

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 Pros-
ecuted Witness.

"I was mad, in no sweet humor 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 jury 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 McLelland Darby.

Notwithstanding the admissions by both Gordon and McCool that they struck McLelland 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 stood on all sides that both Gordon and McCool would be acquitted for the lack of earnest prosecution. From all appearances 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 jurors 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 statement 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.—Patrolmen 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 taxation 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. Behind 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 SECURE BOND BUT WILL NOT ATTEMPT 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 Railroad 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 guilty 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 vicinity 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 Saucer, your sweetheart, 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 purpose 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. The young fellow seems to take his arrest in a philosophical 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 hay 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," he had 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 boys' 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 stimulate 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 materially to the success of the campaign 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 company. C. O. Fargo, route agent for the company, in this state, was in the city today. It is learned that the general superintendent 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 office 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 railroad man, was found wandering the streets Tuesday afternoon in an apparently 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 waiving 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 insane 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 not right that they should be kept there." Continuing, the sheriff stated that there are already eight insane men at the county jail and that 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 authorities 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; variable winds.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

—TUESDAY—
(July 9)

Total Circulation 6,710

Net Circulation 6,505

LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION.
LARGEST COUNTY CIRCULATION.
LARGEST RURAL ROUTE CIRCULATION.
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 a mother.

The funeral will occur at Spartanburg 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 government in the United States court today 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 interstate business. Small jobbers are said to be at the mercy of the trust.

As alternative in some cases the government asks for dissolution of the corporations and appointment of receivers. 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 secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

EIGHT CANDIDATES READY.

The Elks Will Have a Meeting of Interest Thursday.

A called meeting of Richmond lodge of Elks will be held Thursday evening. A class of eight candidates will be initiated. After the initiation, refreshments will be served.

ESTIMATE AT 18 BUSHEL.

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

GUESTS AT CENTERVILLE

Members of the Modern Woodmen 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 repast 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 neighboring 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 a 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 toil 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, it was said, was too poor to raise weeds on.

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 neighbors, who watched his efforts with wonder.

Proves Scientific Farming.

To make a long story short, Mr. Baldwin has proven to his neighbors that there is such a thing as scientific farming. He has made his farm one of the best producers in that section of the county and he now has an enviable bank account. During his last visit to this city Mr. Baldwin stated that since the first of the year his farm had netted him just \$1,052.59. His ledger on December 31 will show that the earnings from his eighty acres will amount to over \$2,000.

Mr. Baldwin, notwithstanding the fact that he has become a successful farmer, has not given up his school. Every day during the school season he walks from his farm to Webster and remains at the school throughout the day. He then walks back to his farm and puts in several weeks of practical agriculture, ceasing his labors when the shades of evening intervene. During the summer season Mr. Baldwin devotes his entire time to his farm and employees but few hands to assist him.

CALL WAS ACCEPTED
BY THE REV. DUNNWAY

Greensburg Minister Will Come
To Local Church.

CONGREGATION IS PLEASED

The Rev. Robt. H. Dunnaway of Greensburg, who was called to the Second Presbyterian church of this city recently, has forwarded his acceptance to the official board of the church, and will begin his active duties July 21. The members of the congregation are very much pleased that the Rev. Mr. Dunnaway has accepted the call to the local charge, and feel that he will make a successful pastor.

SURPRISE SPRUNG
BY THE DEFENSE;
HAYWOOD'S CASE

Announced That the Next Witness for the Accused Miner Will Be Charles H. Moyer, Miners' President.

STORY OF CONFESSION FULLY KNOCKED OUT.

Witnesses Testify Orchard Threatened to Kill Stuenen-berg Offered His Interest in Hercules Mine for Sale.

Boise, July 10.—The defense in the Haywood trial sprung a surprise today when it announced that the next witness for the accused miner would be Charles H. Moyer, thus bringing out clearly that the miner's president once for all refused to turn state's evidence for his freedom.

Preceding the expected testimony of Moyer, the defense brought forward witnesses, who swore that Orchard had made threats to kill Stuenenberg and he offered his interest in Hercules mine for sale in 1890.

Interest in the trial was revived when Moyer went on the stand today. He emphatically denied that he conspired with Haywood and Orchard to assassinate Stuenenberg. His examination will take all day.

Boise, Ida., July 10.—The defense in the Stuenenberg murder case Tuesday charged that Detective James McFarland was guilty of an attempt to manufacture testimony against William D. Haywood, but was unsuccessful in getting the basis and details of the charge before the court and jury.

Alva A. Swain, a newspaper correspondent, who represents the Pueblo Chieftain at Denver, was called to the stand and questioned as to a conversation he had with Detective McFarland in Denver last fall, Senator Borah for the state, objected to the conversation on the ground that no foundation had been laid for it.

Clarence Darrow, for the defense, who was examining Swain, explained that the testimony was offered for the purpose of showing that there existed a conspiracy between the Mine Owners and the Pinkertons to secure a conviction and execution of the prisoner. "McFarland approached this witness in an attempt to manufacture testimony," he declared, "and I believe we have a right to show it."

Swain's Testimony Wanted.
Judge Wood said there was nothing in the evidence that furnished the proper foundation for the introduction of such testimony and sustained the state's objection. The defense took an exception and said they would later make another attempt to secure the admission.

It is claimed by the defense that McFarland told Swain that he had a letter from Harry Orchard, saying that when Haywood paid him for the vindicator job he took him to one of the Denver banks to draw the money and that when they came out of the bank Swain was standing at the door and saw them. It is said that Swain told McFarland that he could not remember the incident, whereupon McFarland impressed him with the importance of it as evidence and significantly urged him to recall it and become a witness in the case.

Detective McFarland denies that he ever suggested anything improper to Swain. He says he got the letter as described by Orchard, who wrote that Swain was at the door of the bank on the day in question, there being a run on the bank and that he believed Swain might remember having seen them. He says that when he went to see Swain the latter said that he would not tell whether he remembered the incident or not and asked for another interview. McFarland declares that he there dropped the matter and did not again see Swain.

STRAWBERRIES ARE LATE

Record for Twenty Years Has
Been Broken.

The Kuth fruit farm delivered the last picking of strawberries of the season today. This is the latest delivery of strawberries on the market in 20 years. The raspberries are plentiful now and promise to be plentiful and of fine quality. Mr. Kuth delivered raspberries Tuesday to 40 different stores.

BAND CONCERTS AT GLEN.

They Will Be Given Every Sunday Afternoon Hereafter.

There will be a band concert Sunday afternoon at Glen Miller Park. It is expected there will be a large crowd present. There will be band concerts every Sunday afternoon throughout the summer.