

AN ILLEGAL BODY.

Acts of the San Francisco Grand Jury Null and Void.

SO DECLARED BY THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

Five Justices Render Opinions Against Judge Wallace's Manner of Selecting the Jury--Two Dissenting Opinions--Full Text of the Opinions Rendered by Justices McFarland, Sharpstein and De Haven.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.--The Supreme Court yesterday afternoon rendered a decision regarding the legality of the Grand Jury selected by Judge Wallace. It declares the body to be illegal.

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The opinion is written by Justice McFarland and is concurred in by Justices Garoutte, Harrison and Peterson. Chief Justice Beatty also declares the Grand Jury an illegal body, but he does not think that a writ of prohibition is the proper process.

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Elwood Bruner, Plaintiff, vs. The Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco, Defendant. Judgment for Plaintiff. Judgment for Plaintiff. Judgment for Plaintiff.

THE CONTEST A BEAUTY.

Fourteen-Round Fight Between Tom Ryan and Frank Howson.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.--Tommy Ryan is still champion welter-weight of the world. He retains the title after a fourteen-round fight with Frank Howson of Sheffield, England, fought near here this morning.

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RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS.

Satisfactory Negotiations With the Sugar Producing Colonies.

SLIGHT HITCH WITH REGARD TO JAMAICA.

Little Active Legislation Probable in Congress Until After the House Committees are Appointed, Which Will Probably Not Occur Until After the Holiday Recess--Criminal Record--Turk Topics.

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TRISH TROUBLES.

Sanguinary Conflict Between Parnellites and McCarthyrtes.

HEAVY STORMS REPORTED THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES--FLOODS REPORTED IN MANY PLACES, AND STREETS UNDER WATER--VIEWS RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF THE COPYRIGHT LAW ON AMERICAN AND ENGLISH LITERATURE.

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HEAVY FIGHTING IN CHINA.

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THE PORTLANDS AGAIN MOWED DOWN.

by the San Joses.

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DEATH OF HON. GEORGE G. BLANCHARD.

At His Home in Placerville, After an Illness of Short Duration--An Old Resident of El Dorado County Dies From Injuries Received by Being Thrown From a Wagon.

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CRIMINAL RECORD.

JOHN MILLER, While Intoxicated, Shoots His Wife and Suiicides.

MT. OLIVE (Ill.), Dec. 13.--Yesterday John Miller, aged 68, during the absence of his wife, became intoxicated. On her return he threatened her life. She ran out of the house. He followed and fired a bullet through her body. He then committed suicide. Mrs. Miller's wound is thought to be fatal. The tragedy was evidently premeditated, as a few days ago Miller settled up all his business affairs.

SHREVEPORT (La.), Dec. 13.--Joseph Patterson (colored), who yesterday killed his wife and her two children, was arrested and after a short trial was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

JEFFERSON CITY (Mo.), Dec. 13.--It is believed that the man arrested last night while attempting to pass a fraudulent check is an important capture. He gives the name of John J. ...

JACKSONVILLE (Fla.), Dec. 13.--The perpetrators of the quadruple murder near New Smyrna are still at large. Investigation shows that Mrs. Hatch and her two children were the victims of the crime.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.--While the service was going on at St. Mary's Church in Newry (Protestant Anglican) to-day, eleven vestrymen advanced to the altar, dressed the communion cloth on which were embroidered the letters "I. H. S." As the vestrymen were kneeling, they suddenly rose and rushed to the altar, where they fired their revolvers into the air.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER A PRIEST.

HOLDAYSBURG (Pa.), Dec. 13.--A bold attempt to burglarize the parsonage of the St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church and murder the priest, Father John Heine, was made early this morning. Two robbers entered the house through a window and entered the parsonage. They went directly to Father Heine's room, and he, hearing a noise, rushed to the door. The robbers, who were within a few feet of him, and they immediately opened fire and then fled. Fortunately their aim was bad, and Father Heine, who was severely wounded, was taken to the hospital.

AN EXCITING SHIP RACE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.--The American clipper ships A. J. Fuller and M. P. Grace arrived yesterday after an exciting race from San Francisco. The two vessels were the fastest in the world, and they were the first to reach New York since the start of the season.

ONE KILLED AND FOUR INJURED.

DENVER, Dec. 1