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JURYMEN” ***

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How familiar the following names appear to the old pioneer of the Falls of St. Anthony! Yet, were the roll to be called at the present time, how few would respond "Present!" Time has thinned the ranks wonderfully. Many bright lights have burned to the socket and gone out of this life. Others, born and bred of good old pioneer stock, or attracted hither from the more crowded Eastern cities, have come upon the stage of action and taken up the civil and criminal calendar to mete out justice. We doubt, however, if there be any brighter legal minds now represented than were found in this list of men who were at first instrumental in shaping court proceedings, no matter how complicated the case:

Charles B. Vanderburgh, W. W. McNair, Eugene M. Wilson, B. B. Meeker, H. A. Partridge, J. B. Gilfillan, F. R. E. Cornell, James R. Lawrence, David A. Secombe, E. S. Jones, Franklin Beebe, S. C. Gale, Wm. Lochren, Jared and D. M. Demmon, O. C. Merriman, Levi M. Stewart, John M. Shaw, Isaac Atwater, H. E. Mann, Norton H. Hemiup, Solon Armstrong, Isaac Crowe, Geo. E. H. Day, W. D. Washburn, A. C. Morrill, W. W. Winthrop, Howell W. Robinson, Stewart Harvey, E. A. Raymond, David Heaton, R. J. Baldwin, E. N. Bates, H. D. Beman, A. M. Blair, Albert S. Hall, L. F. Cook, Charles King, David Morgan, John W. Nanry, Henry Hill, Delano T. Smith, Asa Weeks, W. C. Rheem, C. H. Woods, Austin H. Young and George A. Nourse.

The following were fair samples of the men who composed the grand and petit jury—which we have copied from an early date calendar:

Benjamin Pounder, James Starring, Sidney Shaw, Abisha

Benson, John A. Colman, G. W. Erwin, Solomon Wells, Geo. P. Baldwin, S. A. Jewett, Warren Stinson, J. B. Perkins, J. S. Malbon, Leonard Day, Joseph Daniels, James Sully, Robert Blaisdell, R. B. Gibson, George A. Brackett, John Dudley, A. Bacon, D. L. Herrick, D. D. Moore, J. F. Powers, J. H. Talbot, Henry Hurlburt, E. J. Scrimingour, F. D. James, Charles Stock, E. G. Brown, Wm. Stanchfield, E. Lippincott, A. B. Read, James Bean, Charles Straw, E. Emory, J. F. Quimby, W. L. Chowen, Sewall Phelps, Morris Powers, W. F. Bartlett, R. P. Stinson, Asa Fletcher, H. S. Plummer, Justin Cochran, John Waldsfield, A. K. Richards, John L. Pomeroy, C. W. McLean, Israel Dorman, Miles Hills, Samuel Colburn, Orwell Ames, John Stites, S. L. Vawter, Francis Day, J. C. Lawrence, J. F. Grimes, John Thompson and Fred Durand.

From juries made up of such material as above, naught else than a just verdict could be expected.



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