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It is no doubt somewhat humiliating at the time for "Clear" Reed's defenders to have to admit his identical tactics. But they ought now, after all their long practice, to be pretty well used to humiliation.

**One Just Verdict.**

One of the jurors in the Pollard-Brockbridge trial has explained that the \$50,000 verdict was reached by each man writing a sum on a piece of paper, having these various sums added together and then dividing the total by twelve. This ingenious plan doubtless represented as near an approximation to justice as was possible under the present jury system; and the result pretty nearly corresponds with the average of public opinion. If it had been permissible to administer exemplary damages without reserve, a verdict for the entire amount, \$50,000, would have been the appropriate estimate of Colonel Brockbridge's duplicity; while any attempt to symbolize the general contempt for the venerable banker's line of defence would have bankrupted the possibilities of the figure language.

The public, as Judge Bradley said in his charge to the jury, is undoubtedly to be congratulated that this nation of trials has ended in a manner which induces additional respect for the court which tried it and for the general system of whose efficiency it afforded a tolerably difficult test. It is to be congratulated that a hypocrite with Brockbridge's command of resources has been irrevocably unmasked. It is to be congratulated that the coarse and indecent tactics of certain of the defendant's counsel received a proper rebuke from the bench and failed of their coveted aim in befogging the uncommonly intelligent jury. Above all, it is to be congratulated that when, in extreme cases, wrong womanhood is forced to appeal to the courts for redress, there is no evidence in the court room of that discriminating and unjust standard set up by the whimpering Adam in the Edenic garden and foolishly repeated since in the canons of polite society.

We shall doubtless have further allusion to this case in print. The determination of the defendant to apply for a new trial, and also to seek a political vindication in Kentucky, would prolong the sensation's duration, even though hypocritical criticism of the trial's publicity did not alone suffice. For our own part we perceive no reason to regret that this trial has been heralded far and wide. Those who deride its end of it and learned, let us hope, new lessons as to the insurmountable of violated moral law.

The Scranton base ball club has begun the season by dividing honors at Syracuse. It will be expected to end it by capturing everything at Scranton.

Reports from the northern senatorial district of Lancaster county—the county in which Senator Cameron's country residence at Donegal is located—indicate the nomination of C. C. Kaufman, the anti-Cameron candidate for state senator, by a large plurality. Under the rules in force in Lancaster, Republican voters vote at the primaries with as much directness as at general elections. The fact that Senator Cameron cannot muster a popular plurality in his own home district will doubtless weigh heavily against him in the future. Similar expressions by the people elsewhere are to be courted rather than feared.

We recently endorse a lecture tour from Admiral De Mello provided he should explain the real cause of his flight.

**Two Eccentric Planets.**

There is trouble ahead. Mars is on a rampage. Saturn is on a "tear." As a result of their terrestrial peregrinations, residents of earth are in for a whopper of a time. We have this upon no less an authority than Professor C. Coles, the Kingston savant. After some months of apparent eclipse, the professor has unleashed his far-reaching Electric Eye; and the signs that he perceives among the moving stars fill his prophetic instinct with wonder and alarm.

The prime blame for the threatened cycle of calamities must be attributed to the planet Saturn. That luminary, we are told, is a co-signifier of rebellion, whatever that may be, to the administrative authority typified in our moon and sun. Saturn, in a surly and an ugly mood, has burst his apron strings or "slipped his trolley," and in consequence the sons of earth are warned to be on the look-out for unusual political discord. "Discontent," the professor tells us, "will prevail among the industrial and producing classes; legislative authorities will find it very difficult to tread the rough road they have mapped out; there will be a sad lack of harmony between the people and the executive authority, with unusual political discord. Saturn being ruler of the nation's finances, threatens oppressive action upon the people either by the imposition of unusual taxes or by legislation, which works injury to their individual pecuniary welfare. The portents of this eclipse particularly concern Asia, to which country we must look for its worst effects. The eclipse occurs in the 17th degree of the sign Aries, which denotes the motion of armies, the destruction of great men and kings, fevers and epidemics of disease, unusual fatality among cattle and sheep, and corruption of trees that are fruitful, and of all fruits of that part of the land."

We are naturally glad that Asia catches the worst of this. Asia can

stand it. A few millions of men, more or less, never would be missed in Asia. Besides, putting it over there relieves us of the suspicion that Professor Coles meant to poke fun at the Democrats. But hold. We had forgotten Mars. Mars, too, is surly. In three or four months he "will stir up the war-like spirit of Germany and England and create mortal excitement." He will be an agent in promoting epidemic diseases, earth disturbances, cyclones and earthquakes. He will stir up strife and blood in the east in a constant state of excitement during 1894 and 1895, particularly about the months of July and November. He will be an active agent in promoting tornadoes, cyclones and storms, unprecedented in America, especially in the southern and western states, and causing local thunder storms to be driven southward.

Such are the unpleasant prognostications of the Electric Eye. Let those doubt who dare.

The "Cameron issue" was raised successfully in Lancaster county. And still the party survived.

THE ESTEEMED Eastern Free Press is disconcerted because Charles A. Dana, the greatest editor, recently had to ship for Europe unnoticed, while, on the same day, James J. Corbett, the greatest fighter, "tough and bun," was escorted to his stateroom by several noisy bands. No doubt this is superficially an unfair award of honors. But we must not forget that Dana croaked Corbett.

**Interesting Railway Battle.**

An important battle is raging among antagonistic elements in the directorate of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, having for its purpose the regulation of the proposed new issue of stock, is well understood. It is not, however, so clear what the real differences amount to. The Philadelphia Press exceedingly careful New York representative, "Holland," who is known to be on terms of intimacy with trusted representatives of the Vanderbilt railway interests, yesterday printed an extended explanation, presumably representing the Vanderbilt side of the dispute, as opposed to the claims of the faction headed by Le Grand B. Cannon. The extended interest taken in this city in this contention would seem to justify the printing of a synopsis of "Holland's" article.

That article, in brief, charges Mr. Cannon and his supporters with desiring to issue \$5,000,000 worth of new stock at 75. On the present basis the issuing of \$5,000,000 worth of new stock would give the present holder of 100 shares an allotment of six and two-thirds new shares a privilege worth, at the present quotation, \$5.60 a share; but at 75, this privilege would be worth \$10.83 a share. In addition, those holding shares at 75 would have the further advantage of marketing those shares at a profit represented by the 25 per cent. rebate, unless the market price should fall. These opposed to the Cannon plan among whom are Mr. Vanderbilt, Mr. Depey and Commodore Van Santvoord, believe, according to "Holland," that a dollar's worth of stock ought to be issued for a dollar's worth of bonds; the fixed charges thus eliminated and the old liabilities changed from the bond to the stock item.

Whichever policy shall prevail, it will be the general hope that the new stock may preserve a fair market value, commensurate with the road's careful management and conspicuous earning power. The fact that two-thirds of this stock is now distributed among 3,000 small stockholders, whose interests, in many cases, represent the owners' sole or almost sole means of support, renders it particularly desirable that nothing should be undertaken which would be calculated to depreciate these securities or necessitate lowering the rate of dividend.

A law was passed in 1895 which authorized the sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives to dock the wages of congressmen absent without leave. This law has been a dead letter for more than thirty years. But it would be a good thing to revive it. There are kinds of absenteeism which are utterly without justification; and a "no-work-no-pay" rule would soon effect a cure.

For some strange reason the Philadelphia Press seems to regard every act of friendship for Jack Robinson as a personal offense. Our contemporary's reputation for fairness ought to guard against this invidious warp. Let the convention nominate.

**The Problem of Lawlessness.**

The Wilkes-Barre correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, commenting with much detail upon the large amount of crime in Luzerne county that escapes punishment at the hands of the civil authorities, lays special stress upon the fact that within the past four months twenty-two murders have been committed in that county and only ten of these murderers arrested. It is also intimated that Attorney General Hensel, having become alarmed at this rapid spread of crime, has communicated a hint to District Attorney Garman that unless something more decisive shall soon be done by the local authorities, the state department of justice may be persuaded to take a hand in solving the problem.

We do not credit either this latter intimation or the suggestion, which follows it, that counties like Luzerne will be asked to be districted and equipped with a special district police and detective force, acting in conjunction with the various city and borough authorities. The enforcement of law in Luzerne may be inefficient, but it has not yet reached a stage of mob violence where it can be said that the local authorities, "after exhausting every effort to preserve peace," must summon outside assistance. Governor Pattison's well known conservatism with reference to state interference with matters of local administration renders absurd the suggestion that Mr. Hensel contemplates action in the premises.

At the same time, it would be idle to ignore the great dimensions and the

urgency of the problem thus outlined. The Press writer blames most of this excessive crime, with its large percentage of unpunished criminals, upon the foreign element; but it strikes us that if the home element offender did its duty, there would be less occasion to complain. One thing at least is certain. The authentic region is yet uninhabited by lawless spirits who must in the interest of good government be brought to undergo a more rigid accountability. Good citizenship needs to be more earnestly cultivated, whatever its derivation, and bad citizenship punished, wherever it discloses itself.

SENATOR MORGAN is an enthusiast in some directions; and one of these directions is in his persistent advocacy of the Nicaragua canal. It has a bill now pending in the senate which, if passed, would compel Uncle Sam to endorse \$100,000,000 worth of the bond of the private Nicaragua company, who no doubt hope to duplicate the Union Pacific scandals. If the Nicaragua canal scheme is the money-maker that its advocates claim, why cannot it stand on its own merits as a business enterprise? Why should it seek to drag in this hard-up republic? Senator Morgan is doubtless sincere, but there are others behind this enterprise who are not. What they want is to dig a canal into the United States treasury.

THE SECOND arrest in Pennsylvania under the misinformation law has just been made, at the instance of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin. A man at 2:30 o'clock one morning told the paper's city editor a fanciful story about a certain alleged birth of quadruplets. The city editor telephoned the news to the paper's office and it was printed that same morning. The next day it was discovered that the article was a hoax and the smart practical joker is now under bond to appear at court. The man who lies to newspaper reporters for the fun there is in it ought to be willing to enjoy all the equitable variations.

PORTSMOUTH'S NEW Republican paper, the Dispatch, appeared for the first time Saturday morning. It is neat, clean and new; says it is not on earth for its health; doesn't expect to repose on roses, but has unlimited hopes. Such a combination at this ought to win, even in much-supplied Portsmouth.

SENATOR QUAY evidently places a large amount of faith in the money future of silver, much larger, we fear, than the facts will ultimately justify. But he is not and will not be a silver "crank." His regard for silver is safely enshrouded by hypothetical and theoretical life and ends.

**GROWTH**  
 of Our Nation.

According to the current census tabulation the total wealth of the United States in 1890 was \$65,037,021,197. There are forty-four states in the Union, and the average wealth per state is a trifle less than \$1,500,000,000. But New York state is credited with the possession of about 57 times more than her share of the wealth, while the per capita wealth of the country at these different census periods is placed at \$208 in 1850, \$214 in 1860, \$250 in 1870, \$270 in 1880 and \$1,639 in 1890.

These are the "true values" or the actual values upon the markets. The assessed valuation, of course, is considerably lower. In 1850 the assessed valuation of real estate and personal property in the country was \$4,000,000,000; in 1860, \$12,000,000,000; in 1870, \$14,500,000,000; in 1880, \$17,000,000,000; and in 1890, \$25,000,000,000. In 1890, the first census year in which the exemptions and undervaluation assessments are shown, the true valuation of the real estate and improvements taxed in the country is placed at \$56,711,209,108, and that exempt from taxation at \$2,323,585,225, or a total of \$59,034,794,333, while the assessed valuation of real estate and improvements upon which taxes were levied was only \$18,956,556,673.

The true valuation of all property in the United States—exclusive of Alaska—in 1890 is classified as follows: "Real estate and improvements, \$39,544,544,553; live stock on farms and ranges, farm implements and machinery, \$2,763,043,049; mines and quarries, \$1,291,291,579; gold and silver coin and bullion, \$1,157,714,948; machinery of mills and product on hand, \$3,028,593,441; railroads and equipments including street railroads, \$3,885,497,333; telegraphs, telephones, shipping and canals, \$701,755,712; miscellaneous, \$7,393,708,821. Total, \$65,037,021,197."

In the tables showing valuations in the different states, New York ranks first with a wealth placed at \$5,576,791,991; Pennsylvania second, at \$1,990,746,559; Illinois third, at \$5,066,751,719; and then Ohio, \$3,951,292,384, and Massachusetts, \$3,965,645,447. California, which stands sixth in wealth, is placed at \$2,539,733,537; Missouri at \$2,397,602,945; Iowa at \$2,348,523,423; Texas at \$2,195,576,795; Indiana at \$2,065,170,636; Michigan at \$2,095,016,323; Wisconsin at \$1,823,338,623; Kansas at \$1,799,243,591; Minnesota at \$1,691,851,937; New Jersey at \$1,445,295,114; Nebraska at \$1,275,695,514; Kentucky at \$1,172,203,213; Colorado at \$1,145,712,267; and Maryland at \$1,085,473,048.

The other less wealthy states and territories range downward with Oklahoma the lowest in point of wealth, placed at \$48,285,124. The North Atlantic and North Central states are the wealthiest. The wealth of the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, alone aggregate more than \$21,500,000,000, or nearly one-third of the entire wealth of the country. The North Central division, or the states from Ohio to Kansas, aggregate more than \$25,000,000,000, more than one-third, while the Southern states, including Oklahoma and the Indian territory, aggregate about \$11,500,000,000, or a little more than one-sixth of the entire wealth of the entire wealth of the country.

**Sentimentalism's Recurring Idiot.**  
 Washington Post.  
 By some curious and inexplicable rule a malefactor is defended with vigor just as his offense has been heinous, ingenuity and persistence are developed in the ratio of the crime's heinousness. A drunken laborer knocks his companion on the head and kills him without even having dreamed of violence, and he is hung with out-

rage and dispatch; but the collops devil who plots assassination at leisure, and executes it in cold blood and with hellish deliberation, at once becomes the object of affectionate solicitude and is defended with an ability, a shrewdness and an undying vigilance that cannot be adequately described.

Invariably the Other Way.  
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