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The release of Matt Zimmerman on a writ of habeas corpus has justly excited surprise and indignation throughout the state. A convicted murderer, under sentence of death, has been set at liberty by a petty commissioner who has about the same jurisdiction in offenses against the laws of the United States as a Justice of the peace exercises under our state laws.

The action of Commissioner Saville is without a parallel in the annals of criminal practice. Such a high-handed proceeding has never been known to occur before in this country, and is not likely ever to occur again. There can be but one conclusion with regard to the release of Zimmerman. The convicted assassin and horse thief never would have escaped the gallows had there not been a deep-laid conspiracy on the part of his friends and his attorney. The commissioner who released him on nominal bail must either confess to being a fool or a knave.

The report that he acted in the capacity of supreme judge while he was drunk, will hardly relieve him from the odium and responsibility. A man with a thimbleful of brains, unless he was hoisted drunk, would have known that he had no authority to act in such cases. The officers who assisted in this disreputable performance are equally culpable. They know enough law to know that a United States commissioner has no jurisdiction to release convicted state criminals, much less a condemned murderer. Such lawlessness by men who are charged with apprehending criminals is a powerful incentive for mob violence and lynch law, wherever and whenever a frightful murder is committed. Attorney-General Leese deserves great credit for the promptness, energy and fearlessness which he has exhibited in demanding the disbarment of Attorney Barr who engineered this disreputable job.

No reputable attorney would resort to such means for liberating a client who had been twice convicted of a premeditated murder. There is a professional code among the attorneys which forbids all recourse to corrupt and dishonest methods whereby the ends of justice will be defeated. The obligation of the lawyer towards his client does not warrant a criminal conspiracy in his behalf. It ends with the legitimate effort to procure him a fair trial by an impartial jury, acting in accordance with the laws of the state.

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A great many people consider Roseoe Conkling as the only man who should be considered as the proper orator to deliver the national eulogy upon Gen. Grant. While it is true that Conkling is one of the most polished of American orators, and that his eulogy of Grant at the Chicago convention in 1881 will ever be ranked among the American classics of oratory, yet there are other men who perhaps could pay as glowing tributes to the memory of Grant and who would be just as much entitled to that distinguished honor as Roseoe Conkling. General Sherman, for instance, could no doubt deliver an address that would in every way be regarded as worthy of the occasion. His recent admirable address on Grant before the veterans at the reunion in Chicago has impressed many of his auditors, as well as a large number of those who have read the speech in the newspapers, with this idea. There has since been considerable pressure brought to bear on General Sherman to accept the honor of delivering before congress the oration on the public life and services of General Grant. The New York Tribune says that there is a widespread feeling among the soldiers that "Old Tecumseh" is better fitted for the task of eulogizing their dead comrade and commander than a civilian would be, whatever relations he may have sustained to General Grant. A well-known publicist is quoted in the Tribune as saying: "The man who is selected to deliver the oration on General Grant should be one whose position is as broad as the country itself. It is no disparagement of Mr. Conkling to say that he has never reached that height and that he was never more than the great leader of a great faction, because the fact is that you can count on the fingers of your two hands men who have in twenty years risen to that enviable plane. Since his retirement to private life, Senator Conkling has not even justified the judgment that at one time caused him to be selected and confirmed as Justice of the supreme court of the United States."

A Plan has been devised in Chicago by a gang of card-sharps to systematically rob wealthy Americans who are now residing in Canada and enjoying the fortunes which they have made in the bank-breaking, embezzling and defalcation business. It is known that these honest self-exiled Americans are lonely and suffer for the lack of amusement. The Chicago card-sharps propose to go to Canada and amuse them at cards, and at the same time make them pay handsomely for the amusement. They recently sent an agent to Canada to hunt up the towns which had the honor of containing any decamping cashier or faithless broker from this side to obtain all the knowledge possible bearing on the habits and past history of the men and to find out the sum of any one defalcation as well as the reputed wealth of the defaulter and whether or not he was susceptible to any of the gaming excitements. This work was done to a nicety, and the accurate information contained in the report puts the gamblers in possession of much useful knowledge. The party is now prepared to invade the Dominion and pluck the game in artistic style. This enterprise is truly characteristic of Chicago, and if successfully carried out it will no doubt richly reward the gentlemen engaged in it.

MR. FURAY said that when this street was being paved certain parties considered that the traffic over that thoroughfare would grade too heavily upon the ears of the Bee compositor and the city clerk in the city hall building, and had thought that the cracks should be filled with a kind of "dope" that looked something like molasses. Mr. Brennan had learned since that his prices were only about 50 per cent of what they should be. Mr. Furay is a natural-born humorist, and we advise him to take the lecture

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