

To the town of Tahlequah there came a man,

Of grave demeanor, and whose learning ran

In paths of law and Equity and right,

His wisdom and knowledge of the law,

Imported from the State of Arkansaw.

Defending Indians in their rights,

Protecting brawlers in their fights,

He thought great riches to acquire,

To power and affluence did aspire.

He had the weekly press announce his name,

And thus did herald his undying fame:

"The greatest lawyer in the state

Has changed his residence of late

And placed the same at Tahlequah

Engaged in practice of the law,

For compensation he will still, ~~will~~

Deign to operate his legal mill

And save ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~you~~ ~~you~~ from the galloes^s and the jail

To clear his client he will never fail;

And ~~for~~ ^{for} the poor man all forlorn h

He ~~will~~ sometimes take his pay in corn,

Or sometimes take a load of wheat

Or beef or swine or other kind of meat".

His coat was old and ragged and gray

Through his hat came the cold of the winter day

His pants were dingy and flayed at the knees

And admitted the chill of the prairie breeze.

His library his greatest earthly pride,

Consisted of the Arkansas Justice guide

With ponderous words and reverend awe

He quoted the laws of Arkansaw.

A goods box and a chair or two.

One day by chance or accident,

A trader with his mind on money bent

Into his office boldly came

Demanding the collection of a claim.

The claim collected and his ^{to} client ~~xxx~~ sent

He dropped into his coffers ten per cent

Then to "THE GOLDEN RULE" he quickly goes

And buys a nother paid of shoes.

Another day a ~~l~~arger fee

Came to fill his heart with glee

And gave him means his eyes to gloat.

On hat and pants and long tail coat.

And by and by his wardrobe stored

he began to hoard,
The surplus ~~was devoted to his hoard.~~

And many months had not gone past,

With fees increasing and enlarging fast

When to the State of Arkansaw

He sends for Mansfields Digest of the law

The ~~years~~ ^{days} roll on he fatter grew

In flesh and fees and money too.

His granaries all are stored with ~~grain~~ wheat.

His larder too is filled with meat

His stables full of noble steeds

With plenty to supply their needs

And as the cycling years roll round

And peace and plenty did abound,

He called his brother lawyers all

To join him in a festal ball.
~~To celebrate his wedding ball;~~

And there with many a song and jest,

~~His legal brethren and the rest~~

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With joyous mirth enjoyed ^{his} ~~the~~ wealth

With many bumpers drank the health

With flowing glasses as required by law

Of the noble sage from Arkansas.