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JUDGE AND CITIZEN.

The Telegram last night, mentioning the Taffe case, says among other things, "The indignant protest of Judge Bellinger against the raising of the verdict on the second trial from \$14,500 to \$17,500 without one scintilla of justification." Was there not? It seems to us that the jury had some justification for the raise, and that its verdict was an endorsement of the first verdict, and nothing more. The American jury generally tries to get at the rights of a matter, and administer strict and impartial justice, sometimes in the face of instructions from a technical judge.

The jury in the second trial might, and probably did, take into consideration the fact that the United States had forced Taffe to a second trial, had caused him additional costs and expenses, and raised the former verdict enough to cover it. The jury may have had no right to do this; that proposition we do not care to argue; but we submit that it is probably what it did do, and was correct in doing it.

Taffe is as square and straight a man as there is in the state of Oregon, and his offer to leave the matter of his damages to the decision of Judge Bellinger, showed the big-heartedness of the man. He thinks all men are built in his mold, and that by leaving the matter entirely to Judge Bellinger, who has been inimical to him, he would put him on his honor. The only mistake Taffe made was in forgetting that "little men of little souls rise up to buy and sell again." He will probably regret his action in turning the matter over to Judge Bellinger, for there are persons who cannot rise to that height where they can see or appreciate a noble action.

POVERTY—BUT GOLD.

The traveling correspondent of the London (England) Daily Mail writes to that journal as follows:

"There may be poverty in Rossland, and that, too, of the grim, ugly, mining camp sort; there may be more empty stomachs than coiled dollars and quarters; there may be shivering forms and much human misery; but there is—gold. The seedy looking man who comes in with a dozen ounces of ore from his new claim on Trail Creek may not have had any breakfast; but it is not improbable that he will have a dinner that would make a Roman glutton ashamed of his slim and slender orgies. Tomorrow that man will have sold his mine for \$5000 to a speculator, and the next day the speculator will be floating a company with \$1,000,000 capital. It is stupendous, this recklessness with which big figures are handled. Millions pass as easily through the lips of these seedy-looking men in Rossland as units. The town is full of sharks and speculators; there is much lying and cozening and hundreds of thousands of pounds are invested, which may prove to be as good as thrown into the sea. But after all, this fact remains: Rossland is the metropolis of a nearly inexhaustible gold-bearing country, and Rossland today is the greatest gold copper camp on the face of the earth."

The salmon run is still very light; but it is thought that as soon as the river falls a little and begins to get clear, the run will commence. In conversation with a prominent canneryman a short time ago he stated that the canneries were losing fifty cents on each case of salmon packed; that the price was down on account

of the Alaska fish, which cost but little, and with which the Columbia canneries were forced to compete. The only thing possible, he claimed, to permit the canneries to run was a lower price for fish. While not speaking for the canneries, he expressed the opinion that when the fish began to run the price would drop to three cents, as above that canning was a losing business. He also thought the fishermen would strike. "But," said he, "it is better for us to allow our plants to remain idle, than to operate them at a loss. The fishermen have a cannery of their own, and this will soon convince them that the price of fish must come down, or the canneries close."

The United States senate does not seem to care a penny whether Corbett is seated or not, his case not even being considered worthy of consideration. It must be trying on the old gentleman to be kept cooling his shins in the corridors while that vacant chair stands so invitingly near. This thing ought not to be thus; the senate should take him in hand and ship him home.

Some Other Morning.

"We have had a dispute," said the boarding-house proprietor, as Strapely took his seat at the breakfast table.

"Indeed," said Strapely, corralling the butter.

"Yes; I said you were six weeks behind in your board, and Mr. Bean says you're ahead. Will you settle it?"

"Not this morning," replied Strapely, —Yonkers Statesman.

It's Different Then.

"They say," he said, "that talk is cheap."

"I've heard such statements made." "But I venture to say," and the speaker grew very earnest, "that the man who made it never had occasion to consult a lawyer professionally."

They were all agreed upon the proposition. —Chicago Post.

It Was Settled.

"By the way," asked the former resident of the village, "did Jones and Smith ever get that dispute settled as to which one owned that strip of land?"

"O, yes; that was settled some time ago."

"And who got it?" "I forget the lawyer's name." —Up-to-Date.

Future Will Bring Revenge.

"Papa is a jeweler, you know," she said, petulantly, "and he tells me that the engagement ring you gave me is filled."

"I presume so, for I bought it at his store. But you can depend on me to get even in time, darling!" —Detroit Free Press.

Absent-Minded.

A professor (after having been absorbed for hours in a pile of rare manuscripts)—Let me see, I was going to do something—what the deuce was I going to do, anyway? (After thinking half an hour.) Oh, yes, now I remember, I wanted to go to bed. —Fillegende Blätter.

Taking Orders.

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