

YOKOHAMA ADVICES.

INQUIRY INTO THE KILLING OF G. G. ROBINSON.

Verdict Charging Lieutenant Hetherington With Willful Murder— Elections for the Diet.

Special to the Record-Union.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 25.—The inquest into the circumstances attending the death of George G. Robinson, a prominent broker and society man, who was shot by Lieutenant J. H. Hetherington of the United States steamship Marion on February 13th, was concluded on the 15th, with a verdict charging Hetherington with willful murder.

The latter had accused Robinson of alienating his wife's affections from him, and meeting Robinson, who was driving with a friend named M. Pors, on the afternoon of the 13th, Hetherington fired three shots at Robinson, one bullet passing close to Pors, the second also flying wide of its mark, but the third striking Robinson in the side, shattering his hip, the ball traveling forward and upward until it reached the stomach.

Before his death Robinson caused a letter to be written to United States Admiral Belknap expressing pardon for Hetherington's act, and requesting that the utmost possible leniency might be shown in dealing with the case.

Many prominent officials and residents of Yokohama were present at the inquest. Dr. Wheeler testified that he found a bullet in Robinson's abdomen, and that death was caused by hemorrhage therefrom. Dr. Eldridge testified that the latter told him in an indirect way who fired the fatal shot, and added: "Doctor, if I get through this time alive, he'll finish me next time." The doctor replied: "No; if you recover, he'll be out of the way of doing you any mischief."

On Robinson asking what the doctor meant by the latter's statement that Hetherington would be arrested, Robinson responded: "Good God, that will never do; it will ruin the poor fellow."

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AMUSEMENTS. At the Metropolitan Theater this evening Hanlon Bros' spectacular pantomime, "Superba," will be produced. Several of these spectacles have been presented here by the Hanlons, and this moves on the same plane with all of them, but is very different in detail. The management says that the plot is a new one, and is a myth and treak of the imagination, it is said to be a trolie of the most amusing description. There is a story to the effect that the reason, but rather to defy it. The effect is said to be that the spectator gives up the attempt to find what it is all about and loses himself in the pretty transformations and mechanical magic. There are a number of pretty ballets, but they are modestly costumed and are not of the extravagant order. A capable company render the various roles, the most prominent names being Miss Mildred Holland, Miss Maud Mitchell, Miss Jessie West and William Schroder. Among the various specialties with which the play is replete are the Philippi Brothers, grotesque dancers, and the Schrodre family of acrobats.

The San Francisco Bulletin says of the

piece that "it is a good one. The scenery is very good, and the transformation scene at the close and the fairy vessel on a sea of roses at the end of the second act are pretty and dazzling pictures. There is no end to the wealth of tricks running all through the spectacle. One would suppose after seeing the first act that the clown and his colleagues had exhausted their plethora of tricks, but such is not the case. Each succeeding act has its store of illusions and funny acts by the clown, who is an adept at the business, and as hard a worker as we have seen on the stage for many a day."

At the Clunie Opera-house this evening Anderson, "the Wizard of the North," late from the Orient and Australasia, makes his first appearance in America.

He is supported by eight people—Mlle. Bianchi, clairvoyant and soprano soloist; Amy Louise, barriquet balladist and sousrette; the Portroy of Oriental Male Quartet, in musical selections and costumes and character acts of a very humorous order. This quartet is renounced to be an attraction very novel, very amusing and, musically, very fine. Anderson conveys the cut of the cleverest workers in modern magic now on the stage. Mr. Sherwood, his manager, insists that he gives an entertainment of a very unusual character, which has won throughout Europe unstinted commendation. Manager Norton says he witnessed Anderson's entertainments on the Continent, in the Orient and in Australasia, and he classes him as the peer of Hermann, and in some respects his superior. The engagement is for four nights only, and there is to be a change of bill nightly. The stage will be set differently from evening to evening.

The complimentary benefit to Manager Wm. Norton of the Clunie Opera-house last night was largely attended; the house was filled and many stood in the lobby all the evening. The programme was long. The novelty of the evening was the appearance of Wash Norton, who for the first time in his life, was the change act of which he is the inventor. This was a complete success and proved Mr. Norton to be a clever clown, actor, a good mimic, and a vocalist of no indifferent order, standing in the center of the stage and without moving from his place, he effected six complete changes of costume from shoes and stockings to wig and robes, without taking off or putting on any costume.

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LARGE LAND-HOLDINGS.

Comments Upon Wm. H. Mills' Able Paper.

The Evil of Land Monopoly Has Reached the Proportions of a Grave Issue.

[San Jose Daily Mercury, March 11th.]

THE RECORD-UNION has published a thoughtful and interesting paper by Wm. H. Mills on large land-holdings in California. It occupies seven columns, dealing with the subject thoroughly in all its phases, and deserves the attentive consideration of every person interested in the future welfare of the State. After an able introductory argument establishing the principle that no form of monopoly impairs the opportunities of men to secure an extent as the monopolized ownership of land, Mr. Mills comes at once to the consideration of the principle as applied to the present condition of affairs in California. Statistics cited show that the large land-holdings in the State, and principally in the valleys of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin, have increased very rapidly in the last ten years both in number and in acreage; and also that wherever this increase has taken place there has been a corresponding loss in population. In the counties of Colusa, Yuba, and Tehama there were in 1872 seventy-one holders having 5,000 acres and upward, the result being that the average of the 70,761 acres. In 1890 the number of this class of holders had increased to 105, and the aggregate amount of their lands to 1,173,048 acres. In 1890 the largest holding in the four counties was 31,307 acres, and in 1880 the largest was 109,000 acres. The rural districts of California, with a population of 55,000, and in 1880 a population of 102,000, were shown by the census to have only 3,500. A further consideration, however, shows that the rural districts still, for the most part, are in the hands of the same class of holders. The population of Colusa county gained 1,115 in population, one town in Colusa gained 20, two towns in Tehama gained 10, and two towns in Butte gained 50, and that in the four counties there was a gain of 365 more than the entire gain of the four counties, showing that the rural districts of California have actually decreased in population.

From these statistics it can be seen that the effect of large land-holdings is to drive the middle class of people into the towns and cities and to leave the cultivation of the soil to agricultural laborers on the great estates. This brings in its train another evil, for as the owners of large estates do not live on them, but in the cities, the result is that the land goes partly to pay a shifting and irresponsible and poorly paid laborer, but chiefly to be expended in the extravagance and dissipation of the cities. "A system like this, which is overcrowding the cities, depopulating the interior, eliminating the class of independent farmers, and leaving the land in the hands of a few, is a danger to the perpetuity of republican institutions," says Mr. Mills, "and in the long run it is a menace to the natural growth of the State. The large land-holdings, which are the cause of the concentration of wealth and the consequent accumulation of idle capital. This capital seeks safe investment. An acre better than a Government bond for \$100 with a two-per-cent. coupon attached, and as loans are readily obtained on it, land has become a favorite investment. The idle capital, therefore, is rapidly being invested in land, and the process will continue until the land is almost completely monopolized by a few hands, who will entreat and use them. As the statistics show, furthermore, that the death of the proprietor does not subdivide the landed estate, it is suggested that there should be a law absolutely prohibiting any man to devise in his will more than one thousand acres of land, and declaring that any excess of that acreage shall be sold by the courts for the benefit of his estate, the sale to be made at the rate of one-fifth each year for five years, so as not to inflict loss. Whether these laws are the best that can be devised for the purpose may be a matter of doubt, but none can deny that the evil has now reached the proportions of a grave issue and should be dealt with without further delay.

Church Societies. This evening a "conundrum" social will be given by the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian Church. A choice programme will be given, full of novelties.

An orange social will be given this evening by the ladies of the Congregational Church. Good local talent will appear in the musical and literary exercises.

Secretary Foster. WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Treasury officials will go to New York tomorrow for the purpose of meeting Secretary Foster and party, due at New York on Wednesday. Secretary Elkins has ordered a salute fired from the forts in New York harbor on their arrival, as a special compliment to the returning Cabinet officer.

THE FREEMAN CASE. Governor Markham is Now Giving it His Attention. Charles N. Post, of counsel for Charles Freeman, under sentence of hanging for murder, appeared before Governor Markham yesterday and made an argument in support of the petition for a commutation of sentence.

The Governor has before him and is considering the communication from Superior Judge Van Fleet and Justices of the Supreme Court on the subject, but having returned to the city only yesterday he is not, of course, prepared as yet to determine what his action will be in so important a matter.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. H. K. McLeannan is attending the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, in San Francisco. F. A. Jones and family will leave for Portland, Or., on tonight's train. In future that will be their home.

Mrs. O. M. Squire and Mrs. F. M. Crawford of Oakland are the guests of Mrs. W. P. Preston in this city. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Johnston, Jr., have returned from Los Angeles, where they spent last week visiting relatives.

Governor Markham has returned from the Grand Army Encampment at Fresno, and is also here as Adjutant and Assistant Adjutant-Generals Allen and Murray.

BRIEF NOTES. Rapid progress is being made by the Electric Railway Company's track-layers on P Street.

The official canvass of the city election returns show that 109 illegal ballots were cast. There were 14 straight Republican tickets, 28 straight Democratic tickets, 24 straight Citizens' and 3,781 scratched ballots. The total number of ballots cast was 5,322.

The March winds, which failed to come on schedule time, are here at last and are raising clouds of dust. The new Street Commissioner should at once try his hand at the business of cleaning up those who are being paid for wetting down the streets.

Lestie Johnson's Dog. Lestie Johnson appeared before Judge Craven in the Police Court yesterday morning and paid a fine of \$10.

Lestie had battered Peter Hoffel for throwing stones at his dog, and Hoffel had him arrested. Judge Craven said a popular sentiment was expressed in the words, "You hit my dog, you hit me!" but that it was better to avoid this kind of revenge. He therefore named \$10 as the lowest price for the amount of satisfaction Lestie had acquired.

Davis Held to Answer. George Davis, alias Dan Lacey, a man of venerable appearance, was arraigned before Judge Craven yesterday. Lacey was arrested last week for robbing George "Red" room in the Capital Hotel of various articles which were recovered by Officer Simmons, and reclaimed at the police station by Ferral.

There is a rumor that Davis had nothing to say, and was held to answer with bail fixed at \$1,500.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Preacher, Author, Philanthropist, and Revivalist. Reminiscences," by G. Holden Pike of London. Introduction by William Cleaver. With an account of the preacher's life and his work. London, London and Toronto: Funk & Wagnall's Company. This is an exceedingly interesting story of the great preacher's wonderful life. It is especially rich in anecdotes and pen and ink sketches. Rev. J. C. Fernald, the American pastor of the First Baptist Church in London, and concluding chapters by James C. Fernald, 12-mo., cloth, 400 pp., \$1.00. New York, London and Toronto: Funk & Wagnall's Company. This is an exceedingly interesting story of the great preacher's wonderful life. It is especially rich in anecdotes and pen and ink sketches. Rev. J. C. Fernald, the American pastor of the First Baptist Church in London, and concluding chapters by James C. Fernald, 12-mo., cloth, 400 pp., \$1.00. New York, London and Toronto: Funk & Wagnall's Company.

"The Story-Teller" for March is made up of an attractive and tasteful cover, written by David Ker. Mr. Ker is known to all magazine readers as one of the best-traveled and most observing of our country's writers. His story is "From Hudson to the Neva," and in it he takes his plucky young hero, Jack Jarvis, through surprising adventures and at once full of excitement, of interest and of information. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston and New York.

"The Book Buyer" for March appears in an attractive and tasteful cover, written by the well-known artist, Will H. The designs is appropriate in character, and has been judged by competent critics to be one of Mr. Low's most artistic pieces of work. It will add much to the interest of this valuable literary periodical. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York.

"The Study of English." Of Publishers, Boston and New York. Mr. Besant's explanation of "The Work of the British Society of Authors," in preventing the publishers from getting the credit of the work, and Mr. Besant's reasons for the organization of a similar society in America. General E. P. Alexander, President of the Society of Authors, writes of "The Industrial Progress in the South," Courtney De Kalb of "The Intercontinental Railway," and Colonel A. A. Pope of "An Industrial Revolution in Good Roads." The Forum Publishing Company, New York.

"Engineering Magazine" for March is its large proposition of articles of popular interest. One is an illustrated paper on the Peary expedition to Greenland, and the relief party to be sent out this summer by Angelo Heilprin, the scientific director of the expedition. John Beverly Robinson makes known some of the secrets of his profession in a paper on "What an Architect Does for His Money." Herbert Laws Webb treats of the effect of the explosion of the dynamite patents. Leicester Allen describes the "Manufacture of Ice." Dr. Floyd Davis deals with the "Purification of Water." In "American Railroads," by George Y. Wisner, Dr. Coeiman Sellers refers at length to the work of the manual-training schools. "The Progress of Engineering," is contributed by George Y. Wisner, who pays his respects to his critics in the United States Engineer Corps. Other leading articles are "Dangers from Tall Office Buildings," by Henry O. Goetz; "The Yachts of New York Harbor," by W. J. Henderson, and "The Franklin Street Church," by Young A. Allison. The various departments of industrial progress are treated by competent editors. Published from the "World" Building, New York.

"The March number of 'Babyhood,' the mothers' nursery guide, contains an article on 'Getting the Teeth—First and Second,' by Dr. J. M. S. Allen, of Yale. Similarly helpful medical articles are 'The Care of Delicate Children,' by Dr. H. D. Chapin, and 'Cuts and Scratches,' by Dr. J. M. S. Allen. Of most general interest, perhaps, is a curious article on 'What Shall be Done

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General Notices. COME TO THE CONUNDRUM SOCIAL... WANTED—MEN FOR FARMS, VINEYARDS, dairies and all kind of labor...

Wanted. JAPANESE WANTS SITUATION TO DO COOKING and housework. Address M. A. [m14-21]

Wanted. WANTED—125 CURRY VARIETIES OF DIET, broods or less to be delivered at the Proretestant Orphan Asylum. Address all bids to A. A. SNIDER, 913 M street, Sacramento, Cal. m14-21

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