

WHALEN VS. DUSENBURY.

A Case of Slander in Which the Pleadings Were Somewhat Unusual.

Legal documents are seldom amusing. They partake of the tragic rather than the comic, usually. Sometimes one is provoked to smile at the exuberance of their antique verbosity, or the antiquity of their verbose exuberance, whichever it is, but he who smiles is seldom the plaintiff or defendant in the case.

But the document which Mr. Justice Wetmore held in his hand, one day last week, was one that caused his benevolent countenance to relax into a sunny smile. It were not wise to mention names, because the sad and lowly defendant and martyred plaintiff have now settled their dispute, and quenched the flame of discord with the globules of amity and remorse.

"In the Supreme Court, the 5th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

Wayback County, to wit: Adonijah Whalen, by D. McLeod Pence, his attorney, sues Hezekiah Dusenbury, his defendant, to answer the said Adonijah Whalen, by virtue of a writ issued on the 4th day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, out of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, for that the defendant falsely and maliciously spoke and published of the plaintiff, the words following, that is to say—

"You are a damned thief; You are a damned sheep-thief; You are a natural born thief; You stole a bull, and I can prove it, and the plaintiff claims one thousand dollars.

The 20th day of October, A. D. 1899. The defendant, by Stephen B. Afbable, his attorney, says he is not guilty as alleged.

2. And for a second plea, the defendant says that before the alleged grievance, the plaintiff feloniously stole and carried away a bull, the property of Jeddediah Harris.

3. And for a third plea the defendant says that before the alleged grievance the plaintiff feloniously stole and carried away a quantity of pork, the property of Nehemiah Whalen and Zephaniah Harris.

4. And for a fourth plea the defendant says that before the alleged grievance the plaintiff feloniously stole and carried away a quantity of flax-thread, the property of Mordecai Hopper.

5. And for a fifth plea the defendant says that before the alleged grievance the plaintiff feloniously stole and carried away two flat-irons and a grindstone the property of Mordecai Hopper.

6. And for a sixth plea the defendant says that before the alleged grievance the plaintiff stole feloniously and carried away four whiffle-tree irons, the property of Mordecai Hopper.

7. And for a seventh plea the defendant says that before the alleged grievance the plaintiff feloniously stole and carried away a sheep, the property of Isaiah Hooper.

The 20th day of October, 1899. The plaintiff joins issue on all the defendant's pleas. Therefore let a Jury come before our well-beloved Honorable Andrew Rainford Wetmore, one of the Justices of our Lady the Queen, assigned to hold the Circuit Court and take the assizes in and for the County of Wayback, on Tuesday, the 11th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety. BILDAD.

WHY IS BUSINESS EMBARRASSED?

Some of the Important Reasons for the Close Money Market.

The money market is as stringent today as it was ten days ago, although the causes which precipitated the revolution are now well understood, and the general solvency of the country not doubted. Why is it, therefore, that severe stringency continues in the money market? It is not because there is not money to aid business. There have been some unusual demands for money by the return of American securities from abroad, and for the moving of large crops; but there is no reason why the strangling monetary stringency should continue for another day.

The single reason, or, rather, the single excuse, for the continued stringency in the money market is the want of general confidence in business and financial circles. Each bank or rather institution having deposits subject to call distrusts itself, distrusts its depositors and distrusts everybody, and, instead of aiding legitimate business just when it most needs it, the financial institutions are terrorized into calling in their loans, locking up their money and waiting for panicky runs upon them that are certain not to come unless the bankers themselves produce panic by breaking business men who are fairly entitled to credit.

There is just as much money now as there was one month ago, when all the legitimate needs of business were met by our financial institutions; but today money can't be borrowed on government bonds because the financial institutions say that they have no money to lend. Thus millions of money are tied up in banks and trust companies when legitimate business is paralyzed for want of the usual accommodations, and when bankruptcy stares many solvent houses in the face, because the holders of deposits must be prepared for panics and runs which can now be precipitated by the continued want of money in business channels. Can any intelligent financial man now doubt that if the financial institutions would look each other in the face, decide to trust themselves, their depositors and the business public, and extend their discounts to the normal standard, business confidence would be speedily restored and every banking house would be safer than it is today?

It is well that financial circles are conservative. The safety of legitimate business depends largely upon the safety of our financial institutions; but it is not straining conservatism when money is locked up to meet demands which are improbable under any circumstances, and impossible under a liberal financial policy?

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Gamblers have made the most of the flurry caused by excessive gambling abroad, but it is now evident that it was only a gamblers' panic, and one that could and should have been confined to speculative circles without seriously affecting the legitimate business of our prosperous country. Let our financial institutions lead, and promptly lead, in the restoration of confidence in business circles, and the monetary strain must at once give way to revived business throughout the land.

During the Cold Spell. They were walking down King street, Tuesday, when the thermometer was away down below zero, and everybody was keeping the blood in circulation by varying their gait from a brisk walk to a dog-trot. One wore a heavy, warm coat, and a very stylish looking one at that, for style and comfort are not always to be found in the one article, while the other shivered in his light, fall overcoat.

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"That's just what I did," said the other with a smile. "I bought it yesterday."

"You don't mean to say you bought it ready made?"

"That is what I did."

"Why, it fits you as good as this coat fits me. Where did you get it?"

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