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THE SMITH VERDICT

The justice-loving people of Omaha, and they are legion, wanted to see the real murderer of Mrs. Nethaway apprehended, convicted and punished for his dastardly crime.

Despite the jury's verdict, there is a widely prevailing belief that the real murderer is still at large. It may be needless to add that The Monitor shares in this opinion.

Had it not been for Smith's belated story—which may be true—to the effect that he saw the body of the murdered woman brought to the place where it was found by two men, and that he, after seeing the body, became frightened and ran away, it is highly probable that today he would be free and the real murderer under arrest.

Some believe that Smith is suffering from what physicians call paranoia; others that he told the truth as to what he really saw. The mistake he made was remaining silent so long. This fact prejudiced his case with the jury, although it did not convince them of his guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt" or they would have sent him to the electric chair.

Messrs. Timlin and Scruggs put up a splendid defense for their client. It could not have been improved upon. There was nothing melodramatic, showy or spectacular about their work, but it was thorough. They did all in their power to keep Smith off of the stand, but he appealed to his constitutional right to speak in his own behalf. They could not forsake him at that juncture.

The people who contributed to a fund for Smith's defense have nothing to regret. They did their duty. They simply wanted to see justice triumph. The Monitor believes that Mrs. Nethaway's murderer will yet be brought to justice.

HOUSTON'S LUCKY LAWYERS

Mr. M. H. Broyles, a Colored lawyer of Houston, Texas, and author of a letter to The Monitor last week, is a lucky man. Mr. Broyles doesn't know just where his luck comes in, but after we finish this dissertation and hook the Q. E. D. onto the end, he will understand the why of the whereas and after shaking hands with himself, will tell us that we sure have got some meat on our heads.

Mr. Broyles tells us of two "intelligent" Colored gents of Houston who inherited some real jack from a dead one and in celebration thereof gave a grand ball. The Colored lawyers of the community were invited to the foot-shuffle, while a white lawyer was hired to probate the will and shake the mazuma tree. The Colored lawyers didn't like this way a little bit, but it is lucky that it didn't happen

any other way. If the "intelligent" pair had come to one of Houston's Colored lawyers to have him harvest the shekels, he would have dropped dead of heart disease. It would have been too much of a surprise. Houston's Colored lawyers should know, if they know anything, that our race has just about as much confidence in itself as the Allies have in a German peace offer. In the above case the two "intelligent" gents would have been in mortal danger of getting all that was coming to them. They, like the entire race, aren't used to getting a square deal and when they see a Colored man in business, they get cold feet from thinking that he might try to treat them right. The race doesn't want a square deal and doesn't expect it, and that is the only reason why the white race has any respect for dark dyes. The Colored gambler, booze peddler and dive keeper, has a chance with the race because they flim flam it and that's what it's looking for. That is why the two "intelligent" heirs toddled to the pale-faced buccaneer. He'll trim them and leave them enough to give another ball and then they will go back to the mop and broom. It is the natural way. If it had happened the other way, our Houston lawyers would be holding a memorial meeting over a departed brother.

The Monitor is getting not only a wide circulation, but a great deal of publicity owing to the fact that our editorials and special articles are being widely quoted with due credit to this publication.

We have been wondering for some time what Japan has on her mind with reference to the great war. Can any one tell us?

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Blizzards.

Since old man Chris. Columbo stumbled upon America there have been all kinds of inventions slipped over on the unsuspecting public. The range has run from rabbit traps to salted peanuts and back again from suspenders to wireless phizz producers, but the country is still yearning for some huge grey matter genius who will invent something to stop blizzards. A blizzard is an unmitigated nuisance, whatever that means. It has absolutely no claim upon respectability. Where it comes from nobody seems to know, but there is no mistaking the fact that it comes. And the bad habit that it has is that it comes so suddenly. The only warning one has is to get a telegram from a burg five hundred versts off that it has been struck broadsides by wind and snow and zero and to watch out because it is traveling at the rate of sixty per. The day

you get the wire words might be like a June day and the weather has the trees so fooled that they start hauling up sap, when all of a sudden the air gets sort of agitated like and the barometer gets nervous. You skid down the cellar and train your periscopes on the coal bin and then make it up the steps four at a time and telephone the coal man. Four hundred and forty-one folks have just beat you to it and the coal man's dulcet voice whispers that you must wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow finds you on your knees praying to the furnace to give heed to the precepts of Mr. Hoover until the coal man comes. At last when you have given up all hope and see your beloved brood stretched out stiff with the cold, your ears catch the strains of sweet music as the coal goes rattling down the chute. But, brother, you haven't learned a humswooggling thing. The next blizzard catches you as sound asleep as ever. The only thing that will save you is an invention that will put a halter on a blizzard and keep it in the stable where it belongs.

OBVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

The Hague announces that the Dove of Peace has been running after peace rumors so much lately that it has developed a pair of sore dogs and is laid up indefinitely for repairs.

The more we see of it the more we are convinced that the life and freedom of man is not always safe in the hands of a jury.

Ye editor handed The Monitor's joke junk merchant a bunch of posies last week. Thanks awfully and excuse blushes. We're so modest.

Senator Chamberlain slit open Secretary Baker's bag of sugar last week and told him to quit sweetening the dope he was handing to American citizens. Mr. Baker is all het up over the situation and promises to put some red pepper in the Senator's coffee soon.

All aboard for the eatless and breathless day, now!

The American people do not hesitate to do anything they can to win the war, but they are beginning to get anxious now for some real winning.

Omaha laundries have raised prices so high that it is now cheaper for a man to buy a new outfit every time he takes a bath.

Since the English captured Jerusalem there are several Rabbis talking about the Jews going back home. It sounds good, but there is as much chance of the Jews going back to Jerusalem as there is of the Africans going back to Africa.

Before blowing out the gas, we thank the audience for its generous forbearance.

"—LESS"

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I grow more eatless each day.
My house it is heatless,
My bed it is sheetless,
They've gone to the Y. M. C. A.

The barrooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless,
Each day I grow poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
Great Guns, how I do hate the kaiser!
—Exchange.

My eggs I must beat less,
My friends I must greet less,
Lest they drop in to dine;
But I gladly go meatless,
To make our Sammies defeatless
And dump Kaiser Bill into the Rhine!
—The Monitor.

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Our Women and Children

Conducted by
Lucille Skaggs Edwards

CORN HELPS US FEED THE WORLD

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The more corn we use the more food can be sent abroad. There are at least 50 ways to use corn meal to make good dishes for dinner, supper, and breakfast. Your family is missing delicious, nourishing, economical food if you are not serving corn-meal dishes in your home.

Here are some more suggestions:

Hot Breads.

Boston brown bread.
Hocake.
Muffins.
Biscuits.
Griddle cakes.
Waffles.

Desserts.

Corn-meal molasses cake.
Apple corn bread.
Dumplings.
Gingerbread.
Fruit gems.

Hearty Dishes.

Corn-meal croquettes.
Corn-meal fish balls.
Meat and corn-meal dumplings.
Italian polenta.
Tamales.

The recipes are in Farmers' Bulletin 565, "Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It," free from the Department of Agriculture.

Corn Meal and Milk.

Do you use corn-meal mush for a breakfast food? It is both cheap and good. Cooked in skim milk instead of water it is extra fine and the food value of the dish is nearly doubled.

Here is a delicious corn-meal and milk dessert.

Indian Pudding.

Four cups milk (whole or skim); one-fourth cup corn-meal; three-fourths teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon ginger; one-third cup molasses.

Cook milk and meal in a double boiler 20 minutes; add molasses, salt, and ginger. Pour into buttered pudding dish and bake two hours in a slow oven, or use your fireless cooker. Serve with milk. This makes a good and nourishing dessert. Serves six.

Corn Meal and Meat.

Corn meal is good combined with meats. Such a dish is a meal in itself. Try this one.

Tamale Pie.

Two cups corn meal; six cups water, one tablespoon fat, one onion, two cups tomatoes, one pound hamburger steak.

Make a mush by stirring the corn meal and 1½ teaspoons salt into boiling water. Cook 45 minutes. Brown onion in fat, add hamburger and stir until red color disappears. Add salt, pepper, and tomato. A sweet pepper is an addition. Grease baking dish, put in layer of corn-meal mush, add seasoned meat, and cover with mush. Bake one-half hour. Serves six.

WIDOW OF SOLDIER AIDED

Washington.—On receipt of advice that Mrs. Gertrude Young, widow of Riesel Young, one of the thirteen Colored soldiers recently hanged at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was ill and in need of funds for food and clothes, the National Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee immediately sent her a check to supply her immediate needs.

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