

THOMPSON IS FREE.

THOMPSON'S WITNESS STORY NOT BELIEVED BY THE JURY. A Man, Who Has Been Confined in Jail for Six Months on a Charge of Burglary, Acquitted—The Attorneys Who Defended Hugh Crockett, and Freed Him From a Charge of Murder, Bring Suit for \$750 Attorneys' Fees—Judgment Given on a Lost Note.

James Thompson was tried before Judge Hume and a jury yesterday on a charge of highway robbery and acquitted. The testimony showed that Thompson was arrested on June 11 last for robbing John Booth on First avenue, near Spring street. When Thompson and Booth were brought to the station, Booth accused Thompson of robbing him. Thompson at first denied the robbery, but on being searched the money was found on him, and he said that Booth was innocent and that he took the money for safe keeping. Booth went to Alaska shortly after the arrest of Thompson and remained there up to a few days ago. In the meantime Thompson has been confined in the county jail. On one occasion Frank E. Denny, Thompson's attorney, had him released on a writ of habeas corpus, because he had not been given a trial within sixty days after his arrest, but on the application of the prosecuting attorney he was rearrested. The supreme court ruling which allows the rearrest of a person accused of a crime, even when discharged under a writ of habeas corpus, because he has not been given a trial within the time specified, is the basis of the fact that the supreme court ruling nullifies the statute, at the time when passing on the merits of the case.

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Thompson and that the latter always paid the score. He also testified that Booth would come in and dine and then would try to sneak out without paying. When caught he would request Croft to charge the meal to Thompson or someone of the other boarders. This incident on Booth's character threw a big doubt on the truth of his testimony. Thompson proved that he had been in the country for a year before his arrest and that he had been constantly employed up to that time. Previous to coming here he had been a steward-cook on deep water vessels. It was also shown that it was his custom to send his wages to his widowed mother. The verdict of "not guilty," which the jury brought in, apparently met with the approval of the bystanders in the court room, and regret was expressed that he had been compelled to spend the past six months in the county jail.

WANT A REBATE.

John and Jane Campbell refuse to pay taxes on State Property. John Campbell and Jane Campbell yesterday sued the county of King, John W. Maple, as county treasurer and ex-officio tax collector for King county, and the city of Seattle, for a partial rebate of taxes. Campbell and wife are the owners of the south half of fractional lot 7, in block A, of A. A. Denny's addition. To the west of and adjoining fractional lot 7, before mentioned, there are tide lands. These lands have been platted by the state tide land appraisers and are designated as block 195, and this block has been subdivided into lots 2, 3 and 4. Lot 4 in block 195, in block A, as follows: Value of land, \$14,000; value of improvements, \$12,500; aggregate value, \$26,500. On this a tax for the year 1896 was levied of \$781. It is held that the assessment is void, because the eighth of the area of the south half of lot 7 was tide lands belonging to the state of Washington and therefore exempt from government land. The grand jury found a true bill and returned an indictment against Turner A. Pickett, charged with cutting timber on government land. The grand jury found no true bills in the following cases: United States vs. W. A. McCuechin and United States vs. John Connors and E. A. Woods. In the latter case the defendants were discharged and bail exonerated.

HUGH B. CROCKETT SUED. The Attorneys Who Acquitted Him of Murder After Their Fee. Edward Brady yesterday brought suit in the superior court to recover \$700 from Hugh B. and Sarah E. Crockett. It will be remembered that Crockett became involved in a dispute with George White, a colored man, in Joe Roadhouse's saloon in December, 1886. Crockett finally drew a pistol and shot and killed White. Brady & Gay were retained to defend Crockett on December 15, 1886, and the agreement was that the sum of \$1,000 should be paid for the service. Along in March, 1888, Crockett was acquitted under a plea of self-defense. Crockett paid his attorneys \$200, and has failed to come to time with the balance. The claim has been assigned to Edward Brady, who yesterday sued to recover the \$700 due.

Get the Genuine NEW VICTOR. There are many poor imitations on the market. See that NEW VICTOR is on the name plate. Z. C. MILES CO. Inl. War. Buss. Int. and Exch. Int. Z. F. DAVIDSON, Receiver.

note, which was for \$500, was given several years ago and bore interest at the rate of 1 per cent. per month. The note was lost by its owner, but its existence was so clearly shown that the verdict was quickly given by the jury in favor of the plaintiff. Ah How used to be a cook for the late H. L. Yeiser.

Ordered to Sell the Stock. Yesterday an order was signed by Judge Langley directing M. D. Barnes, receiver of the Empire Jewelry Company, to commence the sale of the stock at once and to continue the sale until the entire stock is closed out. This order covers not only goods which were on hand when the receiver was appointed, but also all goods purchased subsequently for the usual business of such company and which are precipitated by disagreements between the Eastern and local stockholders of the Empire Jewelry Company.

Allowed to Compromise Judgments. Allice L. Ashcroft, administrator of the estate of Frank Ashcroft, was yesterday allowed to compromise two judgments held by the estate by remitting the interest and accepting 40 per cent. of the principal immediately and the remainder at some future time. One of these judgments is against B. McNutt, W. H. Hawkins, W. H. West and James O. Laughlin for \$413, and the other is against James O. Laughlin and is for the sum of \$182.

Amount of Holloway's Bond Fixed. The bond of George M. Holloway, county clerk-elect, has been fixed by Judges Osborn, Langley and Homes at \$50,000. This is in accordance with a provision of the law, which provides that the official bonds of all county clerks in the state shall be fixed by the superior court in each county.

Judgment on a Lost Note. A jury in Judge Osborn's court yesterday rendered judgment in favor of plaintiff in the case of Dr. J. Eugene Jordan vs. Ah How in the sum of \$396.30. The

NOT TO ENFORCE IT.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OPINION ON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION. Deputy Wiltshire Advises the County Commissioners That the Matter Should Be Treated as Though the Question Had Failed to Receive the Required Number of Votes to Secure its Approval.

The board of county commissioners has been advised to treat the question of township organization just as if it had not received the requisite number of votes at the recent election. The board, at a previous meeting, had instructed Auditor Beman to communicate with the prosecuting attorney and request him to render an opinion on the matter, which was complied with. Deputy Wiltshire submitted the opinion, which, in full, is as follows: "The letter of Auditor Beman, written at your request, dealing the question of township organization just as if it had not received the requisite number of votes at the recent election, was received at the office of the prosecuting attorney on Saturday, December 6, 1896. The reason assigned for trying County on this charge was that the captain could not wait in port to prosecute his assailant. Several years ago Policeman Nease was one of the finest 'peelers' on the force, and a terror to small thieves. Today he is an inmate of the asylum at Steilacoom, and his son, a young man of 23, stands charged with petit larceny. This work was done by Nease two or three years ago, and with his father on the force never dreamed of being dragged into the police court charged with a crime for which his paternal ancestor had arrested many unfortunates. When arraigned yesterday, Nease took the statutory time in which to plead, and secured the services of Attorney Frank Sims.

Football Saturday. S. A. C. vs. Puget Sound University. Game called at 2:30. Y. M. C. A. vs. U. of W.

Ten Years for Forger Valentine. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—William E. Valentine pleaded guilty to forgery in the second degree and abduction in the Kings county court today, and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. Valentine was at the head of a gang of forgers and swindlers whose operations extended all over the United States and Canada, and involved, it has been stated, as much as \$2,000,000.

Every Boy or Girl... Who will cut out this advertisement and present it at the store with one cent will receive FIVE pieces of Adams' Chewing Gum. For today and tomorrow, Dec. 9 and 10. COOPER & LEVY, GROCERS, 104 and 106 First Av. South, One Door South of Yeaser Way.

suit from acting upon the conclusion that township organization had carried; whereas, if any would probably result from acting contrariwise, and I therefore advise you that the matter should be treated as though the question of township organization had failed to receive the requisite number of votes of the qualified electors to secure its approval."

Police Notes. The lawyers engaged in the Chinese lottery case began their argument before Judge Glasgow yesterday afternoon, and will continue today.

Officer Mike Powers picked up a little girl named Mary Clark on Railroad avenue yesterday afternoon, and took her to the police headquarters, where later on she was found by her parents, who had missed her.

Peter Cleary, the deckhand of the steam collier Progresso, who struck the captain that died on the head with a gun last Saturday, was tried by Judge Glasgow yesterday afternoon for carrying concealed weapons, and fined \$25 and costs. The reason assigned for trying Cleary on this charge was that the captain could not wait in port to prosecute his assailant.

Real Shell Hair Pins, 12 1/2c, 20c, 25c each. Real Shell Back Combs, 8c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 3.60, 3.70, 3.80, 3.90, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 4.60, 4.70, 4.80, 4.90, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 5.60, 5.70, 5.80, 5.90, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 6.60, 6.70, 6.80, 6.90, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 7.60, 7.70, 7.80, 7.90, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 8.60, 8.70, 8.80, 8.90, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 9.60, 9.70, 9.80, 9.90, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 10.60, 10.70, 10.80, 10.90, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 11.60, 11.70, 11.80, 11.90, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 12.60, 12.70, 12.80, 12.90, 13.00, 13.10, 13.20, 13.30, 13.40, 13.50, 13.60, 13.70, 13.80, 13.90, 14.00, 14.10, 14.20, 14.30, 14.40, 14.50, 14.60, 14.70, 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