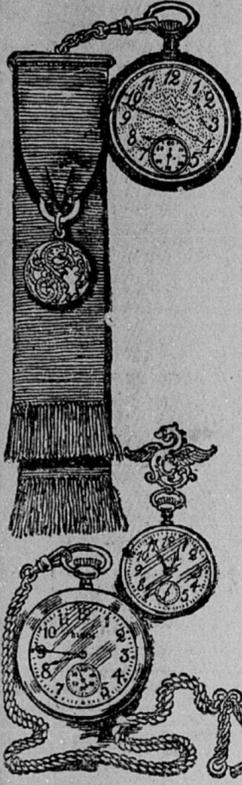


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BARR'S FACE DECORATIONS HELD TO BE UNSANITARY

His Whiskers Were Characterized as Being a Breeding Place for Germs and Therefor a Menace to the City of Keokuk,

A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF CRIME

Verdict Was Returned That He Should Be Taken to Rowe's Barn and Shorn of Luxuriant Growth of Alfalfa.

Will Dr. G. Walter Barr, the Keokuk literary luminary, be robbed of his talent like Sampson was robbed of his strength, when those luxuriant whiskers (often referred to as a crop of ripe alfalfa) are shorn from his face? It was decreed last night by a jury of six intelligent, upright and honest men, that the hirsute appendage which has been worn by the author for many years, is a menace to the community, and should no longer decorate his face as a breeding place for such germs as the alfalfatorum sloppytis, the harem skarem and the whiskeritis germatidas; that he should be taken in custody of the sheriff to Dr. Rowe's barn where the crop was to be removed at the expense of Judge D. F. Miller. The judge overruled the verdict as to the last clause and then pronounced sentence, from which there was no appeal.

Although the doctor had withstood ten hours of cross examination and was in a state of nervous collapse, he heard the jury's finding like a stoic. Later as the penitentiary doors—beg pardon, the doors of Dr. Rowe's barn were closed upon him he remained even then unmoved by the severity of the sentence that had been pronounced against him.

Were You There?

It was the funniest thing ever given in Keokuk. One big laugh from start to finish, the mock trial in Kangaroo court presided over by the Hon. D. F. Miller, was the side-splitting farce that entertained several hundred people last evening, while Edgar Smyser, the high school student benefited from it. From the opening of court by Sheriff Crimmins until Judge Miller adjourned it, the spectacle was one of uproarious laughter, fun and amusement. Witnesses testified to what, not attorneys argued about germs, the sheriff bagged the doctor as he attempted to escape and the spectators howled.

Court Opened.

At 8 o'clock Sheriff John J. Crimmins opened the Kangaroo court, and Judge Miller took his seat at the bench. Attorney Craig, the state's prosecutor, announced the case as that of the state of Iowa vs. one G. Walter Barr. Dr. Barr was brought into court under custody of Sheriff Crimmins. The indictment No. 23, was read by clerk Ed S. Lofton, as follows:

We, the grand jury of the city of Keokuk, County of Lee, State of Iowa, sitting in solemn session and being sound of mind and body, do hereby indict one G. Walter Barr of said district, of the crime of failing to indulge in a tri-weekly shave, either by his own hand or at the hands of a public barber.

We further find that the said G. Walter Barr, by his failure, neglect, and refusal to do said necessary and sanitary act, is committing a crime against humanity, in that his whiskers have become a breeding place, lodging house, boarding stable, of varied and diverse germs, microbes, bacteria and what not, chiefly the latter, and we

Further recommend that said G. Walter Barr be brought into court and made to stand trial.

Respectfully submitted, THE GRAND JURY.

Change of Venue.

Attorney Ed W. McManus, for defendant, submitted a motion for a change of venue, and then said in support of it: "It is not the crime that is a serious one, but the penalty attached. To take the life of the defendant would not be a serious punishment, but to deprive him of those luxuriant whiskers is too much. Further your honor is not competent to try the case, because of prejudice, Dr. Barr having declared over at Wild Cat that your singing of the Star Spangled Banner was rotten."

Attorney Craig for the state argued against the motion. "The least said about your singing the Star Spangled Banner the best said. Further, no judge can make such a show of himself as you can."

Judge Miller in ruling on the motion stated that while Dr. Barr should be hanged without the attendance of a clergyman, he was not prejudiced and couldn't be. He overruled the motion.

Plea of Not Guilty.

The defendant entered a plea of not

(The names given by some of the jurors sounded like a bunch of tin cans falling down cellar steps; hence we omit names.)

Attorney McManus examined the jury for the defendants.

"How long has it been since you served a term in the penitentiary?"

"State (this to A. Miller) are you any relation to the judge?"

Answer: No.

"You are to be congratulated." One juror was challenged for cause, because he did not grow whiskers; another because he was prejudiced against Dr. Barr.

Testimony is Taken.

The first witness for the prosecution was Edward F. Carter, G. E. (germ expert) whose testimony was as follows, the questions and answers being:

Q: What is your name, age, occupation, weight, color of eyes and hair?

A: You can search me.

Q: What is your nationality?

A: My father was a Russian, my mother was French. I was born in a German balloon sailing over Norway so I must be either a chimney swallow or a wood-pecker.

Q: Are you a friend of the prisoner?

A: Well, I would not confess the crime in public if I was.

Q: Do you shave yourself or not?

A: I shave, myself, also the neighbors.

Q: What is your opinion of whiskers?

A: I know him by sight only.

Q: I do not mean the defendant. I mean whiskers on the chin; what do you think of them?

A: I think they look better on the chin than on the elbow.

Q: Why is a razor?

A: No matter how deep you dig for fishing worms, there is always a chance of being bitten by a cow.

The witness was then asked to tell all he knew about the case, and in an expert manner plunged into testimony as to germs, exhibiting a number of microscopic photographic enlargements of the germs found in Dr. Barr's whiskers. The elaboration was intensely funny.

The testimony on cross examination follows:

Q: Did you say you were a friend of the defendant?

A: I'll tell the truth if the sheriff leaves the room.

Q: If you were Dr. Barr would you shave off your whiskers?

A: If I were Dr. Barr I would cut off my whole head.

Q: If you were a barber would you shave Dr. Barr if you had a chance?

A: Not if I had a chance. I'd risk it though if I had an ax or lawn mower.

Q: Have you been bribed or paid to testify in this case?

A: Honest injun, no. But I would feel well repaid if we can find him guilty and hang him.

Q: Then you believe in capital punishment—in hanging a man by the neck until he is dead? You the father of fifteen or sixteen children would lend your efforts to send an innocent man to the happy hunting ground? I'm not only surprised, but ashamed at you. What do you mean by such a heartless, savage, cannibalistic demonstration?

A: Well, I only wanted to help Smyser out. Otherwise I'd be in my little bog at home now dreaming of humble bees and waving corn.

Q: Is that all you know about the case?

A: That's all I know and a couple of yards more.

Q: You are excused, Mr. Sheriff take this witness down stairs and throw him into the swimming pool.

- Facts About Mock Trial. Defendant—Dr. G. Walter Barr. Plaintiff—Barbers' Union. Charge—Refusal of the defendant to indulge in a tri-weekly shave. Judge—D. F. Miller. Clerk of court—Ed S. Lofton. Sheriff—J. J. Crimmins. Stenographer—Wm. Aldrich. Attorneys—Ed. W. McManus for defendant; Theodore A. Craig for state. Witnesses—Ed. F. Carter, Mayor J. F. Elder, Rev. J. W. Potter and C. P. Dorsey for plaintiff; Commissioner Gray, Harvey Bonham and Rev. George C. Williams for defendant. Jury—Prof. R. L. Reid, Archer Miller, J. J. Ayres, Rev. R. W. Lilley, Rev. H. B. Foster and J. O. Boyd. Manager—Edgar Smyser. Verdict of jury—Guilty.

guilty and the following jurors were called: R. L. Reid, Archer Miller, J. J. Ayres, Rev. R. W. Lilley, Rev. H. B. Foster, J. O. Boyd. Attorney McManus entered an objection to the summoning of beardless youths to the jury. Alleging conspiracy and collusion, Attorney Craig asked the rule on the witnesses. The following were sworn: Rev. Potter, Mayor Elder, Edward F. Carter, for the state and Rev. Williams, Rev. Foster, Thos. P. Gray and Dr. Barr for the defendant. Clerk Lofton administered the following oath: "You and each of you do most solemnly declare and say that the testimony which you are about to give before this honorable court in the case of 'The District' vs. G. Walter Barr, shall be all you know; what you have heard, what you believe and more too. And this you will tell without any fear or regard for the truth in this particular case. So help yourself Isaac."

Attorney Craig in examining the jury propounded the following question: "Do you know your name? Can you read or write? Have you any prejudice against the whiskers on account of the similarity to the word whiskey?"



DR. G. WALTER BARR—WITH THEM ON. Found Guilty Last Night at Mock Trial of Wearing Whiskers and Sentenced to Have them Removed. Photo Taken just Before the Operation Started and Previous to the Applying of the Anaesthetic.



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Mayor on the Stand. The second put on the stand was Mayor J. F. Elder. The witness testified to being president of the board of health, and as such his duties were to look after and protect against the spreading of germs. To assist in this work a police department had been installed and street cleaners purchased. At one time the city intended repairing one of the sweepers with Dr. Barr's whiskers. His whiskers are a great place for breeding of germs. On cross examination the witness testified that the conviction of Dr. Barr was being sought to quell a riot. He claimed knowledge of germs, but was deficient on germ technique and anatomy. He did not believe that hair was antiseptic, and testified that gas emanated from Dr. Barr's mouth, but could not be segregated because of the germs. He said that he had seen germs jump fifteen feet.

And Then a Preacher. Rev. Potter was the next witness. He refused to disclose his name and failed to give his occupation. For a business he talked on Sunday and ate chicken during the week. The witness testified to Barr's breaking in at the T. M. E. church and putting a quietus on the services and everything. He was opposed to long hair, especially because hair had caused the greatest domestic tragedy in history. He related a story about the marriage of a man, Sampson by name, who grew long hair, and to it attributed his great power. During the night his wife cut his hair off, and there resulted the great domestic tragedy. The witness related a story of Dr. Barr's repertorial work. (At this juncture Judge Miller overruled a half dozen more questions asked on cross examination). The witness denied ever having grown whiskers or attempted to. (While the witness was leaving his seat Dr. Barr attempted to escape, but was captured by Sheriff Crimmins at the door).

Bribed to Disappear. The next witness, C. P. Dorsey, left the state to escape having to testify.

Rev. Williams took the stand in behalf of the defendant. He only knew Dr. Barr above his nose. As to his objection for making Dr. Barr shave off his whiskers, he said it was part of his means of livelihood. He testified to his actions while in the county jail, and though he was a Russian spy at the time. He disappears into Illinois, going to Springfield to get in the jack-pot. "What is the jackpot?" asked McManus. Objection overruled. The judge said he would need openers to come in the jack pot. Getting back to the whiskers the witness said he was ashamed to tell how long Barr had worn the whiskers, but thought it was all the way from four to sixteen inches. The testimony then reverted to the result upon Sampson when his whiskers were cut off. He became weak as a baby, but did not opine that Dr. Barr could become any weaker than he is.

On cross examination Attorney Craig asked if it was not a fact that

Dr. Barr has the jaw bone of an ass and whiskers to conceal it, bringing in the story of Sampson doing his deadly work with the jaw bone of an ass. The Naked Truth. Thos. P. Gray was the state's next witness. The doctor's whiskers should not be cut he said, because he did not wish to expose the doctor's bare face to the public. Whiskers of Dr. Barr is a help, an antiseptic, because the whiskers take germs from the air and are consequently a public benefactor. The doctor is a great literary genius (clear from the doctor) and uses his whiskers as a pen wiper in the pursuit of his talents.

On cross examination Commissioner Gray testified that Barr had applied for a job as dog catcher but had been refused the position.

Cut Down Six Inches. The next witness, Harvey Bonham, demanded his fees in advance. He had known the doctor about five-feet, eight inches (corrected by the court to read 5 feet 2 inches). Continuing he believed "them whiskers" to be a habitude for microbes. There was no cross examination.

Dr. Barr took the stand in his own behalf. He gave his name, but after five minutes of recitation, was halted by the judge. He had no recollection of his birth. He never had any whiskers, but a beard, and they never started but grew. He got them in Chicago from J. Ham Lewis and wears them as a cherished memento of an innocent childhood. He cut them off once when the police were after him. He testified to looking in a looking glass, but the court would not allow him to testify what he saw. The witness said he had never gone to church, because he could not talk back to the preacher. He did not wear whiskers to conceal his identity.

Charley Ross in Disguise. The closing arguments were begun. Attorney Craig opening for the state. He reviewed the evidence, and declared that the defendant had worn his whiskers to conceal the fact that he is Charley Ross. He asked on behalf of the state, the community and the fair women and children here that the disgrace be carried on no longer. This talk about Barr being like fly-paper is all bosh; he is fly, that is certain.

Attorney McManus opened and closed for the defendant. He made an eloquent plea for the hirsute appendage of the doctor. The prosecution loses sight of the fact the science has advanced. Dr. Barr carries with him a protection against the germs of the city.

Judge Miller instructed the jury to retire, and to return with a verdict for the state; a majority vote to rule, with no court to which to appeal.

The jury found the doctor guilty and decreed that he be taken to Rowe's barn and be shorn of his whiskers, the judge to pay the bill. The last clause was overruled by the judge. Foreman of the jury was J. J. Ayres.

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