

EDITORIAL

UTILIZE HANFORD.

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THE now ex-Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, though “taken care of” by his class as a whole, nevertheless has a just cause of complaint against them. Had they not “yielded to the demagogic clamor” for his scalp and started to investigate him, he could have stuck his tongue out at the “Socialists and other disturbers of the peace.” Whereas, having started the ball of investigation a-rolling he was knocked down, and is now being laughed at and, worse yet, jumped upon by the disturbers of the peace aforementioned.

Hanford should now get even with those who first pushed him on, and then left him in the lurch. By getting even with that crew Hanford could almost redeem himself.

For instance:

Hanford should mention the names of representative men who stuffed him so full of ignorance as to cause him to believe that this was the year 900, instead of being the year 1900.

Hanford should make public the literature on which he fed and that gave him such mental indigestion as to cause him to write himself down a Dogberry in law, a Cave Dweller in economics, and a baboon in sociology.

Hanford should publish for the benefit of other possible and future Hanfords, the intellectual jungle path that led him to the egregious blunder of not “selecting his victim,” and of “catching a tartar,” when he caught the S.L.P. man Leonard Olsson.

Hanford should impart detailed information upon how he came to blunder into adopting the superstition that the Socialist is “an easy mark” in this 20th century.

Let ex-Judge Hanford come out with these facts—and we, for one, shall call scores even.

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