

SOME CURIOUS VERDICTS RENDERED BEFORE CORONERS AND IN COURTS

A coroner's jury in Somersetshire recently distinguished itself by rendering a verdict that "the deceased died from natural causes arising from an accident," and it was only after a lot of arguing that the coroner was able to persuade the "intelligent gentlemen" that, as the subject of the inquest had succumbed to injuries received in falling out of a cart, the correct verdict would be "Death by misadventure" or "Accidental death."

From natural causes arising from an accident is almost as good as the verdict of a jury which once found that a prisoner was "guilty," but that there was not sufficient evidence to prove it, in a criminal trial in which the evidence for the crown was of a very circumstantial character, but had been handled with much cleverness by the prosecuting counsel.

But, as a rule, very few stupid mistakes are committed by juries in criminal cases, and the few are generally rejected by the learned judges. The worst of them all was the verdict passed in a perfectly obvious case of manslaughter; indeed, the quality of manslaughter was so apparent that it might easily have been deemed murder by a less intelligent jury, and the learned judge was very particular in his summing up to preclude the possibility of such a mistake by carefully defining the two crimes. For two long

It is recorded that a coroner's jury in the glorious state of Texas, called together to formally decide how a "bad" man who had been shot dead in a drinking saloon had come by his death, found that "the deceased died from a wound caused by a shot from a revolver held by Ted Brady, but there was no evidence to show how the weapon went off." It may be surmised that Mr. Brady had some affectionate friends serving on that jury.

There is a story that another Texas jury returned a verdict of "suicide" in a very similar case to the one just mentioned, and on having the crimes of suicide, manslaughter, and murder defined to them, and being asked how it were possible for a man to commit suicide with a weapon held by another man standing paces away, they declared that it amounted to suicide, inasmuch as the deceased, knowing the other man was the quickest and surest shot in the state, deliberately insulted him in public. But, although the story sounds probable enough, it has not been authenticated, and it must only be accepted with the prescribed grain of chloride of sodium.

County court juries not infrequently commit themselves to unusual verdicts. One of these was delivered in an action for compensation. A newspaper hawker was in the habit of calling regularly on the men employed in a printing office, and in order to reach the shop he had to pass down a dark pass



THE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL.

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AGE LIMIT FOR RAILROAD MEN.

Some railroads out-Oslered Osler not long ago by adopting a rule forbidding the employment of new men past 35 years of age.

It is gratifying, says the Railway Carrier's Journal, to learn that the absurdity of limiting the age at which a railway man is eligible for employment is passing away more rapidly than the promoters of such a measure expected. Already the principal roads in America where the experiment has been tried have abandoned the regulation. The Boston & Maine, the Alton, the St. Paul and the Burlington are virtually ignoring the age limit regulation, and guiding more with a view to their qualifications than to the exact number of years which they may have lived.

Experience and capability are the real tests of a man's fitness for any position, and if a railway official makes the mistake of hiring an incompetent man there is no law compelling the company to continue to employ him. Years in themselves are no criterion.

Some men are old at 40. Others are young at 60. In any event it is safe to assume that a lack of the suppleness of youth is often more than made up for by the wider experience of added years. —New York Sun.

SUNDAY CLOSING IN PARIS.

Although the cafe and restaurant proprietors of Paris did not close their places last Sunday, as they had threatened, yet it is said that their vote of 2,169 to 3 still holds good and that general closing will take place.

If the vote were taken literally Parisians would be appalled. The "horror" of the possibility makes it unthinkable, for Paris without one cafe open on Sunday would be the

strangest monstrosity known in history. But Parisians will not stand Sunday closing for cafes. Thirst would drive them to break into the closed cafes and help themselves to their aperitifs.

The vote above mentioned seems a mystery. But it is really a strategic counter attack upon the Union of Waiters and other cafe and restaurant servants, who have issued placards throughout Paris calling for a weekly day of rest in rotation. The employers declare that they would rather close once a week, because they could not find capable substitutes for cooks, butlers, etc. At any rate, the cost would be prohibitive.

But this is a curious admission. If substitutes cannot be obtained, when do the unfortunate servants get a holiday? They are, apparently, given a week or so in the off season, out of the 52. If this is so, reply the help, surely the need for such a measure as the new Sunday closing act is, *ipso facto*, proved. Thus the situation is at a deadlock.

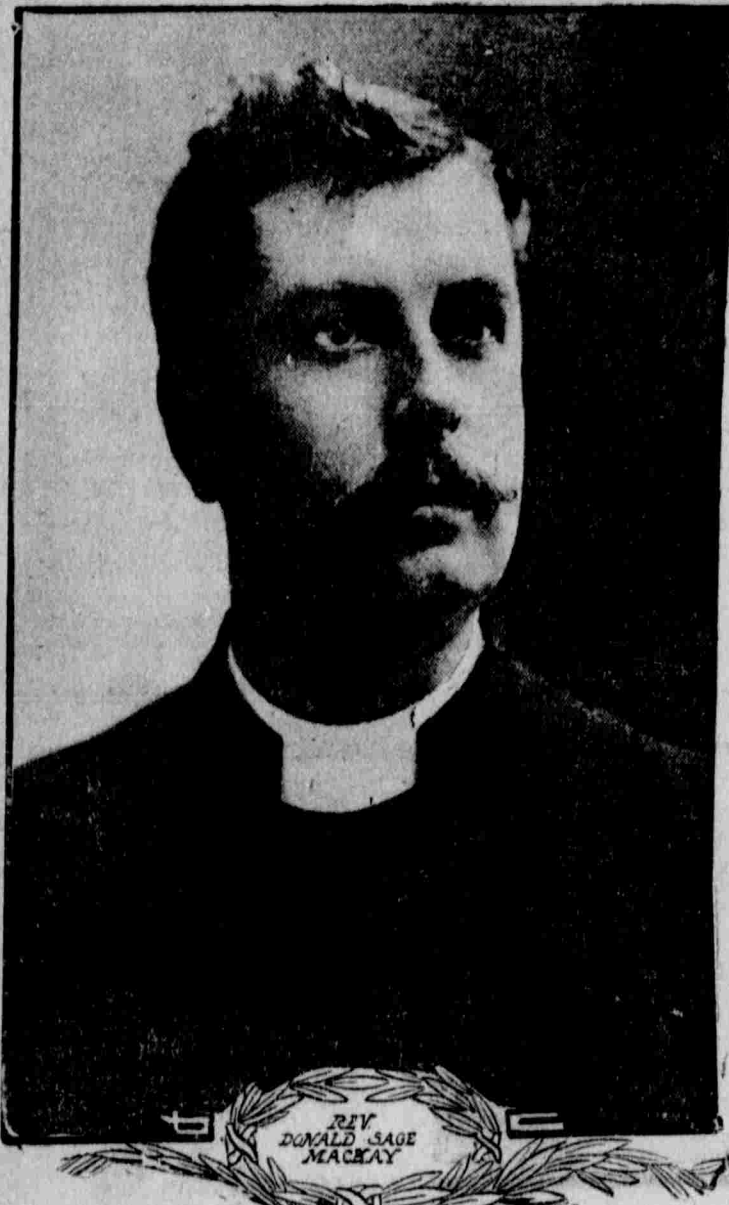
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hours the jury men considered their verdict in retirement. On returning to the court they found the prisoner guilty of having murdered the deceased "without malicious intent to do him any bodily harm."

The court gasped, and suggested that the verdict was equivalent to one of manslaughter. But the jury declined this suggestion, declaring their belief that, whereas the prisoner was actually responsible for the death of the deceased, the affair was an accident.

"Are you unanimous in that verdict, gentlemen?" inquired the judge, and on learning that they were, he turned to the accused man, William Thomas, and said, gravely, "After a trial lasting nearly two days, during which eleven witnesses have testified against you or on your behalf, and after duly considering all the evidence adduced, the jury of twelve of your gifted fellow-countrymen find you guilty of having committed an accident."

ago. One evening in going this way, he fell down a trapdoor which had been carelessly left open, and injured himself so severely that he was laid up for seven weeks. He therefore claimed damages from the tenants of the premises, who offered the defense that the plaintiff was trespassing at his own risk. After listening to a number of witnesses and considering the rather conflicting evidence for more than an hour, the jury decided that the plaintiff had sustained his injuries in pursuit of his trade, and they awarded him a small amount as damages against his employer, a local news agent, who was not a party to the action, and costs against the defendant. But being informed by his honor that such an award was impossible, and the question as to costs must rest with him, they declared for the defendant, as "the plaintiff was trespassing without the consent of his employer." —Tit-Bits.

MARK TWAIN ON SPELLING.

THE famous humorist, Mark Twain, says the Associated Press is one of the great agencies which can put the simpler spelling into use if it so desires. His remarks follow:

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For, by that time all eyes here and above and below will have become ad-

justed to the change and in love with it, and the present clumsy and ragged forms will be grotesque to the eye and revolting to the soul. And we shall be rid of phthisis and phthisis and pneumonia and pneumatics and diphtheria and pterodactyl, and all those other insane words which no man addicted to the simple Christian life can try to spell and not lose some of the bloom of his plecty in the demoralizing attempt.

There are 82,000,000 people that use this orthography, and it ought to be simplified in our behalf, but it is kept in its present condition to satisfy one million people who like to have their literature in the old form. That looks to me to be rather selfish, and we keep the forms as they are while we have got a million people coming in here from foreign countries every month, and they have got to struggle with this orthography of ours, and it keeps them back and damages their citizenship for many years until they learn to spell the language, if they ever do learn.

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While the auction was in progress a certain bidder was the cause of a disturbance that finally so exasperated

ed the auctioneer that he suddenly assumed his character of judge and fined the offender in the sum of \$25 for contempt of court.

Of course an application for the remission of the fine was immediately filed by an attorney on the ground that there had been on contempt of court. The attorney maintained that the judge when acting as an auctioneer, was not a court, and was not therefore, liable to contempt. The judge who heard this application with increasing wrath, assumed every bit of dignity he possessed, and glaring fiercely at the attorney, said:

"Sir, I would invite your attention

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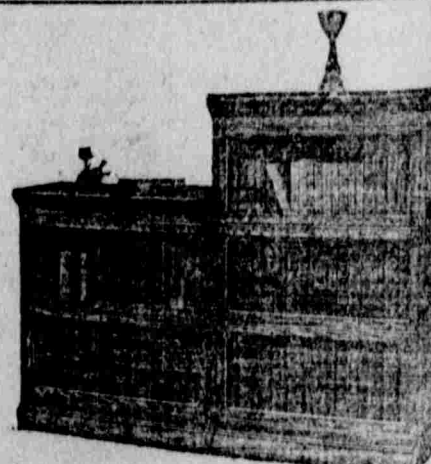
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