

Editor, blacksmith tangle in 1883

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editor reprinted the item that had offended the blacksmith in the first place. The suit alleged that Bradfute and the *Telephone* had "willfully, maliciously, wrongfully, and wickedly slandered the good name of the defendant."

Warming to his subject, Bradfute informed the readers of the *Telephone* that Devault had arrived in Bloomington "with all the pretensions of a gentleman." His departure, according to the editor, was vastly different — "... "before daylight in the morning without letting but few

know it and beat his creditors out of what little they would trust him for ..."

"Mr. Devault had better let bad enough alone, but since he has seen fit to take action, the *Telephone* is not to be out done in generosity," wrote Bradfute, sarcastically. He sug-

gested that the blacksmith had placed too much stress on the advertising value of the paper or his own character.

TO UNDERSCORE his allegations, Bradfute, with book in hand — took a little stroll around the square and called on some of the merchants. His informal survey produced the following unpaid accounts left behind by Devault: H.J. Feltus, \$3; Harry Axel, \$1.40; Prof. Cole, \$8; Kahn & Tannenbaum, \$7; B.A. McGee, \$20; W.J. Allen, \$10; Wm. Slocumb, \$42; Wm. Stockwell, \$6; Tobe Smith, \$15; S.K. Rohr, \$6; Smith & Hunter, \$2.25; Greeves and Son, \$1.45; Cronin & Rosberry, \$2.50; Stewart & McPheeters, \$2.25; and J.W. Shoemaker, \$2.

Anticlimatically, the *Telephone* ran only two other news items related to the suit. On Aug. 25 it printed one low-key paragraph without a headline: "Notice has just been served on the editor that Wm. Devault has brought suit against the *Telephone* for \$5,000. The suit is to recover damages for a statement to the effect that Devault left town owing debts."

THE ONLY other reference to the suit was an indirect one which appeared in the *Telephone* on Sept. 22. "INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL: The Bloomington *Telephone* went into this term of court with four libel suits, aggregating an amount of \$40,000, and came out with so much as paying cost in any instance. The paper is in its seventh year, has had six libel suits, but has never paid a cent in judgments or costs."

Friday on TV

7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	
See Haw		Diff. Strokes	Trouble	Break	One Roof	Hunter		News	Saturday Night Live		
Waltons		Music City News Top Country Hits Of The Year				Fame		Movie: "Hard Contract"			
Creatures Great & Small		Murder Most English		F. Towers	F. Towers	Bless Me	American Playhouse				
Entertainment This Week		The Fourth Wise Man		Love Boat		Finder Of Lost Loves		News	"The Wilby Conspiracy"		
Down vs. St. John's		Bugs Bunny Easter Special		Movie: "Deliverance"				News	"Mystery Of Wax Mus'm"		
Puttin' On	The Movies	Movie: "Texas Across The River"				News		Easter Seal Telethon		ES Telethon	
Down vs. St. John's		Bugs Bunny Easter Special		Airwolf		Cover Up		News	Bermy Hill	Tales	
		Sanford	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls				Night Tracks: Chartbusters		Tracks		
		Telethon				Telethon				Telethon	
Dance Fever	Top Ten	Diff. Strokes	Trouble	Break	One Roof	Hunter		News	Saturday Night Live		
		Video Disc Jockeys				Video Disc Jockeys		MTV Presents		Video D.J.	
Mannix		Too Close	One Day	Perry Como		Perry Como		Night Talk		Movie	
Solid Gold		The Fourth Wise Man		Love Boat		Finder Of Lost Loves		"The Death Of Ocean View Park"			
College Hockey: NCAA Division I Championship Game						USFL Football: New Jersey Generals at Arizona Outlaws					
Stars	Cover Story	Movie: "The Premonition"				Alfred Hitchcock Hour		Movie: "Union City"			
Car Care	American Sports Cavalcade			Ole Opry	Church St.	Countryclip	Ernest Tubb	Mountain	Bobby Bare And Friends		