

Jury System May Fail in Child Cases

Present Judge Method
Appears to Be Best
Yet Devised.

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NEW YORK, March 28.—Assemblyman Moran of Brooklyn has introduced in the legislature a bill which would remove the paternity cases from the hands of the three judges who now decide them and would turn the problem of the unmarried mother over to a jury. A

unanimous agreement of the jurors would be essential before a decision could be reached.

Now, there is probably no more touchy or difficult type of case brought before the court than that in which it must be decided whether the sheepish or brazen young man on the stand, as the case may be, is the father of the extremely vocal infant brought in as evidence. The mother announces, with dates, places and elaborate details, that he is. The young man, ten to one, denies it all.

In most paternity cases it is quite evident that somebody is a perjurer. The man involved is inclined to produce his best friends to damage the reputation of the plaintiff. She, in turn, has no hesitation in putting the young on the spot and attempting to separate him from as large a portion of his weekly salary as the traffic will bear. The one person about whom no witness has, apparently, the faintest qualm, is the child.

Well, the child is the crux of the matter from the point of view of society and of the judge. For the entire purpose of the paternity court is the protection of the child. Child in Paramount

It is not held to punish the father for having become involved in an illicit love affair. It is not held to give the woman heart balm for her suffering.

It is held to insure that the youngster shall have a decent chance at health and happiness. And if the mother is not economically equipped to do it, why, then, the father must. It is the duty of the court to ascertain for this purpose just who the father may be.

This is a realistic duty—a matter of determining fact, not a question of passing moral judgment. And the three judges in special sessions who do the job now recognize it as such. They have been through the legal mill. They know that their personal prejudices have no place in court. Society has decided that a child, legitimate or not, has rights. And it is the job of the judge to see that they are granted.

But is the average juror capable of impersonal a view? Even in this emancipated age and state it is highly doubtful. Your juror is very apt to get all tangled up in the moral issues, with which he has no proper concern.

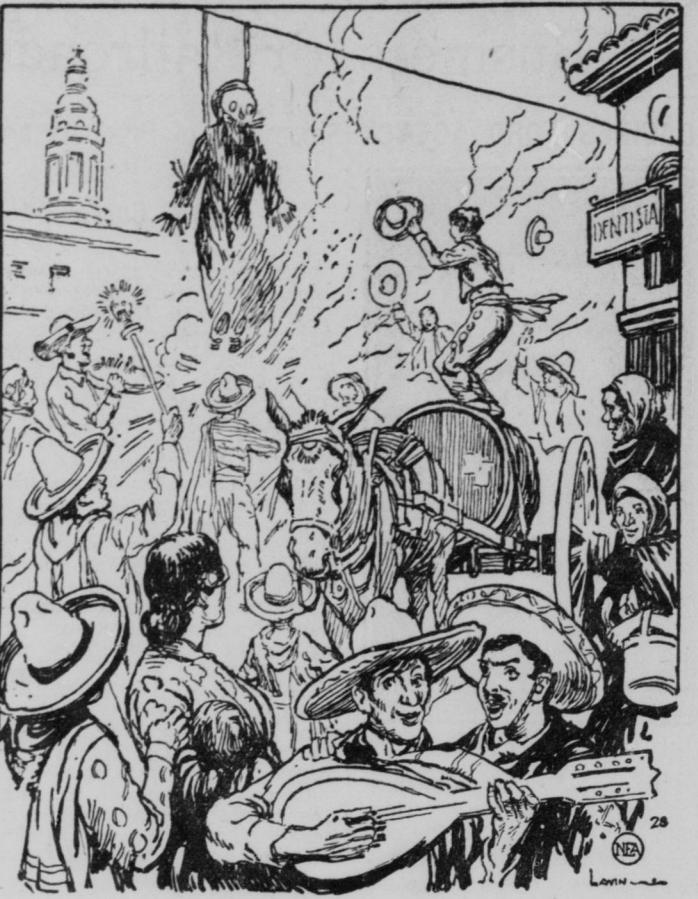
Prejudice Rules Jurors

Either he will weep crocodile tears for the poor little girl who has been betrayed and will grant her a fabulous portion of the alleged father's income or else he will decide that any woman who would bear an illegitimate baby is nothing but a baggage, anyway, and deserves nothing at all. Jurors, no matter how well instructed, can only with difficulty disassociate themselves from a lifetime of prejudices at a moment's notice.

And in the meanwhile what happens to the child whom the law was designed to protect? He is generally at the mercy of the moral bias of a number of men who have had neither experience nor training in dealing with some of the most difficult and heartbreaking cases with which the law is forced to cope.

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EASTER CUSTOMS around the World



Easter festivities in Mexico center around the destruction of Judas, a symbolic tradition that amounts almost to a ceremony, shared by persons of all ages and all classes of society. Effigies of Judas are carefully prepared in advance, usually of cardboard stuffed with firecrackers, and on the day before Easter are hanged or burned, or both. Even prisoners in jail are permitted to destroy their Judases if they choose.

NEXT—A quaint Easter custom in rural England.

A Woman's Viewpoint

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

BEFORE Governor Paul V. McNutt had a chance to sputter, Sheriff Lillian Holley of Indiana, from whose prison John Dillinger escaped with a wooden revolver, announced she would step out of office and out of politics.

Whatever you may think of her, she has set a precedent men would do well to follow. Harvey Bailey sauntered out of his Dillinger. They should demonstrate their prowess before they indulge in jokes about women's weakness.

The unfairness of public condemnation which has followed the unfortunate Lake county affair is evident when we recall how many Trousered jailers scarcely have lifted a finger to prevent some of our lynching bees and how many scores of others have failed ignominiously.

It would be a good thing if every sheriff who lost a prisoner had to resign. Probably it would mean fewer desperados at large. But the Indiana incident shows how much more we expect of women than of men. We forgive women less easily, and we demand from them a higher devotion to duty.

Perhaps Dillinger's escape will be a good thing in one way. It may deter other women from a desire to hold a sheriff job. It is a work that is not suited to feminine talent and for which no woman should become ambitious.

However sincerely we may wish to defend ourselves, it is rather stupid to compete with men in such a field. It does not prove our equality. It merely shows our wrong conception of what equality should mean.

There always will be plenty of work particularly fitted to the nature of women. That work women should do. And when women or men attempt that which is outside the scope of their natural ability, they may expect to fail.

SOCIALIST OPEN FORUM SET

Open forum meeting of the Ninth ward Socialist party will be held tonight at 8 in the Dearborn hotel, 3208 East Michigan street. The public is invited.

Make a sauce by melting butter, stirring in flour and when bubbling slowly add milk. Cook and stir until thick and smooth. Add peas, carrots, celery and fish and turn into a well-buttered baking dish. Season with salt and pepper and cover with mashed potato. Put potato through a pastry bag or spread it roughly with a fork. Brush over with melted butter and bake twenty-five minutes in a moderately hot oven until brown.

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Opening of Season to Be Marked

Dinner Dance Scheduled
for Highland Club
for April 14.

Highland Golf and Country Club will celebrate its formal spring opening Saturday night, April 14, with a dinner dance.

Hosts and hostesses for the evening will be directors, officers and committee chairmen and their wives.

In charge of the event will be Messrs. and Mesdames Russell White, William Mooney Jr., John J. Kennedy, Roy F. Hartz, J. E. Bartlett, Frank L. Binford, Homer C. Lathrop, George E. Pierson, Ralph Burdick, John Rau, Carl Weyl, Ray Reed and William Umphrey.

Others in charge of hospitalities will be Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Pruitt, Albert Feeney and Messrs. and Mesdames A. R. C. Kipp, J. V. Stout, Ralph Young, Vern Law, John Lange, R. H. Crane and R. C. Fox.

PUBLISHER TO SPEAK



Colonel Frank Knox

Speaker and guest of honor at the Columbia Club's annual beefsteak dinner April 5 will be Colonel Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News.

CCC WORKER TALKS TO HIS MOTHER ON WHITE HOUSE PHONE

By United Press

HIGGINSVILLE, Mo., March 28.—Mrs. Charles Kresse couldn't believe it was true when the telephone rang and the operator said the White House was calling from Washington.

But a moment later her son, Albert William Kresse, stationed at a CCC camp near Washington, spoke to her. Then Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt came to the phone and explained.

Mrs. Roosevelt had visited the camp that afternoon, she said, and young Kresse had been assigned to escort her. In return Mrs. Roosevelt invited him to the White House and then arranged the telephone call to his other.

Guests will include Miss Thompson, Mrs. Allen Shimer, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Blanche Bradford and Mrs. Robert Douglas; Misses Ruth Bradford, Kathryn Lyzott, Betty Hodges, Betty Jane Barrett, Virginia Fleming and Dolly Birk.

NATIONAL OFFICERS TO VIEW BEN-HUR WORK

Class of Thirty Will Be Inducted by

Arius Court.

LODGE SPONSORS RITE

Good Friday Revival Scheduled by

Golden Eagles.

Capitol Order, Knights of the Golden Eagles of America will hold a one-hour Good Friday service at Union Congregational church, Seventeenth and Rembrandt streets, Friday. This ceremony will be open to members and candidates only.

The Rev. H. J. Kieser of River-side Methodist church will speak on "Significance of the Cross in Our Lives Today." Service will last from 8 to 9.

DEGREE WORK SLATED

Royal Arch Masons to Induct Class

Friday Night.

Indianapolis chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will confer the mark and past master degrees on a class of candidates Friday night at the Masonic temple, North and Illinois streets. The work will be exemplified by past high priests of the chapter.

All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend the ceremonies. Alva O. Chammes is high priest of the chapter.

APRIL 6 IS ARMY DAY

Governor McNutt Sets Date for

World War Anniversary.

Governor Paul V. McNutt today issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to observe Army day, April 6, the seventeenth anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the World war.

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