Anecdotes of Judge Davis.

At Indianapolis, which is within his circuit, a lawyer named Ketchum was ready when his case was called, but his opponent was absent and he sent word that he couldn't arrive for an bour or two. Ketchum insisted upon proceeding at once. The judge remonstrated in favor of the absent lawyer, but to no purpose. "Well," said he, floally, "If you insist upon going on, Mr. Ketchum, you have, of course the technical right to do so, but if I were you I wouldn't urge the matter. Over at Springfield, the other day, there was just such a case and the lawyer would insist upon going on with the trial; and so I had to look after the interests of the other party myself-and, do you know, curiously enough, Mr. Ketchum, we beat him!" It is needless to add that Mr. Ketchum concluded to wait. A well-to-do farmer, who had fallen into bud company and bad courses, was convicted before him of having counterfeit United States notes in his possession with the intention of passing them. The judge called him up, and before sentencing him asked if he had arranged his affairs in anticipation of his enforced absence. The culprit replied that conviction was a surprise to him, and nothing was in order, but that he could settle his business in about ten days. As the criminal could find no one to go on his bail bond, the judge allowed him to depart on his own recognizance, much to the amusement of the lawyers in the court, who laughed at the idea of the man being fool enough to come back again, but Mr. Davis insisted that the fellow had not "taken to the tall timber." His knowledge of human nature was justified, for at the appointed time the farmer returned, like Regulus, and the judge sentenced him to the penitentiary. Frequently the penalties attached to violation of the revenue laws are too severe, considering the fact that they may be ignorantly and innocently broken! In such a case, when the least term of imprisonment allowable by statute was one year in the penitentiary, Judge Davis sent the prisoner thirty days to the county jail, with the remark that nobody would mind whether he neglected the law except the prisoner, and that he would hardly venture to complain about it. In a case where a loyal Virginian after the war began suit for a review of the procedure confiscating \$100,000 worth of state bonds, Senator McDonald argued that, as the confiscation act made the procedure in the nature of an admiralty seizure, there could be no review. "Well," said the judge, "there may be no precedent, as you say, McDonald, for a review in an admiralty ease; but when such a thing as this can happen, it is time there was a precedent, and I am going to make one."-Pioneer Press. -

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