

REMARKABLE ROBBERY CASE.

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A Slight Commotion Created in the Olson Murder Trial--Counsel for Defense Grows Wrathful Because of His Failure to Break the Testimony of a Witness for the Prosecution.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—A Chronicle special from Fresno says: A complaint was sworn to before Justice Crichton this morning against a prominent citizen of this county. It accuses T. L. Reed, of Reedley, of robbery, the complainant being E. Hirschfeld, the same place.

An attempt was made to find William Hirschfeld for the purpose of ascertaining the particulars of the occurrence, but it proved unsuccessful, and the information had to be got at second-hand. It seems that Mr. Reed and Hirschfeld had had a good deal of business with each other, and that a settlement was made not long ago, which evidently was not very satisfactory to the former.

Later, Reed again approached Hirschfeld and forced him to enter a conveyance, taking him to a room in his house, where Reed, after locking the door, again had recourse to his pistol.

This time Hirschfeld was overcome by fear and gave the check and signed the settlement. Mr. Hirschfeld came to Fresno this morning and swore to a complaint charging Reed with robbery. The warrant was given to a Constable, who will go down for Mr. Reed on this evening's train.

OLSEN TRIAL.

Counsel for the Defense Grows Wrathful Over Testimony of a Witness. MERCED, April 10.—H. Deminewy was the first witness this morning in the Olson case. He was the first man to inform Olson of the murder. He replied, "Well, I be —," and walked away to a saloon.

John Hamilton was then called. He said he stayed at the Ivetz ranch during the coroner's inquest. He also told of tracking Olson's horse. On cross-examination the defense failed to break his testimony, because wrathy, and went so far as to intimate that the District Attorney was giving a witness to the jury his head at witness. Witness denied it. He told Budd that he would not look toward Fowler.

Charles Yarnin, J. P. Truesdale and H. Lafour testified to the condition of Olson's horse's feet, saying that the shoes were lately off. The latter two witnesses also said that they found the hammer and pinners in Snelling before the murder, and that Olson claimed them.

At this afternoon Olson's testimony given at the coroner's inquest was read to the jury. In this testimony Olson said that on the night of the murder he fell, snelling at 6 o'clock in the evening and went home, arriving there between 9 and 10 o'clock, and seeing no one on the trip. He got the hammer and pinners from his brother, and \$100 from the road on Friday preceding the murder. He intended using them in mining.

Mrs. Olson, mother of the accused, then testified that on the night of the murder August came home shortly before 10 o'clock. She did see him, but heard him outside and recognized his voice when he spoke to his horse.

THE HORSE.

It Comes in Time to Benefit Grain and Fruit. MARYSVILLE, April 10.—Rain began falling at 10 o'clock this morning. It was very welcome.

MODESTO, April 10.—It commenced raining here at 10 o'clock this morning and is still raining. This shower will be beneficial to crops.

ANDERSON, April 10.—A warm rain commenced falling at 11 o'clock last night. One inch and twenty-five one-hundredths have fallen, and indications are for a continued shower.

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GILROY, April 10.—Light showers prevailed here to-day, with quite a heavy precipitation this afternoon. Appearances indicate clearing weather before morning. The rain does much good, but crops were assuredly beautiful without it.

VERY SICK MAN.

Ex-Governor Waterman Down With an Attack of Pneumonia. SAN DIEGO, April 10.—Ex-Governor Waterman is lying dangerously ill of pneumonia at his residence. The total for the Sacramento valley to-day is 2.49 inches. The prospects for a good grain and fruit crop are flattering.

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GREENSBURG (Pa.), April 10.—Three children of David Carroll died suddenly this week under suspicious circumstances. At the inquest it was discovered that poison had been given them. Two other children are dying, and arrests will probably follow.

Against the Railroad.

HELENA (Mont.), April 10.—In the United States Circuit Court an opinion was handed down by Judge Knowles in the case of The Northern Pacific Railroad vs. Cannon et al., involving title to lands valued at half a million within the city limits of Helena, which the railroad claimed as part of its land grant. The decision virtually determines the case in Cannon's favor.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Charles D. Calkins has been commissioned Postmaster at Chula Vista, San Diego County, California. R. A. Wright has been appointed Postmaster at Farmers' Valley, McKeen County, Oregon. M. Calligan has been appointed at Barnard, Island County, Washington.

Intercontinental Railway.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The steamship Newport, which sailed to-day for Central America, had among other passengers, a surveying party of American engineers, who go to demonstrate the feasibility of a railroad that is proposed to connect the United States with the South and Central American republics. The party will be gone two years.

A Lumber Firm Assigns.

LANCASTER (Pa.), April 10.—Baumgardner, Eberman & Co., coal and lumber dealers, have assigned. The liabilities are several hundred thousand dollars. The firm was organized in 1870 and assigned Monday, with liabilities of \$400,000.

Von Der Ahe Sued.

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—Mark Baldwin, the Pittsburg League pitcher, will sue President Von Der Ahe for \$20,000, alleging malicious prosecution. The suits were filed in the office of the same firm. Ahe was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Declared Out of the Race.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The California Horse Take Notice, owned by L. U. Sloan, was declared out of the race of the Brooklyn Jockey Club handicap.

Secretary Proctor.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Secretary of War Proctor, after taking a look at Fort Sheridan proceeded East.

MISS ANNA DICKINSON.

THAT HER COMMITMENT WAS IRREGULAR IS DENIED. No Credence Put in the Story That She Has Been Mistreated by Her Sister.

Special to the RECORD-UNION. PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—The story that Anna Dickinson was a sane woman when she was committed to the Danville Insane Asylum, and that her commitment was irregular, that the State lunacy laws were in her case flagrantly violated, and that Philadelphia physicians and officials were concerned in the injustice done her, is officially and particularly denied here.

The letter which Miss Dickinson says she sent to the Chairman and Secretary of the State Board of Charities—Doctors Morton and Wetmore of this city—was received by Dr. Wetmore, who visited her immediately in company with the attorney of the board, Mr. Barlow.

Dr. Wetmore to-day said: "We found Miss Dickinson installed in the most comfortable ward of the whole institution. Our interview was necessarily brief, because she declined to talk to us or at least would say very little. When not actually talking to us, she walked about the ward, giving utterance to incoherent words and phrases, and acting exactly in the manner insane people are accustomed to act. No sane person would talk to us or to myself had the slightest doubt that she was deranged."

From a perusal of her story and from a knowledge of her case, do you think she is entirely sane now?" "Speaking from what I saw of her only, I would say that it is very probable she is sane at the present time. Dr. Seward of New York vouches for the opinion of the case, and in the absence of another examination of Miss Dickinson I cannot speak positively of her condition."

A VICTIM OF BASELESS DELUSION.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, said to-day that she did not know what to make of the report in regard to the unjust incarceration of Anna Dickinson. She does not know her own knowledge, Susan Dickinson has been a most generous, faithful and loving sister. She has always been regarded as a most conscientious and devoted woman.

Miss Willard could not believe that Susan Dickinson was capable of the baseless charges attributed to her, and does not see what she could hope to gain by such a course.

The plan for the fund which is being raised in that city is to place in the hands of trustees only the interest to be paid to Anna Dickinson, and that it shall be kept as a permanent fund for the purpose of meeting any and all expenses that may be incurred by her in the future.

Miss Willard has two letters of a recent date from Susan Dickinson, in one of which she speaks of Anna having suddenly and violently turned against her, as usual in such cases. Miss Willard says that Anna Dickinson is the victim of a baseless delusion.

MISS SUSAN DICKINSON.

SCRANTON (Pa.), April 10.—Miss Susan Dickinson was in this city to-day in consultation with friends relative to the statements made by her sister to a reporter in New York. Miss Dickinson said she had telegraphed Dr. Seward that she would do anything in her power to remove any and all charges from her, if he is doing her sister's mind, concerning her delusion, and also that friends in West Pittsburg and vicinity will contribute to her expenses for the next two years to the welfare and interests of Anna.

She answers all charges made against her by Anna, and says the latter has been demoted for some time, but it was only when she became violent that she concluded to have her placed in an asylum. She says Anna was not roughly treated.

In conclusion, Susan says she sees now that her friends told her truly when they said she was foolish to devote her life to Anna. Hereafter Anna must find faithful servants wherever she can.

Miss Susan does not explain why, when the Stanton Report first gave to the world the story of her sister's insanity, she sent a strongly worded denial of it to every paper he would read, claiming that the report was a cruel outrage.

The thinnest and at the same time one of the toughest leathers tanned is a frog skin.

IRISH LAND BILL.

The Measure Rushed Through in Its First Stages.

BALFOUR USES THE CLOSURE RULE TO ABRIDGE DEBATE.

The Radicals and Labor Members of the Commons Greatly Dissatisfied with the Appointments Made on the Royal Labor Commission—They Claim That They Were Appointed in the Interest of Capital.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, April 10.—The Government having succeeded in rushing the Irish land bill through the first stages, when the Irish party were fighting on the question of leadership, instead of every man following a similar policy with the bill in committee, Balfour's action in using the weapon of closure to abridge the debate on the first clause is as tyrannical an application as the present Government has given.

Gladstone held a conference to-day with several of the members of the opposition, and the result of the meeting was to restore concerted action among the opposition, instead of every man fighting on his individual responsibility. Summed up, the Liberal amendments, upon which the struggle will proceed for several weeks to come, include opposition to the use of local funds as guarantees for the land, and an objection to the tenants' insurance fund, the proposal to levy the amount of any deficiency in the county rates, and to the extension of grazing farms from the operation of the measure. None of these amendments are acceptable to the Government, and after much talk each will be allowed to turn.

A close scrutiny of the personnel of the labor commission confirms the belief that the Government does not intend to permit hazardous questions as to the basis of relations of labor and capital to be considered. Roughly classified, capital has fourteen representatives and labor members of the Commons, and labor members of the Commons and labor members of the Commons only six genuine labor representatives, as against eleven large employers, and a number of other members are all on the side of capital.

The notable omission of the agriculturists and the absence of all representation in the terms of reference to the commission stamps the commission as the creation of a cabinet of landlords. What they work is done will apply to immediate remedial legislation of a practical character.

Mr. Shaw is unwilling to re-enter Parliament, even with the chance of resuming the leadership of the anti-Parnellites. The struggle is too much embittered.

The scandal involving Miss O'Shea and Parnell has not yet cleared up. Parnell comes to the Commons to-day from Brighton. Captain O'Shea continues to reside at the West End of Brighton, and Mrs. O'Shea is still at the West End, which is now known as the "Fire-Escape Terrace." She drives out with Parnell.

Gladstone having been privately asked for a statement in reply to Parnell's charge that Gladstone gave an interview to American dynamiters at Hawarden, he says his denial alone ought to suffice. In the Commons, Gladstone's land bill, Labouchere moved to omit the word "guaranteed" from the clause proposing advances to be made by the issue of guaranteed land certificates in nominal amount to the sum advanced. He denounced the scope and principle of the bill, and long afterwards participated in it by Balfour, George Lytton Collyers and Healey and others. Balfour moved the closure, which was carried, and Labouchere's motion rejected.

ROYAL LABOR COMMISSION.

The Speaker Questioned About the Omission of Davitt's Name. LONDON, April 10.—William Henry Smith, the First Lord of the Treasury, announced in the Commons to-day that the following gentlemen were appointed members of the Royal Labor Commission: Marquis of Hartington (Liberal Unionist), Earl Derby (Liberal Unionist), Sir Michael Hicks Beach (Conservative), Sir John E. Gore (Conservative), Hon. A. J. Mundella (Liberal), Sir Robert Fowler (Conservative), Hon. Leonard Courtney (Liberal Unionist), Sir Edward J. Hartland (Conservative), W. Gerald Balfour (Conservative), George Lytton Collyers (Liberal Unionist), Thomas Burt (Liberal), William Abraham (Liberal), Professor Marshall, Sir W. Lewis, Mr. Estlin, David Dale, George Lytton Collyers, Thomas Mann, E. Drew, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Tait, Mr. Austin and Sir Frederick Pollock.

When the announcement of the composition of the Royal Labor Commission was made Justin McCarthy moved to adjourn in order that he might call attention to the omission of Michael Davitt's name from the list of those who composed the commission. McCarthy said he wished to know what reasons there were for omitting Davitt's name.

The Speaker refused to allow the motion to be put.

The Manipur Massacre.

SIMLA, April 10.—It now transpires that was the Commander-in-Chief of the Manipur forces who was killed in the engagement between Lieutenant Grant's forces and the force of Manipuris, referred to in yesterday's dispatches, and not the usurping Rajah. The latter, according to a letter received by the Viceroy of India, was executed by the loyalists after the massacre of the British forces at Manipur.

European Situation.

BERLIN, April 10.—Notwithstanding denials from various quarters the political situation of Europe is of a threatening character. Reports reach here that France continues its military activity and is making preparations to mobilize her army on the German frontier.

Gold for Russia.

LONDON, April 10.—Two hundred thousand pounds of gold have been withdrawn from the Bank of England for export to Russia, and further withdrawals are expected.

Gripping Among the British Soldiers.

LONDON, April 10.—Two hundred cases of a gripple are reported on the troopship Himalaya, just arrived at Plymouth.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Miss Phoebe Conzons Still Holds the Fort at Headquarters. CHICAGO, April 10.—Miss Phoebe Conzons, Secretary of the Board of Lady Managers, still holds the fort at the World's Fair headquarters, determined to assert her rights as Secretary of the Executive Committee, to which place said committee elected Miss Cook the other day.

Miss Conzons says she has received

telegrams from many lady commissioners, taking sides with her differences have for a long time existed between the President, Mrs. Palmer, and Secretary Conzons. The latter it is said, has upon several occasions refused to sign communications unless the pronoun "we" was used, referring to herself and the President. Mrs. Palmer, it is reported, has since been obliged to sign communications, "I cannot quarrel with her, and can only close the door in her face."

This trouble is viewed seriously by certain of the lady commissioners, and they are making a legal fight, as has been threatened, if they will seriously injure the influence for good of the board, or should the courts decide in her favor, thus nullifying the Executive Committee's acts, it would practically result in disbanding the board, and cause no end of trouble.

LIVE STOCK DISPLAY.

CHICAGO, April 10.—The Executive Committee of the National Live Stock Association has outlined the basis of the apportionment of cash prizes for live stock, 42 per cent. for hogs, 25 per cent. for sheep, 25 per cent. for cattle, 15 for swine, 12 for sheep and 6 per cent. for poultry and pet stocks. One hundred thousand dollars are set aside for prizes for live stock, 50,000 for prizes for individual animals on the same basis. The committee recommends to the managers of the World's Fair to make provision for a State exhibition of live stock, and that a programme be so arranged as to make it a continuous and interesting feature of the stock. Breeders of farm animals are requested to take the necessary steps to enlist the co-operation of the respective State Boards of Agriculture and the Legislatures.

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S APPROP