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**THE HEMBREE MURDER VERDICT.**

**Another Instance in which the Enforcement of the Law is Defeated.**

A compromise verdict, as in the Hembree case, is never satisfactory, is disappointing to those who have to prosecute criminals, defeats the ends of justice, exasperates the general public and is an incentive to lynch law. It is hard to conceive of a verdict that is more illogical and inconsistent than the horrible crime for which Hembree stands convicted is taken into consideration. Yet, under the circumstances, it is not our intention to criticize the jury, for when one jurymen holds out against eleven, what was best to be done? As soon as the prosecution accepted C. B. Hadley as a juror there appeared to be an impression in the public mind that the jury would hang, and, to some extent, this we are sorry to say, only proved too true when the result of the jury's deliberation became known. Let us now point out some of the underlying motives which had some weight, probably, in the public mind when the people became suspicious and had their doubt about the jury hanging. Hadley is an ex-saloon keeper and kept a gambling joint, and on several occasions the district attorney had to prosecute on account of the violation of law in that place of business, consequently, it is contended that a person who openly and defiantly violated the law would be inclined to side with those who did likewise, especially as Hembree, so it is said, frequented Hadley's saloon, which had a bad reputation. But, to return to the jury's deliberations, Hadley was the only juror who held out at first to turn Hembree loose. If he was sincere in his belief that Hembree was not guilty and ought to be turned loose, then we cannot understand why he should vote to send an innocent person to the penitentiary for, perhaps, 15 years. Hence, it is no wonder that the State press is severe in its criticism, for it takes the position that if Hembree is guilty it is a travesty on justice to let him off with a verdict of manslaughter. A man who is guilty of murdering his wife and daughter should get the extreme limit of the law. That is the position we take in the Hembree case and is taken by almost the entire population of the county. Even in a murder case—the horrors of which, no doubt, was shocking and blood curdling if the particulars could be told—it seems somewhat difficult to enforce the law in Tillamook and a compromise verdict had to be resorted to. It is high time to quit compromising with justice in this county, for there is no telling who will be the next woman and daughter who will be murdered in cold blood and their bodies cremated to cover up the crime. For us to arouse any public sentiment at this time would be wrong, but had it been a custom in Tillamook county to enforce the laws in years past there would not be any trouble right now in convicting a person of murder in the first degree. This is something that the people should not overlook in Tillamook, for this is not the first instance in which justice has been defeated and law breakers have not been properly punished in this county.

A few extracts from the state press will not be out of place:  
Tillamook common sense and Tillamook justice evidently do not run in the same channels. It assuredly was to be expected that the people of that town would condemn the jury verdict in the Hembree case.—Telegram.  
Hembree, the Tillamook man on trial last week for the murder of his wife and daughter, was found guilty of manslaughter. The verdict was one of the strange results of a compromise. If Hembree is guilty, then it was one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in the state, and a verdict of manslaughter is a travesty on justice; if he is not guilty he ought not to be shut up in prison at all.—Forest Grove Times.

Over in Tillamook county, Abram Hembree, a rancher, was tried on a charge of murdering his wife and daughter and burning their bodies to conceal the crime. A fool jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter. All of which leads to the thought that there is seldom a term of criminal court held that does not furnish good argument in favor of the abolition of the existing jury system.—Polk County Observer.

**CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.**  
If A. J. Hembree had been convicted and executed for the murder of his wife and daughter, he would have been the third man in recent years to meet that fate after conviction upon circumstantial evidence both as to the commission of the crime and the death of the persons alleged to have been killed. There was no positive evidence of the death of the Nesbit woman, for whose killing Norman Williams was hanged. There was no positive evidence of the death of Morgan, for whose killing J. C. Barnes

will hang next month. Neither is there positive evidence of the death of Hembree's wife and daughter. In each case the killing, if it occurred at all, was murder in the first degree. Doubtless the jury in the Hembree case compromised with its own doubts by finding the man guilty of manslaughter, thus sending him to penitentiary instead of to the gallows. If it should afterward be proven that a strange chain of circumstances had made guilt appear certain when the defendant was in fact innocent, the jury would find some consolation in the fact that the convicted man had been merely imprisoned instead of being hanged.

But to find a man guilty of manslaughter in a case of this kind requires a plain violation of law. Williams, Barnes and Hembree were guilty of cold-blooded murder or they were not guilty of anything. Yet there has been nothing but circumstantial evidence to show that their alleged victims are dead, or that, if dead, they killed them. Yet there can be no doubt whatever of the guilt of Williams and Barnes. What shall be said of the Hembree case remains to be seen.—Oregonian.

Tom Watson has decided to return to the Democratic party. The announcement that it will be more radical than in 1896 satisfies Mr. Watson that he will be in congenial company.

As the Chicago packers insist that their packing houses have been models of cleanliness all along, the \$1,000,000 which they propose to expend in bettering them must be intended merely as an evidence of good faith.

Now, if we can keep the government inspectors from selling out to the meat packers! With us the trouble is that so many men, after they get in office, sell out to the very influences the people elected them to watch and control.

Men who put over-check reins on their horses should themselves be compelled to wear a brace that would elevate their noses in the air at an angle of forty-five degrees. After they had stared up at the sun a few days they would probably be willing to allow their horses a chance to look straight to the front as nature intended.

After the Bryan correspondent wires that "The people of London and of the entire United Kingdom are sure that Mr. Bryan will be the next president of the United States," it is not necessary for him to add that "they have an astonishing knowledge of American politics. The fact speaks for itself, if they really do hold the opinion he ascribes to them."

Those farm papers which criticized and oppose the President in his efforts to get a meat-inspection bill made a mistake and were entering in direct opposition to the real interests of their patrons. No class of people in the land will, in the end, derive greater benefit from a proper meat inspection than farmers. The President did them a great service and they should sustain him.

Threatened men sometimes live long, but the sentence of death which the Russian revolutionists have passed on Nicholas II, and on several of his subordinates is not accepted lightly by those personages. In more than one instance since the risings in Russia began in 1905 the men marked for slaughter by the revolutionists have been slaughtered. The czar knows this. Knowing it, he will stick close to his bomb proof until the clouds roll by.

That beef trust crowd is a sorry lot at best. While beating the farmers for years by their dishonest combines and corners, they were taking advantage of a confiding public to unload on them meat from diseased animals and lard made out of the most villainous compounds. Of course, this was not true of all their products, but it is certainly true of some, and one fly will spoil the ointment and one rotten egg ruin the whole bowl. In the putting up of foods, there is no half-way house for manufacturers. They must be like Caesar's wife, not only virtuous, but above suspicion.

The will to live is demonstrated in an exhibit in a plumber's window on upper Third avenue, says the New York Sun. The object is all that remains of a rat that had somehow been caught in a lead pipe just about large enough to hold its body. It had run in, and could not turn or back out, but it had no intention of dying there. It gnawed a hole through the pipe, but, unfortunately, it started to squeeze through before it had made the hole big enough, so it just got its head and forepaws through and died there, after all. The plumber says he cut out the section of the pipe while overhauling the plumbing in the Lenox library. He explains the good preservation of the specimen by saying that it "must have frozen to death and got petrified."

The representative of an Indianapolis packing house talked interestingly of the hog market, basing his remarks on the sport of July 11. His talk, which affords valuable hints to those of our readers who have hogs to sell, runs as follows: "The demand is greater now than for many years. People have money and they are going to eat. They do not price things when they go into the stores, but ask for 'so much of this' and 'so much of that.' Consumption is heavy and promises to continue so. Chicago packers hold the key to the situation. They have in their houses only about one-third the supply of meats and provisions

they had at this time last year. There is no let up in demand on them, and there will not be. They have to supply these provisions, and to do it they have to have hogs. There does not seem to be any adequate reason why hogs should be in less demand than at present for several months, and there are many reasons why the present prices should continue or get higher."

James W. Wadsworth, chairman of the agricultural committee of the House, represents a great agricultural district of New York, composed of the counties of Wyoming, Livingston, Genesee, Orleans and Niagara, embracing 2,640 square miles and 206,938 inhabitants. Mr. Wadsworth bitterly opposed the President in the matter of the meat-inspection bill and is charged with trying to shape that measure in the interests of the packers. Formerly he stood with the oleo people in the great contest with the dairy interests over the imitation-butter question. For these reasons the farmers of this district are up in arms against Mr. Wadsworth and are endeavoring to defeat him on the ground that he is not a proper representative of a farming constituency. It seems to be a fight among the farmers and the political machine, and while the latter is usually potential in nominating their man, it will be interesting to observe whether they can force the farmers to elect him in spite of his record.

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