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How a Missouri Governor Greeted Patti.

Imitated Franklin's Salutation to Marie Antoinette—Colonel Pat Dyer's Queer Petition—Law Cases Not Always Dry as Dust—Judge Hunt and the Rumseller—Coolness of a Defendant—How a Tough's Flippancy Was Punished—Armed Neutrality.

[Copyright, 1902, by Champ Clark.] There is a legend to the effect that when Benjamin Franklin was minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary to the court of Versailles and was introduced to the beautiful and unfortunate Queen Marie Antoinette and she extended her hand to be kissed, as is usual in such cases, sly old Ben astonished her and her courtiers by clasping her in his arms and planting on her royal lips a kiss that resounded throughout the world. I confess I have always regarded that osculatory story as apocryphal.

However that may be, one of Missouri's governors indulged in one kiss which was discussed universally in Missouri and somewhat throughout the country. Governor Crittenden's most celebrated act while in the gubernatorial chair was breaking up the James gang, for which he was both extravagantly praised and unmercifully abused. His second most celebrated act was more in the nature of comedy than tragedy. Whether he had ever heard of Franklin's epistle with the consort of Louis XVI, I am not informed. At any rate, he closely imitated the captor of the lightning on one occasion. "He was in the flower of his years when he was introduced to the 'divine Patti,'" and before she knew what the handsome governor was up to he gave her a kiss which excited debate from Iowa to Arkansas and from the Mississippi to the mouth of the raging Kaw.

Lawyers Not All Somber. Some folks have an idea that a lawyer to be of any account must be long faced and somber countenanced. Of such tenacity and force is this theory that Tom Corwin, the greatest humorist that ever appeared on the American hustings or at the American bar, in his old age when delivering a lecture to a law class was constrained to say (no doubt speaking from bitter experience): "Young men, if you desire a reputation for wisdom, never joke; be as solemn as an ass!" Likewise Proctor Knott declares that his famous Duluth speech, which set all mankind to laughing, ruined his influence in congress as a lawyer. People were always expecting something funny from the brilliant Kentuckian.

Many others have concluded erroneously that the practice of law is altogether dry and that court papers are as devoid of humor as is the Great Sahara of water. This is not true, however. A Rare Trio of Names. Among the files of the Pike county circuit court is a petition written by ex-Congressman Colonel Pat Dyer for Colonel Pat Donnan and Colonel Ethan Allen completely crushing the dry as dust theory. Pat Donnan, Pat Dyer and Ethan Allen—a trio of names rarely equaled in this world. This Ethan Allen is not the Revolutionary hero who, according to the historical works, demanded the surrender of Fort Mifflin, deroga "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental congress." By the way, some iconoclast has recently proved that he used no such magnificent language, but what he really said to the British commanding officer was, "You darned old rat, come out of that hole!" This Ethan Allen is the pleasant journalist up in Lafayette county. Donnan, as is well known, was while in Missouri a bloodthirsty and irreconcilable "rebel" long after the Confederate banner was furled forever and Confederate soldiers were pursuing the paths of peace. He once published a lurid account of "the Palmyra massacre" and swore by all that was holy that he intended to republish it with increasing luridness on every anniversary of that bloody event. Suddenly he removed to the hyperborean regions of Dakota and just as suddenly blossomed out as a stalwart Republican and performed the repentant prodigal son act with great eclat to audiences of the truly loyal. For awhile he created a tremendous uproar in his new role, but recently he has dropped completely out of sight. However, he once employed Colonel Dyer as his attorney, and here is the petition, which deserves a place in Disraeli's "Curiosities of Literature."

A Remarkable Petition.

"Pat Donnan and Ethan Allen, plaintiffs, versus the Louisiana and Missouri River Railroad company, defendant; in the Pike county circuit court, fall term, 1873. "Plaintiffs state that in 1870 and 1871 they were and have ever since continued to be copartners in business under the firm name and style of Donnan & Allen; that said firm was and is engaged in publishing what is known as the Lexington Caucasian, a newspaper (so called) printed and published at Lexington, Mo.; that the chief editor of said paper, to wit, Pat Donnan, is an unwashed and unregenerate rebel, in favor of a 'white man's government,' opposed to negro suffrage and all other similar and modern improvements and is and has been in favor of the repudiation of the national debt, a debt contracted for the purpose of saving the nation from the hands of said editor and his codefendants; that said editor in chief was also in the year 1872 in favor of the election of Slias Woodson as governor of Missouri, but that the said editor is at this time much disaffected toward his excellency the said governor and has duly repented (the first time in his life) in sackcloth and ashes for his want of judgment and discretion in that regard; that notwithstanding all these things were well known to the defendant and had been by it duly considered, the said plaintiffs at the special instance and request of said defendant did and performed certain work and labor and furnished materials for the same to said defendant, as will more fully appear by an account herewith filed, marked 'Exhibit A,' and made a part of this petition. Plaintiffs state that the balance claimed in said account, to wit, the sum of \$50, with interest, is due them and unpaid, for which, with costs of suit, attorney's fees and a railroad pass, they ask judgment. "Attorney for Plaintiffs."

Judge Hunt and Sam Maiden.

There perhaps never was any community on earth in which more amusing things have happened than in Pike county, Mo. Hon. Ezra Hunt, who for many years was judge of the famous "Pike circuit," was celebrated for his urbanity and dignity no less than for his learning and judicial ability. Once upon a time there was pending in his court an indictment against one Samuel Maiden for selling whisky without a license. Maiden was quite a character in his way. In due time and with fitting solemnity his honor called the case of "the state of Missouri versus Samuel Maiden." There was no response. Again and with rather more emphasis the judge repeated, "The state of Missouri versus Samuel Maiden!" Still no answer. By this time the court was slightly nettled and with some tartness said: "The state versus Sam Maiden! Who represents the defendant? What shall be done with the case?" This brought Maiden to his feet. He arose in the rear of the courtroom and thus made reply, "Jedge, if you are willin', we'll jest let that case drop." At first there was a deathlike silence, and then the shout of merriment that ascended from bar and spectators was like the voice of many waters. The sheriff hammered his desk and shouted "Order! Order!" until he was red in the face, but there was no order, at least for several minutes. Punishing a Tough. In the great brood of her aspiring sons which Missouri has sent to the far west to gather political laurels in new fields Judge Andrew Jefferson Seay of Kingfisher, O. T., is one of the most unique and interesting characters. His name will be preserved in history, however, more by one of his defeats than by any of his victories, for he had the distinction of being beaten for congress by "Silver Dick" Bland in Bland's first race. Colonel Seay has been both judge of the supreme court and governor of the nascent commonwealth of which he is now a distinguished private citizen and from which he is a United States senator in posse. Governor Seay is not only a soldier, statesman and jurist, but he is also considerable of a wit. Once while holding court at El Reno some tough character was before him for trial, and Seay sentenced him to

BENEFITS OF HORSE SHOWS

They Stimulate the Production of Better Animals and Raise Prices. Within recent years the development of horse shows, east, west, north and south, has become remarkable. Having their greatest encouragement in the east, they gradually spread to the larger western cities, and they have now become so prevalent as to be annual events in the cities of all sections. It is generally thought that these are merely fashionable events intended for the display and recreation of those having little to do with the active business of life, but says the New England Homestead, a deeper study of the subject will show that these exhibitions have a marked influence on the development of our horse breeding interests. When the racing calendar was established some hundreds of years ago, running horses were given an impetus which in turn reacted on the thoroughbred horse to such a degree as to make it, without exception, the leading breed of horses, and thus untold good was accomplished for the thoroughbred interests. Later, with the establishment of trotting races earlier in the century and the publication of the year book giving the records made, the trotting horse was brought to the front, and as a result it occupies at this time a more prominent place among the breeds of our light horses. The horse shows seem to offer the same stimulus to the harness race that has been given to the others. The horse show as it is conducted becomes an object lesson to the people of cities who use horses as to the proper appointments and the right type of horse that should go with them. Two or three successful horse shows in a city are usually sufficient to start the improvement. It leads some one who has a preference for horses of this kind to invest in an unusually attractive pair, which in turn stimulates the emulation of other lovers of horses, and in the course of a year or so the character of the equipages of the city becomes markedly changed for the better. This has been noticed in a great many cases and invariable follows properly conducted shows. While these results at first consideration do not seem to have direct application to the horse industry of our farmers, yet they materially stimulate the production of a high class harness horse in every section of the country. These horses which have come to the city as a result of the horse show have been secured by the dealers, who have spent some time in training and manning them for city use. The dealers, in turn, have bought them from the farmers, and it seems reasonable to suppose that, with the increasing demand for this type of horse, there must follow a better price.

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Armed Neutrality. At the beginning of the civil war the people of Pike county were as badly divided as any in the state. Among the most enthusiastic and prominent Union men was Colonel George W. Anderson, an ex-Tennessean, subsequently a state senator and most successful lawyer and financier. He was a very excitable sort of man and very sincere in his affections for Confederates. Of all the futile policies ever dreamed of perhaps the "armed neutrality" fad of Kentucky and Missouri leads the list. How sensible men could have indulged in such a vain hope as that passeth all comprehension, but many did, some in good faith and others understanding full well how ridiculous it was. Not to be behind their neighbors, the Pikers held a meeting at Bowling Green early in 1861 and passed ringing resolutions in favor of "armed neutrality."

Colonel Anderson was one of the principal orators. He was the chief orator in any assembly in which he appeared. Colonel Gatewood presided. After the meeting had adjourned Colonel Gatewood took Colonel Anderson out under a tree and in his shrill tenor voice said, "George, what in the deuce does this armed neutrality mean, anyhow?" Anderson replied in his deep bass: "Jupiter! It means guns for the Union men and none for the rebels!" And in the light of subsequent events who can say that Colonel Anderson's prognostication was wrong? CHAMP CLARK.

Veterinary

Crude Benumant oil applied externally will positively remove ticks from cattle, according to Farm and Ranch, published at Dallas, Tex. This remedy will not only kill the ticks, but will keep them off the cattle for some time, long enough to enable the owner to move them to points above the quarantine. It requires about three quarts of oil to each animal. It can be successfully applied with mops, it first being necessary to rope and throw the animal. This crude oil affords a sure, safe remedy for ticks. It should be used on all ticky cattle two or three times a year. Ticky cattle are hard to fatten—in fact, cannot be made fat as long as they are covered with ticks. It will pay farmers and stockmen to keep the ticks off their cattle even though they do not care to cross them over the quarantine line. For Calf Cholera. In referring to the subject of calf cholera Professor W. L. Carlisle, professor of animal husbandry of the Wisconsin experiment station, says that one teaspoonful of zeoleum in a quart of milk given to the calf through a long necked bottle is an effective and positive cure within thirty-six hours. The dose should be repeated each four hours. In some cases the desired result has been obtained in twenty-four hours, and in no case has it failed. To Remove Blood Warts. To remove a blood wart from a horse tie, when possible, a small cord tightly around base of wart. If this treatment is not possible, then touch the wart about once a week with nitric acid. Treatment For Worms in Sheep. Four turpentine upon salt in the proportion of one pint to a gallon. Keep this before the sheep for a week, says Dr. H. P. Miller in Ohio Farmer. The next week substitute gentian for the turpentine and the following week a pound of dried sulphate of iron mixed with a gallon of bran and a quart of this mixture given daily to a hundred head for a week. The turpentine should then be repeated. Tartar emetic and santonine are each effective vermifuges and should be given in daily doses of fifteen grains for a week when one of them is employed. Remember that one treatment is not proof against an after invasion. But if the flock is once entirely freed from them and placed upon a fresh pasture where no sheep have been the present season there will be no further trouble. Treatment For Cracked Heels. Do not wash the horse's feet in water or let them get wet often than can be avoided while under treatment and use the following: One ounce of chloride of zinc and one ounce of tannic acid and one quart of water. Shake well and moisten the parts twice a day and cover over with soft woolen bandages applied loosely. Curiosities of Superstition. When Egypt was in the height of her power, when she was most highly civilized and delighted in being called the "mistress of the land and sea," her people worshipped a black bull. There was some discrimination, however, even in this form of worship. In order to be an object of mad adoration it was necessary that the bull calf be born with a circular white spot in the exact center of his forehead, and the advent of such a creature in any herd was the signal of wild demonstrations from the Mediterranean to the border of the Lybian desert. Even as late as the time of Cleopatra, "star eyed goddess, glorious sorceress of the Nile," such animals were shod with gold and had their horns tipped with the same metal. Herodotus tells of a man who died with grief because he sold a cow that soon after became the mother of a black bull calf marked with the sacred white circle in his forehead. His Own Mother Didn't Know Him. The following anecdote is told by a young Englishman, who says: "I was coming home from India on leave of absence. The ship did not arrive for some days after it was due. My twin brother Ben had come up to receive me, and our aged mother was very nervous. "One morning, after she had undergone several disappointments because of the ship's delay, I rushed into her room, saying, 'Oh, mother, how are you?' Her answer was: 'No, Benjamin, it's a bad joke. You know how anxious I am for Alfred.' It was some time before I could convince my mother that I was her son Alfred, who had been away so long, and not my twin brother Ben, playing a joke on her."

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