

moment, holding his chin in his hand. while reflecting upon the best course to pursue. The action reminded him that he needed a shave very much, and no the barber shops of the bath were so situated that he could keep an eye on the slumbering thief, he went in and had the last evidence of misfortune removed, and the unsuspecting wretch on the divan still slumbered.

As Drane emerged from the building the first thing he saw was the blue cost of which he was in search. A burly member of the force stood on the edge of the sidewalk, as if placed there by the hand of justice.

"How wonderful are the workings of chance," thought Drane, as he took in at a glance the advantages of the situa-tion. "My luck changed from the in-stant my eyes rested on that ticket."

He decided not to call the officer into the bath to long as he showed no signs of going away, but to wait till the thief came out, clothed in his rags, to meet a fate still worse. He chuckled with a mean satisfaction at the thought. His



experience should have taught him to pity the poor fellow, but it didn't. There can be no real sympathy between costly apparel and the habiliments of The brotherhood of man can never be accomplished except by putting all the world in one unvarying uniform.

So Drane stood there waiting for his revenge. Suddenly there was a hubbub at the door. An attendant rushed out hurrigdly and looked about. Behind him Drano could see the thief expostulating with the man at the desk. Then the attendant's cycs fell upon Drane. "Arrest that man," said he to the po-

Heeman; "he has stolen a man's clothes in our bath!" "Como with me, sir," said the officer.

laying his hand upon Drane's shoulder. The blunderbuss of vengeance had shot both ways again, as is the habit of

groaned under the temptation of men-dacity. He was immorally certain that a good He would be more efficacious in the emergency than a guardian angel; but his gentlemanly instincts revolted at lying, especially when he know he was in the right. Moreover the angel was present the court-room, though Lawrence didn't know it and she had influence had something to do with inducing him to falter an affirmative to the judge's question. The rophy stimulated the judge's memory wonderfully. "You tried to pass yourself under two manies then, doin't you?" he continued. "May I explain, your honor-"

"Bid you or didn't you? Speak up!" "I did, your honor, but there were cir-umstances then that justified me. I was in trouble and hardly know what J as about.

"What possible circumstances could have justified you in lying about your

It instantly occurred to Lawrence co much trouble had come to him from such attempts that he renewed his determination to say absolutely nothing. So he responded: "I deeline to say."

This surprised and angered the judge and he ordered the officer to search Lawrence. They tool: from him all his papers, his money and his watch. They siderately left him his handkerehief Upset by the indignity of this proceeding, he exclaimed:

"I will say and maintain that I am Lawrence Drane! I live in Kausas City and am in New York simply on my way to Boston, where I propose to negotiate capital for a milroad."

"Very well," said the judge, dryly, and turning to the impostor: "What have you to say to this?"

"Why?" was the reply, "that I am Lawrence Denne and that this fellow is telling my story. Those papers and letters which you have will probably make the matter clear. Doubtless he glanced at them at the bath and so got his points."

The judge looked at the papers, but they failed to satisfy him. He asked for witnesses, and the attendants at the bath were sworn.

"Which of these men?" asked the judge. ' came to the bath in good clothes, and which one in rags?"

"I remember," said the witness, hesitating, "that I took a fellow in those rags to a room, and I think it was that one," pointing to Lawrence. "When he was in the sweating room." he continned, "he looked just about like any-

body else. There is an individuality in legs, but few men recognize it, not even attendants at baths who have unrestricted opportunities for observation. The testimony of these witnesses made it pretty clear that Lawrence had left the bath with better clothes than he wore when he entered, but they could do nothing to clear up the question of identity. Then Lawrence requested the privilege of examining the plaintiff. This granted, he confused the fellow in short order by putting a series of question lesigned to bring out his knowledge of Kansas City and his familiarity with the business mission in which he pre-tended to be engaged. The scale appeared to be turning in Mr. Drane's favor. Justice was still in doubt, however, and the court declared that it would be necessary to get some direct

light hand laid on his arm. It was at the point where the impostor had asked to be allowed to go to his hotel. Lawrence turned, and with a joyfully leaping heart saw the companion of his ad-venture in the park. He was never so glad to see anybody before, and forgetting his situation he cried: "I am perfectly delighted to see you

again.'

[T be continued. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Pedagogues or Domagogues?

The Observer last week, in an article on the teachers' institute. not as yet discovered him. Perhaps her | accuses the teachers of being demagogues instead of pedagogues. The article would not have been noticed were it not for the fact that some who do not understand our position might think there were some truth in it. We do not believe fair minded people will see anything partisan in having school reports and other school news collected and all printed in one paper, so that pupils, patrons and teach-

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our work it will be time to raise a head."

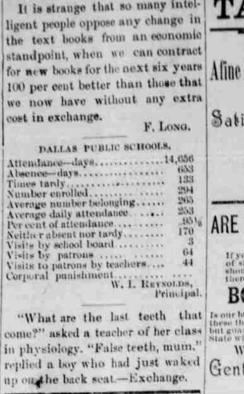
howl. However, killing snow birds a smaller gun on the teachers.

REFORTS.

INDEPENDENCE FUBLIC SCHOOLS. 1894:

work. Number of tardies..... Excuses. Number enrolled, boys 152; girls 148 total

Average number bolonging Average daily attendance Per cent of attendance on average number belonging Number of new pupils admitted, boys 7; girls 4; total. Number of cases of corporal pun-

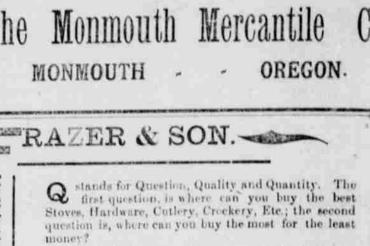


Our school is progressing nicely

before











CHAPTER VL. IT PUZZLED THE JUDGE.

While the little party was on its way to the abode of justice, Drane had time to bring his mind to one definite and valuable conclusion. His ausfortunes on a similar occasion had been aggravated by his own injudicious utterances. He recolved to keep still this time, even If he had to hire somebody to gag him.

It was little that he knew about New York except as to its pavements and its distances, and both these he was prepared to condemn as emphatically as would any reformer. He had not supposed that his second arrest took place in the same judicial district in which his first came to pass. By reason of his rehabilitation his nerves had maintained a fair poise during the short journey to the court, but when he saw the ornate tower of Jefferson market ahead of him and then realized that he was bound to appear before the same justice who had lectured him but a day or two previously, they fell to quivering ominously. Nevertheless he kept up appearances and entered the court room with an air of dignified self-possession.

The bulk of the day's business had been cleared away, so he and his companion in distress were summoned at

"What is this case?" demanded the

"This man," responded the police-man, jerking his thumb towards the ragged tramp, "accuses this gentleman of stealing his clothes."

The judge glanced in surprise from one to the other of the parties, and he looked sharply at Lawrence as if the face reminded him of somebody. Then he ordered the complainant to step up and asked him his name.

"Lawrence Drane," was the cool reply. Again the judge seemed to be trying to recall something out of the dim recesses of his memory, but the effort failed, and he composed himself to listen to the complainant's story. The false Drane told exactly what had happened at the bath-house, not deviating in the slightest particular from the truth, except as his story implied his claim to ownership in the clothes which oners.

the real Drane had on. "Did you over see the prisoner be-

fore?" asked the judge. "I think I saw him not more than three days ago," replied the impostor; "It was late in the afternoon and he had a skate on. I remember him because beside the judge himself. The young a skate on. I remember him because of these rags which he were at the lady had chanced to see Mr. Drane's time."

The judge turned to Mr. Drane, who had been listening intently, and began the radical change in his garb, she recthe examination in the usual way, by asking his name. Lawrence was vehemently moved to denounce his accuser, recalled his determination to control his tongue in this episode; there-fore he responded simply. "Lawronce Drane.

memory was again in process of castigation. This time the mental prodding turned up a clew.

"Haven's you been here "before?" he demanded sternly.

evidence as to the identity of each claimant to the name of Drane "I think, your honor," said the imposter. "that the people at my hotel can satisfy you. I should like to go there to get my grip and a decent suit of clothes. If I was better dressed my story would sound more likely." Lawrence smiled grimly at this, for

he knew too well how true it was. Things had changed. The clothes were on another man's back and he in turn was victimized by them.

"I'll send an officer with you to the hotel," said the judge.

Just then the angel appeared. It was the young widow whom Lawrence had met in the park up-town. She was in court with Mrs. Bowers, assisting that charitably lady in her work and at the same time keeping an eye open for her thisving maid, who might be expected to turn up at any time among the pris-

articity HIS NAME WAS JONES.

During the examination of Lawrence and the impostor she had been busy with Mrs. Bowers in another part of the room, and so had not heard a word of the case. It takes an acute ear

to detect any thing that goes on in a tace, and in spite of the great improve ment effected on it by the barber and

ognized him. It was not immediate, and she was not altogether sure. She whispered excitedly to Mrs. Bowers: "See! is not that the gentleman who

assisted me the other morning?" Mrs. Bowers had recourse to her

to forget them."

"No, no; I mean the other one. I must go up and see."

Mr. Drane's conscience wriggled and way, and presently Mr. Drane felt a president of the United States.

ishment Number of visitors, directors 5; pa-trons 17; teachers 5; total Number of rhetorical exercises during the month. Number of pupils participating about half each term.

Mrs. Tuck's room is entitled to the credit of having the best per cent of attendance and the fewest number of tardies for the number enrolled, the per cent of attendance being 95. The greatest number of tardies was made in the eighth grade. However, we shall make a strenuous effort at the beginning of the new year to diminish the number of tardies in all the grades. Sickness was the cause of most of

T. A. HAYES, the absences.

MONMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Report of the Monmouth public school for a term of three months,

ending Dec. 21, 1894: Number of holidays.....

Those neither absent nor tardy during the term: Rosa Smith,

Ralph Fisher, Herbert VanDuyne, Nellie Stockman, Della Kramer, Lillia Wolf, Clide Hale, Truman Baughman, Claude Wamsley, Walter Crosby, Harry Smith, Robbie Bruce, Oliver Rexford.

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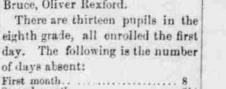
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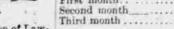
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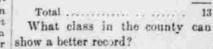
those who fail to complete the grade. their pupils a merry Christmas in a substantial way.

should have full sympathy for the Observer until he recovers his mental equilibrium. It seems that he A big scowl tangled the judge's eye-brows and puckered up his lips. Judicial "from for clothes. I shouldn't be likely pretends to oppose pretends to oppose.

Since we have a political organization (?) we should immediately Mrs. Howers disapproved of this heart-ily, but the young widow took her own decide who is most suitable for







There is a general determination among the pupils not to be among The teachers here all wished

The teachers of Polk county