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By F. F. M.

Luscious Words

WIDOW of the late Nebraska A. Lincoln, suing to recover from the local lodge of the Sons and Daughters of I Will Arise, the sum of \$200 claimed to be justly due on a death benefit certificate. Trial before three "Freeholders" in Justice Court.

The evidence was that the local lodge was the offspring of a national organization with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. (it has no connection with any organization in Georgia). The plaintiff testified that dues were paid regularly to the Denver local. That the money was always received by the local officers with visible emotion and on some occasions with vulgar haste.

The local lodge claimed it was simply the agent for the Grand Lodge at Memphis in collecting and forwarding the monthly dues, and that the entire responsibility for payment of the death benefit was upon the aforesaid and heretofore referred to Grand Lodge of Memphis.

Counsel for the local lodge, in an impassioned appeal to the aforesaid "Freeholders" for judgment in behalf of the local lodge, among other things said:

"And now gentlemen of the jury, as ah has explained and elucidated to you all heretofore—this here local lodge of the Sons and Daughters of I Will Arise and which ah has the honor to represent, was only just simply de conduit fru which this Brudder's money flowed back to the Grand Lodge in Memphis."

The jury brought in its verdict while I was yet unconscious.

Personal or Mixed

Place: County Court

Time: Friday afternoon

Present: Court, Counsel and litigants.

He is never absent on Friday afternoons, his manner and form of speech carry an atmosphere of Old Erin.

The docket was crowded, the court was in a hurry.

"Sadie Doe vs. John Doe", yelled the court.

"Here and ready yer Honor", counsel stood up, fumbling with his papers. "Come forward please" beckoning towards the back of the courtroom.

Two sad eyed, tired looking women arose and with measured tread and slow, came forward.

"Stand up here and be sworn" directed counsel. Both reluctantly raised their right hands and mumbled an unintelligible "I do".

"You sit down" he said to one of them; she looked frightened and sat down. "You take the stand", he snapped at the other. She did as directed.

"State yer name and where you live".

"Mumble, mumble mumble" (Reporter understands it perfectly)

"The defendint in this case is your husband?"

"No, sir", calmly.

Long pause, counsel gulps, appears confused.

"You mean to say that the defendant in this case is not your husband?"

"Indeed he is not!" with spirit.

"Well then what are you doing here trying to get a divorce from him?"

"I'm not trying to get a divorce, I just came up here with Sadie as a witness."

Court recessed for five minutes.

F.F.M.

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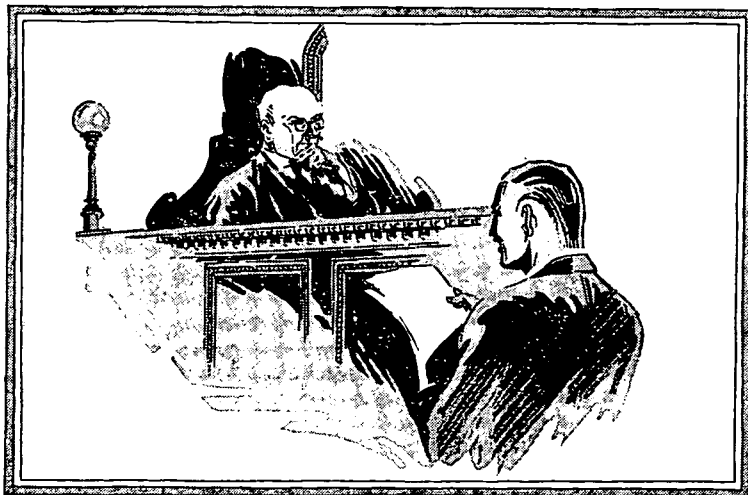
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AMENDMENT NO. 4

(Relating to Justices of the Peace)

Another Justice of the Peace can be obtained for Denver if the lawyers work to that end.

The proposed Charter Amendment for this purpose has been filed with 4501 names attached to the petitions.

It is all a matter of educating the voters. The cause is worthy and is one which should appeal to every lawyer.

There is no serious opposition to the movement. But there is grave danger that the mass of voters may know nothing of the merits of this proposed Amendment.

Defeat may come through the custom which the average voter has developed of voting against anything he is not entirely familiar with. There are numerous proposed charter amendments concerning many of which he has no information.

Lawyers belong to various lodges, service clubs, improvement associations and similar bodies. Let each member of The Denver Bar Association take it upon himself to tell the member of his particular organization the merits of this Amendment.

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