond the foreknowledge of God, it would be the verdict of a jury, it seems a little bit strange that the populace at large consider the "bulwark of Anglo-Saxon liberty," under any and all circumstances.

As a rule, lawyers profess to consider it an indispensable adjunct to justice, though all do not. A gentleman who has expended opportunities for judging, and who has an intimate acquaintance with many legal gentlemen, and especially one eminent as an advocate in the Criminal Court, relates some anecdotes which go far to explain why this lawyer is especially enamored of the jury system, and why he would, probably at least, prefer to have jurors unscrupulous and untrained in logic. He relates some of the afore-mentioned lawyer's experiences.

THE EIGHT ONE EXACTLY.

A good many years ago there was a very unpreserved and brutal murderer committed on the Northside, and this lawyer was engaged to defend the murderer. There wasn't a shadow of hope that he could be acquitted on either legal or moral grounds, and hence some other must be sought. The lawyer was in to win, as he always is, and his legal training and practice had made his armor proof against the weakness of those who have never familiarized themselves with sophisms. The only hope to secure an acquittal lay in securing a man or a captain on the jury. The District Attorney was working for fame, and with a perhaps somewhat pardonable weakness, measured his success by the number of convictions he could secure.

Among the jurors called was a man not evenly baked who had been under obligations to the attorney for the defense for legal services, and when the lawyer knew he could "work him." To accomplish the end desired, the lawyer for the defense contrived to make the District Attorney believe the defense would prefer to have the man objected to. The ruse worked, and the public prosecutor decided not to object to the alleged obstructionism, and so the accused was set free. The attorney for the defense addressed the bulk of his arguments, and flattered him to an extent that would have been thought perilous to a lawyer who knew not the juror's limited capacity. As calculated, that man finally wore out the convictions of 11 subborn, but more intelligent and conscientious men, and

THE RED-HANDED MURDERER

went free and it is believed that, to this day, the District Attorney has never divined the cause of his failure to convict. The jury called a few days later on the affidavit for the defense, and the man who would have been absurd to convict the murderer on such evidence. The fact that it was overwhelming never dawned on his addled pate, and, though he was dismissed with the utmost appearance of consideration,

the lawyer subsequently was known to remark that he could afford to give professional advice gratis to such men. The voice of the jury, sad to say, quieted their consciences on the narrow basis of divided responsibility.

The same lawyer was on another occasion, attorney for a company that had put some kind of a furnace in a factory, and it was claimed that it did not work up to requirements. It is said that the plaintiff's merit in their claims, but did their attorney rest on that? Not at all. He recognized a man on the jury who was a fireman on a steamboat, and decided to concentrate his fire on him, and here is the burden of the argument (?)

"I recognize you as a member of the jury. I recognize among you farmers and artisans, gentlemen of sound judgment in your avocations, men of probity, God-fearing men and men of general intelligence; but it has not been your duty to study this case as it has been mine, nor have you had the opportunity. We are experienced, fortuitous, men, and we are having among us the right decision of this matter a man who thoroughly understands the subject. My friend, Mr. —, is a steamboat fireman, and will be able, gentlemen, to explain to you much better than I can hope to be able the difficulties that beset a man in the prosecution of this callous, unless he has been.

SPECIAL TRAINED THEORIES.

"He can explain to you that, without the requisite knowledge of sailing vessels, no two men could have managed this furnace successfully, and we have proven to you that the defendants, a few days after this furnace was put in, discharged their fireman and imposed the duty upon an entirely inexperienced man. My friend, who is an expert fireman, will explain to you that the firemen of the employers were to blame, and put an inexperienced man in his place and put an inexperienced underwriter would take a risk on that boat for one day."

That fireman's head bumped among the stars as he went out with his fellows to the consulting room, and, in a few minutes, they returned with a verdict for plaintiffs for the amount of their claims, and hence some other must be sought.

It is an interesting fact that legal gentlemen regard the jury as "the bulwark of Anglo-Saxon liberty" and "the perfection of human reason?"

FEARS OF A FLOOD.

The Delaware and Lehigh Rivers Are Rising at a Rapid Rate.

EASTON, April 27.—The Delaware and Lehigh rivers are rising here rapidly and much damage is expected. The Lehigh Valley Railroad has a washout 90 feet long and 8 feet deep in east track at Pine Hollow. Owing to the continuance of the storm, the track cannot be repaired to-day. The west track is still in use.

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From all that could be learned the story is that the bark, which is from St. John's, N. B., was to sail from this port with a cargo of lumber for Rio de Janeiro. Captain Furlane was not on board, but he was expected at any time, and preparations were made to receive him. On Saturday night five of the sailors refused to work, claiming that the ship was unsatisfactory and in a leaking condition. They also claimed that the captain had shipped the other five men of the crew when he knew that they were not competent sailors. Then a fight took place in which one man was knocked down, and Mate Foster ran up a signal of distress.

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