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TRIAL OF A SCRUB BULL

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Arranged especially for use out of doors, but may be used indoors with slight modifications.

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Part I.

Purpose: The primary purpose of this trial is to encourage the use of purebred sires through ridiculing the scrub. This aim should be maintained in every phase of the event - in the trial itself, in the exhibits, in all the setting.

Methods of using: The material here presented is arranged especially for use out of doors, at a Farm Bureau picnic or similar event. It can be held either in the day time or evening, providing good lights are available in the latter event. If used indoors it will be necessary to cut down some parts. The activities of the Shiftless Gang and Vigilance Committee will be restricted, the parade will have to be cut down or eliminated altogether, and the exhibits may have to be left out. On the other hand, the audience can usually hear better indoors and the danger of bad weather is avoided.

The text of the trial is so arranged that the full trial or an abridged edition may be followed depending upon the time available. The full text will take about an hour to an hour and a half to present.

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Part II.

Publicity Material

A series of articles featuring the activities of "A. S. Crub" is here given, but additional publicity should be given, depending on the local circumstances. In Carlton County, where the articles here given were worked out, the advance publicity on the trial was really part of the program of advertising the farm bureau picnic where the trial was held. The article for the third week indicates this and of course must be adapted to suit the local conditions.

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First Week

T H I E F A T L A R G E

Authorities on lookout for desperate character,
now operating in county.

Prominent farmers and business men of _____ County
are very much wrought up over reports that farmers of the county are
being robbed of many thousands of dollars by a desperado that has
thus far escaped capture. (A prominent dairyman) announces that a
Vigilance Committee has been formed to assist the authorities in
apprehending the culprit and securing evidence. According to (A
prominent banker) these depredations have been carried on for a con-
siderable time, but in such a quiet manner that the thief has escaped
public notice. County Agent _____ states that a number of
clues as to the whereabouts of the suspect have been furnished to
Sheriff _____ and County Attorney _____ and no
doubt he will be apprehended within the next three or four days.

_____ (Same Dairyman) _____ (Same banker)

_____ (Prominent Veterinarian) _____
(Prominent Butcher)

_____ (County Agent)

have been named by the Vigilance Committee to follow up the case.

Note: These should later be used as your witnesses for the prosecution.

Other witnesses may be added.

Second Week

Will Be Tried for his Life.

Long hunted individual to be brought
to justice.

Is a Bull headed degenerate

Special court of judges will "sit on him"
at picnic.

A. S. Crub alleged to have stolen more than \$100,000 from farmers of _____ County, was arrested _____ (day of week) by Sheriff _____. The Vigilance Committee has obtained information some of which is of such a serious nature that officials can not make it public at the present time.

Reporters seeking an interview were met only by refusals to talk. The appearance of the prisoner, however, was decidedly against him. He is coarse and rough looking with a prominent bony forehead and wild beady eyes. Experts pronounce him a bull-headed degenerate. The attorney for the prosecution is of the opinion that the prisoner has wilfully robbed the farmers of many thousand of dollars besides other criminal acts of a far more serious nature.

_____(Same dairyman) speaking for the Vigilance Committee, says:

"We are asking that a severe example be made of this individual. We have asked the authorities for a special trial at the County Farm Bureau picnic on June 18 and members of the bar support our request. We allege that A. S. Crub has robbed the farmers of Carlton County of many thousands of dollars, that he has broken up homes and financially wrecked many hard working and well meaning farmers. The nature of the case makes it imperative that the public have every chance to hear the evidence and see that the prosecution is vigorous. A. S. Crub and his accomplices have no place in America."

Third Week

Bully Time at Bureau picnic next Wednesday will see a big crowd at Lake.

Will have a lively time.

Everybody in county invited.

Don't fail to attend the annual farm bureau picnic at Club Lake next Wednesday, starting early and staying all day. There will be some bully good time and the bars will be let down to the lowest legal limit. The "Shiftless Gang" may "Horn in" on the deal and cause a rough house, but the Vigilance Committee says they will have to show more stuff than they have so far if they get away with any wild west capers around that pond.

All is set for the second annual county farm bureau picnic at Club Lake on Wednesday, June 18, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Here give statement of other picnic events, base ball game in forenoon, picnic dinner, races and sports, speaking program, if any,)

At 2.30 the Dumbbell Court will convene for the trial of A. S. Crub, notorious desperado who was apprehended by Sheriff _____ and the Vigilance Committee, on charges that he has robbed _____ County farmers of more than \$100,000, besides breaking up homes, disturbing the peace, and treasonable conspiracy.

E Notice to the Publick :
: The folks ez is tryin to:
: abuse A.S.Crub hed better ::
: look out ez we don't figger:
: he shell be took to Court :
: for nothin by nobody, :
: Shiftless Gang :
: Hank Spoopendyke, :
: Chief Quid. :
: John Dubbs, :
: Head Chair Warmer :
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Court will be conducted by _____, _____, justices, who guarantee that the trial will be swift and justice will be certain. The following have been empaneled as jurors: (Name about 15) _____ will act as prosecuting attorney and (name several of the witnesses) have been named as witnesses for the prosecution.

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: NOTICE! :
: A Vigilance Committee to aid :
: the regular authorities in pro- :
: tecting the farmers of the county :
: against the depredations of one, :
: A.S. Crub, wish it understood that :
: they are not endeavoring to subvert :
: law and order. Our aim is to as- :
: sist the proper authorities; not :
: to take the law into our own hands.:
: If A.S. Crub is guilty, he must :
: be punished to the full extent of :
: the law. We intend to prevent :
: any attempt by the Shiftless Gang :
: or any other organization of irrè- :
: sponsibles, to bribe the jury or :
: the court or to take A.S. Crub :
: from the hands of justice by force.:
: Vigilance Committee :
: (A prominent Dairyman) :
: Chairman. :
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Rumors have it that a bank of lawless ruffians are conspiring to bribe the jury, or that they will attempt if need be to save A. S. Crub from the hands of the law by force. Sheriff _____ announces that adequate measures are being taken to prevent such a contingency. In any case, it is certain that the case will be one of the most exciting ever conducted in _____ County, due to the intense feeling on both sides. The Vigilance Committee announces that A. S. Crub, if guilty, must not escape the full penalty of the law.

Letter to Participants

Dear Sir:

As you perhaps noticed in the county papers, a tremendously important and exciting trial will be pulled off at the county farm bureau picnic on Wednesday, June 18; Mr. A. S. Crub, indicted on a serious charge will, as stated in this week's paper, have a special court of judges "To sit on him". The name A. S. Crub, we believe is an alias. The prisoner's real name is Scrub Bull and he will be tried on charges alleging that he has robbed the farmers of _____ County of many thousands of dollars besides many other serious offenses.

The vigilance committee hopes to make an example of this scrub bull and if they can secure conviction, aim to follow up with a campaign to eliminate all scrub bulls from _____ County. In fact, it is a special dumbbell court which is, of course, natural considering the very important nature of the case. With this letter we enclose a return card. Will you please indicate on this card whether you will be willing to help us make this trial a success by acting in capacity of _____? If so, we will mail you in a few days a letter briefly stating the duties in connection with the trial. With your assistance and that of many other farmers and business men of the county, we hope to make this trial a very interesting feature of the county farm bureau picnic and will surely appreciate it if you will help us to put it across.

Yours very truly,

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Part III.

Organization and personnel of participants.

1. Organization:

An individual, or a committee, should have general charge of arrangements, but sub-committees should be appointed to take charge of different features.

2. The Bull:

By all means have an actual bull present, if possible the scrubbiest, ugliest, knothead that can be obtained. Have the butcher buy him and loan him for the occasion, if necessary. When led into the court room he should be handled with big chains and ropes and led by several men, even though he may be a small, quiet animal. He should be tied or penned in good view of the audience, during the trial.

3. Judges:

Use three judges, a chief justice and two associates. They should be dressed in long black robes and carry big law books as they come in. The chief justice will conduct most of the proceedings, therefore should be a good chairman, so as to keep things going smoothly during the trial.

4. Attorneys:

Actual lawyers should be chosen for the attorneys, if possible. Their relations to the trial should be carefully understood by each other. The prosecution should try to make out a strong case, but the defense should try to open all the holes he can for the prosecuting attorney to get in humorous or striking arguments. The attorney for the defense thus deliberately exposes himself and witnesses to attack and the skill with which he does this adds much to the success of the trial. Evidence for the prosecution is serious, but should not be long or tedious. Evidence for the defense is largely ridiculous.

5. Jury:

Jurymen are selected and at least part of them instructed in advance. If all are not present at the day of the trial, choose others from the audience. Much humor can be worked in during the selection of the jury. The text of the trial indicates the style, but more could be added. Care should be taken not to drag out the selection of the jury too long.

6. Witnesses:

Among the witnesses for the prosecution, there can be used one or two prominent dairymen, the cow tester, a veterinarian, the county agent, the butcher. Witnesses for the defense are all humorous.

7. Sheriff and Vigilance Committee:

A group of from five to ten men, dressed to look the part should constitute the vigilance committee. Their function is to protect the prisoner from violence and they should be officious in their duties.

8. Shiftless Gang:

A group of from 8 to 10 individuals, dressed in ragged clothes, should make up that group. They are the friends of the prisoner, and should be his only friends. They create excitement thruout the trial in their efforts to save the prisoner from justice.

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Part IV.

Text and Outline of Procedure.

Note: It will be noted that the full text of some portions is not given. These parts should be carefully thought out for the occasion, as indicated in the outline. Also that a portion of the trial may be omitted if the trial is being held in connection with some other event so that time is limited.

Audience seated: Bailiff mounts platform. May be accompanied by bugler, who sounds bugle for attention.

Bailiff: "Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, the Honorable Dumbbell Court of _____ County now approaches."

Parade approaches with judges in lead. Judges take seats and other participants stand at their places.

Bailiff: "Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, the Honorable Dumbbell Court of _____ County is now in session."

Bailiff raps and everybody sits down.

Judge: The clerk will call the first case on the docket.

Clerk reads: ~~The~~ The State of Minnesota, County of _____ vs. A. S. Crub, defendant.

Judge: Is the state ready?

Prosecuting Attorney: Your honor, the state is ready.

Judge: Is the defense ready?

Atty. for defense: The defendant is ready your honor.

Clerk reads: Criminal Complaint in the Dumbbell Court, State of Minnesota, vs. A. Scrub, going under the alias A. S. Crub.

Plaintiffs alleging:

1. That complainants are bona fide residents of the State of Minnesota and by occupation, farmers
2. That the defendant is one of a gang of robbers which operates in the county of _____ and has trespassed upon the property of said plaintiff, has caused damages to his herd, has threatened the life of his family, has produced unworthy and unprofitable progeny for his owners and neighbors.
3. Said defendant has kept certain families poor, been the cause of certain women and children going without proper food and clothing and prevented children of certain farmers from having proper schooling.
4. That as a result of aforesaid conditions families have been broken by his lawless acts.

All of which is contrary to the best purposes of agriculture and is detrimental to the prospects and prosperity of the community and is dangerous to the welfare of the entire county. Said complainant present therefore prays

that the defendant be judged guilty and be given the maximum penalty under the law.

Signed, (A prominent Dairyman)

Subscribed and sworn before me
this ____ day of _____ 192__.

(Plaintiff)

Signed

State's Attorney

Judge: Guilty or not guilty?

Atty. for Def: Not guilty, your honor.

Judge: Does your client wish to be tried by a jury?

Atty. for Def: Mr. Crub prefers a jury trial, your honor.

(The jury men should then be called and sworn in after cross questioning by the attorney, somewhat as follows:)

Pros. Atty: Mr. _____ stand up. You are a farmer, are you not?

Juror: Yes.

P. A. Do you know the law of the state?

Juror I think so.

P. A. I didn't ask you what you thought. I wanted to see if you know the law of the state.

Juror: I said I think so. I don't talk without thinking. I am not a lawyer.

P. A. Well then, what is the difference between stabbing a man and stabbing a hog?

Juror: That's easy. Stabbing a man is an assault with intent to kill and stabbing a hog is to kill with intent to salt.

P. A. You will do.

Next, Mr. _____

P. A. What is your occupation?

Juror: I am a farmer and a business man.

P. A. So you are a business man?

Juror: Yes, I do considerable business especially in bulls.

P. A. Well, then, what is the difference between a scrub bull and a purebred bull?

Juror: They are alike in some ways and different in other ways.

P. A. Explain yourself.

Juror: They are alike because they both multiply, but they are different because the scrub never gets the right answer.

P. A. You will do.

Next, Mr. _____

P. A. Mr. _____ have you any views on the merits of this case?

Juror: Indeed I have, I think he is guilty. I can tell it by this looks.

P. A. Whom do you mean?

Juror: That man right there. (He points to Chief Justice.)

P. A. Oh, Mr. _____ that's the judge. We are trying the gentleman in the prisoner's pen.

Juror: Well he looks innocent, I guess.

Mr. _____

P. A. Mr. _____, are you used to handling livestock?

Juror: Yes sir.

P. A. Why does a bull switch his tail?

Juror: I dunno; I s'pose to keep the flies off.

P. A. No, because the bull is stronger than the tail.

Balance of jurors can be called, very briefly examined, and the trial allowed to proceed.

Judge: The Prosecuting Attorney will now give the state's evidence.

(P. A. will now arise and read:)

"Your honor and gentlemen of the jury now comes a state attorney for the great commonwealth of Minnesota and informs you that the defendant A.S. Crub has up to this _____ day of _____, 19____, A.D. been harbored, fed and maintained on the pretext that said defendant was rendering valuable services. That the services were not valuable, but on the other hand were a detriment to the owner and neighbors and entire community and the farmers and business men of the county, shall be my contention. I shall show that A. S. Crub who numbers in his ancentry every known breed and type and some that are unknown, is a rank imposter, a paraside, a danger to the herd with which he is accustomed to associate and by virtue of his nature a menace not only to his owner but to the community at large. I shall prove that the worthless, infamous criminal should be banished from the realm of domestic animals and replaced by a purebred bull of desirable registered ancentry. All the above alleged incriminating statements will be fully substantiated by the testimony and by forthcoming statements and I most humbly beg the well informed and handsome jury to consider the case fairly and honestly."

Judge: The attorney for the defense may now make answer.

Atty. for Def. Your Honors and gentlemen of the Jury, you have heard the complaint as read by the clerk and the charge as made by the state's attorney. I rise to deny each allegation and defy the allegator. I will endeavor to prove to you men that my defendant A. S. Cru^b is a harmless critter and if he ever did anything out of the way it is not his fault nohow. For my adversary, I can

but say it grieves me much to learn that a man of his apparent intelligence and ability would go so far as to make such slanderous statements about my innocent and well meaning defendant who does his best and asks only to be fed, housed, cared for and have his tranquility undisturbed. Gentlemen of the Jury, I am sure that the forthcoming arguments will be deliberated carefully by you and being intelligent men that you are, you will not permit mere figures and records presented by my unenlightened opponent to obliterate the well known fact that A. S. Crub is less expensive, requires less care, is less aristocratic than the high faluting purebred bull that we are told should take his place. Therefore, I beg you gentlemen to render a verdict of not guilty and permit the defendant to go his way unmolested.

Judge: The clerk will call the first witness.

Clerk: Mr. I. M. Mortgaged.

P. A. What is your name?

Witness: I. M. Mortgaged.

p. a. I didn't ask you if you were in debt, I asked you to tell your name.

Witness: I said I. M. Mortgaged.

P. A. You say you are mortgaged?

Witness: No, no, not U. R. Mortgaged, my name is I. M. Mortgaged.

P. A. All right Mr. Mortgaged. Do you own a bull?

A. Yes.

Q. Is he scrub or purebred?

A. Oh, he's a scrub, I wouldn't have nothin' else.

Q. Do you consider him valuable to you?

A. Recon he's so valuable nothing could replace him on my farm.

Q. What makes him so valuable?

A. Well, the boys used to go thru my pasture and steal my watermelons and apples and plums, but now they dassen't cause this yer scrub bull I own is so mean en ornery that the boys won't try it. Ya know a good looking bull hain't no asset to guard a watermelon patch cause he lows folks comes there to admire him, but a low down, knockneed, horn strung, funnel nosed, sway backed, slab sided cross between a Kansas tornado and a four legged cannibal figgers every stranger is making fun of his looks and he sits out to knock said strangers ideas loose from their habits.

Q. Is that all you keep this bull for?

A. Nope.

Q. Well, why else do you keep him for then?

A. Hev I got to anser that question?

The court rules question is relevant to the case.

A. Well, then I'll tell you - this yer bull knows if he goes after me I'll knock him over the head with a club so he leaves me alone. Well one time I barrowed \$10 from _____ and he used to come after it twice a week and argue for two or three hours. Now when I see him coming I let

this yer bull into the front yard and _____ knows enough to keep on going. The first time he met up with the bull he jumped over 8 rail fence and ran clear to _____. They said his breath was coming in short pants when he got there.

(Attorney for defense begins exam.)

Pros. Atty: The state rests.

Atty. Def: I understood you to tell me Mr. Mortgaged that your scrub bull once saved your life. Is that so?

A. Yes.

Q. That's a great deal, Mr. Mortgaged. That's a wonderful thing. No doubt you would be glad to tell how the bull saved your life?

A. I just got him and hadn't tamed him with a club yet. I went into the pasture and he started after me. I went up a tree and he roared and pawed and bellowed. I hung on as long as I could and just as I was about to fall out of the tree the bull laid down and went to sleep. That's how he saved my life.

Q. That's all, Mr. Mortgaged.

Judge: The clerk will call the next witness.

Clerk: (A prominent farmer goes forward and is sworn.)

P. A. Mr. _____ what is your business?

A. Farming - particularly dairying.

S. Atty. Are you acquainted with the defendant, A. S. Crub.

A. Yes sir.

S. Atty. Please state frankly what you know about him.

A. (Tells story about scrub getting into his pasture and breeding some of his cows.) Tells difference between these calves and his own. Also tells about scrub bull getting into his yard one night and damaging crops, fruit trees, etc.

S. Atty. Is this the only evidence against the character of A. S. Crub which you can swear to?

A. (Tells story of owner of scrub bull complaining about poor calves he gets, compares them with those of his own herd, similar age.

S. Atty. Your Honor, the state rests.

Atty. Def. Rises and come forward.

Mr. _____, your testimony on the face of it shows that you are prejudiced against A. S. Crub; except for the trifling damages which you assert he has caused your herd, fruit trees, crops and such disturbance or danger as you allege he has caused your family, can you honestly claim A. S. Crub is not a peaceful law abiding bovine citizen?

A. (Tells story of small cream check which owner of scrub gets. Tells of poor home, children not properly fed or clothed, wife hasn't had new hat in six years, etc. Threatens divorce if he doesn't do better. Poor fellow can't seem to do any better).

Atty. Def. Well, Mr. _____, do you mean to state that this bull is any more destructive or harmful than a purebred bull? Do you a supposedly honest man claim that one bull is any different from another bull? Those papers you get with a purebred bull are all bosh are they not?

A. (Tells value of purebred bulls, better stock, better buildings, happy family, prosperous conditions.)

Atty. Def. Your Honor the defense rests.

Judge: The Clerk will call the next witness.

Clerk: Dr. _____ (A veterinarian, if possible.)
(Comes forward and is sworn)

Pros. Atty. Please state your vocation, Dr. _____

A. Veterinarian - cow specialist.

St. Atty. Do you know anything about the activities of A. S. Crub?

A. (Tells about poor calves sired by scrub bulls, compares them with calves sired by some of the high class purebred sires of the county.)

St. Atty. Have you seen any good herds sired by scrub?

A. Well, I'm still young and have only been in the veterinary work for about 12 years and I'm only acquainted with one half or two-thirds of the herds in the county, but of the herds I am acquainted with, I don't know a single real good herd headed by a scrub bull. I don't know any sired by scrub bulls that I would even call profitable unless they were out of high grade or purebred moths.

St. Atty. In your experience have you seen any other ravages or damages?

A. Well, I know a lot of farmers who own cows sired by a scrub bull and generally they are in hard shape, the barns, houses and everything on those places is generally ready to tumble down. Of late years I generally keep away from farms where they have scrub bulls.

St. Atty. The State rests, your honor.

Atty. Def. Dr. _____, I should like to ask why you try to keep away from a farm where a scrub bull is kept? Why do you so detest a harmless bull, just because he is not of aristocratic ~~background~~ blood? Are you a plutocrat?

A. Because those farmers can't pay their bills. I answer calls to such farms if it is necessary, but not otherwise, because the owners generally can not afford to pay for my services and I am out my time and mileage as well as my medicine.

Atty. Def. Yours honors, the defense rests.

Judge: The Clerk will call the next witness.

Clerk: Mr. Theophilus Small (choose a scrawney man for this position) comes forward and is sworn.)

P. A. Mr. Small, do you think a scrub bull gets scrub heifers?

Small: Nope.

St. Atty: You mean to say you don't believe in the Universal law of breeding that like produces like? In other words that the progeny will take after their sires?

A. Nope.

St. Atty: Have you any evidence to support your contention?

A. Yep.

St. Atty: Go ahead and tell it please.

A. Look at my three boys (Three biggest men obtainable stand up and are sworn as his sons.)

St. Atty: Do you mean to say that these three big strapping 350# fellows are your sons?

A. Yep.

St. Atty. I can't believe it.

A. Guess that shows their haint much to this breeding theory.

Pros. Atty: Mr. Small, have you any other children?

A. Yep. Stand up there, kids. (Three or four little runty persons stand up. Can use all small persons, or some can be small, some very slender, some short and fat, etc. Come forward and are sworn.)

P. A. Are these your children also?

A. Yep.

P. A. Well, How do you account for the difference. Some are small and runty like you, but these big fellows certainly don't look like your kind.

A. Oh, you haven't seen my wife. Stand up Susie. (Large woman stands up. Can be handled by a big man impersonating a woman, either a large fat man, or a slender man padded out with pillows. Comes forward and is sworn.)

P. A. Is this your wife?

A. Yep, ain't she a dandy? I may be a scrub all right, but she's a purebred if there ever was one.

St. Atty. Your Honor, the state rests.

(If time is limited, the remaining witnesses may be omitted. This would carry the trial immediately from this point to the closing arguments of the prosecuting attorney.)

Judge: The Clerk will call the next witness.

Clerk: (Another dairyman. Comes forward and is sworn.)

St. Atty: (Asks him to state whether scrub bull is less valuable than purebred bull.)

A. (Tells briefly about his high herd average. Mentions valuable calves from these cows sired by purebreds.)

Atty. Def. Mr. _____, how old are you and if so, please state why?

If married, please account for it. According to your best recollections, how many children have you? Your Honor the defense rests. (Gives no opportunity for witness to reply to any of these questions.)

Clerk (Cow Tester) Comes forward and is sworn.

Pros. Atty. (Asks what he knows about scrub as compared with purebred bulls.)

A. (Sum up figures on a few high grade herds headed by purebred bull, to show production of high grade cow compared with other cows sired by scrub bulls. Make this big, but as concrete as possible.) Pros. Atty. rests, atty. for Def. may ask a few questions if he can frame up something that will be funny.)

Judge: Clerk will call the next witness.

Clerk: County agent.

Pros. Atty. (Asks him whether he has any data from U.S.D.A. or from other states with regard to the depredations of scrub. After him (local butcher) is called up by clerk.)

(Clerk swears Mr. _____ (butcher).

Pros. Atty. Mr. _____, what is your business?

A. Butcher.

P. A. What do you know about this scrub bull here ~~about~~ before us?

A. Why, I know that I paid too much for him.

P. A. What did you pay for him?

A. Well, the man that owned him owed me \$2.37 and I took this bull in to square the account, but I can now see that I got beat on the deal. He is worth more for fertilizer than he is for meat. While I have been listening to this trial I have been wondering what this bull is good for, because they have testified that the only reason they raised bulls of this sort is for breeding and they testified he is no good for breeding, and I know for my part he is absolutely no worth to me as a butcher. Why, if he was sired by a purebred sire, Aberdeen-Angus, or Hereford, and out of a good grade beef cow he would weigh 50% more than he does on the same feed and care. Look at him Mr. Attorney. Isn't he the scrawniest looking thing you ever saw? You would think I had been starving him to death. Instead of that he has had 400 acres of the best pasture in _____ County to feed on and he can't seem to put on an ounce of flesh. I have got a picture here that shows a Roan Steer sired by a purebred Shorthorn bull and he weighs 1410 pounds and another steer exactly the same age sired by a scrub and fed in the same pen with the good steer and it weighs only 990 pounds and what is worse the scrub steer hasn't got meat on the loin or rump where the valuable cuts are, so while he weighs a little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ as much as the good steer by a real beef bull yet is worth about just $\frac{1}{2}$ the money. (Shows picture) A couple of years ago when beef was selling up this Roan steer sold for \$112.80, while the scrub steer born the same month and fed in the same barn brought only \$59.40. Just think of it Mr. Attorney, the steer by the purebred bull brought \$53.40 more than the scrub steer, but it didn't cost a cent more to raise it. I don't know what us butchers would do if they used scrub bulls all over the country. Of course we take in these scrub bulls from some of the farmers for accomodation and we feel pretty good about it when we can knock one in the head. Of course, I admit that a purebred dairy bull is not much good for meat and its better to veal the steer calves and knock them in the head than to raise them for meat, but we butchers can't complain about that if the farmers are in the dairy business. They need the kind of bulls that will get high producing cows. It certainly does look kind of funny to me though to see a farmer with a bull whose daughters are no good for milk production and those steers are no good for meat. I don't know what they want the bull for unless they think about the thing very much and consequently keep a poor bull without realizing it, but it reminds me what one farmer said when I asked him why he kept such a scrubby looking bull. He said, "Well, my cows hain't much and my barn hain't much and my farmin's so poor these last few years that it makes a man feel mighty ornery and I just keep the scrub bull because he is just about the same class as the rest of our layout."

P. A. That is all, Mr. _____/ Your Honor, the state rests.

Atty. Def. (Can pull any stuff he wants on Mr. _____) (Such as trying to find out what they make weiners out of, or how old hamburger must be before it can vote.)

(Closing arguments should be very brief.)

Judge: The attorney for the state will have three minutes to summarize the arguments on this case. (Suggested arguments are as follows.)

1. That according to one of the best known, most respected farmers in the community this scrub bull has actually broken into his pasture and in addition to other damages is the father of worthless calves, some of which were not worth raising, others that were raised were proven to be worthless as producers. That had these high grade and purebred heifers dropped calves sired by purebred bulls they would have been worth from \$100 to \$200 each and would have made him a profit each year.

2. By expert testimony of a veterinarian, a specialist with dairy cows, etc.
3. We have also the evidence from Mr. _____ of _____ that a herd _____ cows which had been sired by splendid purebred bulls made him a net profit above cost of feed of \$ _____ last year. But the two cows which he owned which were sired by scrubs were so unprofitable that he had to sell them to the butcher because rather than making him money he had to pay to board them and he did his labor for nothing, etc.
4. Then comes this young man _____, Cow Tester of the _____ Cow Testing Association, with several years of experience with testing more than 25 herds in the vicinity of _____, who states that in his experience the herds using good purebred bulls for 8 years or more are very much more profitable than those herds where scrub sires had been used, etc.
5. We have also the testimony of the county agent, asserting that in his travels about this county, etc. and also citing facts officially backed by the Department of Agriculture of the U. S. as well as various agricultural colleges and lastly we have the testimony of Mr. _____ local butcher which tears to shreds the last bit of defense that this scrub bull has, for he asserts that while it has been proven that the scrub bull is no good to head a dairy herd, he can also show that the cow of a scrub bull or any of his progeny are not as good for meat as are the progeny of a purebred beef bull.

Judge: The Attorney for defense will now have three minutes in which to sum up the arguments on his side of the case. (This should not be a serious effort to support the scrub bull. It should be semi-humorous and in a cynical vein asserting that scrub bull isn't to blame for his being no good. That there has been scrub bulls from beginning of time. No doubt justification could be found in the Bible. They were good enough for our fathers. That they are not as high toned as the pedigreed bulls, that all they ask is for their feed and care and a place to stay and a place to stay and that they believe that the state is persecuting a scrub bull. It is possible that the prosecuting attorney has eaten some bologna or weiners manufactured out of a scrub bull carcass and is prejudiced on that account, etc.)

Judge: The Attorney for the State will now have one minute for rebuttal of the arguments presented by the defense.
(Very brief; the windup of his plea can be as follows): Yours Honors, respected judges of this supreme dumbbell court are thoroughly acquainted with the laws of the state and government. You gentlemen of the jury are respected and honored, your years of practical experience in farming have shown you the truth of the arguments presented by the prosecution. Gentlemen, I appeal to you now to decide for all time this tremendous question. I appeal to you to make a flagrant example of this A. S. Crub. He is but one of a notorious group who have been and still are united in tremendous treasonable conspiracy against the welfare of our county. I plead with you gentlemen that there shall be no compromise. I beg of you to do no less than exact the full penalty of the law. I beg of you to find the defendant guilty and thus set a splendid precedent whereby other scrub bulls equally obnoxious and equally guilty may suffer a similar tragic penalty.

(Chief Justice instructs the jury as follows:)

Gentlemen of the jury, you are instructed by the court that the various crimes for which the defendant is being tried are exceedingly serious. Since the death penalty is inflicted for murder and treason and this court considers this treasonable conspiracy it will be your duty therefore, as jurors to weigh the testimony carefully and not permit any personal feeling or

prejudice to sway your judgment. After weighing all the evidence present if there remains any doubt in your mind it will be your duty to present a verdict of not guilty, but if you are satisfied from the testimony that the defense is guilty of the crimes with which he is judged your verdict should be guilty. You are at liberty to retire for consultation, or if you can reach a decision without retiring you may do so. (Tumult ensues among the jury, one appears to protest, other jurors put him down. He finally gives up and they reach a decision.)

The foreman of the jury then reads as follows:

"Your Honor, it is our unanimous verdict that the defense, A. S. Crub, is guilty of the crimes charged. He is guilty of vagrancy, larceny, highway robbery, disturbing public peace and treasonable conspiracy."

Three judges rise. Chief Justice says:

"You have heard the verdict which finds the defendant guilty. We of the Dumbbell Court therefore sentence him as follows:

(All the judges in union)

"The defendant shall be shot and his carcass be made into weiners and bologna which shall be hung up in every butcher shop in the county that every citizen may remember the terrible penalty inflicted on A. S. Crub. So be it always with all scrub bulls."

Stage is cleared and Milkmaids Chorus sings in conclusion.

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Part V.

Sheriff and Vigilance Committee

The purpose of this group and the Shiftless Gang is to put life and color into the occasion. Consequently the two groups should work together, though apparently against each other.

It is suggested that the two groups set up rival camps a short distance apart and a little distance from the scene of the trial. If out-of-doors this can be easily arranged, if indoors, set up in the rear of the hall. The two groups will provide entertainment before the trial opens.

The Vigilance Committee will be guarding the bull and the Shiftless Gang will be making a great display of guarding such other scrub animals or equipment as they may have. Aside from the impromptu business of guarding their respective camps, keeping the crowd from getting too close, etc., each side should issue a series of bulletins. These should be a display of the sentiment of their respective camps and of defiance toward each other. If properly done, this will work up much interest on the part of the crowd, in the trial which is to follow,

In preparing these bulletins, each camp should have a bulletin board high enough so the crowd can see it, on which the poster can be fastened with thumb tacks while it is being lettered in full view of the crowd. The bulletin board for the Vigilance Committee should have a sign across the top. "Bull-side bulletins". That for the Shiftless Gang may be labeled "Shiftless Shouts."

For the posters, use bristol board of heavy cardboard, about 16x20 in. As soon as lettered, remove from bulletin board and tack onto sticks about 6 ft. long. 1x2 in. stiff will answer for this purpose. Have a supply ready, sharpened on end so they can be stuck in the ground. Each camp will thus soon be encircled with posters. Posters can be tacked on both sides of the board so it can be read from front or rear. The lettering can be done with colored crayons, black preferably on white paper. Some one handy at lettering should be put into each camp.

The Vigilance Committee should adopt some distinctive garb so they can be recognized. Big red bandana handkerchiefs tied about their necks might be sufficient. Military uniforms, western hats or other garb would do. The sheriff should wear a big star and be recognized as the leader. Guns may be displayed, but arming each man with a baseball bat or other club would be just as striking and would be safer. During the trial, when the Shiftless Gang attempts to rescue the bull, clubs, horsewhips, or boxing gloves would be more practical than guns.

BULLETINS FOR THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

We're for law and order, and purebred bulls.

Don't be shiftless, get a purebred.

Scrub is a bad one, hang him.

We believe in shooting the scrub bull.

Down with scrub, he robbed the farmer.

Hang the scrub, he keeps the county poor. Kill off the scrubs.

Let's convict the scrub. Clean out the scrubs.

My Daddy was a purebred. Convict him, he's a bad one.

Old Scrub is a Trouble maker. Who wants a scrub anyway?

Come on, Shiftless, let's all get purebreds.

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Part VI.

The Shiftless Gang, antics, equipment, bulletins

The ShiftlessGang constitute the clowns of the performance and at the same time represent in exaggerated form the evil results of depending upon a scrub bull.

The party should be largely men, but may have some members dressed up to represent women and children. All should be dressed in ragged clothing. If held out-of-doors, the party should have an old horse and buggy to carry out the idea of a scrub farm. Get a bony decrepit old horse or team of horses and a broken down old light wagon or buggy. Patch up an old harness with pieces of rope and wire. Load the bulletin equipment into the wagon and drive around the grounds before stopping at the camp site selected. Display two or three of the best bulletins while driving around. The Gang should be armed with farm tools, such as brooms, pitch forks, hoes, rakes, etc., all old and worn.

After parading around a little, the gang should stop, hitch the team and commence issuing bulletins to the vigilance committee camp opposite. They should be ready to participate in the parade when that is ready to start.

During the trial there should be at least one battle between the ShiftlessGang and the Vigilance Committee for possession of the bull. Needless to say the Vigilance Committee will win and retain the prisoner. To pull this off successfully, there should be sufficient space kept around the prisoners box to allow room for this fight. Also, the weapons that each side carries should be such as will make a big display but not hurt anybody. For example, old brooms on the part of the Shiftless Gang and horsewhips on the part of the Vigilance Committee would be good. To heighten the effect of the battle during the trial, the two groups should work up considerable feeling prior to the trial, but should not come to any actual encounter before the trial.

One member of the Shiftless Gang should attempt to bribe the jury and judges. During the trial he should proceed down to the stage with elaborate caution (in full view of the audience, of course) proceed onto and across the stage and offer a large roll of bills to the jury. The Vigilance Committee should chase him off, but he should come back later and attempt to bribe the judge.

All these interruptions should be timed to come in when the least harm will be done to the scene of the trial. The general chairman or some one familiar with the trial should be at the rear directing the activities of the Gang. Care should be taken to not overdo these interruptions or the trial may be spoiled.

Following are bulletins which can be issued. Others of the same type may be added:

Look out for the Shiftless Gang.

We want Our Scrub Bull.

Let Old Scrub Go, he never hurt nobody.

$\frac{3}{2}$ The ShiftlessGang believe in pussonel liberty.

Don't shoot the bull.

Old Scrub suits us and we suit him.

Scrubs are all right. What more do you want.

Stop the over-production of butter; use a scrub bull.

Our horses are scrubs. We want our scrub bull.

Our wagon is a scrub, give us our scrub bull.

Our harness is a scrub. Let us have our scrub bull.

We are scrubs ourselves. A scrub bull just suits us.

Notice. The Shiftless Gang demands old scrub.

Our scrub cows will be widows without our scrub bull.

Let him go. The Shiftless Gang is behind him/

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Part VII.

Parade

A parade makes a good entrance to start the trial. The order of parade should be as follows:

Three judges, walking abreast. Dressed in long black robes, carrying heavy law books.

12 jurors

Sheriff

Scrub Bull, lead by two or four members of Vigilance Committee and handled by heavy ropes and chains.

Rest of Vigilance Committee

Attorney for defense

Witnesses for defense - Take seats off stage, at left

Prosecuting attorney

Witnesses for state - Take seats off stage at right

Shiftless Gang. Comes as far as possible, then turns off and passes out again.

Each important unit of the parade should carry a banner indicating who it is. Simple labels, such as "Judges", "Jury" etc. are sufficient.

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Part VIII.

Milkmaids Chorus

Immediately after the trial, the Milkmaids Chorus should be ready to march onto the stage and sing two or three songs. This will afford a pleasing conclusion, but it should be very brief, so as to be a real conclusion. Four, six, or eight girls should be sufficient.

The costumes and acting of the chorus are of as much importance as the songs they sing. Aprons or dresses appropriate for milkmaids should be worn, and should be uniform if possible. The girls should carry milk pails, or pails and milkstools. They should dance onto and off the stage and may work out such other steps as they can.

A few songs are given but others may be worked out for the occasion.

THE SCRUBS ARE GOING (Tune, Old Black Joe)

Gone are the days when the scrubs were all around
Gone are the Scrubs from the pastures and the barns
Gone from the earth to a better land, I know
And if there're any more remaining, they'll go too

CHORUS:

They're going, they're going
And their heads are hanging low
And if there're any more remaining, they'll go too.

Come are the days when the purebreds all abound
Come are the purebreds to our pastures and our barns
Come to make the earth a better land, I know
And if there're any more demanded, they'll come too.

CHORUS:

They're coming, they're coming
And their heads are holden high
And if there're any more demanded they'll come too.

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(For encore of above)

There's a long, long trail a-winding
For all the scrubs of your farms
Where the sausage mill is grinding
And the stock yard gleams
There's a long, long night of waiting
Until your scrubs all are gone
Till the day when I'll be going
To that purebred farm with you.

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Part IX. Exhibits

If it can be arranged, it would be very effective to have good specimens of the leading breeds of the community on exhibition near the scene of the trial. One purebred bull, typical of each breed should be sufficient; if a more elaborate effect was desired, a bull and a cow of each breed, in decorated stalls would be striking. Scrub calves and purebred calves, stood side by side, would be good. Appropriate labels should be given over each animal or group.

If the trial is presented indoors, do not attempt to display living animals, but instead use pictures or models. The various breed associations are usually glad to furnish large pictures of typical animals. The county agent may be able to supply them. Post these on walls with appropriate frames, labels, etc.

Other educational exhibits, such as charts or displays, may be used to illustrate the advantages of purebred sires. Cow testing results may be shown. The idea is to take advantage of an occasion when people are thinking about better stock, to drive home the lesson.