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False Confessions

While there is no doubt that a large percentage of murderers and other criminals escape the punishment they deserve, the number of innocent persons who are convicted, some of whom are put to death, is perhaps greater than is generally supposed.

This is true even among some who confess to the crime with which they are charged, particularly in cases where confessions are extorted through "third degree" methods. Several cases have been cited by Robert Cantwell, of the Chicago bar, including the following:

In the Boorne case in Vermont, two brothers confessed to a murder, but the man supposed to have been murdered showed up later, alive and well. In Illinois three Traylor brothers confessed murdering a man named Fisher, and witnesses testified to having seen the dead body, yet Fisher turned up alive. In Illinois a man named Turner was sentenced to death, but secured a new trial and before the second trial could be held the alleged victim returned.

These are only three out of a large number of similar cases cited by Mr. Cantwell, who declared that he had authentic records of no less than 129 persons who confessed and were executed for murders, although their supposed victims were found to be alive afterward.

This is not intended as a plea for laxity in bringing the guilty to justice, but it serves to show the great responsibility which rests upon juries and judges, as well as to emphasize the unreliability of circumstantial evidence, even when accompanied by a confession of guilt, in some cases. It particularly illustrates the frightful injustice of lynching under any circumstances.

Newspaper Facts

Some interesting facts concerning newspapers and advertising are contained in a book by Fred J. Haskin, veteran syndicator of information from which the following are condensed:

Egyptians used advertising 4,000 years ago. Most early advertising was pictorial in character. The first newspaper advertising is said to have appeared in Germany in 1591.

It is estimated that about a billion and a half dollars are spent annually for all kinds of advertising in the United States. More than 360 American daily newspapers are now equipped to print advertisements in color.

The fastest modern newspaper presses can turn out about 34,000 24-page papers an hour, and a somewhat larger number of 12-page or 16-page papers.

The first news agency in the modern sense is believed to have been organized by Charles Havas of Paris in 1835. In 1840 he established a news service between Paris, London and Brussels, using carrier pigeons.

James Gordon Bennett began the publication of the first review of financial news in the New York Herald in 1835.

Newspaper editorials were originated by John Dillingham, an English journalist, and one of them got him into jail in 1645. Sometimes justly and sometimes unjustly others have met a similar fate many times since.

No One Was Hurt In Battle of Black Jacks

During the Black Hawk war occurred the "Battle of the Black Jacks," in which no blood was spilled and no one was hurt, reports the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. Recruited in McDonough, Schuyler and Warren counties was a company of mounted rangers. While encamped at Lower Yellow Banks—later the site of Oquawka, they received orders to go to a point near the mouth of the Rock river where Black Hawk was expected to cross the Mississippi. Arriving near nightfall they pitched camp, cooked and ate their supper. Guards were mounted and the others went to sleep. Up over the rim of the prairie rose the moon. One of the guards suddenly yelled, "Indians!" and every ranger leaped to the back of a horse. Lining up they faced the foe, numerous figures faintly silhouetted. They fired a volley and the figures didn't move. On up came the moon. Laughing at themselves, the rangers turned in again. The Indians were Black Jack bushes.

Ants Understood Neither Kind Words Nor "Cussing"

Corporal Matuga, First Illinois Infantry, proved himself a resourceful soldier at the Mexican border in 1916, the Illinois WPA Writers' Project reports. On the first night in camp he discovered to his dismay that his "pup tent" had been erected over a nest of red ants. They began to crawl over him. Corporal Matuga voiced oral protests in a low tone, but the ants paid no attention. Corporal Matuga then "cussed" them, fluently and loudly. No good. Corporal Matuga got a can of kerosene and some twigs. He made a ring of twigs around the nest, poked some twigs down into the nest, poured kerosene over all of it, and struck a match. Red ants came boiling up out of the nest and were caught in the ring of fire. Goodbye, ants! Corporal Matuga then struck an attitude in front of his tent, and another soldier said: "Doggone! He looked like Napoleon at Austerlitz!"

Portraits While You Waited Made In 1850's

Traveling artists in pioneer Illinois who made "free hand" portraits and sketches of farm homes, competed in the 1850's with daguerreotype artists, who carried their equipment in large cars mounted on low wheels. In the Carrollton Gazette for June 3, 1854, examined by research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, WPA, a notice informed the public that the Frailey daguerreotype car would be in White Hall within a few days. The car was described as being "fully equipped with a sky-light room" and the artist was said to be very capable.

Although permanent studios succeeded this early type of photographic service, rolling studios may occasionally be seen today both in town and country.

In 1867 steel production of the U. S. was only about 20,000 tons.

Always Room For More In Illinois Pioneer Cabins

On one occasion at least during the early days of settlement in Illinois, pioneer hospitality provided a night's lodging for 19 persons in a log cabin 12 by 16 feet.

With the assurance, "There is always room in this country!" a group of travelers from Washington to the Mississippi joined a number of other guests at the home of a settler near Utica, in Fulton County, research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, WPA, have learned in examining accounts for the compiling of guide books.

After a supper of bacon, corn bread, honey and coffee, which was ready soon after the unexpected travelers, from the capital arrived, the few chairs and tables were cleared away and the floor covered with buffalo robes and blankets for sleeping. Conditions were described as crowded, in the reminiscences of one of the guests.

Pancake and Parish Kept the Terms of Armistice

Orders from "Pancake" to "Parish" were invoked by officers and men of the 33rd Division during the first hours of the armistice on the morning of November 11, 1918, reports the Illinois Writers' Project. "Pancake" was the code word for the commanding officer of the 132nd Infantry. "Parish" was the code for the commanding officer of the 1st battalion. Section 2 of the armistice orders stated: "No communication will take place with the enemy." When the zero hour arrived, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, cheering groups of German soldiers came out of their trenches, unarmed, and ran toward the American lines exclaiming "America," "Kamerad," and in German and French, "the war is over." They were waved back, and told that the Americans "were keeping, sacredly, our terms of the armistice, under orders from Pancake and Parish," and expected them to keep theirs.

General Pershing Shared Royal Honors With 33rd

Though General John J. Pershing has lived more than 81 years, he is still going strong and it is reasonably certain he will always thrill with the recollection of July 4, 1918, and August 12 of the same year. Those days, reports the Illinois WPA Writers' Project, he shared his glory with Illinois soldiers. On Independence Day, Illinois men of the 33rd Division registered a smashing victory at Hamel, to the joy of "Black Jack" Pershing. And on August 12, King George of England personally decorated him and twelve Illinois men. General Pershing received the coveted Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. Soldiers of the 33rd received the Military Cross, the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Military Medal. King George V pinned the decorations on every one of the worthy heroes.

About 17 billion postage stamps are used in this country annually.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. Where and when was the first literary magazine published in Illinois?
A. Vandalia in 1830.
Q. What was its name?
A. The Illinois Monthly.
Q. Who established the Illinois Monthly?
A. A young lawyer named James Hall.
Q. What was the population of Vandalia in 1830?
A. About 4,000.
Q. How extensive was the Illinois Monthly?
A. It was larger and relatively more expensive than any literary magazine published in Illinois today.
Q. Who contributed most of the articles to the Illinois Monthly?
A. Its publisher, James Hall.
Q. How long did the magazine endure?
A. Publication was suspended in 1832.
Q. When was the first literary publication launched in Chicago?
A. In 1844 The Gem of the Prairie was founded.
Q. Who was the publisher of The Gem of the Prairie?
A. Kiler Kent Jones, a boy of 20.
Q. What modern touches distinguished Jones' publication?
A. A gossip column signed "Man About Town," and a series of sketches entitled "Slices of Chicago Life."

Civil War Soldiers Shared Rations Allotted Army Mules

Food for army mules became food for soldiers during a trying nine day period in the Civil war, the Illinois WPA Writers' Project has discovered. The time was January 1865, the scene the frozen Tennessee river. Aboard a river steambot was a battalion of Union soldiers and 25 mules, with rations of hay and corn for the mules. More than 100 miles away was another boat with rations for the soldiers. Both boats were tightly frozen. Corporal John Lord, in his book Frontier Dust, tells how the problem was solved: "We put the mules on straight hay and the commissary issued one pint of corn per day to each man. We had to eat corn for nine days."

Your News Items Wanted

Do you like to see the old home town paper full of interesting news items each week? Well, it could be, if you, and you, and everyone else would send in items that you know about each week. If you will be kind enough to help us in this matter, we certainly will appreciate it. Just drop your items in our mail box at foot of stairway. And please sign your name to it in order that we may know it is authentic. It is unnecessary to use an envelope.

A questionnaire sent out recently to former Navy men, picked at random, showed that 86 per cent were working at skilled trades which they had learned in the U. S. Navy.

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Rubber rationing came near causing the death of Pal, a police dog owned by two Bridgeton, N. J., sisters. In order to save tires the sisters decided to jack up one of their two automobiles. At about the same time Pal disappeared. Five days later Pal was found in the car, where he had curled up for a nap. Some water and hot food fixed him up in short order.

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Green Fire
By MYRA A. WINGATE
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EARLY evening was upon the tiny village. The grocery store, with its worn, sun-browned stoop, where on the scarred benches invited repose and confidence, was deserted save for the proprietor, Wiswell Whittaker—in village nomenclature, Whiz.

Far up the lake road a solitary man appeared, strolling toward the store. "Sho, now!" murmured Whiz with satisfaction, "b'lieve it's the doctor. So he's here!"

They greeted each other with quiet pleasure and sat together on a bench, two tall, iron-gray men, one bearing the stamp of the city, the other just as plainly a countryman. Both faces were keen and whimsical, with an underlying assurance of strength and character. The doctor leaned back, hands clasped about one knee.

"How's trade, Whiz?" he asked comfortably.

"Growin' considerable, doc. Between the summer sports and the winter sports, I've had to branch out a bit. Needed help, so I took in a partner—young Ned Haskell. Had a little money to invest and had to stay here 'count of his dad's health. Likely lad and a big help. I was hopin' he'd marry and settle down here, but things may not go accordin' to my ruthers."

"Fly in the ointment?" asked the doctor.

"H-m-m!" admitted Whiz. "My choice would've been Molly Brown. Know this millionaire tooth-paste man, Holt? Got a fine cottage on the second lake. His daughter's kind o' democratic."

"Miss Holt the fly?" asked the doctor, picking up the plump store-cat and cradling her in both arms. "You're a genuine Yankee, doc," drawled Whiz with a disarming grin. "You're idea o' conversation is askin' questions."

"Go on with your story," returned the doctor, composedly. "That same Miss Molly Brown is drawing near in her father's ancient flivver. You'll have just about time to finish before she wants her mail."

"Ned's easy to look at," said Whiz reflectively. "They make a handsome couple, I don't deny. But, cat's foot! Ned's a workin' man."

"The Lady Vere de Vere would 'break a country heart, for pastime, ere she goes to town," commented the doctor.

"Sometimes I have hopes of your intellect, doc," encouraged his friend. "Ned's courtin' car," indicating a neat little coupe coming down the road lake. "He's takin' the lady to some sort o' function tonight."

"Speaking of the cat's foot," said the doctor, irrelevantly, "did you ever notice the cat's eyes? Get the right angle on them and they are full of green fire."

The two cars reached the store, and Whiz, unfolding his lean, powerful body, went in to give Molly her mail. The doctor rose to meet Molly, who stopped with the ready courtesy so pleasing in the young.

Ned hurried out, followed by the senior partner, ruffing his thick, graying hair, as was his habit when perplexed.

"Ned, could you take this order of groceries down along to Camp Wetukit? It's on your road, and I've had to send Hank in the flivver up to the lake."

The atmosphere about the coupe became electrical. Miss Holt looked distinctly haughty and forbidding. Whiz looked as bland as a spring lamb. Ned, troubled and reluctant, but unwilling to refuse, took the basket.

"Really, Ned," said the lady with a light laugh, "I cannot be carried about with the groceries."

Molly Brown, coming out of the store with her packages, saw the little comedy.

"Let me take that for you, Ned," she offered quickly. "I have to go in to the camps anyway, on some business for father."

Whiz and the doctor, left alone on the steps, sat for a time without speaking. The dialogue in the car, if they could have listened in, would have sounded something like this: "You were just pretending to be a friend. You knew what my business was."

"Don't be ridiculous, Ned. I thought you were a partner."

"A partner in a country store does everything," said Ned stiffly. "I'm not ashamed of it."

"Save the heroics for Miss Brown," answered the girl mockingly. "I saw she was anxious to make an impression."

"She was not," furiously. "Molly is always like that—just kind and friendly. She doesn't have to make an impression on me. I've always known her."

A long moment of silence in the car. "You are rather a dear, Ned," she said at last, compelled reluctantly to recognize the essential worth of the lad. "Perhaps you are right. I'm sorry."

The doctor looked up at the sky and whistled softly. Presently he said: "To borrow an expression of your own, Whiz, why in tunket did you do it?"

"Why, doc," protested Whiz. "You was the one that pointed out to me how there was always green fire in the cat's eyes if you got the right angle on them."

One American steel company alone has more steel capacity than all of Germany.

Milk is now being turned into a plastic material that can be used as a substitute for ivory.

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and THIS IS WHAT THEY CAUSE!

Under the microscope Bacteria that spoil cream look like Pool Balls, Pool Cues and Cork-Screws

Bacteria are so very tiny that many thousands of them could be put on the period at the end of this sentence, yet the farmer must wage a continuous battle against them lest they deprive him of his livelihood.

The production of cream is a perfect example of this struggle. From the time the farmer draws the milk from his cow's udder until the minute he delivers the cream to the creamery or his cream buyer, he must be alert every minute lest the bacteria get the upper hand, outsmart him and nullify the hours of care and attention he has invested in his product.

In the case of cream, the farmer must be doubly alert. For here he is dealing with a product which contains a small number of bacteria even as it comes from the cow's udder. Exposure to air causes these bacteria to multiply rapidly and unless this process is halted the product soon becomes unsuitable for food.

This is the reason dairy authorities urge farmers to separate the milk immediately after milking and then quickly cool the cream. Quick cooling puts a stop to the multiplication of the bacteria and preserves the quality of the cream.

But most of the bacteria which appear in milk get there after it is drawn from the cow. Carelessness in milking or insufficient attention to cleanliness are the principal reasons for the presence of this second batch of bacteria (illustrated above). Dust, loose hair, imperfectly cleaned utensils are among the principal external sources of bacteria. Once the causes are understood, the remedies suggest themselves. Milking a clean cow with clean, dry hands, the use of a seamless, hooded pail, with perhaps a filter-type strainer for further protection provides the complete answer, according to these same dairy authorities.

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