

## LAWYER GAVE UP

Legal Light Wisely Retired From Unequal Combat.

Little Else to Do After Judge Had So Thoroughly Proved the Eligibility of Colonel Jones as a Jurymen.

Presiding over a judicial district in the Tennessee mountains is an old gentleman who invariably demands of litigants, before the machinery of the court is set in motion: "Do you want book law or justice in this here court?" "Justice" has always been promptly declared for, and his honor must have distributed it with a wise and kindly hand, inasmuch as he has been re-elected, almost unanimously, on every voting day ever since the Civil war.

Natives do not usually regard a lawyer as a necessity when a cause is to be decided by this lawgiver of the hills. Each man states his case for himself, and the judge simply tells the witnesses to "jest tell the jury all about this here matter, so far as you air informed," and helps out with a few direct questions when the testimony seems not quite clear.

Not so long ago, however, "a foreigner"—from Kentucky—joined issues with a native, and imported a lawyer from Nashville. Among the other strange and unprecedented things that the lawyer did was to challenge certain of the men who were expected, as a matter of course, to form the jury. Being a jurymen is a recognized profession in that particular region, and the lawyer's objections occasioned both astonishment and anger in the breasts of the gray-bearded regulars.

"Colonel Jones has been on the jury every settin' of this co'te for thirty years," the old judge remonstrated gently, in one instance. "He always has proved powerful satisfactory to the co'te and to all others concerned. Of course, as we air goin' to have book law in this case, you can object to Colonel Jones if yo' want to, but I would pussionally like mighty well to know why yo' object to him."

"From his conversation, overheard by chance, I am convinced that this man would be unable to give proper weight to the evidence I shall introduce, your honor," the lawyer explained briskly. "He is unacquainted with the meaning of the most ordinary words."

"That so?" the old judge remarked, pushing up his spectacles and surveying Colonel Jones reprovingly. "Now, I always thought that he was right well along in words. What was it he didn't seem to know the right meanin' of?"

"The term 'preponderance of evidence,' your honor," the lawyer asserted, "was most absurdly construed by this man. He—"

"Oh, I reckon not," the old judge interrupted, with a kindly smile. "I reckon you just misunderstood him. I am plumb sure that Colonel Jones knows as well as I do that preponderance of evidence means evidence previously pondered—don't you, colonel?" "Objection withdrawn, your honor," the lawyer said weakly.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Inspired by Joaquin Miller.

Charles Wakefield Cadman, the famous composer, found inspiration for his sonata for the piano in A major, Op. 58, in Joaquin Miller's poem, "From Sea to Sea." Cadman said he prided himself on the inspiration he got from Miller's works in which he sang to the West of the United States.

Cadman's first movement showed the West before the white man found it, and naturally he had to ring in his eternal love for the Indian. Without being too much influenced by the poet Miller, Cadman tried to carry out his idea, his longing for the West. It may be taken as the pioneer's thoughts of the eastern or southern home he has left in quest for the new, undiscovered land. Cadman also speaks of his paeon of rejoicing for the continent now constructed. Triumph, pride, beauty, happiness, optimism, breadth and ecstasy are the things he tried to write into his compositions.

Finland Reaching for Trade.

The Finnish Trans-Oceanic Trading company, a co-operative institution representing about 90 per cent of the manufacturing firms and merchants of Finland, is about to open a branch of its business in Australia. An option has been obtained by the company on a fleet of Finnish steamships and an effort will be made by the company to gain the Baltic trade with Australia previously held by Germany. The concern hopes to obtain the trade with Australia in paper, timber, turpentine and other goods that it had before the war through German agents, and with the elimination of German influence, will carry the products of Finland to Australia in a regular fleet of vessels running on a monthly schedule.

Och, Murder!

"Both these samples smell like cheap goods to me." "Cheap! Those whiskies are the best on the market. They're both over ten years old." "Then they're old enough to have better scents."

Something He Was Familiar With.

"Come, my dear poet," the hostess finally begged, "say something to us!" "Have you observed—duchess," he faltered, desperately. "that—this—year's pawn-tickets are pink?"—London Tit-Bits.

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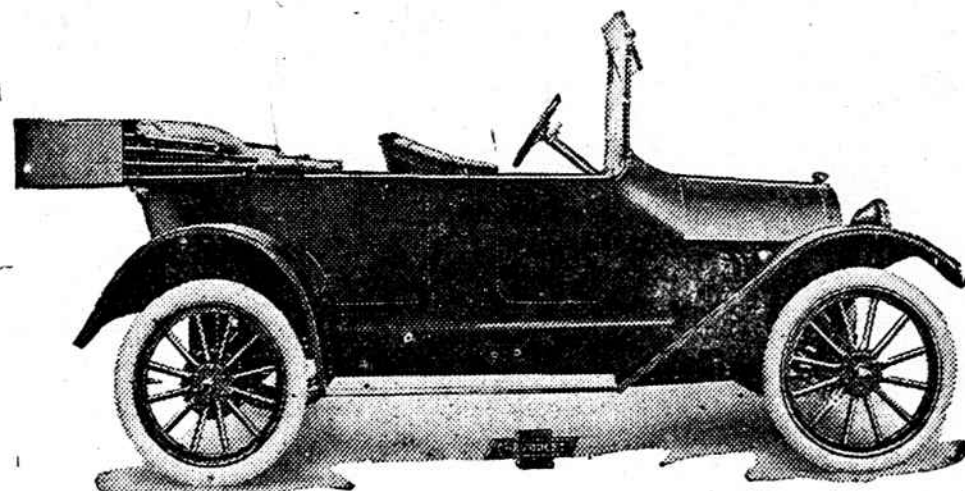
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