

CONFESSED GUILT
BUT ARE FREED BY
CITY COURT JURY

Trial of Gordon and McCool
For Assault and Battery on
Darby Proved to Be Nothing
Short of a Farce.

SIMPLE CASE TAKES
ON UNUSUAL FEATURES.

Evident Desire Was to Try the
Palladium Rather Than the
Defendants---Darby a Pro-
secuted Witness.

"I was mad, in no sweet hu-
mor by any means. I probably
cursed him a little and told him
to get out and get out quick.
He did not move and I reached
up and hit him. McCool rushed
in and delivered one direct
blow, knocking Darby down. In
the alley he delivered another
well directed blow. How many
times he hit him I do not
know."—J. Bennett Gordon.

"I rushed in and hit him,
knocking him down. I took
him up the stairway and hit
him again in the alley. How
many times I hit him I do not
know. I was excited."—C. S.
McCool.

"The first I knew of the case
was when Gordon came to my
office and wanted to plead guilty
to assault and battery. I
advised him not to do it. I am
not asking this jury to find
Gordon guilty of assault and
battery. Gordon was in the
right."—Prosecutor Wilfred Jessup.

There were then some vociferous
rumblings. They were from—Henry U. Johnson.

It was 6:30 in the evening.
The jurymen were given the
case and a few moments later
they returned with the verdict
of not guilty, either in the case
against J. Bennett Gordon or C.
S. McCool, charged with assault
and battery on McLellan
Darby.

Notwithstanding the admissions by
both Gordon and McCool that they
struck McLellan Darby, asthmatic,
last Saturday afternoon and assaulted
him, both telling straightforward stories
of the assault, they were acquitted
Tuesday evening in the "Kangaroo"
court, otherwise known as the city
court, where nothing but bundles
of surprises were handed out, after the
longest hearing in several months. The
trial throughout was marked by the
weak-kneed prosecution and during
the entire day people stated on all
sides that both Gordon and McCool
would be acquitted for the lack of
earnest prosecution. From all appear-
ances it looked as though Gordon and
McCool had two defending lawyers,
and when the verdict of the jury was
heard at night it caused not the slightest
ripple of unexpectedness. Jessup,
who it is stated by one of the item
employees, is the lawyer for the Evening
Item, drawing all contracts and
acting as consulting lawyer, and who
was prosecuting, or supposed to be
prosecuting the case, sat in his chair
much of the time, assuming a grin
when testimony detrimental to Darby's
case was introduced, while he
made no attempt to protect his client
from testimony immaterial to the case.
He made the blushing confession to
the twelve jurymen sitting in the box
that the case was one of the cleanest
he had ever been in, as there had not
been any wrangling between the attorneys.
No. There was no argument
between the two attorneys. Why
should there be when they were interested
in one thing, the acquittal of
Gordon? Jessup's sensational state-
ment that there had been no wrangling
to mar the aesthetic features of the
trial, or the statement that he favored
the acquittal of Gordon, although he
was supposedly the prosecutor in the
case, caused not the slightest surprise.
In fact, this move on his part was
confidently expected and there would have
been indeed greater surprise had he
not made the request.

Asked Favorable Questions.

Jessup during the course of his
cross examination of Gordon, asked
only those questions which would
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THREE POLICEMEN ARE LET GO.
Connersville, Ind., July 10.—Patrol-
men Garrett, Gray and James Pavey
have been dismissed from the police
force on charges preferred by the
police chief, alleging violation of rules
governing the department.

EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.

Portland, Ind., July 10.—The total
value of property exempted from tax-
ation in this county, as allowed by
the board of tax review, aggregates
\$661,665. A total of 1,422 claims was
filed.

Procession at Oxford University, England, in Honor of America's Great Humorist.



The procession at Oxford University at the time the degree of D. Litt. Oxon was conferred upon Mark Twain. Lord Curzon, Chancellor of Oxford, with his page, reads the title. In him, walking alone, is the Vice-chancellor. Mark Twain's companion is the Premier, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman. Rudyard Kipling, who seems nervous, comes next. He apparently fears that his watch may figure in an American joke.

MADE GUILTY PLEA;
HELD TO THE COURT

Ira Stoner, Forger, Has Been
Placed Under a Bond of
\$500 by Judge Fox.

WAITING ON HIS FATHER.

YOUNG MAN THINKS HE CAN SE-
CURE BOND BUT WILL NOT AT-
TEMPT IT IF WAIT IS TO BE A
SHORT ONE.

Ira Stoner, the nineteen year-old
forger, under arrest for passing a
spurious check for \$65 on the Rail-
road store, was arraigned this morning
in the city court and entered a
plea of guilty. On a motion made by
the prosecutor, Judge Converse bound
Stoner over to the circuit court on a
bond of \$500 and on a plea of probable
guilt. The court did not wish to
accept the young man's plea of
guilt until his father, who resides
near Arcanum, O., arrived in the city
and learned the circumstances of the
case.

Stoner was very anxious to know
when his case would be tried in the
circuit court. The prospect of life in
the county jail did not appeal to the
young man. He stated he could get
some of his friends in Lynn and that
victory to go on his bond but that
he would not ask them to do so if
there was a prospect of his case being
heard in the circuit court in the near
future.

"Won't Miss Sauer, your sweet-
heart, secure bond for you?" asked a
reporter of Stoner.

"I don't know whether she will or
not," he replied somewhat gloomily,
evidently thinking of last Sunday
night when the girl in company with
a handsome young farmer boy drove
up to the city building for the pur-
pose of seeing Stoner. At that time
she greeted the young forger quite
affectionately kissing and embracing him,
but Stoner evidently did not relish
the fact that she had driven from
Lynn in the company of another man.

Writes to His Father.

Stoner has written to his father,
stating that he has been arrested for
forgery and asking him to come to
his assistance. Up to the present
time not a word has been received
from Stoner, Sr. The young fellow
seems to take his arrest in a philo-
sophical manner. He says that he has
no explanation to offer for passing
the forged check, but that he is sorry
he did so and that if he escapes the
penitentiary this time he will never
again get into trouble.

Chief Bailey only had the slightest
kind of a clue to work in securing
Stoner's arrest. The description of
the forger furnished by Manager
Game of the Railroad store and two
of his clerks did not fit Stoner in any
manner. On arriving at Lynn last
Sunday a woman told the chief that
on the day the forgery was committed
she was in Richmond and returned
on a late afternoon train. The only
other passenger to leave the train at
Lynn was a young man answering the
correct description of Stoner. When
Chief Bailey located him the young
man stated that he had pitched bay
all day on July 3, when the check
was passed. "What were you doing
at the Lynn station?" asked the chief
at random. "I went there to see a
man," the lad replied. Bailey knew
then that he had the man he was looking
for. Returning to Richmond, Chief Bailey states Stoner confessed
his guilt.

SOL MEREDITH POST MEETING.
Sol Meredith post G. A. R., will meet
Thursday night. Two meetings a
month are held during the warm
weather.

IS NO CHANCE OF WAR
SAYS BARON YAMAMOTO

Japanese Minister of Marine,
Gives His Views.

ON TRIP AROUND WORLD.

New York, July 10.—"There is no
chance of war between my country
and the United States, not the slightest
chance." Before he set foot on
American soil today from the steamship
Carmania, Admiral Baron Yamamoto,
minister of marine for Japan, impressively uttered this peaceful
sentiment. Yamamoto is on a trip around the world.

LOCAL DELEGATION TO
BOYS' CONFERENCE

Probable Several Will Go to
Winona, Ind.

MUCH INTEREST AROUSED.

Orville Brunson of this city is now
working for State Secretary E. E.
Stacy of the Y. M. C. A. in an endeavor
to stimulate interest in the coming boy's
conference to be held at Lake
Geneva during the first week in August.
Mr. Brunson visited Muncie and
Anderson last week and a number of
boys in those towns signified their
intention of attending the conference.
Mr. Brunson will this week visit
Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Logansport,
South Bend, Elkhart, Lafayette and
Crawfordsville.

He will return to Richmond next
week where he will endeavor to stim-
ulate interest in securing a large local
delegation of boys to the conference.
Last year, although Richmond
had no Y. M. C. A. or any immediate
hope of securing one a delegation of
six boys went from this city to the
conference. It is said the energetic
talking of these boys contributed ma-
terially to the success of the cam-
paign for a Y. M. C. A. in this city.

The Richmond boys who will probably
go this year are Earl Cotton, Wallace
Gifford, Benj. Johnson, Jr., Bert Lamb
Blair Converse and Louis Craighead.
It is probable that a number of others
will also attend.

ADAMS' RATES DRIVE
A COMPETITOR OUT

American Express Could Make
No Money.

EMPLOYEES ARE CARED FOR.

The American Express company has
signified its willingness to provide
places for all the local employees who
are thrown out of employment here by
the closing of the office. C. O. Far-
go, route agent for the company, in
this state, was in the city today. It is
learned that the general superintend-
ent of the company has given no reason
why the local office was closed, although
it has been said that the Adams
Express company through which the
local office shipped its goods out of
Richmond, charged the American
company exorbitant rates for such and it is
said the American company could not
secure a profit. Other than this there
is no reason known why the local of-
fice should be closed.

INQUEST IS BEING
HELD ON REYNOLDS

A Well Known Railroad Man
Appears to Be Mentally
Unbalanced.

CARE OF HIM A QUESTION.

APPEARS NO LOCAL INSTITUTION
IS WILLING TO ACCEPT REYNOLDS IF HE IS HOPELESSLY
INSANE.

Scott Reynolds, a well known rail-
road man, was found wandering the
streets Tuesday afternoon in an appar-
ently demented condition. Owing to
the way he stumbled and lurched about
as he walked, it was first thought that he was intoxicated. Reynolds was taken to the city jail, where it was soon discovered that he is mentally unbalanced. Reynolds would
wander about the jail waving his
hands and otherwise giving signs of
having completely lost his mentality.
An inquest will be held over him this
afternoon.

If Reynolds is found to be hopelessly
insane it will be impossible to secure
his admittance to the Easthaven in-
sane hospital. Sheriff Meredith states
that he will not admit the man to
the county jail. His admission to
the county infirmary would be very
improbable and the police fear to have
him returned to his home because he
might become violent. What to do with
Reynolds has resolved into a perplexing
question.

"The county jail is not an insane
hospital," stated Sheriff Meredith, after
saying that he would not allow
Reynolds' admission to the county
jail. "We can not properly care for
insane people at the jail, and it is difficult
to care for them there should they be kept there."

Continuing, the sheriff stated that
there are already eight insane men at
the county jail an dthat they require
constant care and attention. One of
these unfortunate is in a most pitiful
condition. He is suffering from a disease
which has already rotted off the
greater part of his feet.

The county commissioners have gone
on record as being opposed to the
admission of insane people to the county
infirmary, stating there is no way to
care for them at this institution.

An effort will be made by the authori-
ties to secure Reynolds' admission to
Easthaven hospital, but, as has been
stated, if he is found to be hopelessly
insane it will be very difficult, if not
impossible, to have him admitted there.

ONLY ROUTINE MATTERS HEARD

The quarterly meeting of the Grace
Methodist church was held Tuesday.
Only routine matters came before the
meeting.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Partly cloudy Thursday,
variable winds.

OHIO—Thursday partly cloudy; vari-
able winds.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

TUESDAY—
(July 9)

Total Circulation 6,710
Net Circulation 6,505

LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION.
LARGEST COUNTY CIRCULATION.
LARGEST RURAL ROUTE CIRCU-
LATION.
LARGEST PAID CIRCULATION.

MRS. CLELL GRAY IS
MENINGITIS VICTIM

Expired Suddenly at Her Home
Near New Paris.

FUNERAL AT SPARTANBURG.

New Paris, O., July 10.—The sudden
death of Mrs. Clell Gray, living
two miles north of town occurred this
morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Gray had
not been well since last Friday and
Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock her
condition became alarming. She died of
spinal meningitis.

The deceased leaves a husband and
two children, a boy aged four and a
girl aged nine and mother.

The funeral will occur at Spartan-
burg but it has not yet been decided
on what day. Mrs. Gray was 26
years of age.

TOBACCO TRUST SUED
BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

An injunction is asked at New
York City.

JOBBERS HAVE NO CHANCE.

New York, July 10.—The federal gov-
ernment in the United States court to-
day began suit against the American
Tobacco company under the Sherman
anti-trust law, asking an injunction to
restrain the American company and its
subsidiaries, as a monopoly from
doing an inter-state business. Small
jobbers are said to be at the mercy of
the trust.

As an alternative in some cases the
government asks for dissolution of the
corporations and appointment of re-
ceivers. It is alleged the American
company entered into an agreement with
the British Tobacco Trust to divide
the trade and control the business
of the world.

KENDALL HAS GONE TO OMAHA.

Chester, Ind., July 10—Herbert Kendall
has gone to Omaha, Neb., to take up
his duties as assistant state secre-
tary of the Y. M. C. A.

EIGHT CANDIDATES READY.

The Elks will have a meeting on
Thursday.

A called meeting of Richmond lodge
of Elks will be held Thursday evening.
A class of eight candidates will be in-
vited. After the initiation, refresh-
ments will be served.

ESTIMATE AT 18 BUSHELS.

Shelbyville, Ind., July 10.—Larz
Branson has completed cutting his
forty acres of wheat. He thinks that
it will show a yield of eighteen bush-
els to the acre.

GUESTS AT CENTERVILLE

Members of the Modern Wood-
men Go Visiting.

About thirty members of the Modern
Woodmen of this city went to
Centerville Tuesday night, where the
local degree staff put on work for the
Centerville lodge, three candidates being
given the work. Following the
regular order of business a sumptuous
reast was served by the Centerville
lodge. Local visitors returned home
with nothing but the best of words for
the manner in which they had been
treated by the members of their neighbor-
ing lodge.

SCIENTIFIC METHOD
IS DEMONSTRATED

A. L. Baldwin, School Master
And Student Farmer,
Scores Big Success.

BAD LAND IS MADE GOOD.

Mr. Baldwin has followed
methods unknown to ordinary
farmer and result is
satisfactory.

A. L. Baldwin, school master and
student farmer, has just furnished
proof that a man without practical
training can become successful farmer,
by the study of agriculture by
means of standard books on the subject.

Mr. Baldwin is principal of the
school at Webster. About four years
ago he purchased a farm of 80 acres
northwest of Webster and this farm
was regarded as very poor soil by the
farmers in that section of the country,
who had learned farming by the toll
of their hands and the sweat of their
brows since boyhood days. It was
predicted that Mr. Baldwin would never
make a success of his farm. The soil
was, it was said, too poor to raise
wheat.

Mr. Baldwin was not discouraged
by these predictions. Through the
advice given him through his books
he properly fertilized the soil, rotated
his crops scientifically and performed
other feats of agriculture unknown to
his