

HOOSIER BLUEBEARD.

THREE TRIALS FOR WIFE KILLING IN HAMILTON COUNTY—FOLKE GETS A NEW TRIAL—JACKSON ON THE RACK—ANOTHER GETTING READY.

[From an Occasional Correspondent of the Sentinel.]

NOBLESVILLE, IND., Feb. 24, 1874.—Judge Craven has granted a new trial to Amasa J. Foulke, found guilty of murdering his wife at this term of the Hamilton county circuit court, on the ground, first; that two jurors had in violation of the instructions of the court, taken notes of the evidence given before them, as asserted by two affidavits, filed with the court, and not denied by the State. Second; that according to the affidavits of three persons, a juror, Joseph White, had formed and expressed an opinion and that expressed opinion, was that "he could not see how the defendant could be innocent." Third, that the evidence, of the jury was not sufficient to sustain the verdict, and from the evidence he did not believe the defendant guilty of the crime with which he was charged. The court made an exhaustive review of the evidence and facts relied upon by the state for conviction, both in their argument before the jury and in their opposition to the motion for a new trial, with the above result. The defendant was recognized to appear at the next term of the court in the sum of \$5,000. The case of Foulke having been disposed of, the case of Jackson, indicted for the crime of murdering his wife was called, a jury impaneled, and the evidence is now being heard. There are three persons in Hamilton county now charged with the crime of slaughtering their wives; one waiting a new trial, one upon trial, and one awaiting a preliminary examination before a magistrate. The attorneys that were defending Foulke are now representing the state. For the defendant, Messrs. Moss & Drissal, Evans & Stephenson, Thompson & Thompson; for the state, Prosecuting Attorneys Stafford, Thomas Kane, Augustus F. Staats and William Grover. The opinion of Judge Craven in the Foulke case is approved by every well read lawyer for sound law, as the present supreme court reversed the case of McDonald cheek for the first reason stated in his opinion and the case of Mrs. Cleve for the last session as reported in 35th Indiana.