

VAN HORN CASE IS IN JURY'S HANDS

Submitted After a Whole Day of Speech-making.

JUDGE ARCHBALD IS OUTSPOKEN

Unhesitatingly Gives It as His Opinion That the Matter of Insanity Does Not Enter Into the Case, and Tells the Jury That It Should Either Acquit Van Horn or Find Him Guilty of Murder in the First Degree.

At 6:15 o'clock last evening the fate of George Van Horn, the accused murderer of Mrs. Josephine Westcott, was committed to the hands of twelve of his peers. At 12:15 this morning the jury retired without coming to an agreement.

DEFENSE CLAIMS IMPAIRED MENTALITY.

In a word he tried to logically and reasonably bring the jury to believe that Van Horn had committed a foolish act in playfully drawing his razor across Mrs. Westcott's throat; that his foolishness was attributable to his impaired mentality, which in turn resulted from the injury to his head.

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JUDGE ARCHBALD'S CHARGE.

Judge Archbald's charge was not such as would tend to raise much hope in the defendant's breast. After giving the customary general instructions he went on to say that in many respects the case was the most serious he had ever tried.

As to the charge, the judge thought it not so highly important as the defense maintained, for a man in the position Van Horn is alleged to have been, to go about declaring his intention of venting his jealous rage.

Then referring to Van Horn's story of the killing, he said: "It is a creditable story? Does it invite your belief? Who tells it? These are questions you must ask yourselves in passing upon it."

Offices we do in earnest what we have practiced in jest, remarked the judge and this he contended might fairly be considered in connection with the testimony of the defense to the effect that Van Horn was in the habit of playfully drawing his razor across Mrs. Westcott's throat.

The defense alleged that the drawing of the razor across Mrs. Westcott's throat was by way of protest against

ABBATE IS WILLING TO PLEAD GUILTY

Some Difficulty as to the Manner of Making the Plea.

COURT IS NOW CONSIDERING IT

Satisfied to Take Chances on a Long Term Rather Than Stand Trial. Second Week of Criminal Court Does Not Get Started According to Schedule, Owing to the Van Horn Trial Intruding on This Week. Four Minor Cases Tried.

Judge J. B. McPherson, of Dauphin county, is assisting at the second week's session of the December term of Criminal court, which began yesterday. He is sitting in No. 3. Judge Edwards is in No. 2, but tomorrow will go to No. 1, and Judge Archbald, who was last night relieved from the Van Horn case, will go into No. 2 for the remainder of the week.

THE VOICE FROM THE GRAVE.

In concluding he called attention to "the voice from the grave" as he termed it—Mrs. Westcott's own characterization of the deed. It was not "I have been cut" or "I have been murdered," but "I have been murdered."

Sympathy should not be shown to the jury in the deliberations. If you find that he committed a murder you should remember he had no sympathy on her.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Other People's Money.

Hennessey LeVoy, a very clever and entertaining comedian, headed a company that made its appearance last night at the Academy of Music in "Other People's Money," a very entertaining comedy written by Edward Livingston. The comedy is in three acts that bristle with brightly dialog and team with mirth provoking situations.

It is clean and bright in every respect and should fill the house during the remainder of the engagement—today and tomorrow. There are matinees daily.

Guarantee the Geeser.

The management of the Lyceum guarantees tonight's production of "The Geeser." Donnelly and Girard as one of the most enjoyable of the season. The Philadelphia Record says of it: "There are no less than thirty players in the cast of 'The Geeser' headed by Donnelly and Girard, and the entire production is one of the most enjoyable that has been furnished at Gilmore's this season. Much of John Stromberg's music was applauded by yesterday's audience and the dialogue and whimsical situations created much merriment. The specialties, however, are still the most enjoyable feature of the performance. Donnelly and Girard's budget of songs were encored, and the 'Kissing Quot' between Chas. H. Prince and Mae LeVoy, again secured a hit. The Misses Marshall and Nelson are among the best dancers that have appeared in Philadelphia this season."

Town Topics at Academy.

"Town Topics" will be presented at Academy of Music December 9, 10 and 11 with usual matinee by a clever company of clever comedians and comedienne. Among the well-known favorites are John W. North, William S. Keller, W. H. Mack, Sherman Wade, Charles E. Graham, Misses Marie Leslie, Hulda Halvers, Ollie Hood, Ethel B. Payne, Alice Fellet, Nellie Ryan, Juliet Wilson and others. "Town Topics" is a farce comedy in all that the word implies. It is wholesome, invigorating, bright and sparkling and written for laughing purposes only.

Foot Ball Game on the Stage.

A football game between the Vassar and Yale elevens is one of the exciting and interesting features of Chas. E. Hennessey's new musical comedy, "A Hired Girl," which will appear at the Lyceum on Thursday evening. The opposing teams are composed of charming young women, and the half backs are a farce comedy in all that the word implies. It is wholesome, invigorating, bright and sparkling and written for laughing purposes only.

CONTAMINATED WATER.

From Its Effects the London Death Rate from 1660 to 1679 Was 80; in 1888 It Was 19.

The River Tees, seventy miles long, in the northern part of England, runs through towns with plenty of opportunity for contamination. There are hundreds of outhouses discharging into the river underneath, and during dry weather there is quite an accumulation of it running down through a number of towns. About 25,000 people drink that water at the different stations all the way down, while about the same population do not, being situated (though in the same sanitary district) so as to take their water from other sources—making a pretty good chance for comparison. The Tees is subject to sudden floods, and during a flood, preceded by a heavy rain, that material is all washed down stream and goes into the intakes below. Every heavy rain produces typhoid fever—a marked increase in the rate—among the Tees water drinkers, while their fellow-townpeople, drinking from other supplies, have no typhoid fever increase amounting to anything.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

There is an intake for the Schenectady water supply from the upper Hudson, above the junction with the Mohawk; West Troy takes Mohawk water; Lansingburg takes its supply from the hills; Troy takes Hudson water above the Mohawk; Albany, right on a hill, cuts a hole in its wharf, and gets not only up-stream sewage, but its own typhoid fever broke out and started down the Mohawk. Every town that took Mohawk water or Hudson river water after the Mohawk had joined it had typhoid; but every town which took Hudson river water above the junction with the Mohawk, or got its water from other entirely different sources had no typhoid.

WHAT IS LIFE?

A Discovery by Prof. Gates, of Washington, Which Answers the Question.

An Interesting Subject

"What is life?" This question has been asked during all ages, but it has never until now been so carefully answered. Professor Elmer Gates, of Washington, who has been making great experiments with the microscope, has made virtually a double microscope; in other words, he brings the image of the first microscope on the lens which picture on the lens is enlarged by the second microscope so that many things which it is impossible to see with an ordinary microscope are revealed. In this way he is able to see the smallest cells of the body in an exceedingly large form. He says: "Cut a piece of protoplasm into a number of pieces and each piece will still be alive," thus proving that the germs of life exist in even the minutest particles of the body.

But he goes farther and says that he believes mind is life, and that mind is present in every particle of the body. This is a new and startling wonderful theory and it may lead to a knowledge of the soul's existence in an exceedingly large form. It explains clearly one thing and that is, why the mind is frequently affected when the body is disordered, and it brings home the question of health in a very forcible manner. It becomes plain that in order to have a clear head and a strong mind, one must have a body that is in perfect condition. When the body is deranged the mind cannot work rightly. With chronic indigestion, heartiness, bearing down sensations and all the symptoms indicating a weakened condition of the kidneys and urinary organs, there is certain to be a clouding of the intellect, which calls for immediate attention. This action can only be successfully taken by using some great, modern discovery that is certain to put the cell tissues in perfect shape. There is such a discovery and it is doing more to counteract pain and establish health than anything known to modern times. In speaking of it Dr. William Edward Robson, of London, says: "I emphatically state that I have been able to give more relief and effect than any other medicine I have known of. It is more powerful than any of the British pharmacopoeia." Dr. R. A. Gunn, dean of the United States Medical College, says: "I prescribe and use Warner's Safe-Cure in both acute and chronic indigestion, heartiness, bearing down sensations and all the symptoms indicating a weakened condition of the kidneys and urinary organs. Such statements should convince any man or woman that there is no need of further suffering if a prompt use is made of the remedy that is commended so highly."

NEW RUNS ON THE VALLEY ROAD.

Will Cause Railroad Men to Leave Wilkes-Barre.

A new system of runs for the crews of Lehigh Valley passenger trains will go into effect today, said yesterday's News-Dealer, "and it will result in the use of a less number of men to run the trains and effect a considerable saving also in other ways, a less number of engines being required, one engine doing the work heretofore done by two or three. The engines on all passenger trains, except five local trains, will be used to haul the trains all the distance between Easton and Sayre, except a few that will cover only the distance between Easton and this city. The through trains will be manned by twenty-six crews, nine of whom will be from Sayre, nine from Lehigh division and eight from Wilkes-Barre.

A HERMIT IN A BIG CITY.

At the Death of Each Relative an Apartment is Sealed Up. Paris Correspondence of the London Telegraph. Various indeed are the ways in which eccentric people indulge their little peculiarities, but a decidedly original manner has been adopted by an old lady living here. On one of the grand boulevard stands a house with closed shutters and fastened door. Scarcely a sign of life is there about the place, and the house has remained in a similar state over a quarter of a century. The owner is an old lady, who, on September 4, 1876, the day on which the republic was proclaimed, resolutely determined that no one affected by Republican ideas should ever cross the threshold of her dwelling. To avoid any such drastic contingency she simply declined to allow anyone inside, and has refused all offers to hire either apartments or the shop below. The only time she breaks through her hard and fast rule is when workmen are permitted to enter in order to carry out repairs. Painters, carpenters, locksmiths, and masons once a year turn inside her privacy and make good any damage. To relatives whose political tendencies are the same as her own she is particularly gracious, but at the death of each one an apartment in the building is sealed up, and now all are closed barring the very small one at the back of the house, which the anti-Republican hermit reserves for her own use and that of her three servants. This strange behavior on the part of an old lady has repeatedly excited comment, and numerous have been the attempts of people to gain an entrance by some ruse or other. All their efforts are foiled by an aged serf, who guards the front door with dragon-like vigilance, and the would-be intruder soon finds the portal slammed in his face and himself none the wiser for his curiosity.

EASILY GRATIFIED.

From the Washington Star. Two men were watching the news from the race course. "I haven't been out to the track yet," said one of them. "Neither have I," was the reply. "I'll take a great deal of interest in the sport. But I don't see any use of my going to the track." "Oh, but it isn't like the real sensation," said the other. "You may have a very vivid imagination, but you can't make it take the place of the real sensation." "Well, maybe not; but it's near enough. Anyway, I have saved a great deal of time."

THE THREE SONGS.

A poet in the rosy prime And blithe and drowsy mood of time, When song was natural as breath, Three songs sent forth to fight with death. And one he made to please the crowd, It pleased them and his praise was loud; It pleased them greatly for a day, And then its music died away. And one he made to please the few, It lived a century or two; It pleased them for the sake of kings, Then vanished with forgotten things. And one he made to please himself, And he took to the sea and reef, But sent it forth with doubts and fears, And it outlasted all the years.

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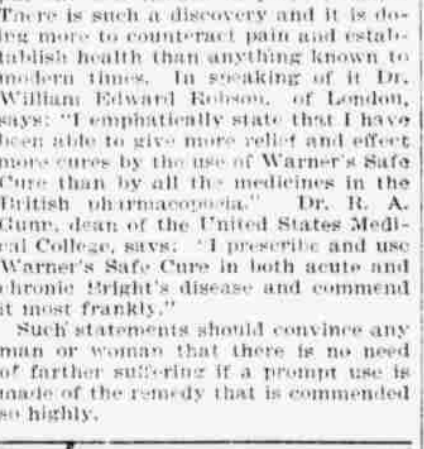
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