

IN THE SECOND DEGREE. Manuel and Richard Strybe Convicted of Murdering Damon.

The Crime Was Committed Five Years Ago—Dick Reed's Story as to How It Was Done.

For the second time within a week a jury in the Superior Court has returned a verdict of guilty in a murder case, and each verdict involved two persons, making four convictions. The first was in the case of Chin Hane and Hoey Yen Sing, who were tried for the killing of Lee Geng a year ago, and the other case was that of the Strybe brothers, Manuel and Richard, who were arrested some six months ago for the murder of A. G. Damon, committed several years ago.

The latter case was concluded about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the jury was out only about two hours, when it returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The prisoners were ably defended by Hiram W. Johnson, but the jury evidently regarded the testimony as being very strong against the prisoners. District Attorney Ryan and Deputy J. C. Jones conducted the prosecution.

Damon, it will be remembered, was found dying in a alley near the Mobile House, on Second street, one night in March, 1888. It was demonstrated that he had been poisoned and robbed, and suspicion rested on Kate Cooper, proprietress of the deadfall mentioned, and Manuel Strybe, who were arrested, but afterward released, as no proof could be obtained of their guilt.

Last November, however, one Dick Reed, who was a habitue of the Mobile House, was induced to make a confession to Officer J. A. Gibson of what he knew about the crime, and the result was the arrest of Manuel Strybe and his brother Richard.

THE STORY OF THE CRIME. The only direct testimony—although there was considerable that was corroborative—against the prisoners was that of Reed, and his story, as told in court, briefly stated, was substantially as follows: He said he had lived in Sacramento twelve or thirteen years. In March, 1888, Kate Cooper lived in the Mobile House, also Moile Jones. Manuel Strybe lived at the Mobile House. Fitness, Manuel and Richard Strybe and Kate Cooper were there in the Mobile House on the 6th of March, 1888, and a man named Damon, who was a habitue of the Mobile House, was in the house with some whiskey, and Manuel Strybe put some morphine in the portion poured out for Damon. Some one asked what they would do for morphine, and Manuel said there was some in Moile's bureau drawer.

When witness went into the house that night Kate Cooper remarked: "We've got a sucker in the front, and the old fellow has got stuff," and Manuel Strybe said, "We'll fix him with morphine!" Witness went up, and afterward met the Strybe brothers and asked them what they did. One said: "We doped the old fellow," and dragged him into the alley."

When it came to his cross-examination witness said he was running with the boys in those days, and frequently went to the Mobile House. He sometimes ate there with the inmates. There were two or three women in the house. Witness was running a bootblack stand at the time at Ort's barber shop. He had taken his usual four or five drinks on that day.

DOING THE SUCKER. In response to questions by counsel, witness said he went to the Mobile House that evening because he had not seen the Strybe boys up town and knew he'd find them there. He went in the back way, so as not to disturb Kate Cooper, who he thought might be entertaining company in the front room. He was there only about ten minutes. Kate Cooper took the drugged whiskey and one other glass of the liquor to the front room, where "the sucker" was. The morphine was put into the whiskey with a spoon. Manuel said he knew how to fix the drink. Witness said nothing, as the affair had nothing to do with him. He didn't think the man would be killed—only drugged and robbed. What the others did was nothing to him; he "didn't lose no sleep over it."

PETTY LARCENISTS. Three of them Pleaded Guilty—"Captain" Jones Discharged. In the Police Court yesterday a number of small cases took up the entire forenoon. George Jones pleaded guilty to petty larceny, in having stolen a hat and an overcoat belonging to Dr. Tebbets, and was sentenced to a fine of \$120 or to spend sixty days in the County Jail.

Clark Barraken and Tom Davis also pleaded guilty to petty larceny and had sentence in their cases continued until Saturday, while John Smith, for a similar offense, was discharged and was fined \$10 or five days in jail.

Martin Gilbert, arrested for battery, was discharged on the filing of a stipulation of satisfaction by the prosecuting witness.

"Handsome" Brady, whose reputation is once more assailed by the officers, who insist that he has been drunk again, had his case continued until June 1st.

Mrs. M. Barry, who was arraigned for disturbing the peace, was discharged, the evidence tending to show that a Mrs. Gallagher was the person who did most of the disturbing.

The examination of "Captain" J. B. Jones for grand larceny took up a large portion of the morning, and was concluded in the afternoon. The "Captain" is charged with having taken jewelry and money to the value of about \$200 from Mrs. Mary Romero, at whose house he roomed.

A number of witnesses for both sides were put on the stand, some of whom were Mexicans and required an interpreter. Two women testified that they saw Jones enter Mrs. Romero's room and open a trunk.

After hearing the case through Jones was discharged by Judge Buckley.

SPEDDY SILVER BEE. W. O. Bowers' Colt Made a Good Showing at the Bay. According to one of the San Francisco papers' report of the two-year-old trot there on Tuesday, W. O. Bowers' pretty little Silver Bee was the favorite, so far as individual horses were concerned, sailing in the pools at \$12, Soubrette \$8 and the field \$12.

better than fifth, but he showed that his admirers had reason for their appreciation of his racing qualities. Passing the lagsards easily, he collared Soubrette on the last stretch and finished the race, who won, right around to the wire, finishing a close second.

Slater thought he ought to have won with Marchioness, but he got grazed up with the ruck and was not able to pull out in time.

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HOMELESS INFANTS. The New Shelter Recently Provided for Them.

Its Formal Dedication Yesterday—Ladies Who Inaugurated This Excellent Work.

The Sacramento Infants' Shelter, at Ninth and X streets, was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon, a large number of interested ladies and others being present.

The dedication services consisted of singing and prayer and an address by Rev. A. C. Herrick. Appropriate remarks were also made by F. W. Pratt, J. L. Hutton and a number of the ladies. The building has just been completed, at a cost of approximately \$5,000. The contract price for its construction was \$4,100, but it was found advisable to add several features to the original plan.

It is located upon the highest ground in the vicinity, and is a two-story building, with basement, and a broad veranda in front. Its interior is very conveniently planned, nicely furnished, and, owing to its numerous windows and doors, cannot lack plenty of ventilation and sunlight.

The front overlooks the gardens of the Bell Conservatory, and the grounds surrounding it, which, when improved, will be ample and pleasant.

The ladies to whom the city is mainly indebted for this creditable and needed institution are Mrs. C. H. Bentley, Helion P. Mandeville, Cornelia E. Pratt and Charlotte P. Hutton. Mrs. Clayton is President, Mrs. Bandley Secretary and Mrs. Hutton Treasurer of the organization.

Mrs. Pratt, who has been a very earnest worker in the good cause, later wrote to C. P. Huntington, stating to him the objects and needs of the institution, and received a reply from him inclosing a draft for \$100. Many other ladies have contributed liberally to the work, as both the land and the building have been acquired by subscription.

The ladies in charge of the institution organized for the purpose of building it March 24, 1890, and, although they had many obstacles to overcome, they have made very creditable progress indeed.

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that there was nothing left for which he cared. Deceased was a son of the late A. Runyon, who removed from this county to Santa Rosa many years ago, leaving several acres of land in the town of Santa Rosa near Corralland. Fred Runyon was at one time in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company in Arthur Brown's construction department at Oakland. His home was in Santa Rosa, whither his body has been taken for burial.

SOMEBODY'S DARLINGS. A Gang of Boys Jump a Freight Train and Leave Town.

If any Sacramento parents last night found themselves minus their boys, they may, with a fair prospect of finding them, go on a hunt along the railroad between this city and Stockton.

A freight train that left here about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon took out from a dozen to fifteen youngsters in that direction, who had got aboard an open box-car. Officer Carroll was out near the I-street levee as the train passed and against the new York team he faced two other boys, who had missed the box-car, was seen climbing up the side of a closed car toward the roof as the train sped along.

The tourists were probably put off at Brighton, the first stopping-place, and may yet be in that neighborhood.

BASEBALL NOTES. Talk of Substituting Sacramento for Los Angeles.

A San Francisco paper of yesterday says: "It is said that Robinson advocates the dropping of Los Angeles and substitution of Sacramento. Of course no one says much about it, but it is believed that the question of substituting Sacramento for Los Angeles will be considered at the meeting of directors at Little League, formerly of the Sacramento team, is playing splendid ball for the Baltimore club. In a game last week against the New York team he faced two of the swiftest pitchers in the National League and made two triples and a single.

SUPERIOR COURT MATTERS. Criminal Cases Clog the Calendar in Judge Johnson's Department.

Several attorneys in civil cases made an effort to have a general setting of cases for definite days yesterday in Department Two of the Superior Court, but Judge Johnson refused, saying that his calendar was in such a condition that he could not do so.

Isaac Joseph wanted to know if they could not be set as to be heard at the next term, but the judge did not see how he possibly could to seek and have went over indefinitely, to be set for trial some time in the future.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES. Stephen Quale Sues a Railroad Engineer for \$20,000.

The case of Quale vs. McIntyre occupied Judge Catlin's court yesterday, the morning being consumed in getting a jury.

The suit is against Daniel McIntyre, the engineer of the railroad locomotive which frightened the train behind which Stephen Quale and child were riding near Perkins on the Fourth of July, 1891, and made them run away, throwing the Quales out and injuring Quale's eye, bringing suit for \$20,000 damages.

Real Estate Transfers. The following real estate transactions have been recorded since our last report:

The State Investment Company and George L. Brander to W. D. Mansfield—West half of lot 7, W and X, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets, east half of lot 4, and undivided half of lot 8, W and X, Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets; \$1,000 and other considerations.

Joseph W. Gies and Frank L. King to W. S. Jacobs and discharges executor. Estate of John Wild to Annie Jackson—South half of west half and south quarter of north half of lot 8, I and J, Eighth and Ninth streets; south half of west 30 feet and north half of west half of lot 2, I and J, Third and Fourth streets; west half of east half of lot 3, J and K, Ninth and Tenth streets, and also west half of lot 6, M and N, Second and Third streets. Estate of Enoch Jacobs to W. S. Jacobs and discharges executor.

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The "Nord California Herald." Charles Schmitt proprietor of the Nord California Herald, the office of which is in the Record-Union building, yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his work as a journalist in Sacramento.

The Herald is the only German newspaper published in the city, or in Central California. It is a newsy, vigorous and dignified paper, and has a large and stable general circulation, which has been built up under Mr. Schmitt's able management.

Delightful Weather. The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 80° and 52°, with light to fresh southerly winds and clear weather prevailing.

The barometric readings at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. were 29.92 and 29.86 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 94° and 67°, and one year ago to-day 92° and 62°.

A Sacramento Graduate. Miss Sophie B. Comstock, daughter of ex-Mayor Comstock, has returned home to the State University, where she has just graduated, taking the literary course.

She was one of six who stood at the head of the class, and whose standing was around 80. It was difficult to determine which one was entitled to the medal. It was finally awarded to a young lady from San Francisco.

County Clerk's Fees for May. County Clerk Hamilton reports the amount of fees collected in his office during May to be over \$1,000. There were ten divorce cases and one suit for breach of promise filed during the month, and thirty-five marriage licenses issued.

There were in all eighty-eight suits commenced during the month, the largest month's business ever in the office.

Another Slingshot. A slingshot was found yesterday morning at Fifth and J streets by A. E. Coolit. It is similar to the one recently found down on Second street and turned over to the police.

It is a curious-looking weapon, and should prove a passport to prison for its owner, if he could be found.

Knights of Pythias Election. The following were elected officers of Capitol Lodge, No. 157, K. of P., last evening: C. C. J. H. Wilkins; V. C., H. Thorp; Prelate, C. W. Morton; M. at A., G. E. Odberg; M. of W., W. E. Craig; M. of F., E. G. Messner.

To-day Hood's Sarsaparilla stands at the head of the medicine world against inferior and cheaply made goods by thousands of would-be competitors. It has a larger sale than any other medicine in the world, and its success could not be won without positive merit.

Hood's Pills cure constipation. ONLY complete stock of music and instruments at Cooper's.

Changed Daily for Weinstock, Lubin & Co. To-morrow at 9:30 A. M. SALE IN FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Infants' Full-finished Imported Cotton Hosiery.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, with lace, 19c.

Ladies' Black Cotton Hosiery, 9c per pair.

Colored Parasols, in many different styles, at reduced prices.

Odds and Ends in Children's and Ladies' Muslin Wear.

Full particulars of this sale will be given later.

New Wide Brim Dude Hats of blue or white straw for young ladies' wear.

NO CRUMBS.

The Christy Knives for cutting bread or cake (hot or cold) without crumbs, also for slicing meats. Price per set of three knives, 75c.

The Christy Knives are nickelplated with scalloped blades, easily sharpened. In a short time they have come into general use wherever introduced.

LADIES' SUITS AND JACKETS.

Ladies' Ready-made White Lawn Suits, handsomely trimmed with embroidery, wide shoulder effect; sizes, 32 to 40 bust. Price, \$4 50.

Ladies' Black or Navy Blue Ready-made Suit of ladies' cloth, tailor finished, \$3 75.

Ladies' Tailor Finished Suit, with double-breasted, tight-fitting basque; plain tan or gray check. Price, \$10.

We have an unusually good stock of Ladies' Summer Jackets, all of this season's make. There are Cheviots, Serges, Kerseys, Mixed Tweeds, Scotch Cheviots, at \$2 75 to \$25 each.

WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO.

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