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MURDERS AND JURIES.

Although we were in possession of the principal particulars of the Germantown murder some days since, we refrained from making them public until very recently, in deference to the views and wishes of the legal authorities, and we only published them finally when they were gradually leaking out in a mutilated shape and doing all the damage they could do if the authorities were correct in their views, and doing no manner of good in the way of enlightening the public or in serving the cause of justice.

We can easily understand that crimes may and frequently do occur where the general circulation of information may cripple the operations of detectives in "working up" their cases, and in all such events we have scrupulously avoided making any mention of particulars that would operate to the detriment of justice. As we understand the matter, the objection urged against the publication of the particulars of this recent horror at Germantown and the circumstances that seem to bear upon Berger, the alleged murderer, is that it would be impossible to obtain a competent jury to try the accused. We admit that these reasons would have considerable force were the old rule observed of excluding from the jury-box every citizen who had "formed or expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner." The effect of this practice was to exclude every intelligent juror and to confide the duty of deciding the question of life and death to men who were either too ignorant to be familiar with matters of public notoriety, too stupid to reason to an intelligent conclusion from the facts before them, or too deficient in conscientiousness to care whether they answered truthfully or falsely when questioned as to their qualification as jurors.

If we mistake not, it was in the trial of Arthur Spring that a different and a much more intelligent rule was established. The circumstances of the murder were so widely spread abroad, and the guilt of the accused was so manifest, that the court would have had to either summon a jury of American idiots or to import twelve rational men from Kamschatka to have found a jury, any member of which had not only formed but had expressed an opinion.

The necessities of the case brought about a remedy, and this remedy consisted in the propounding of an important query or two in addition to the old stereotyped questions. The new arrangement was in substance, and possibly nearly in form, as follows:

The Court—"Have you formed or expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner at the bar?"

Juror—"I have."

The Court—"Is the opinion which you have formed and expressed such a one as would prevent your giving a verdict at variance with that opinion should the law and the evidence not sustain it?"

There are, of course, other questions as to qualification; but the point is in the last question. With such a system of testing qualification there need be no fear that either the rights or safety of the prisoner, or the majesty of the law will be jeopardized by wide spread notoriety given to the particulars of a crime. Idle rumor and unfounded and unauthorized reports are much more apt to create prejudice and misapprehension in the public mind, and lead to ultimate injustice, than a clear and distinct narrative prepared by experienced reporters, whose business it is carefully to gather together facts and prepare them for the public eye.

We recollect a horrible murder that took place in Philadelphia some years since, where ninety-nine men out of every hundred would have convicted the alleged murderer upon the published evidence taken at the preliminary hearing before a committing magistrate. On the trial the prisoner was acquitted because of the fact that a rule of evidence excluded some of the most important and conclusive testimony. No doubt every juror had read all the evidence adduced at the preliminary hearing; but they laid aside their prejudices when they entered the jury box, and acquitted the prisoner because the evidence submitted to them was not sufficient to warrant his conviction. This case serves to illustrate our idea that jurors should be treated like sensible reasoning men and not like children, and there need be no fear that honest, intelligent and conscientious men will decide cases involving life and death, upon newspaper reports, in the absence of legal evidence to sustain their finding. None but honest, intelligent and conscientious men should ever be allowed to serve on juries, and the publication of the simple truth, in proper season, can work no damage to the cause of justice.

MORMON POLYGAMY.

Utah occupies such an important geographical position that her political and moral condition is a matter of concern to the whole country. The State of Colorado lies on the east side and the State of Nevada on the west. Both are rich in mineral and other wealth, and both are fast filling up with an industrious and enterprising population. On the north lies the territory of Idaho, and on the south that of Arizona, and these, too, will soon be applying for admission into the Union as States. It is an anomaly that a region thus surrounded should have a government that is an absolute despotism, and that under that despotism an immoral institution, that is illegal in every other part of the United States, should be maintained in utter defiance of the national authority.

One of "the twin relics of barbarism," slavery, has been abolished. The equally vile and detestable one of polygamy still exists and flourishes. Slavery was only destroyed by a long, bloody and costly war. It is a question whether war should be resorted to in the matter of polygamy. The question of the right to coerce a territory was settled when the right was established to coerce States that defied the national authority. But it is not clear that the suppression of the practice of polygamy by military force would be in accordance with a wise policy. We are reducing our army and are not prepared to incur the expense of another Mormon war. Still, some measures should be adopted looking to the abolition of polygamy in a reasonable time, and the Federal government can, without extraordinary cost, take some steps in this direction during the present session of Congress.

It is ascertained that a large proportion of the federal officers in the Territory of Utah are polygamists. This state of things should be put an end to at once, and it should be a test qualification, in all selections for offices under the national government, that the persons to be appointed should not live in utter violation of the moral law of all civilized nations. Fill all the government offices with "Gentiles," and let there be a sufficient military force to protect them, and a beginning of the needed reformation would be made. Then let Congress encourage the immigration into Utah of good miners and agriculturists, who are not Mormons, by liberal offers of land. In that way a population would be introduced that would soon outvote the polygamists, and the vile, degrading practice could then be put an end to by local legislation.

The time cannot be far distant when Utah will be applying for admission into the Union as a State. It will never be allowed while polygamy exists and is tolerated by the local laws. The Constitution guarantees to every State a republican form of government. But Brigham Young's rule is an absolute despotism, and it must be put an end to before an application for the admission of Utah can be considered. When this fact comes to be well understood by the people of the territory, and when they have increased in numbers by the immigration of those opposed to Mormonism, the institution will be legally abolished. Brigham Young will be deprived of his power, and no one can succeed to him or usurp a similar power. We are, therefore, not disposed to think that any hasty or severe measures for the suppression of polygamy should be adopted by Congress.

THE OPERA.

Every seat in the Academy of Music was occupied last evening, and there were hundreds of persons also who had to stand. The attraction was *Lucrezia Borgia*, which, old and familiar as it is, always delights an audience. We have had it better done on many occasions, but the performance still gave great pleasure. Mme. Zucchi was the best of last night's performers, and to her mainly was the success due. Miss Phillips of course was good, but Irfre and Antonucci suffered by comparison with a half dozen or more of Gennaros and Dukes that are remembered among us. Still the opera went off well and the applause was liberal and hearty. A short concert, in which Mme. Johannsen, Habelmann and Herrmans sang, closed the evening's entertainment agreeably.

This afternoon the Germans are playing *Martha*, and this evening the opera season will close with *Lucia* by the Italians and the Kermesse act from *Faust* by the Germans, with Herrmans in his great part of "Mephistopheles."

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