

CRIMINAL JUDGES

A judge who will allow lawyers, especially corporation lawyers, to insult witnesses, browbeat them and indulge in criminal insinuations against them is not fit to sit upon the bench. The lawyer who does it is a sneaking coward. He takes advantage of his position as an officer of the court to insult men and even women, which he would not dare to do if he met the same persons on equal grounds. Not long since a corporation lawyer in Chicago was allowed to make the most insulting insinuations to a perfectly upright, honest woman of good standing, a wife and mother, and the judge said not a word. If judges will not protect the honor of the men and women whom they force to appear before them, they are as great sneaks and cowards as the lawyers. Last week, Benjamin Garver, a well-known citizen of South Bend, a timid and retiring man, but conscientious and honorable, preferred death to submitting a second time to the insults and innuendoes of the corporation lawyers who were defending a suit for damages against the Lake Shore railroad for killing a man at a railroad crossing. Mr. Garver drank an ounce of carbolic acid and died at the door of the court house. Mr. Garver's friends, and they were many, claim that he was so outrageously badgered and insulted by these corporation lawyers that his mind gave way under the strain. The judge who presided and the lawyers who did that thing are equally guilty, if not of murder, then at least of manslaughter in some degree.

THE FLOWER OF MANHOOD

Secretary Root, in his answers to the charges of cruelty preferred against the army in the Philippines, declared that the troops there were "the flower of American manhood." Then in making a fight for the re-establishment of the army canteen he furnished statistics to the effect that of 342 companies of our army in the Philippines showed that in 60 companies every man used liquor in some form. In 130 companies this was true of 90 per cent more of the men. In 58 companies between 70 and 80 per cent, and in only 68 companies were the figures less than 70 per cent.

If that sort of men are the flower of American manhood, then the men who fought the great battles of the civil war did not have much of the flower of manhood in them, for there were whole regiments that were strictly temperate and companies without number of the same kind. Imperialistic "flowers of manhood" are of a different species from those who fought for the Declaration of Independence under the inspiration of the sentiments expressed by Lincoln in his Beardstown speech.

GLoucester THE GREAT

Gloucester, the place where the fishing smacks sail from, is of such great importance in the eyes of the tariff grafters, that the interest of no other city in the state of Massachusetts is to be taken into consideration at all if the fishermen of Gloucester so decree. Just at present, when reciprocity with Canada is before the people, the dailies, all of which are for reciprocity, provided that no reciprocity treaty is ever ratified by the senate, are every one greatly interested in Gloucester. According to them the fate of this nation depends on Gloucester. They have all been so declaring of late. They say that this nation cannot exist without a navy and a navy cannot exist without Gloucester, for there is the only place that the men are born and bred who can man the navy. Gloucester breeds sailors and nothing else and no other place can breed them. What men trained to sailing fishing smacks could do aboard a modern warship they do not tell, but they most emphatically declare

that if it were not for Gloucester there could be no navy. If the duty on codfish is lowered our navy will be ruined. In their argument, this is not the "ruin of an industry," but the ruin of our navy. Woe unto this nation if that treaty with Newfoundland or a reciprocity treaty with Canada is ever confirmed by the senate. The navy is gone, and England, Germany, or some other country with a navy will come over here and capture us.

It may be that they have places in Gloucester where the modern warship engineer, electrician, machinist, explosive experts, and gunners are bred, and that a reduction of the duty on codfish "would ruin that industry," but if they have they should give a specific account of the same. That is the only kind of men who are of any use in the navy aside from the coal heavers and other common laborers.

TARIFF PUBLICITY

The policy should be adopted requiring every man who comes to Washington declaring that he must have a certain rate of tariff or "the industry will be ruined," to submit his books to the scrutiny of trained and official accountants who will make a report upon the actual cost of manufacturing the goods that he produces and the price for which he sells them. If the public is to be taxed to support his industry, the public has a right to know his profits. It is a fact that there are now delegations in Washington declaring that their several industries "will be ruined" if the tariff is lowered in the least degree, where the goods have been making from 30 to 40 per cent profit for a long time. If they must have a tariff, then let us have publicity. The claim that the beet sugar industry would "be ruined" by a reciprocity treaty with Cuba providing a 20 per cent reduction on the Dingley rates is a case where publicity is needed. Recently several of these sugar beet companies have sent circulars to stockholders declaring dividends amounting to more than 50 per cent. That beats the Rockefeller graft. His dividends for the last year were only 45 per cent.

NEBRASKA STILL LEADS

Nebraska still stands at the head of all the states in the matter of education. The late census report shows that of the children between the ages of 10 and 14 in this state, 99.66 per cent can read and write.

When measured by the value of their manufactures, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, and New Jersey stand at the head of the scale of the states in the order in which they are here printed. When measured by the ability of their children between the ages of 10 and 14 years to read and write these states rank altogether differently. Thus, New York, instead of being first, is 14th; Pennsylvania, instead of being second, is 20th; Illinois, instead of being third, is 15th; the other three are Massachusetts, ninth; Ohio, fourth, and New Jersey, 21st. Nor is their position either stable or improving. On the contrary, all the six great industrial states have fallen from a better relative position during the 10 years from 1890 to 1900.

Those figures show what tremendous republican majorities result in for the common people. Here in Nebraska the fusion government greatly increased the disbursements to common schools. As soon as the republicans got back into power they greatly reduced them.

A NEW COMPETITOR

Last spring when The Independent expressed some doubts as to whether the bankers would permit congress to pass the Post check currency bill—because the Post check currency would deprive the bankers of some revenue for writing drafts—the bureau of information wrote a courteous letter assuring The Independent that it need

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have no fear on that score, because bankers were rather tired of writing drafts for small amounts, considering the revenue hardly worth the trouble, etc. Not having access to all the financial publications, The Independent does not claim to keep track of all the multitudinous details of new kinks adopted by these purveyors of "credit," but tries rather to keep in touch only with the general movement. However, one of our subscribers, in remitting his dues for another year, gave us a little insight into what is to us a new scheme of these big bankers who scorn to write small drafts.

Caesar's inscription is as follows:

"The Bankers MONEY ORDER Association. No. 122620A.

The amount of this Money Order has been received by the bank of issue for transmission and payment by The Bankers Money Order Association, payable at

The Western National Bank, of the city of New York.

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Banco Nacional de Mexico, Mexico City, Mex.

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The other part is similar to an express money order or a United States postoffice order and need not be quoted. It might be said, however, that the "order" was for \$1. This would not look much like proof that our Post check currency friends are correct. In fact, it seems odd that a number of big bankers, who are just dying to avoid the trouble of writing small drafts, should organize an association to take in the whole of North America for the purpose of issuing small drafts under the name of "money orders."

But success to the Post check currency bureau and its bill. May it become a law.

The republican leaders well know that their protection system is a house of cards and that the only way to prevent the whole thing from falling down is to keep hands off and not jar the floor. That is the reason why they say that the tariff must not be touched.

The Morgan shipping trust combine don't seem to go at all. But one sale of the stock has been recorded and that was made on the curb. All that has been bid is 15 for common and 30 for preferred. The stock has been so outrageously watered that even the gudgeons won't bite.

There was never a dollar of profit made on a board of trade or stock exchange. Profits accrue to commerce where both parties to a trade are benefited. The other is gambling, for when one party makes anything the other party loses that much and the gains are not profits, but winnings.

The "panic stoppers" down in New York are thorough believers in the maxim that "the hair of the dog will cure the bite." A pool to expand bank credits fifty millions whenever there is a stringency in the money market caused by expanding bank credits, is a most thorough exemplification of that old saying.

Teddy's argument that the tariff on steel must not be touched because to remove the tariff would not only effect the trust, but "ruin the industry" of the small producer, had a great effect during the last campaign. He, of course, referred to such companies as the National Steel Co., the Union and Sharon Steel companies and others of that sort. The election is over and all these steel companies are now non est, the big trust has swallowed them and they exist no more. There will soon be no little steel companies and the removal of the tariff will no longer affect small concerns for there will be none of that sort. Will Teddy then be willing to have the tariff on steel removed?