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OUR DUTY AND THE BUILDING FUND.

By a Student.

The hope of Kent men for a college building to be used exclusively for college purposes is about to be realized after 36 years of waiting and planning.

We present students are all very enthusiastic over the prospects offered by our new home. The new location has many advantages. Most of us are employed in the law offices near and about the court house and the city hall. The Law Library is close at hand, and the transportation facilities are excellent. We are looking forward with real anticipation to the new class-rooms, library, lounge, and administrative offices designed and used exclusively for our purpose where we can be gathered under one roof as a compact unit in our study of the law.

We are realizing and appreciative of the fact that for a long while a building fund has been gradually accumulating which totals at present approximately $78,000.00.

We know that the new building is now under construction and have a strong faith that the total left to be raised, amounting to $62,000.00, will be forthcoming.

While no subscription drive for donations has as yet been suggested to students, and in spite of the fact that most of us are necessarily quite saving of the relatively small salaries we are able to command while working our way through school, many of us have been quietly adding what we could to the total in hopes that our examples of loyalty might encourage those who are now in a better financial position to similarly help the cause of CHICAGO-KENT and legal education generally.

At this time, when our hopes are at the very point of realization, we are all going to do what we can, and pin our final faith on our Alumni.

Surely with a proper understanding of the situation, the warm support and approval of the thousands of loyal alumni is assured.

Our new home will be ready May 1st, 1924.

Approximately $62,000.00 remains to be, and will be easily, subscribed; that is providing each one 'does his bit.'

For the next few months every one of us—students, faculty, and alumni—that is sincerely interested in the future of CHICAGO-KENT must join hands and push this across.

Think! DOESN'T THIS INCLUDE YOU?

Your mental answer is YES?

Then ACT now together.

We can do it!
ALUMNI REVIEW.

In response to your letter of November 7th asking for information concerning former classmates, I wish to submit the following:

Mr. S. L. Freedman is a successful practitioner of real estate law and is located in the Reaper Block. About a week ago he was presented with a daughter and is the proud father of a young man, age five, as well. There is no doubt that the young man will enter Kent a few years hence.

I am pleased to state that my own office boy, Jacob Baskin, entered Kent College Freshman Class during the fall quarter.

In addition to my regular duty of supervising commercial education in the high schools, I have the pleasure of teaching commercial law to a class of teachers at the Chicago Normal College during the summer months.

Mr. Melvin Ehrlich is an abstract examiner at The Chicago Title and Trust Company during the day time and spends several of his evenings lecturing on real estate law at the Lane Technical High School.

Yours truly
William Backrack.

In response to your letter of November 7th with reference to news items concerning myself or former class mates, I submit the following information in regard to a member of the class of 1917, William Ellis.

William Ellis was married in the fall of 1922 to Miss Edith Williams, of Chicago. They are now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Mr. Ellis is the local representative for Hoagland, Allum & Company Investment Brokers.

Yours very truly,
T. N. Daggett.

Frederick T Rowe, Jr., is associated with his father on the National Corporation Reporter Herbert T Yuenger, is examining mortgages for a west side bank, David G Stone, is practising law; George S Seymour became a certified public accountant about a year ago. Newell McCartney threatens to become a leader of the bar. Those who studied high-school subjects under Judge William J Lindsay are congratulating him upon the efficient training they gave him for his new office.

George F. Seymour

I regret to say that my contract with my former class mates of 1916 class has been somewhat limited the past year or two so that I make a very poor reporter.

Daniel Ryan, Jr., recently elected County Commissioner was a class '16 man altho, I believe he did not graduate.

The most important marriage I know of was my own, Sept. 29, 1923 to Miss Emmie Van Dyne, of River Forest. It might be of interest to state that I am an instructor of 1st year law at the Walton School of Commerce.

Wishing you success in your no doubt hard work to keep the "Review" on a good strong basis, I am

Yours very truly,
Kenneth M. Fisher.

I regret to say that I have not been in touch with any of my class mates. It is only on very rare occasions that I happen to run into any of them as I do not engage in the practice of law. Should I hear of anything in the future that I figure will be of sufficient interest to publish in the Kent Review, I will pass it on to you.

Yours very truly,
R. A. Sundvahl.

Milton T. Miller is a patent lawyer. Moore M. Peregrine is practising law, so is Herman H. Sorem.
CONGRATULATIONS

Out of the 47 candidates for judgeships in Chicago this Fall 18 were graduates of Chicago-Kent. Counting out of the five candidates who never attended law school this averages approximately 43%. The next school was represented among the candidates by eight graduates.

Members of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Faculty who were successful candidates are:

HON. MARCUS KAVANAGH
HON. WELLS M. COOK
HON. WILLIAM N. GEMMILL
HON. WILLIAM J. LINDSAY

Members of the Chicago-Kent Alumni who were successful candidates are:

HON. OSCAR HEBEL
HON. DENIS E. SULLIVAN
HON. JOHN M. O'CONNOR
HON. JOHN P. McGORTY
HON. WILLIAM J. LINDSAY
HON. WELLS M. COOK

In offering our sincere congratulations it has always been the boast of the REVIEW that Kent Judges, among whom there are already a great number, are leaders of the best.

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Address
Few cases have had so far-reaching effect, and few cases have caused as much discussion and comment as the famous decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in Dred Scott vs. Sandford, 19 Howard, 393. Yet it frequently happens that the comment and discussion do not always give the proper regard and consideration to the issues or to the facts in evidence.

Dred Scott was a slave in Missouri, the property of a Dr. Emerson, a surgeon and officer in the United States Army. In 1834 Emerson was ordered from Missouri to Rock Island, in the free state of Illinois, where he was stationed for two years; and from there he was ordered to duty at Fort Snelling, then in the Territory of Wisconsin. The location of Fort Snelling was in the upper portion of the Louisiana Purchase. While in Illinois, Scott, with Emerson's consent, married a negro woman also owned by Emerson. In 1838 Emerson was ordered back to Missouri, and a child was born to Scott's wife on the steamboat, at a location north of the State of Missouri; and a second child was born later, in Missouri. Dr. Emerson died, and his wife transferred Scott and his family to her brother, one Sanford, a citizen of New York.

Alleging that he was a "free man of color," Scott sued for trespass in the U. S. District Court for the District of Missouri, alleging unlawful restraint of himself and his family, whereby they suffered great damage to their persons, and in their earnings. Defendant pleaded in abatement "that the plaintiff was a negro whose ancestors were of pure African blood, and were brought into this country and sold as slaves." Plaintiff successfully demurred to this plea, and defendant then answered over by pleading, in bar, that plaintiff and his family were of African blood, and were brought into the country and sold as slaves.

The trial court so held. Judgment was entered for defendant, and Scott appealed to the Supreme Court.

That Court was then, as now, composed of nine judges. Seven of them were of the opinion that the decision of the lower court should be sustained, and six of the seven believed Scott to be a slave, and not "free man of color." Chief Justice Taney wrote the majority opinion, and Judges Curtis and McLean wrote separate dissenting opinions.

The majority opinion considered in order these three questions: first, the status of Scott, as a "free man of color," in the Federal Court, namely, his right to sue in that jurisdiction; second, the effect upon his removal to Illinois; third, the effect of his removal to land in the Louisiana Purchase, which involved the right of Congress to enact the famous "Missouri Compromise" forbidding slavery north of the line of 36 degree 30.

1. On the first point, an elaborate discussion was given of the condition of the colored race throughout the world at the time of the adoption of the United States Constitution, namely, that they were everywhere considered an inferior people, subject to be seized and held or sold as slaves, a practice carried on by all the European nations, including England. It was here that Taney used the phrase that a negro "had no rights that a white man was bound to respect." Torri from its context, this was everywhere that a negro "had no rights that a proclaimed and condemned as being Taney's personal opinion; it was not, but he was simply describing the views held by white man of the world in 1776. His entire life, his public statements of his opinion of slavery, and his emancipation of his own slaves, are a sufficient answer to the accusation.

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IN MEMORIUM.

Frank B. Waring, was born in Chicago and was graduated from the Jones school and the South Division High; later attending the Kent College, he was graduated with the class of 1909. He passed the Illinois bar the following year. He was an active worker in all civic movements and progressive or constructive work. He was Grand Keeper of Record and Seal of K. of P. for 20 years. He passed into eternal rest on Oct. 3, 1923, after a brief illness. He was a man of unusual qualities of integrity and perseverance.

WINNERS OF BURKE MEMORIAL DEBATING PRIZES.

The annual contests for first and second Edmund W. Burke Memorial Prizes were held November 5th between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. for students of the first year of Chicago-Kent College of Law.

The winners of Freshman Class Prizes are: Eli Langert, 1st; Harry Stripe, 2nd; Harold Huber, 3rd.

The winners of the Junior Class are: Lee Rice, 1st; L. H. Hansen, 2nd; L. E. Terry, 3rd.

The Junior contests were held Tuesday, October 30th, at the Chicago Kent College of Law between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The annual contests for the Senior Class were held on Thursday, November 1st, in room 1101 Lake View Building Chicago Kent College of Law, at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m and resulted in the following winners. Allen E. Hoban, 1st; Sam Rothman, 2nd; Louis Dennen, 3rd.

Suitable engraved pins are being awarded those winning first and second prizes, general announcements were made of these contests in advance and everyone was urged to attend and participate.

CLASS NEWS

Important—Something of importance happens in the senior class about once a year. This year is no exception. It is known only to those that attended the senior class meeting, Oct. 29th 1923. Even those who were present might have allowed it to escape their notice. Being up at the front the writer noticed it particularly.

The class had an orderly meeting.

Louis I. Ascher,
Sec. Senior class 1924.

P. S.—Anyone who doesn't believe this may see me and I will show them the minutes of the meeting.—L. I. A.

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YEAR OF CLASS......................................
The Senior election was held October 8th, 1923 and the following officers were elected after a somewhat heated session:

Edward H. Hoffman, President.
Louis Dennen, Vice-President.
Louis I. Ascher, Secretary.
William O. Nelson, Treasurer.
Byron S. Powell, Sergeant-at-arms.

The president after considering the qualifications of the various members of the class, has selected the following individuals to serve upon the "Transcript staff:

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Post Grad. Editor, D. Anderson.
Senior Editor, Geo. D. Cheronis.
Mr. James of the Junior class, and T. Barter of the Freshman class were selected to represent their respective classes.

The staff is now hard at work endeavoring to make this year's "Transcript" the best one ever published at Kent.

The business committee, under the leadership of Byron S. Powell, has been very active in soliciting advertisements. Bids for pictures have been received from several photographers and will be let within the next week.

There is no doubt but that the enthusiasm and cooperation shown by the various members of the staff, and of the class, that we shall have a book, surpassing any, we believe, that has ever been published by any Senior class at Kent.

The entertainment committee has outlined a social program for the ensuing school year. The first function will be the Senior Prom, which will be held in the Red Room of the Hotel La Salle on Saturday evening January the fifth. It will take the form of a dancing party and promises to be one of the outstanding social events of the year. The music will be furnished by one of the leading orchestras of Chicago.

All Juniors and Freshman are invited to attend. Any friends that you may wish to bring will be most welcome. We hope to see both classes well represented.

There has been some talk about giving another "Scramble" similar to the one of last year. That of last year's Senior class, although the first one attempted at the school, was a huge success.

The class this year feels that the "Scramble" should be made an annual event and plans are now under way for staging the get-together. The entertainment committee has not definitely decided upon a date, but will be held some time during the first part of 1924.

**WATCH FOR THE DATE AND DO NOT FORGET THE "PROM" ON JANUARY 5th**
Tom Smullin was elected our class president at the election held November 8th.

The other officers elected were Sidney Neuman, vice-president; Bernard Garner, treasurer; Miss Mary J. Solon, secretary and Herold A. Moudy, sergeant-at-arms.

There was no opposition for the offices of secretary and sergeant-at-arms, but a quiet campaign for the other offices had been carried on during the week prior to election night. As a result of this campaign and canvass of the sentiment of the class, Smullin's election was a greater surprise to his opponents than to his followers.

Our retiring president, Joe Hager, was again on hand to conduct the meeting in the vigorous manner that has characterized our gatherings for the past year, and in a preliminary welcoming address to the candidates the hearty support of the entire class in making this year better than last, which, it is conceded by all, was "freshman year" in all respects. And there is no reason why we cannot make this year even more outstanding in school history. Co-operation is an all-powerful factor in school life, and we have evidence aplenty of what it can do in promoting school spirit and class spirit.

Welcome to the new officers, and may their terms be well occupied with the interests of the class.

The tryout of candidates for the junior debating team resulted in the selection of Mr. Rice, L. H. Hansen and Leland E. Terry to represent us in the inter-class and inter-scholastic debates for the coming season.

IMPRESSIONS OF A JUNIOR.

Work; admonitions of Judge Pickett; the superiority of the half-way point; toil; increasing sense of responsibility; (un)polished pleaders; squeaking chairs; stuffy rooms; estates upon condition; labor; dance tickets; law dictionaries; packed elevators; cigar-chewing young gentlemen; long roll calls; lusty-voiced hallway yodelers, conscionable conduct; freshman underfoot; legal phraseology in conversation; earnest efforts; ready excuses; prodigious brief cases; quiet sessions; turbulent sessions; Friday night lectures; judicial campaign; etc., etc.

WHISPERING

There is probably nothing more soothing to the class than to have a steady undercurrent of whispering running through the class hour. The best efforts of any teacher are wasted in endeavoring to combat such a "boring from within," and not only is the class hour cut short in futile efforts to bring about order, but the remaining available time is spent by the student in mentally endeavoring to sift the lecture and recitation from the surrounding racket. It costs but little in effort to restrain one's natural tendency to inform the world of a general knowledge of the law, and the silent thanks of those about will render it more than worth while.

"Bill" James will soon be welcomed back into the fold, his absence of late having been due to a severe attack of appendicitis.
FRESHMAN NOTES
SAMUEL A. WALLACE

The highly esteemed, intellectual and learned Class of 1926 are “away from the post” for the year. They have held their class elections and although no auspicious social functions have been definitely decided upon as yet, great things are expected of the officers we chose to pilot us through this so-called “perilous first year.”

The officers chosen are:

President------------Charles F. Meyer
Vice President---------William McGee
Secretary..................Miss Marion Berg
Treasurer...............I. D. Burnett
Sergeant-at-Arms....James M. Gillespie

From a glance at the total vote, it can hardly be said that there were exceptionally close contests for any of the offices save that of Sergeant-at-Arms.

The result was in doubt until the last few votes had been counted. (No, the judges decided that there would be no recounts without double pay for their services.)

The first four officers, as evidence by the following tabulation, were won by rather large majorities. The voting among the sections for the successful candidates was quite consistent, showing that sectional partisanship was not too closely adhered to.

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Already our professors are talking examinations. It seems that we have only started our year’s work. When one glances at their books, however, (Oh, yes, it is alleged that several of the freshman students glance at them) you find that you have approached the halfway mark in some subjects.

With this in mind, “it behooves us,” as one of our professors would say, to redouble our efforts so that when the test comes, “we shall not be found sleeping.”

It is true that each of us has a right to ask questions. Our professors, being patient and long suffering humans, usually answer them in full, even though they may be a little away from the subject.

Their indulgence in our thirst for knowledge, however, should not permit us to abuse that courtesy. Let us each think just a minute before asking a ‘foolish’ question. Ask the question of yourself, perhaps you know more than you think you do, and will be able to answer it yourself. By so doing that the time of the class will be consumed with something that does not benefit all.

But whoever has a question—legitimate and directly bearing on law, keep right on. We all enjoy you and we all learn from your inquisitiveness. The first part of this will only be taken by those “whom the shoe fits.”

As your editor is about to hand this report in, news is about that the Freshman class is planning a “party.” Nothing definite has been learned yet, but from what can be heard, some place in the loop, centrally located so as to be convenient to all, will be selected for the “get-together.”

The new officers are active, we might say.
The reunion of the class of February 1925 was indeed a happy one at the opening of the school term this fall. We were all calling ourselves by our first names as though we had been bosom companions for years. It is a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with your school friends, your best friends, for the friendships formed in the innocence of your school life are the best friendship you do form.

After the renewal of friendship and the regular swing of the school had gained headway, our class with the usual pep and vigor which characterizes us, held class elections and when the smoke of battle had cleared the following had been elected to office. President, Louis Weinstein; Vice-President, John M. Sikes, Secretary; Ben H. Kesler; and Treasurer, James B. Baggott. All our officers are capable and great deeds are expected from them.

The President appointed a Social and Athletic Committee which consists of Albert A. Wagner, Jr. Chairman, Emanuel H. Sherry and Herman L. Bernstein.

The President’s choice of the committee is to be commended as they have done wonders since their appointment. Due to their efforts the Midyear Junior Dance is well under way. Our dance will be held December 1st, 1923 at the Palmer House. In order to make a school affair a success it is necessary that the whole school cooperate with us. It is a foregone conclusion that we will get your co-operation and make this affair one of the outstanding social achievements of Chicago Kent this year. A word to wise is sufficient.

What we lack in the size we make up in initiative and quality. Last year our dance was a success. A great achievement for an evening College class of our numbers. Other Kent Classes take notice.

We have among us such great Bankers as Clarence Woodworth and Marvin Blake. Railroad Executives as Harry Hoffman, a Financial Expert, as Max Hirsch, Barristers, as Louis Cohen and Morris Kaplan, (I & Erbstein,) a comedian of school wide fame, Ben Nelson, a politician, John Cervenka, Jr., a Labor Leader as Joseph Kulbarsh, a scholar as Elbert Wagner Jr. and several others too numerous to mention.

Pretty good for a start, Eh; Let’s give nine rahs for the Law Students that are and the future greats that are to be.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO STUDENTS

The semester incidental fee of $3.00 is a charge for and appropriated to the support of certain student enterprises, principally the Athletic and Inter-collegiate debating programs. The Review and The Transcript. Under this new system the success of these enterprises is assured and each regular student subject to this fee is entitled to subscription to The Review and one copy of The Transcript without additional charge.

Tuition this year has been placed upon the semester basis in order to facilitate the keeping of the college records and make it possible that more time be devoted by the administrative department to more essential work, particularly matters having to do with the construction of the new home for the college at No. 10 North Franklin Street, Chicago, in which all “KENT” men are so much interested at this time.
THE LINE OF DeMARCATION.

Count De Marcation will answer all questions boldly and fearfully.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES.

Starting with this issue and ending with November issue, the Count will conduct a "Guide to the Movies" department.

This department is expressly for those unfortunates who are deaf and unable to grasp the plot from those audible neighbors sitting close by.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND A MOVIE YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN

When you see a bunch of fellows sitting around and one of them playing a banjo, you will know that this is a college.

When you see a man wearing his hat in the house and wearing number 11 shoes you will know that he is a detective.

When a woman's dress falls below her knees, you will know that she is a vamp.

When you see a man in the dark with his back to the door you will know that he is extracting a key from the door and that no good will come to the sister of the hero who is in the room.

When a wife whispers in her husband's ear and he kisses her fervently you will know that a child is about to come into their midsts. The husband never seems to know anything about this.

AND, when you see a sign over a $2.00 movie in Chicago stating that "This picture will not be shown anywhere else at less than $2.00" you will know that if you wait a month that your own favorite movie-house at home will show the same picture for two-bits.

Prof. (in real property) What are estovers.

Student (slightly hard of hearing) leftovers are girls who have been out to a hot party one night and the next night you take them out and try to warm them over.

The Count presents the following as a WARNING to those students who after a hard evening in "Evidence" do not find their way straight home.

I was on my way last night,
To see Ellen,
I met another girl
Who made me forget that Ellen
Ever lived.
When we got off the car
We took a ride in
A taxi
To make a short story
Shorter
We had a h........ of a
Good time.
I took her home,
She lived in the same
Apartment house that
Ellen did,
The same floor,
The same number,
I opened the door,
There stood Ellen,
"Mother you're coming home late
Tonight," she said..............
I've got another girls now.

Realizing the imminent danger which hovers over those who sit too close to the pillar in room 310, the Count will be glad to answer thru this column any examination questions submitted not more than two days prior to the examinations.

This is an advance notice and only a part of the service we shall endeavor to give thru this column.

An old fashioned lady writes in to ask, "What is a stadium?"

A stadium, Madam, is a large football field, with a University attached.
DELTA CHI NOTES.

The Chicago Kent Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity held its first dance of the school year on Friday night, Nov. 26th, in the Rose Room of the Hotel Morrison. All members of the active chapter were present but so great was the interest manifested by our alumni members and so enthusiastic the co-operation of the University of Chicago chapter, that at least thirty of the sixty couples present belong, as respects their fraternal domicile, in these two latter groups.

The joyous frolicsome spirit of Hollowe'en found full and fitting expression both in the decorations of the room and in the good natured mirth and gaiety of the participants. The large attendance and general expression of satisfaction go far to assuring the success of the succeeding dances of the year.

Ten of the members of the local chapter graduating last June took the July bar examination. From this it readily follows that ten additional lawyers have been licensed to practice in the State of Illinois. They are as follows: Dorman C. Anderson; N. Lee Beck; Howard Brintlinger; Robert Burns; John A. Gordon; Leroy C. Johnson (deceased); Glen Johnson; Fred Lamor; James Moore and Walter Givles.

Naturally a class with so enviable a record could not remain indifferent to the scholastic attainments of their undergrad- uate brethren and so the untimely death of brother Leroy C. Johnson has furnished the occasion for the Delta Chi members of the class of '23 presenting to the local chapter a cup known as the Leroy C. Johnson memorial cup to be awarded yearly to the member of the local chapter who attains the highest scholastic standing.

Brother Clyde C. Randolph was married on Sept. 28th to Miss Madeline Grady of Berkley, Col. at St. Louis, Mo. The boys wish him well, particularly the married ones.

The chapter is pleased to announce the initiation of brother Marvin E. Blake and the names of the following pledges: Geo. W. Schaubel; Lloyd Boach; John Martin; Richard B. Durant and John Martin.

It is regretful to conclude a chronicle of such happy events with the announcement that brother William M. James, has been stricken with appendicitis and is now convalescing at the Wesley Memorial Hospital. The chapter has arranged a schedule of visitation with the hope of relieving somewhat the tedium of the sick room.
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Kappa Beta Pi Legal Sorority, held at Edgewater Beach Hotel, September 20th, 1923

“Deiches” is entertaining and has just finished her latest sketch entitled, WAIT A MINUTE and the smiles of these serious minded lawyers fall into the click of the camera.

This group represents 75 delegates assembled from every state in the Union, and in the midst of this “Garden intellectuality” we find an Assistant Corporation Counsel, Cynthia Kelly and Mrs Charlotte White who has recently become a member of one of Chicago’s best known law firms.

In order to rebut the much quoted remark that a lawyer cannot be a successful mother, we ask that you look at the third lady from the left of the picture and find a true personification of all that motherhood portrays in the charming Mrs. Clark.

To those who say, “Brains and beauty do not go together,” we ask that you glance to the right of the center (don’t look to long gentlemen,) she is a bride of ten summers) and find beautiful Alma McCabe, who with her husband completed Kent with scholistic honors last year.

Much of the success of this occasion is due to Irene McCormick, Agnes Clohesy, Cora Green, Past Dean of Kent Chapter, and Mrs. Isabelle Simmons, Past Dean of the Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Stepan of Northwestern University. Great thanks is also due to DePaul and Chicago University Chapters.

Before I close I observe two other well known Chicago Lawyers: Mrs. Howe with offices in the Otis Building, divorce attorney, and Mrs. Martha Elvert who made a specialty of probate work.

We all greatly enjoyed the company of the visiting members of whom the press was kind enough to make particular mention.

The next annual convention will be held in Boston or Washington, at which place we all hope to meet again. Better begin to think about your ticket.
This discussion led to the conclusion, that neither citizenship nor freedom, per se, but the right to own property, was the test as to whether Scott could sue in the courts of Missouri or in the Federal Courts. But it was conceded, that if Scott was still a slave when he filed the suit, he would have no standing in Court; for of course slaves were incapable of owning property.

2. This led to the second question, the effect of Emerson's removal to Illinois. On this point the dissenting opinion of Judge Curtis is hardly fair, for the Illinois law required slave owners becoming residents of Illinois to emancipate their slaves; but in Willard vs People, 5 Ill 461 this law was held not to apply to a sojourner or to a person traveling through the state. Again, Emerson's occupation clearly that his presence in Illinois was only in line of duty, and only temporary Curtis ignored the Illinois case above mentioned, and also the fundamental principle that residence is determined by two things: presence, and intention to establish a residence. Curtis claimed residence is to be presumed from presence alone; but there is no such decision in the world. The majority opinion was, that Emerson was never a resident of Illinois; hence he was never under any duty to emancipate Scott, the Illinois law did not apply, and Scott had never ceased to be a slave. Conceding, however, that Scott might have been considered free while in Illinois, the Court held that he waived it by returning to Missouri, and cited two cases on all fours (The Slave Grace, 2 Hazzard Admiralty Rep 94,) and Commonwealth vs Ames, 18 Pick, (Mass) 193.

Curtis' argument that Scott's return having been involuntary, should not prejudice his rights, was unsupported by any authority.

3 Though the Missouri Compromise had already been repealed, the decision of the lower court, and the known fact that that act would be referred to in the dissenting opinions, moved the judges compromising the majority to proceed to the question of its constitutionality, and they held it unconstitutional. That the Constitution recognized slavery, that is, that it recognized the right and title of the slave owners, just as it recognized the right and title of an owner of a horse or a mill, cannot be disputed after a careful reading of the last ten pages of Taney's opinion. The Louisiana Purchase was bought with the common treasure of all people, both north and south, and was paid for by general taxation of all the people. Therefore, it was held in trust, until it reached statehood, for the benefit of all the people. To enact a statute forbidding slavery in a part of that land still Federal Territory was to practically exclude those whose property was in slaves from settling there; hence it was unjust discrimination. The Constitution did not give any right to make such a distinction, and the southerner was therefore denied the equal protection of the law.

The time of the delivery of this opinion, its extra-judicial character, and its seemingly intended political effect, caused it to be received with denunciation and execration by a large portion of the people of the North; but it was no more extra-judicial than was Marbury vs Madison or the main part of Cohens vs Virginia.

"It was the time and the occasion that denounced the decision 'It was worse than a crime; it was a blunder.' "