

TONY MENKE'S DEATH.

DEFENDANT J. J. GLACKEN GIVES HIS VERSION OF THE AFFAIR.

He contends that He Shot Menke in Self-Defense—An Allusion to Alleged Former Threats.

Justice Devine yesterday declined to continue the examination of J. J. Glacken and Charles Fisher, charged with the murder of Antone Menke, notwithstanding the fact that Grove L. Johnson, the leading attorney for the defense, was engaged in the contempt case on trial in the Superior Court.

The defense was therefore conducted by Hiram W. Johnson, and Assistant District Attorney A. J. Bruner conducted the prosecution.

The first witness called by the defense was J. M. Sullivan, who testified that the reputation of Ah Mong (a witness who had given evidence for the prosecution) was bad, and policeman Higgins testified to the same effect.

John J. Glacken, one of the defendants, was then placed upon the stand. Before he testified Mr. Bruner stated that he wished to inform the Court at that time that the prosecution had ascertained, and would prove, that one of the exploded cartridges in Menke's pistol (there are two discharged) was discharged early in the day. He made the statement at that time in order that the defense might be prepared to meet it.

Witness Glacken then testified as to the difficulty that occurred between himself and the Menkes at the railroad on the morning of the shooting, on which the shooting took place. He said he and his men were engaged in loading hops on a car, when the father of deceased appeared. Witness said he accused Mr. Menke of having asked him if it was to be peace or war. Menke said it was to be peace, but witness said he judged from a note he had received from Menke that the latter was not satisfied in regard to the situation of their business affairs.

After some conversation regarding a settlement concerning the hops that were in controversy, Menke called witness a liar, and Menke said he would "get rid of him." At the same time he picked up a rock, and then young Menke (the deceased) said to witness that he had better tackle him. Witness told the latter that it was none of his business, and not to interfere. The Menkes, he said, then advanced upon him and he retreated.

In regard to the affair later in the day, when the shooting occurred, witness said he and Fisher met Tony Menke in the road near their place, and he got out of his car and went over to Menke's and said to the latter that it was too bad the Menkes would not settle, after the proposition he had made to him; that George Menke was satisfied, and that it was he (Tony) who stood in the way of a settlement.

Tony Menke responded that witness was a liar, jumped out of the car, drew his pistol and shot at witness. The latter threw up his arm, and the bullet struck his wrist. (The coat, with powder-marks on the sleeve, was then shown in Court.) Menke then shot again, and the ball struck Fisher, who had rushed between them. As soon as Fisher got out of the way he (Glacken) began shooting. He considered that his life was in danger. He said his relations with Tony Menke had been agreeable, and that he bore no malice against him.

Witness was then questioned by Mr. Johnson as to what the deceased's father did when he came upon the scene after the shooting, but Mr. Bruner's objection thereto was sustained.

Witness denied ever sending the offensive message to the Menkes by his own son, Willie, as testified to by the latter. On the cross-examination, Mr. Bruner asked the witness if he did not, seven years ago, say to one John Schwert, that he would as soon kill Tony Menke as a chicken, and Mr. Johnson strenuously objected to witness responding to the question. Grove L. Johnson also came in and argued that the matter was too remote to be admissible.

Mr. Bruner offered to cite a decision of the Supreme Court in support of his position that the testimony was admissible, but the Court held that was not necessary, and overruled the objection.

Glacken said he did not remember having said anything of the kind, and that Mr. Bruner then asked him if he had not made that remark to his wife.

To this question the objection was made that if the witness did so it was a privileged statement, and the objection was sustained.

Mr. Bruner was here sent for by Superior Judge Armstrong, who requested that the case be continued until the following Monday. The request was conveyed to Justice Devine, and on Mr. Bruner's consenting to a continuance, the further hearing of the case was postponed until 10 o'clock this morning.

ANOTHER SACRAMENTAN GONE. Death in San Francisco Yesterday of William L. McEwen.

W. L. McEwen died in San Francisco yesterday after a few weeks' illness. Deceased was well-known in this city, where he resided for many years. Mr. McEwen was born in Genesee county, New York, fifty-two years ago. While a boy he crossed the plains to California. Upon the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the California Battalion, which was mustered into the Second Massachusetts Cavalry. At the close of the service he returned to California.

Deceased was for several years employed in the freight department of the railroad company in this city, and was bookkeeper in the State Controller's office during the term of Controller James J. Green. Subsequently he was appointed Chief Clerk by United States Marshal Drew, and for nine years prior to 1888 he was connected with the Marshal's office in San Francisco, most of the time as chief deputy.

At the time of his death he was Superintendent of the Union Ice Company. He was a member of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R. His generous nature and peculiarly genial manner made him hosts of friends all over California. He leaves a widow and three children.

NOT A FRAUD. An Unfortunate Youth Who Solicited Alms Through Necessity. Officer Wilson arrested a young man named George Daly yesterday, whom he found on the streets soliciting money with which to purchase a meal. The man was on crutches and had his right leg bandaged, but the officer supposed he might be a fraud, and took him to the police station.

Daly was questioned, and his bright and open manner soon convinced the Chief that he was not a beggar from choice. His right leg, from the ankle to above the knee, was incased in a plaster of paris cast, and he accounted for his condition by showing a certificate from the steward of one of the hospitals in San Francisco. He had been thrown from a wagon, crushing his knee-pan. The injury is a serious one, and may cause the joint to be stiff for life.

Daly stated that he came here expecting to get assistance from a cousin who worked in the railroad shops, but he found that his relation had left town about a week before his arrival. Chief Drew purchased a railroad ticket and sent the young man to Stockton, where he states he has friends. His parents reside in Leavenworth, Kansas.

6° degrees above the freezing point, and the lowest but 1° above that point.

The highest and lowest temperature one year ago yesterday was 56° and 44°, with 30 of an inch of rain, and one year ago today it was 56° and 44°, with but a trace of precipitation. The reading of the barometer at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. yesterday were 30.37 and 30.32 inches. That instrument yesterday morning was considerably below 30 inches in Washington and Northern Oregon, with a light rain falling at Olympia and Portland, and only weather elsewhere. If this low barometer travels southward, then there would be a prospect of rain in this State, but if it goes eastward, then cloudy weather will still prevail.

THE FLORENCE MISSION.

It Will Open To-night at 1010 Third Street—Its Purpose.

The much-talked-of Florence Mission will be formally opened at 1010 Third Street, between J and K, at half-past 7 o'clock to-night. This is the fourth mission of the kind founded by Charles N. Crittenton, the Christian merchant of New York city, who has been holding meetings in this city for five weeks. The first was opened in New York city, the second in Jersey City, and the third in San Jose, in this State.

The object of the mission is to reach, rescue and convert fallen men and women, who never go into churches, and who are virtually abandoned by the better class of people. On account of their sin and their poverty they do not feel free to go into our churches, so this mission will open a door through which they may go and worship. Mr. Crittenton believes that all these people need is to feel that somebody cares for them and will help them.

More than 2,000 fallen men and women have been rescued by the Florence Mission of New York, and 1,400 of them have been converted and are now leading Christian lives in the various churches. The purpose is to care for those who are rescued and get them respectable employment.

The mission will be open every night in the year, where free gospel services will be held. The building at 1010 Third Street, between J and K, has been leased for one year. The citizens and Christian people generally have given freely to support the mission.

Robt. S. Marshel of this city has been elected Superintendent of the mission; W. R. Gallup, Treasurer, and Mrs. J. H. Glide, Corresponding Secretary.

The mission will be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of one from each church. Those engaged in this good work mean business, and its success seems to be assured.

EARLY ORANGES.

Daily Shipments Now Going Eastward from Northern California.

The first carload of oranges of this year's crop, from California, was loaded at Oroville and shipped to the East yesterday by the W. R. Strong Company of this city. The fruit was of extra quality, highly colored and fully ripe, and consisted of Washington Navel, Mediterranean Sweet and seedlings. This shipment inaugurates the season in Northern California, and the firm mentions that the shipments every day, two cars going forward to-day.

The orange groves present a busy scene, hundreds of pickers and packers being at work in the various orange districts. The principal shipping points are Oroville, Marysville, Wheatland, Newcastle and Penryn.

Each orange is wrapped in paper and packed with great care, and experts pronounce the fruit of extraordinary quality. It runs remarkably uniform in size, averaging about 175 to the box, except the Washington Navel, which run a little larger. The fruit is absolutely free from smut and scale, is fully ripe, and of a high flavor.

About three thousand acres of young orchards have been planted during the last four years, and are now gradually coming into bearing. All these groves are located at points north of Sacramento city. The fruit will surely find great favor in the East.

INAUGURAL BALL.

Meeting of the Invitation and Reception Committee.

A meeting of the Invitation and Reception Committee for the inaugural ball was held yesterday afternoon at Mayor Conover's office. Various matters in regard to the sending out of invitations were discussed.

It was determined that each member of the committee should at once prepare and send to the Secretary, W. D. Knights, a list of persons to be invited to the ball. Committee members should give addresses whenever it is possible, especially outside of the State, and persons who do not receive invitations will hold their local committee members responsible if they are overlooked.

It is therefore the duty of every member of the committee to send in his list promptly. From the applications already made for tickets it is evident that the three hundred tickets to be sold will be quickly taken after the invitations are out.

George Brady, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, had his examination set for Monday. The complaining witness is Thomas Kerwin, who alleges that Brady drew a pistol on him and threatened to shoot.

Charles Dempsey, charged with being a healthy beggar, was paroled, and the further hearing was continued until to-day. "Handsome" Brady was ordered below for ten days for having been drunk.

Wm. Rodgers & Son's Silver-plated tableware is plated 20 per cent. above standard plate. Napkin rings, 20c, 40c, 50c, 75c and \$1; plain and engraved knives, forks and spoons, \$1.75; \$2, \$2.50 per set, plain and engraved; silver, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.05, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, 1.25, 1.30, 1.35, 1.40, 1.45, 1.50, 1.55, 1.60, 1.65, 1.70, 1.75, 1.80, 1.85, 1.90, 1.95, 2.00, 2.05, 2.10, 2.15, 2.20, 2.25, 2.30, 2.35, 2.40, 2.45, 2.50, 2.55, 2.60, 2.65, 2.70, 2.75, 2.80, 2.85, 2.90, 2.95, 3.00, 3.05, 3.10, 3.15, 3.20, 3.25, 3.30, 3.35, 3.40, 3.45, 3.50, 3.55, 3.60, 3.65, 3.70, 3.75, 3.80, 3.85, 3.90, 3.95, 4.00, 4.05, 4.10, 4.15, 4.20, 4.25, 4.30, 4.35, 4.40, 4.45, 4.50, 4.55, 4.60, 4.65, 4.70, 4.75, 4.80, 4.85, 4.90, 4.95, 5.00, 5.05, 5.10, 5.15, 5.20, 5.25, 5.30, 5.35, 5.40, 5.45, 5.50, 5.55, 5.60, 5.65, 5.70, 5.75, 5.80, 5.85, 5.90, 5.95, 6.00, 6.05, 6.10, 6.15, 6.20, 6.25, 6.30, 6.35, 6.40, 6.45, 6.50, 6.55, 6.60, 6.65, 6.70, 6.75, 6.80, 6.85, 6.90, 6.95, 7.00, 7.05, 7.10, 7.15, 7.20, 7.25, 7.30, 7.35, 7.40, 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