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AVERAGING A VERDICT.

Some Insight into the Deprivations of the Jury System.

There seems to be a kind of one-horse effort now being made by the enemies of the jury system to do away with it, and thus leave us with the national fabric tottering to its very foundation. There can be nothing in the whole mechanism of a free republic more important and necessary to the success of national security than the jury system, a system which not only gives every American citizen the right to submit his grievances to a panel of twelve enlightened peers, but which insures to each juror \$2 a day and board, with a period of mental calm and intellectual rest which is priceless as a soother and tranquilizer to the invalid who generally sits on a jury by advice of his physician instead of filling his system full of opiates. Sea air and a change of scene of course are good, but give us the sweet, untroubled sleep of a jurymen as a health-promoter by all means in place of the expensive sea voyage and the high-priced foreign hotel.

William H. Root was giving us his experience this morning on a Chicago jury, showing how the free, unfettered love of even-handed justice is ever burning in the breast of the true American juror, even in Chicago.

"I was impeached," said William, sadly, "in a damage case there one time. I most always fixed it so as to be drawn on jury when other avenues to employment seemed closed, and sometimes I would make \$35 to \$40 a day, according to the nature of the case. People have widely different notions about the market value of a substantial justice. Some are willing to pay a fair commission to the poor juror, and others are timid and reserved about putting up.

"This was a case where a little kid had stuck his foot through a defective sidewalk and injured the sciatic nerve so that the leg was paralyzed and the boy, sure enough, a cripple for life.

"Suit was brought for \$10,000, and it was proved up all right and a good case, but we had the blakety, blanketed cosmopolitan jury you ever saw.

"We had a Polander that couldn't speak a word of English, a deaf man from Oshkosh and a half-witted cuss from Blue Island. Then there was a one-eyed man from the rhubarbs, who had to be waked up with a chair for meals. There was also a Norwegian on the jury who hadn't been in this country very long, and didn't know a verdict from a porous plaster.

"The whole mob was about the most ornery and trifling aggregation of unprejudiced intellect you ever saw. The first thing we did was to disagree.

"It was the afternoon before Christmas that they locked us in with two over-worked spittoons, a volume of Greenleaf on Evidence and a work on medical jurisprudence. We looked at the pictures in the medical work, read aloud a few pages on the rule regulating the verdict in cases of manslaughter and malicious tapeworm, and then took a ballot.

"It stood all the way from \$50 up to \$10,000. We voted till 3 o'clock Christmas morning, and then I got mad. We had exhausted all the stories we knew, and argued and cussed and swore, but the vote stood just the same every pop. Finally I took the 'Colonel' to one side and made a proposition to him. The Colonel was the only man on the jury (except me) that seemed to know what the jury was for. Most of the outfit seemed to think a jury was impeached

mostly to disagree and draw their per diem.

"The Colonel nodded and said that was all right when I conferred with him, and I arose to address the free, enlightened, unprejudiced and illiterate jury of my country.

"I said, 'Now gentlemen, you are aware that we seem to be divided considerably on the question. We are now beginning on the Christmas holidays with about \$9,000 between the two extremes of this jury. I see no way of arriving at a conclusion until after the usual Christmas festivities are over. In a few hours the Court will be raking hot stuffing out of the open countenance of a baked turkey and asking the various guests whether they will take some of the light or some of the dark meat, while we are here eating bologna sausage and Rip Van Winkle cheese. Before night the counsel on both sides will be so drunk that they can't get home without a directory and a posse comitatus while we are drinking cistern water and ruining our health. I propose that we put on our ballots the amount of damage we are individually in favor of, and then we will add the whole gosh blasted thing up and divide it by twelve. That will be the measure of damages and the verdict.

"They greeted my proposition with applause.

"When the votes were examined they found that the Polander had voted as usual, and so had everybody but the Colonel and me. We voted 840,000 apiece. That brought the average up to \$6,000 for the cripple.

"We made out a verdict, signed her, called in the bailiff, submitted our decision, wished each other a merry Christmas and went home.

"Oh, I tell you, you can't abolish the jury system. It's one of the abutments upon which rests the structure of freedom and equity and all those things. If you bust the jury system you'll have to abolish also three-card monte and other games of chance. I tell you Americans will not be denied this kind of mental relaxation. It's about all the fun we have."—*Boomerang.*

Fog Signals.

The loss of the steamer Rhode Island on Bonnet Point, Narragansett bay, has developed the fact that fog signals are uncertain guides for mariners. It was claimed that the loss of the vessel was due to the negligence of the light keeper in sounding the fog signal. It was subsequently proved, however, that the signal was in full operation during the entire time in question and should have been plainly heard twice or three times as far from the light house as the point where the disaster occurred. The investigation that followed the disaster proved that the variability of sound is great. One of the fog signals experimented with having an ordinary range of twenty miles, could not be heard a quarter of a mile away, while distinctly audible at the same time at its utmost range, a phenomenon accounted for in different ways by scientists. The fact remains that the sound of a fog whistle may be inaudible near its location, while at the same time it is distinctly heard at a greater distance, disappearing further off again to be plainly heard at its farthest range of sound, also that the sound may be clearly heard in the rigging of a vessel when inaudible from the deck. Such phenomena prove that fog signals are not to be greatly depended upon, and the complaint frequently heard that light keepers are negligent, may be, in some cases at least, due to this cause.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Is it worth while that we jostle a brother, bearing his load on the rough road of life? Is it worth while that we jeer at each other in blackness of heart that we war in the knife? God pity us all in our pitiful strife. God pity us all as we jostle each other; God pardon us all for the triumphs we feel.

When a fellow goes down 'neath his load on the heather, Pierced to the heart: words are keener than steel, And mightier far for woe than for weal.

Were it not well, in this brief little journey On over the isthmus, down into the tide, We give him a fish instead of a serpent, Ere folding the hands to be and abide Forever and aye in the dust at his side?

Look at the roses saluting each other; Look at the berries all at peace on the plain— Man, and man only, makes war on his brother, And laughs in his heart at his peril and pain; Shamed by the beasts that go down on the plain.

Is it worth while that we battle to humiliate Some poor fellow down into the dust? God pity us all! Time oft soon will tumble All of us together, like leaves in a gust, Humbled, indeed, down into the dust.

Must go Whole or Not at All

The New York Tribune undoubtedly echoed the Eastern sentiment when it gave expression to the following:

"A bill for the admission of all Dakota as one state ought to pass, and it might easily be put through the present Congress. But any bill which contemplates the admission of half the territory will have little chance of passing. There will be grave objections to such a bill, and party lines will not be strictly regarded when it comes up for consideration. There is no reason for the division of Dakota which would not apply with equal force to the division of California and Texas whenever the people of those states should demand it. In point of population the southern half of Texas, which it is proposed to admit as a state, is deficient. It has less than the ratio which would entitle it to one congressman, and there would be strong objections, the force of which could not be broken, to the admission of any new state while it should have less than one congressman's ratio. But these objections would be removed if the application for admission should be made on behalf of the whole territory. The division of Dakota is the worst possible recommendation of the bill for the admission of the territory as a state. United, the Democrats can hardly keep it out; divided, it will probably not get in for several years."

The same argument holds good in Washington territory. The great states are not willing to admit us to equal influence in the United States Senate with them on our present population. Divide the territory in two, and we will remain a territory for twenty years. We had in 1880 75,110 inhabitants. We have to-day possibly 85,000. With northern Idaho we may have 100,000. Certainly, we have no more. Our hope of admission rests upon three things—the prior admission of Dakota, a Republican congress, and a united, persistent demand. The Olympia and Walla Walla cries for territorial division are contemptibly selfish, and have for their sole aim in the one case to retain the capital and in the other to secure the location of the new capital that would be established in the new territory. With these purposes the people generally have no sympathy. Let us continue

appealing to Congress as in the past, for the admission of the state of Washington, not only unbroken, but with northern Idaho annexed.—S. P. I.

Christmas Turkey.

Call at Central Market for the best of turkeys, geese, chickens, fruits and vegetables, etc., for Christmas and New Year.

"Rough on Rats."

The thing desired found at last. Ask Druggists for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, bed-bugs, lice, boxes.

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Will receive orders at the store of J. W. Case for upper Astoria or any other part of the city. Leave your orders on the state and they will be promptly attended to.

Skinny Men.

Wells' Health Renewer. Absolute cure for that sick child suffering from the generative functions. Sold at druggists Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.

Notice to the Ladies.

Switches, curls and frizzes made from combings or cut hair. Call on or address Wm. CHESHAM, Occident hair dressing saloon, Astoria, Oregon.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depended upon it there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the best and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

Peruvian Bitters.

Chelona Ribera. The Count Chelona was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1620. The Countess, his wife, was prostrated by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinaquina." Grateful for her recovery, on her return to Europe in 1622, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnaeus called it Chelona, in honor of the lady who had brought them that which was more precious than the gold of the Indies. To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given us nothing to take its place. It effectually cures a malarial fever for almost all cases, restores the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as it does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Chelona is preserved in the Peruvian Bitters, which are as effective against malarial fever to-day as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroys. We guarantee the ingredients of these bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it.

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I have just received the finest assortment of fancy goods in my line ever brought to Astoria, consisting of perfumery cases, bottles, soaps, toilet cases, fine perfumery, fancy soaps, combs, brushes, hand glasses, and toilet articles of all kinds—splendid presents for the holidays. Call and examine goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere, at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel, Astoria, Oregon.



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Just received per steamer Columbia, a fine lot of eastern oysters, which will be served up in first class style at Roscoe, Occident block.

Take Notice.

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Eastern Oysters.

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