

GRACE MURPHY'S CASE.

Constable Burr Arrives From Fresno to Take the Girl Back.

A Vicious Opposition is Met With, However, and She is Still Here—Charged With Petty Larceny.

Constable Burr of Sanger, Fresno County—on whose telegram the girl Grace Murphy was arrested on the north-bound train by the police of this city Thursday night—arrived yesterday to take charge of the girl.

He held a warrant charging the little miss with petty larceny, on a handkerchief. But the constable did not have as easy a time of it as he expected. He was closely questioned at the Police Station regarding the anxiety of Mrs. Smith—whom whose place the girl ran away—to get the child back again, despite the fact that the latter was on her way to her mother, who lives in Seattle. Some kind ladies, too, who had read the girl's story in the Record—Lyon, were on hand and objected to the constable taking her away without giving some evidence of her guilt.

At all events, the girl was not taken away and the constable is still here. It is not improbable that he will go home with her.

Constable Burr, in speaking of the girl to a Record-Union reporter, gave quite a different account of her to that given by herself. He says he has no interest or concern in the matter but to do his duty. However, he thinks it fair to state the other side of the case, as he understands it. The girl has been away from her mother since she was two years old, and she is now 14. She was given in charge to her grandmother, who sent her to Mrs. Smith, after a time, to be cared for and taught to be industrious. Mrs. Smith works in a vineyard, and has two or three hired assistants. She is a well-to-do, reputable family, and is esteemed in the Fresno community as correct and truthful and humane people.

The girl was in running errands, going to town with money, cashing checks for money, etc. Her duty was largely in the open air, and hence she is so well known. Pat Normill, the foreman at the vineyard—whom the girl says persecuted her—Mr. Burr says is a good man, hard-working and of good moral character. This foreman tried to keep Grace from running around with men he thought she should not associate with, and hence Grace complains of him. Mrs. Smith, he believes, did her duty by the girl and tried to train her to good associations. She trusted her with a large amount of money, and placed confidence in her to inspire her with pride. He cannot think that Mrs. Smith ill-treated her or worked her too much. It would not be correct to say the character of that woman and her reputation in the community. A hired girl, Mrs. Smith thought for a time, named Stockwell, she thought not to be influenced over Grace, so she withdrew her from association with her. There were men, too, who were accepted as friends and advisers, who Mrs. Smith thinks not the wisest of counselors for a girl of Grace's age. One of these, Mr. Payne, and another, who took the girl away, Mrs. Smith thinks ill-advised her.

Believing that Grace had been run off by some one for her own purposes, Mrs. Smith sought to stop her and a charge of petty larceny was preferred. A more serious charge might have been laid, but it was not Mrs. Smith's wish to do so. In short, she has no desire to keep the girl if her mother, who keeps some sort of a public house, is a proper person to have charge of her, and of that Mrs. Smith had not evidence to counteract doubts entertained. If the mother in Seattle is a proper woman, Mrs. Smith says Mr. Burr, interpose no objection to her transfer, but she promised the grandmother to care for and train the child and does not wish to abandon the trust to a total stranger without knowing she is a proper person, even though that person is the girl's own mother, since for twelve years or more she has not manifested concern for the training of her child.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Metropolitan Theater this evening "The Bostonians" will sing one of the most charming of comic operas, "Robin Hood." We have already noted the success of this company and named the leading people who are to appear. It is well, however, to refer again to the leading soprano, Miss Hamilton, a California artist, and until recently Miss Carrie Metzner, a singer who has had much success and whose musical future is full of high promise. Peter Lang and others, and notably Jessie Bartlett Davis, one of the most popular contraltos and actresses of the day, are members of the troupe. It comes equipped with fine scenery and stage properties and good chorus and orchestra. The recent engagement of "The Bostonians" in San Francisco was the most successful ever played by any opera company at the Baldwin, and here the assurance is given that the troupe will be full, it having been half sold already. "Robin Hood" is a comic opera of the best order, is full of humor, and is full of charming melodies. Its success wherever well sung has been as the New York Commercial-Advertiser puts it, magical.

At the Clunie Opera-house Tuesday night next the famous ticket-of-leave man, George Bidwell, will lecture and tell the story of "Forging His Own Chains." Seats will be on sale Monday morning. Bidwell and his brother twenty years ago were sent to an English prison for life for forging a check, and he and his brother (both of them) came to be sent for life to a British prison. Now, that both are at liberty, he tells the story of his life, and how he did not to exact crime, but for the two purposes of showing youth how a man can neglect of his moral sensibilities be led into crime, what punishment crime is in itself, and second to expose something of the rigors and trials of English prison life. Both brothers owe their liberation to the unwearied devotion of a sister, who by boldness, woman's wit, patience and untiring love, before she touched upon the throne of England in appeal, achieved that deemed impossible. No more noted case of forgery has ever been known than that of the Bidwells. Before the trial pale into insignificance. The story leading up to it is intensely interesting, as also is that of the ships of prison life in England, and so far as from the best serves as a warning, it is held to justify the appearance of George Bidwell upon the lecture platform. The New York Herald recently gave an entire page to the story of the Bidwells and the details of their crime, which involved a plot that for intensity, cunning and magnitude, overshadowed any criminal swindle ever perpetrated.

awarded, the chief being an enormous and costly cake. In addition, scenes of plantation life, cotton picking, the march from the field, dancing, various kinds and other features are introduced. Many local people will take part and from San Francisco several couples will come to engage in the contest. Very active preparations are being made here for and much interest is being taken in the approaching novel entertainment.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. W. R. Cluness returned Tuesday night from San Francisco. Isaac Fiel, the well-known Folsom merchant, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Georgia Bookstader, who has been visiting at Woodland, returned here yesterday morning.

L. P. Anderson, who has been confined to his home by a gripe for seven weeks, is able to be about again.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: H. V. Mill and wife, M. J. Hawley, L. C. Seavey, Henry Cowell, F. W. L. George, R. R. Rigg, J. C. Forwin, T. R. Stetler, W. S. McDougall, Mrs. May Head, Miss Amy Head, W. T. Batesman, W. Higby, San Francisco; L. F. Johnson, C. J. Leiger, R. E. Johnson, New York; John A. Mitchell, Columbus, Ga.; H. L. Billings, T. A. Harney, Chicago; Joseph B. Myers, Philadelphia; C. M. Putnam and wife, Nashville, Mich.; Hervey Lindley, Los Angeles.

A few evenings ago a surprise party was given by the officers and members of the Knights of Pythias of this city to D. D. Grand Chancellor Chris Wilke at the K. of P. Hall, on which occasion a beautiful program was presented to him, as a mark of esteem. The program for the evening was as follows: Presentation speech, L. Pizer, reply by Mr. Wilke; piano solo, Miss Edna Ficks; recitation, J. J. Laracy; song, Miss Edna Ficks; recitation, Miss Bertha Sanders; duet, Misses Lowrey and Ficks; recitation, A. A. Neel; song, Miss Lowrey; address, W. A. Gilbert. After these refreshments were served at the banquet hall. Chairman M. Hirsch called on the following members for remarks: J. J. Laracy, A. O. Neel, John Simpson, H. Lowrey, J. Lyman, Theodore Schumacher, Frank Wallace, called the attention of the members to the Endowment Rank of the Order of K. of P., and thought that all good Knights should secure their families against want. Those present were: Messrs C. Wilke, M. Hirsch, Theodore Schumacher, J. Lyman, P. Campbell, A. H. Anderson, M. A. Wall, D. W. Windmiller, S. Hill and P. May; Misses Edna Ficks, Edith W. Lowrey, Bertha Sanders and Louisa Masters; Messrs Hirsch, Theodore Schumacher and J. Lyman; Messrs Hirsch, C. Wilke, L. Pizer, W. A. Gilbert, J. J. Laracy, A. O. Neel, P. Campbell, H. L. Simpson, H. Wallace, J. Simpson, J. Lyman, W. E. L. D. Windmiller, Theodore Schumacher, Charles Swan, P. May and W. A. Wall.

BRIEF NOTES.

The estate of William Scott, deceased, has been appraised at \$9,000 by the Court Appraisers.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Department One—Cattin, Judge. In re Columbus Brewing Company, an insolvent debtor—Receiver, Public Money for the Sacramento Land District.

Department Two—Fleet, Judge.

Estate and guardianship of Belmonta M. de la Cruz, an incompetent—Gerardo C. McCasler, administrator, charged with bribery—Defendant pleads not guilty.

Department Three—Magray, Judge.

Estate and guardianship of Mabel Grace Jones, an incompetent—Mr. Jones appointed guardian—\$20,000. Appraisers—H. J. Goethe, George F. Palmer and W. B. Blissett.

Sunday-School Picnic.

The Union Sunday-school Picnic Committee met last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms and decided to hold their annual picnic at Snowball's Grove, on the Sacramento River, Tuesday, May 2d.

Captured a Tan Game.

Police Captain Bradley and Officer Abern raised a tan game on I street, between Second and Third, last night, capturing the "lay-out" and four Chinamen, who were playing. The officers tried another place, too, but did not succeed in getting it.

Bell-Grocer Auction.

Bell, Grocer & Co. will sell at auction to-day at the salesroom, 1024 J street, a fine lot of furniture, including parlor and bedroom sets, lounges, sofas, divans, etc. Also a large assortment of household goods, buggies, wagons, etc. The sale commences at 10 A. M.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK SALES.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Alta, Belcher, Bullion, etc.

Tailors' Union.

At a meeting of the tailors' union last evening Tryon & Son's store was admitted as a union tailor store. John L. Campbell was returned a vote of thanks for his services.

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Meeting Notices. W. C. T. U. MEETING-TODAY (SATURDAY) at 2 P. M. at the Mission.

General Notices. LOOK AT THE CONTENTS OF THE "California Illustrated Magazine" for May—25c will do the rest.

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