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Is Harry Thaw Insane?

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That is the problem in the New York court. The defense has come far short of proving Thaw insane. They admit that he is sane now, but was insane when he killed White, and for a few weeks thereafter. What are the offered proofs of Thaw's insanity? Three alienists—Wagner, Wiley and Evans—have been on the stand and gave their expert opinion in the matter, and surely every careful reader will pronounce the testimony very unsatisfactory. They have made out Thaw to be somewhat eccentric, easily angered, and revengeful; but not insane in the ordinary sense of the term.

Dr. Wiley testified that Thaw when a child of seven years had fits of epilepsy. Well, what of that? Julius Cæsar had the "falling sickness" when a grown up man, but was never thought to be insane on that account. He was Rome's great statesman and warrior—one of the greatest men of any age.

Dr. Wagner gave it as his opinion that Thaw did not know it was wrong for him to kill White. There are thousands of sane people all over the land who think the same. Men say White deserved his fate. Probably Thaw had worked himself into that belief, but that only shows a defective judgment, not irresponsible insanity.

Dr. Evans proved himself a very poetical expert. He used so many figurative phrases, that when translated into the common vernacular, became valueless as proofs of insanity. Look at some of them: "Severe brain storm," that is, fits of anger. Suppose he had a bad temper, does that make him insane? Thousands of people have brain storms in their craniums, but are sane men and women. Queen Elizabeth of England had severe brain storms, and swore like a trooper, but still was the great Queen of England and was never suspected of insanity.

"Exaggerated ego"; that is, in common parlance, had the "big head" disease. A look at Thaw's cranium will convince any one that the prisoner is an abnormally egotistic man. No doubt he over-estimated his own importance. But are there not many sane people of like make-up? Do we think of them as insane? Lord Chettown of England said at one time, "I can save the state, and no one else can." Was he insane? Was Napoleon insane because he believed himself the only man in France capable of ruling? "Fulminating condition of mental unsoundness"; that is, a blatant crank. Well, suppose Dr. Evans told the truth about it, does it show insanity? By no means, for society is full of such cranks and they are treated as such?

It looks to us as if the experts so far have utterly failed to make out Thaw's insanity. When Jerome comes to cross-examine Wagner and Evans, as he did Wiley, he will have no difficulty in rendering their learned testimony of no value.

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Of course, we can be certain of Thaw's mental status until the court and jury have decided the case; in the meanwhile we have the right to form and express our lay opinion.

The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by Wm. Kipp's Sons Druggists, 50c.

Otterbein.

This community was very much shocked to hear of the suicide of Theodore Byers of Castine last Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Shumaker is very poorly at this writing, there being no hopes of her recovery.

James Gabbert, Mrs. John Gillfillan and Glen Howell are victims of the la grippe.

Frank Coblenz and wife visited the latter's parents at Beech Grove Sunday.

Miss Lillie McFarland of Clark Station is visiting friends in this community this week.

Misses Garnet Dubbs, Myrtle Snyder and Esta Pottenger and Messrs. Glen and Diller Howell, Mahlon Grubbs, Ralph and Clarence Snyder spent Sunday with R. G. Howell and family.

John Lanson of Fort Jefferson gave an interesting lecture on the Civil War last Friday night at the Butler township house. Quite a large crowd was there and all were well satisfied.

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Ninevah.

Charley Bowers has put up some ice for next summer.

John Burress of New Paris visited Wm. Pleasant, his father-in-law, Saturday night and Sunday. His wife was also at home a couple of days last week.

Harry Reichard's horse tore loose from where it was tied last Thursday night and started for home but some one caught it along the road and tied it to the fence. He lost two robes in the act, one of which has been recovered.

Wm. Fritz intends moving to Greenville tomorrow.

Benton Butts moved to his new home near Hollansburg Thursday.

day.
Roy Feeser and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday night.

Daniel Sharp is improving some. John Unger, Jr., and family visited his brother, Wm. D., and family Sunday.

Born to Peter Unger and wife Tuesday night a baby boy.

George Andrews of Coldwater is visiting his daughter and family, Levi Unger's. Mrs. Leslie Debolt, a sister of Mrs. Unger, and her child, are also visiting them.

They are having quite a stir at the meetings here; from fifteen to eighteen have been at the altar for a few nights, with several conversions already and crowded houses nightly.

Feb. 18.

GAIL.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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"Darke County Boy" Touring the South.

Nashville, Feb. 17, 1907.

Since my last to the Journal we have returned from Texas, coming back to Lake Charles on the gulf coast, in southwestern Louisiana, the rice belt of the world. Some sugar cane and a little corn is grown here, but rice is the prevailing crop, and in this rice belt we find the Yankee from the Hoosier, the Sucker, the Wolverine, and Buckeye states; the rest of the population are French and negro. The surface is a monotonous level. After being in Calcasien Parish, or county as we would call it, we returned to New Orleans and attended the Mardi Gras festival. It used to be a great musical affair, but now it is only a straight carnival, but on a much larger scale than those held in northern cities. There were twenty floats of a glittering nature, beautiful to look at, representing some of the principal nations of the world. Oh, such crowds! We paid \$3 a night while there for a small room and one bed. Every place was full, but provisions were plenty at fair prices. Next year if any of you readers visit New Orleans to see the great festival you had better take lots of cash for the get-rich-quick man is there, also the pick-pocket and card sharp. Their street car system is very good and was a great help to us in visiting many places of interest. One of the interesting things we saw was a very large hotel with over four hundred rooms, built in antebellum days. There is yet the block on which the slave was bought and sold in that then fashionable hotel, and in the dome, which extends from the ground upward to a skylight, is the slave prison or pen. This hotel, since

the Civil War, is uninhabited only in the daytime. No person can be persuaded to lease it as it is supposed to be haunted. The porticos are falling down, the marble floors are filthy, dust, bats and negroes are there, but the negro only in daylight. You can go through the building all right by giving a negro guide a small fee and he'll give you the history of each room, where the old master or mistress poisoned or killed so many slaves rather than see them have their freedom, and the guide tells us the old missus was driven away by the cries and yells of the departed souls or spirits. Two millions of money is there going to waste on account of this superstition, or facts as it may be, concerning this haunted hotel.

On last Wednesday at 9:25 a. m. we started for Nashville from New Orleans, a distance of 625 miles, and at 5 a. m. next morning arrived at our destination.

Here we find the weather feels like winter. On the 19th we will get home to Portland. We are here in Nashville with J. C. Collins, who was raised in the vicinity of Ansonia, Darke county. He is here as general agent for the Port Huron Machinery Company for several of the southern states. We will say very little about Nashville, for when we see some of our old comrades, such as the Martin boys of your city, C. W. Berry of Versailles, or Dan. Ryan, they might ask if I was on smoky row while there. Ask Reuben Ohler or Azariah Bruss if they were ever on smoky row of Nashville.

We started from Portland, that beautiful Hoosier town on the Salamonie river, the 10th of last month and by steps over three thousand miles will have been traversed by us ere we reach home. We have only seen light frosts since we started, and have feasted on new potatoes and strawberries while in the south. DARKE COUNTY BOY.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

As the session of Congress draws to an end there is more and more speculation what bills, if any, stand a show of passing and what legislation the president is going to recommend in the railroad line and whether there will be an extra session called. It may be said in the first place that nothing in the way of legislation has any chance of passing now if there is any opposition to it. The penal code bill is still the unfinished business before the House and there is no chance of getting through with that measure in the next six months, so business has to be

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done by unanimous consent and of course it is only on measures to which everyone is agreed that this can be obtained.

This is what is holding up the immigration bill just now. There is opposition to the measure by certain interests from the south and while the Administration realizes the importance of this measure from an international viewpoint, there is only one way out of the difficulty. The president is keeping the threat of an extra session in the background and it may be used effectively in getting the immigration bill through. An extra session is the last thing that members of Congress want, and the president has threatened that if the immigration bill does not go through with the Japanese provision in the shape he wants it, he will call the extra session and take advantage of the opportunity to get through a number of other pieces of legislative work that he thinks need doing.

A matter that is of general interest to most people that may be crowded through in the last days of the session is the copyright bill. This is a measure about the justice of which there is little discussion in the general features. Authors, dramatists and the like are provided with protection and both the House and Senate are agreed on the main features of the bill. But there is a lively fight on between the musical composers and the mechanical musical people as to the rights of musical compositions. This is where the humble but popular phonograph, the mechanical piano player and a number of similar devices come in. As the case stands the makers of phonograph records and mechanical piano rolls have been able to buy any sort of a musical composition for fifteen cents or so and reproduce it without paying the composer any royalty. The man who printed it as sheet music, however, has had to pay a royalty on every copy sold. The fight in the bill is to make the mechanical music people pay a royalty also and this they do not want to do. It would seem to the outsider rather hard lines that a musical composition should be a copyrightable production if a man wanted to print it, but should be free to all manufacturers if they wanted to reproduce

it on some mechanical musical instrument. But the composers and the mechanical people have not been able to get together, so the musical end to the copyright bill is likely to block the whole measure and get it hung up till the end of the session.

Sheep raisers and woolen mill men of all persuasions are uniting in opposition to the president's grazing land measure. This is one phase of the public land protection policy that is being urged by the Administration. There is a strong lobby at the Capitol to prevent action on the measure and in the meantime the grazing lands of the west are being killed off as fast as the sheep men can kill them. The scheme is the simple one of leasing all the grazing lands still under control of the government and selling to the lessees that such an area will support so many sheep or cattle and not allowing any more to be grazed on it. Most of the cattle raisers, both big and little, are in favor of such legislation and the Department of Agriculture which has made a study of the subject has recommended it without hesitation. But the wool men are heartily against it. The sheep interests of the west are very largely in the hands of foreigners who come over the border from Canada and Mexico, principally Canada, with immense bands of sheep, graze them across the country and back by some other route, taking the most of the season in the process, and leave the land behind them an absolute desert. Cattle may graze on a tract of land and actually improve it. So may sheep in moderation. But sheep will eat out grass, roots and all, when they are in immense bands and what they do not eat they tramp out with their sharp hoofs, so that they can sweep over a stretch of country and leave it an absolute desert for a generation. The sheep men claim that the government leasing plan for the grazing lands is in the interests of the cattle monopoly. But they cannot and do not deny that their bands of sheep roaming unchecked over the west are rapidly ruining all that is left of the public grass-land.

Strong efforts are being made to secure an appropriation for an addition to the Patent Office or extra storage room outside the

present building where the records and extra copies of patents may be kept. The present situation is fast becoming intolerable. The old section of the Interior department where the Patent Office is housed, has about reached the limit of its capacity for storing the records and the extra copies of patents for which inventors are constantly calling from all over the country. An appropriation of \$50,000 for extra storage room has been asked and it is possible that this item may be included in one of the appropriation bills before the end of the session.

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Universalist Church, Sunday, February 24.

Rev. Leon P. Jones will preach at 10:30 a. m. on "Proselyting"; at 7 p. m. on "For other foundation can no man lay." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

The Gospel meetings are drawing a good attendance and much interest is shown in the subjects presented. Next week the following subjects will be discussed: Monday—"The Strait Gate" by Mrs. Jones.

Tuesday—Absalom, the "unregenerate" son, by L. P. Jones.

Wednesday—"If a man's work shall be burned," by Rev. Mrs. Jones.

Thursday—"Conversion," by L. P. Jones.

Friday—"The Unpardonable Sin," by Rev. Mrs. Jones.

Saturday—February 23, Rev. L. P. Jones will give an address at 2:30 p. m. on Aaron, Priest of an "Up-to-Date Religion." Everyone invited.

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