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"intelligent jury?" When juries were first made by law an integral feature of trials, the lawyers and some of the judges understood the law's requirements, while the juries were mostly illiterate. Why were they needed at all? Why was it not left for a judge or an assemblage of judges to decide upon a verdict? Was it not for the purpose of obtaining men who, while they could not read, could not, possibly, give their views in words, still had that deeper knowledge of what men are prone to do in the trials of this life?

Have not most legislatures in this country been controlled by this same idea when they have decreed that the ordinary intelligent man who reads books, and newspapers, and who has read newspaper accounts of a homicide, has disqualified himself from sitting as a juror in the trial of a principal in the tragedy?

When a man reads of a homicide, he is almost certain to be impressed by the reading, but in ninety cases out of a hundred that impression is not a fixed opinion on his part, and, if an honest man, would not have the weight of a feather with him, when the actual facts were made clear; but the law says if it would require testimony to change his impressions, that fact would make him incompetent to sit as a juror.

Are not the laws of most states a quasi command to pick up just such juries as this one in Tennessee? Still it may not be so bad. When the Savior selected his disciples, we suspect that not half of them could read. But He selected them as chief agents for the redemption of the human race.

The Rights of Citizens

THE CANNON BILL has been killed by the Senate. One or two other measures to adjust the liquor question are under consideration. Why not keep in mind that the government of this state should be by the people, and so far as the liquor question is concerned, it should be localized. That is, the Rubens of Sanpete and Sevier ought to make their own rules and regulations regarding it, but they should not make regulations for Salt Lake or Weber county, the thought being all the time that individual liberty is the thing to be most treasured under free governments.

We know the News objects to this, saying that under the rule, while outside counties would be prohibition, still all who drink in those counties would send to Salt Lake for liquor. But the News urged the passage of the Cannon bill with a sort of frenzy, though it knew that, could it become a law, and could it be declared constitutional, as it never could be, the effect would be to establish branch liquor houses in Pocatello or Evanston, through which dealers here would fill orders to their customers. Today no one can buy a demi-john of whisky in Louisville, Ky., but he can leave an order with a Louisville house, and in an hour it is filled and sent to his home in Louisville from a branch house in New Albany, just across the Ohio in Indiana. The customs of this city and the customs in Uintah and Carbon counties are entirely different.

The thing needed is a more strict enforcement of the laws. There are a great many dives in this city which should be broken up. The enforcement of a high license ordinance will accomplish that. The public sentiment of this city can bring that about, if it will but assert itself. There are many things that need adjusting. A law should compel every company that runs excursion trains at night to carry a policeman to hold hoodlums in check. The want of this has been a crying evil here for a quarter of a century.

The whole question comes under the rule of a square deal. The citizen is entitled to perfect liberty, citizens are entitled to full protection and a rigid enforcement of the laws will secure the justice which is demanded.

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