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"SUNSET" COX'S FIRST LAW CASE.

In the year 1845 a friendly contest arose in Cincinnati between another gentleman and myself, which we mutually agreed to have tried in court, each employing his own counsel. The amount at issue was \$25.

Little Sam Cox, as he was then called, and by which name alone I knew him, was a lad about 15 years old, a law student in the office of Vachel Woodrington. He was a slender little fellow, working hard as an office boy to pay the expenses of his education; and everybody was his friend. I determined, partly in the spirit of fun, and partly to test the boy's capabilities, to employ him as my counsel. I made him well acquainted with the character of the case (a trial for debt), and the trial was to be had before old Judge D. T. Smallbeck. Little Sam worked like a Trojan to master the proper points, sitting up late at night to consult legal authorities, in which he had the assistance of Stanley Matthews, now Supreme Judge of the United States; and at the convening of the court, he was ready for action, with legal guns well shot.

Witnesses were called and examined. My opponent strove hard, with counsel, to win, and Little Sam was not a whit behind him in his efforts. His points, tersely and precisely presented, met every argument that was made by opponent. The boy's dream of ambition reared him on in the struggle. When his turn came to sum up the evidence and make his maiden plea, he entered upon it with a little timidity at first; but this he gradually threw off, until he came to his spread eagle peroration. As nearly as memory will serve and with help of my notes, it was as follows:

"Your Honor! I demand for my client only simple justice! If you refuse him this you violate every rule of jurisprudence—rules as old as jurisprudence itself—which have been left undisturbed by the storms of fate since the day when Cain slew Abel, planted his foot upon English soil, after the conquest of Gaul, since the day when the first Indian explored the western wilds of Ohio. Why, sir, refuse justice to my client and you will shake the tabernacle of his soul, and cause him to tremble for the destinies of his country. Your honor, the case is as clear as the sun at noonday, when its beams penetrate like shafts of living light, down to the bottom of the slumbering sea. The effulgence of that heavenly orb can fathom the profoundest depths of the human heart, and open wide its portals that we may read its secret workings.

"Clear as that crystal sun, the mind of man penetrates the deep recesses of the brain, where are opened wide to his prophetic vision thoughts which enable him to look into the sealed book of fate, and as he turns over the leaves of that misty volume—mildewed by the breath of time—leaves which have been sealed to the gaze of man since creation's earliest dawn, he half expects to hear the voices of oracles of the departed ages! Casting his mind's eye still backward, he beholds the trillions and quadrillions of human beings that have passed away, and prophetic vision sees the untold billions of billions yet to come—all of whom had, and all will have, bright hopes and aspirations, fully equal to our own, and all uttering the universal cry of 'justice!'

"Justice, your honor, blended with mercy, should be set in a diamond high as the midnight heavens, and surrounded by a halo of brightest planets, there, in letters of living light, to shine perpetually, in the sun, moon and stars, in their regular round, to pay obedience and bow in devotion to those talismanic words, 'justice and mercy.'

"Sir, the heathen Hottentot and the American savage have those heavenly attributes engrafted upon every principle of life and action. They behold it in the sun, moon and stars; they hear it in every wind that blows. It will be the Magna Charta of all generations of men. Why, sir, inspirations and poetry spring from thoughts of justice and mercy; for blended with these is the poetry of the heavens, when in the gorgeousness of light, the sun proclaims, voiced as with a golden lyre, the powers of the stars, at night, when the moon and stars give forth, in silvery accents, the same adoring hymn. In these we find the poetry of the sea, when it speaks in rippled measure of thunders in the voice of its own resounding billows, or in the storm, or in green fields, in waving woods and delightful gardens.

"Your honor, justice is what I demand from you, that justice which France for fifteen years, when he held her to his bosom, in the dreadful strife which desolated her—held her there, pillowed upon justice. Why, sir, thoughts fly through my brain in numbers, like as blades of grass upon our boundless western prairies—thick as the hosts of Lucifer when he marshaled his forces upon these shores to attack the angels—in numbers as many as the autumnal leaves that strew the rippled brooks on my own classic Muskingum.

With this, in part his maiden speech, the young lawyer crowded the audience and court spellbound for more than an hour, and when it was concluded cheers upon cheers ran through that old justice hall such as were never heard there before, and little Sam was the hero of the hour.

His opponent arose and simply stated to the court that as Cox had fairly covered the grounds upon both sides of the case he had nothing to say, except that he knew that his honor would decide the cause by the strict rule of justice.

It required but a moment for the court to render its decision. It was: "Judgment in full for the amount claimed by the plaintiff and costs to be paid by the defendant." The sum at issue and costs were at once paid, and all present, including the judge, the officers of the court and defendant and counsel, were invited by the plaintiff to walk over to the Galt house to partake of a basket of cham-

pagne of choicest vintage. Many were the toasts drunk to little Sam Cox. When the time came for parting, Cox was asked what his fee was. With blushing modesty and timidity he asked: "Is \$5 too much?" "I remember well with what a frown I regarded him for a moment. "Young man," said I, "you will never make a lawyer; you do not know even the first principle of the profession. You don't know how to charge. Here, take the whole amount awarded by the court."

"This I placed in his hand, and it was his first fee as a lawyer.—John A. Doble, in Washington Star.

Ireland's Losses.

The Irish papers are disseminating the recent census returns in a bitter spirit. The Dublin Spirit has an article entitled "Blood to Death," in which it says: "The life blood of Ireland is being drained by vampires. Every one who has any interest in the country must gird his loins against this murderous union. The extermination of the Irish people has long been the traditional aim of the British rulers. The present executioner's will is set on actively promoting the murderous system which has robbed the country of five or six millions of people."

United Ireland devotes an article to the same subject, which it entitles "Killing a Nation by Inches." It says: "For all practical purposes Ireland is suffering a more awful drain of manhood than if engaged in a deadly conflict with a first-class European power. She has lost since the union more than France lost in the sanguinary wars of Napoleon. At least 8,000,000 of her people have been immolated in eighty years to the demon of English supremacy. Three millions of people, whose brawny frames supplied the physical force of the repeal meetings, were missing in 1852 when the census enumerators came to count them. Two millions, nine hundred and thirteen thousand of the population who were spared by famine have been starved or transported since. The waste goes on faster and more furiously. Within the last year alone Ireland lost 198,000 emigrants, 11,000 of whom were single adults. She lost more sinew and muscle, more valued sons than were slain in any of the greatest battles of the world."

Some Specimens of Journalism.

There are many ways for filling up a newspaper, and the number of papers that nowadays require filling gives a chance to test every imaginable method. One plan contemplates giving the reader a reasonable return for his subscription; another way is to delude the one who pays for reading matter with the idea that several columns of blotted tittle-tattle and stale nonsense that any one could manufacture himself, if he were so starved, mentally, to need it, was a substantial and satisfactory return for cash in hand. This is running a paper on business principles; and if one-half of the little items that look so crisp and newsworthy (until they are read) are advertising devices, the more apparent the business principles. This kind of journalism doesn't open up much of a field for what the world calls talent. A man of intellect would find it the hardest kind of task to collect mental provender from such frivolous sources. So long as this method of filling up pays, of course that's all that's required; but if people were compelled to depend entirely upon such weak diet the theory of mental evolution would get speedily reversed. By feeding exclusively on such trash, people would soon become incapacitated for the enjoyment of healthy intellectual food. Even the best editorial efforts are short lived, but there is much written through the necessity of filling up so much space, that ought never to be born. It wastes the time of the reader and makes the sight of a paper almost odious.

It takes 11 pounds of milk to one pound of live weight to a calf, and an ox that weighs 1,300 pounds will consume twenty-two pounds of hay in twenty-four hours to keep from losing weight. If he is to be fattened he must have twice that quantity, when he will gain two pounds a day. This is one pound of live weight to eleven pounds good hay. To obtain fifty cents a hundred for his hay a farmer must sell fat steers at \$5.50 per hundred pounds.

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