

"LAUGHTER IS LEGAL"

TOO TRUE!

Statistics show it requires about 19 hours of congressional talk to produce one law. And one law probably results in 19 years of talk in the courts after it's passed.

NOTHING BUT THE LIE

The judge wished to make sure that the witness understood the solemnity of the occasion.

"Do you know what that oath means?" the judge asked.

"Sure, I do," the witness answered. "That oath means if I swear to a lie, I gotta stick to it."

JUST ON DAYTIME

Client (just acquitted on burglary charge) — "Well, good bye. I'll drop in your home some time."

Counsel — "All right, but make it in the daytime, please."

THE CHOICE

"I shall have to give you ten days or \$20", said the judge."

"I'll take the \$20, judge," said the prisoner.

PROFIT AND LOST

My uncle, helping a farmer prepare his tax return, examined his ledger. There were no debit or credit columns, but instead the entries read: "Sold eggs \$2.68" or Bought \$16.92." Most of the items were easy to interpret, but one reading simply "Horse \$10.00" stumped my uncle.

"Did you buy the horse for ten dollars or sell him", he asked.

"Well," said the farmer, "it's like this: I bought that ornery animal for ten dollars. He right away kicked down two stalls, and that cost ten dollars. Then I used him to pull a car of a mud rut, and got paid ten dollars. Once I sold him for ten dollars, but he cause such a peck of trouble that I bought him back for ten dollars. I used him to take some kids for a ride, and they gave me ten dollars. Finally the fool horse wandered into the roads, and a guy hit him and killed him. He paid me ten dollars, but I had to turn around and pay ten dollars to have the carcass hauled away. And you know," said the farmer, "I must have lost track somewhere, 'cause I can't figure out whether that durn horse ended up in owing me or me owing him."

COURT CASES

A man appeared in court seeking a separation from his wife. "On what grounds?" asked the judge.

"On the grounds guaranteed in the constitution. You know, Judge — freedom of speech."

EAVESDROPPED

"Repeat the words the defendant used", said the lawyer.

"I did rather not. They were not fit words to tell a gentleman."

"Th en," said the attorney, "whisper them to the judge."

TAKE ALL

An undertaker wired a man; "your mother in law just died." Shall I bury, enbalm, or cremate her"?

The guy wired; All three — take no chances!

ASYLUM GRADUATES

The story is told of Oliver Wendell Holmes that he once mistook an insane asylum for a college. Realizing his mistake, he explained to the gatekeeper and commented humorously.

"I suppose after all, there is not a great deal of difference."

"Oh yes, sir, there is," replied the guard. "In this place you must show some improvement before you can get out."

WELL, WELL, WELL

Two men bearing identical names, one a lawyer and the other a businessman, lived in Manila.

The lawyer died at about the same time that the businessman left for the South. Upon reaching his destination the latter sent his wife a telegram informing her of his safe journey. Unfortunately the message was delivered to the wife of the lawyer. Im-

agine the surprise of the good woman when she read; "Arrived safely-heat terrific."

HE IS THAT

Hadley Myers, an Oklahoma friend of mine, was mighty mad when I saw him on the street a while back. What's your wife done now? I asked.

"Oh, Hadley exploded," she got smart-alecky the other day and hired me as secretary. Blonde or brunette?"

Hadley grimaced; "He's bald."

STOP ME

A man was about to go on trial for murder and he didn't feel that his chances for acquittal were very good, so he decided to get to one of the jurors. After sizing them up, he decided to bribe one little guy who didn't look any too bright. And he was successful. This little dope would take a bribe. The dope said to the man, "What do you want me to do?"

The man said, "I want you to oppose the death penalty." The dope said, "How do I do that?"

"You just hold out for a verdict of manslaughter"

"Okay."

After the trial, the jury was charged and they retired. They were out deliberating for about four days. Meanwhile the man was ontenterhooks. Finally they returned with a verdict. And the verdict was manslaughter.

The man was delighted with the verdict and as soon as he could he met the dope to pay him off. He said, "I'm tremendously obliged to you. Did you have a hard time holding out for a verdict of manslaughter?"

"Yeah. The other eleven guys wanted to acquit you!"

Stop Me if You've Heard This One.

LEGAL STRATEGY

If you are strong on the facts but weak on the law, discuss the facts. If you are strong on the law but weak on the facts, discuss the law. If you are weak both on the law and the facts, hang the table.

SELECTION

The period of romance also brings some bitter laughs. For example, during the last war, this guy was in the Army and was crazy about this girl, and when he left for overseas, she cried and cried. He was crazy about her and he carried her picture next to his heart for two years—with the knowledge that she had told him she would always be true to him, that she was waiting for him to come home.

Then one day he got a letter from her. He was so happy to receive it that he tore the envelope open and the letter read: "Dear Mr. Jones:

I have decided I cannot wait for you. The banker's son wants to marry me right away and has already given me a beautiful 5-karat ring and a beautiful mink coat. So would you be good enough to return my picture.

Very truly yours,
Maude"

Well, this just left Private Jones heartbroken. Then he started to burn. The more he thought about it the madder he got. So he went through the camp collecting every picture he could get, including pin-up girls, grandmothers, mothers... until he had about 200 of them. Then he sent the collection of pictures to the girl with the following note.

"Dear Miss Milliken:

Received your request for your picture. I don't remember exactly who you are, so if your picture is among these, would you be good enough to take it out and send back the rest.