

A CURIOSITY.

The First Decision of the Successor
of Jeter--The Knife Sup-
planted by an Idiot.

EDS. TRIBUNE: As an addendum to your report of the Ahlum case, I herewith send you a verbatim report of Alderman Pyper's decision for the other side, in the City Hall on Tuesday. It should be placed on record as a valuable piece of eloquence, and a sparkling gem of legal lore.

As an advocate of popular education, you would be derelict in duty should you fail to record this immortal production. In future generations it will undoubtedly occupy a prominent position in all elocutionary publications.

Demosthenes, Cicero, Jeter, Brigham and all other great lights, dwindle into insignificance, and pale before the luster of this second Daniel.

After Mr. Baskin had concluded his argument, the Alderman cleared his throat, rubbed his face, offered a silent prayer, made some facial imitations of the "Dying Gladiator," and commenced:

"Hem! Ahem!" [Here you will please leave, say, half a column vacant, to denote a pause made by the learned Judge. If you cannot spare the space, please borrow some of the Herald, which was formerly occupied by Gentle advertisements.]

The Alderman repeated his first expression; "Hem! Ahem!" After some few words (in an undertone) which cannot be made public, unless you have a font of Deseret Alphabet type, he proceeded to sum the evidence in these words: "Hem! Ahem! Ahem! Hem! My opinion is--Hem! two doors one to come in, one to go out, Ahem! Officer on duty, qualifications Ahem! incontrovertible!!!

Here he made facial contortions, in imitation of Margotts in the character of the "Eerayed Patient" in the face of the "Lost Child."

Again rolling his eyes he continued, "Hem! Ahem! "FIFTEEN DOLLARS," the last two words in plain and unmistakable English.

You may rely upon the correctness of the above report, as it was taken down on the spot in the inspired Deseret Alphabet (the same as the heading of the "People's Ticket") and translated by myself, with the original

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