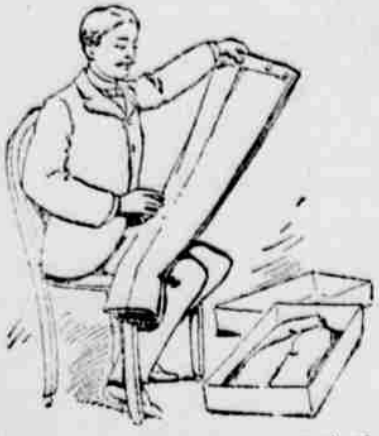


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MURDER TRIALS.

It has cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to convict Roland Molineux of the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams, and the case will still prove a burden to the taxpayers of New York state. It has become a popular pastime, apparently, to prolong murder trials to a point where the story of the crime has passed out of public mind and the infliction of punishment conveys little warning to society. Indeed, the notorious trials have almost without exception resulted in a partial change of sentiment, and one of the features of final proceedings is a mammoth petition praying the governor or president to pardon a malefactor who is entitled to no sympathy and little mercy.

That a man accused of crime is entitled to a fair trial goes without saying, but the fact that society is also entitled to fair treatment seems to have been forgotten. Is it fair that the trial of a man who murders another by sending poison through the mails should cost taxpayers nearly a quarter of a million dollars? Is it just that the case should drag along for months and other accused men, some guilty, a few innocent, be held in jail awaiting the slow process of law? The errors seem to lie in the wide latitude given attorneys for prosecution and defense and the lack of power vested in judges. Instead of compelling the submission of every fact bearing on the guilt or innocence of an accused man, it now appears to be the sole duty of judges to umpire disputes between the opposing lawyers. The force of law is destroyed by such exhibitions in court and the ends of justice are not altogether served when the criminal is punished.

Can one deny that the twelve men who gave a verdict against Molineux are so dense that a week's time could fail to convince them of the guilt or innocence of the defendant? Witnesses were at hand, handwriting experts were prepared to curtail their observations if it had been the custom to do so, and the prosecution and defense had ample time to prepare their lines of attack. There is no mercy shown the jurymen, who frequently become ill, lose their sleep and are compelled to neglect their business because of the complicated and senseless machinery of law which permits dragging out the agony of a murder trial.

Instead of burdening the statute books with laws which permit the employment of trivial technicalities, legislatures should apply themselves to a simplification of practice before the bar, whether in criminal or civil cases. If a murderer were tried,

sentenced and executed within a month from the time his crime came to light the effect on other ruffians would be most beneficial to society at large.—Spokesman—Review.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer makes sport of the Evergreen and other "silver Republicans," as follows: "The people who style themselves silver Republicans are in a state of demoralizing uncertainty, being unable to determine whether their organization is a political orphan, a nonentity, a reminiscence, a fifth wheel to a coach or 'the remains' lying in state."

The important feature of Henry Watterson's denunciation of the Taylor government in Kentucky is his omission to express any opinion as to who was elected governor at the last election, very appropriately remarks an exchange. He knows Taylor was elected governor. That is the point in which the country is interested, or ought to be interested.

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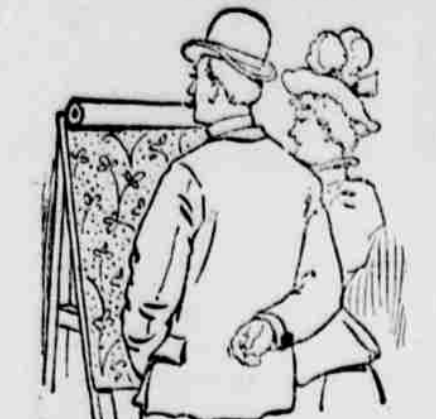
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