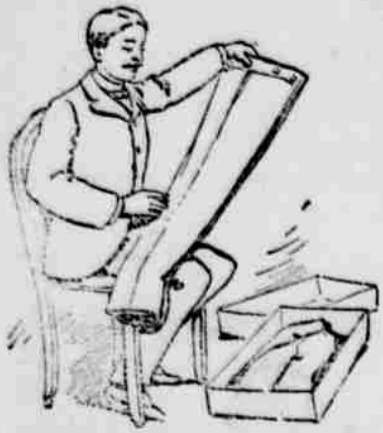


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THE CASE OF OTIS SAVAGE.

The decision of the supreme court of Oregon in the case of State vs. Otis Savage, may be strictly in accordance with the established rules of law, although we think the general opinion among lawyers familiar with the questions involved has been that the judgment of the lower court would be reversed. But be the legal questions what they may, we are confident the result does not subserve the true end of justice.

The crime of which Otis Savage was accused was committed in October, 1894; he was tried at the November term, 1894, of the circuit court; he appealed to the supreme court and filed his brief within the time required by the rules; the state neglected to take the steps necessary to enable the supreme court to hear the case until a few months ago. In this case the "law's delay" was in no way due to the defendant.

Whatever Savage may have been, or whatever may have been his connection with the robbery of the express office, his conduct since his trial has been free from criticism; a mere boy when his case was tried, he has grown to manhood while waiting the state's pleasure to prepare his case for trial; and from his every appearance has suffered already long and much at the hands of the law and will enter upon his term in the penitentiary broken in health and physically unfitted for the penalty. If he merited the judgment of the court he has already learned the lesson the law would teach.

That he as a man, in whose life during the past six years the community has found nothing to criticize, should have to endure the four years confinement in the penitentiary for something done while a boy, does not appeal very strongly to the ordinary man's sense of justice.

We have no sympathy for the man of mature years who will violate the law; but this case will excite the sympathy of all fair-minded men who believe that the laws are made to reform and not for purposes of revenge.

The Oregonian says that the applause was greatest at the Bryan meeting in Salem Wednesday when a good bit was made by the speaker against President McKinley or Mark Hanna, says the Independent West Side. Well, it is quite natural for an audience to keep in touch with the speaker by cheering when he attacks the man or men who defeated him; but why should the Oregonian call special attention to the fact that the president's political opponents think more of the man for whom they voted once and will vote again,

than of him? Why does the Oregonian hold up its sore toe and ask people to weep with it every time the name of President McKinley is mentioned? 'Tis true that Bryan men who were no doubt in the majority—though perhaps not largely so—in that meeting did cheer when the speaker denounced President McKinley and the Republican manager, but we will leave it to any member of that vast throng to say whether the loudest, longest, most energetic and whole-souled cheering was not done when the speaker asserted that some measure he was denouncing was so rotten that even the Oregonian could not support it. That was a statement that caused men of every political color to grow red in the face with enthusiasm.

The statistician of the department of agriculture has completed his annual estimate of the number and value of livestock farms. Returns from more than fifty thousand correspondents show that on January 1 there were on the farms of the United States 13,537,524 horses, 2,086,077 mules, 16,292,360 milk cows, 27,610,154 other cattle, and 41,883,065 sheep. This is an increase of 127,783 in the number of horses, of 48,186 in that of mules, and of 384,151 in that of cattle other than milk cows. On the other hand, there is an increase of 302,245 in the number of milk cows, and of 2,768,612 in that of sheep. There has been an increase in value during the year averaging \$7.21 per head in the case of horses, \$8.60 in that of mules, \$1.94 per head in that of milk cows, \$2.18 per head in that of other cattle, and 18 cents per head in that of sheep. This represents a total increase in value during the year of nearly 210,000,000, exclusive of a manifestly considerable, but not definitely ascertained, increase in the value of swine. The total increase in the value of farm animals of the United States during the last three years exceeds \$570,000,000.

The Oregonian clearly understands that the whole Republican principle of protection is involved in this Puerto Rican tariff bill. Speaking with reference to the stubborn struggle administration Republicans are making for the bill, it says: "It is as hard for the Republican party to let go of protection as it was for the Democratic party to let go of slavery. Yet the former is as clearly an economic evil as the latter was—though it lacks some of the grosser evils on the moral side." We recommend these words to Republicans who, ignorantly or otherwise, follow the leadership of the big daily in its battle for free trade with all the world, through the defeat of the Puerto Rican tariff bill.

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