

BACK IN THE EARLY SIXTIES.

Reminiscences of the Symonds-Crozier Robbery and Murder.

The Part Played by Desperado Jim Naggs—His Attempt to Kill Chief Burke.

A RECORD-UNION reporter yesterday learned that F. T. Burke, the well-known railroad detective and veteran officer, who was Chief of Police of Sacramento thirty years ago, knew considerable about the hanging of George N. Symonds in 1863, and of incidents connected therewith, which have recently been the subject of inquiry from the East. From Mr. Burke considerable was learned in regard to the matter in addition to what has lately been published.

Back in Massachusetts there is a person who still holds a life insurance policy issued to Symonds in 1850, on which he hopes to realize, if he can prove that Symonds was not guilty of the crime for which he was executed. He claims that a prisoner has since made a dying statement to the effect that he committed the crime, and that Symonds was innocent.

SYMONDS' CONFEDERATE IN THE CRIME. Was one Crozier, who escaped from jail in this city before it became known that Russell was murdered, and while he and Symonds were held for a robbery committed in Placer County.

On being asked what he remembered of the affair, Mr. Burke said that some time after Symonds was executed, or in 1864, he learned that Crozier was employed on a farm in one of the coast counties, and soon effected his arrest. Crozier at that time was wholly ignorant of Symonds' death on the gallows. While in prison he made a confession to Chief Burke, which was taken down in writing by George Smith, who was clerk of the jail at the time (and afterward Chief of Police).

CROZIER PLEADED GUILTY. In that confession Crozier did not exonerate Symonds, but said they committed the crime together. He was allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to the State Prison for life. The officers did not have the testimony necessary to convict Crozier of murder in the first degree, hence he was allowed to plead guilty to the lesser crime.

It is claimed by the holder of the Symonds' life insurance policy that some man made a dying statement to the effect that Symonds was innocent of the murder of Russell. If so, that man must have been Crozier, but if he died in prison the fact has been forgotten by the officers here.

JIM NAGGS, THE DESPERADO. There were many incidents connected with the Symonds-Crozier affair which created considerable of a sensation at the time, among them being Chief Burke's narrow escape from assassination at the hands of a notorious character named Jim Naggs, who figured prominently in criminal affairs in this city some thirty-odd years ago.

Burke was a terror to evil-doers while Chief of Police here, and knowing Naggs' character he kept him under such painful surveillance that the latter sought to kill him. The fellow came to figure in the Symonds-Crozier affair in this way: MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROBBERY. In July, 1860, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express office at Mountain Springs (now Gold Run), El Dorado County, was robbed. Sheriff Boggs of that county suspected that Symonds had a hand in the crime, and learning that Mrs. Symonds had, a day or two later, secured passage for Sacramento on the stage, he

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resolved to shadow her, and became a passenger with her. At one of the many stations some friend recognized the Sheriff and sung out: "Why, hello, Boggs! What criminal are you after now?" This exclamation put Mrs. Symonds on her guard, and Boggs realized that it would be useless for him to attempt to shadow her further. So, on arriving in Sacramento, he sought Jim Naggs, whom he knew to be a courageous, cunning fellow, although "crooked," and employed him to follow the woman, who doubtless had an arrangement to meet Symonds.

NAGGS AS A DETECTIVE. The woman went to Stockton and thence to the ranch of some friends in the country, and Naggs went also. He played the detective so well he found Symonds and Crozier and they were arrested. Then it was that a suspicion was aroused that the men had been guilty of another crime, as a value in their possession contained blood-stained articles of clothing and a stencil plate with the name of B. F. Russell.

It was several months afterward, however, that the full story of the murder came out by the finding of Russell's body and that of another man near the Mokelumne River. In the meantime Crozier had escaped from jail.

MRS. SYMONDS' GUILTY LOVE. After Symonds was securely behind the bars Naggs laid siege to the prisoner's wife so persistently and effectively that he was permitted to visit her in the prison, and to assist in her place without the aid of parson or magistrate.

Symonds learned of his wife's infatuation for Naggs, and often begged the officers to allow him to leave the jail long enough to murder his wife's paramour. Naggs led a wild and riotous life here, but succeeded in procuring an appointment as a Deputy Constable. Chief Burke, however, gave orders to his officers to report to him any attempt on the part of Naggs to use the position. He encountered Naggs at a polling-place on an election day and flatly told him he would not be allowed to exercise the authority of an officer while he (Burke) was Chief of Police.

BURKE'S NARROW ESCAPE. Naggs swore vengeance against the Chief, and soon after that he lay in wait for him in an old barn on Burke's favorite route to his home at Sixth and Q streets, with the intention of assassinating him. The dusty condition of the street induced Burke on that occasion to

take a different route, and to this little circumstance he undoubtedly owes his life, for it was afterward learned that Naggs had lay in ambush for him in the old barn and could have dropped him in his tracks as he passed.

THE USUAL FINALE. Naggs and the Symonds woman then went back to Placer County, making their headquarters at Newcastle. He was terribly jealous of her, and in one of their bitter quarrels he killed her and then committed suicide.

The fate of Crozier could doubtless be learned from the record of San Quentin Prison, as there is little doubt but that he died there many years ago; and it is possible he may have made a death-bed confession exonerating Symonds, as is claimed.

IN THE COURTS.

Insolvency Proceedings—Papers Filed in Other Actions. The case of A. Montgomery vs. Montgomery Pike and others has been settled and dismissed by the Superior Court.

In the case of A. W. Stuart, in insolvency, the Superior Court has issued an order to T. W. O'Neil as receiver to sell 1,000 sacks of potatoes belonging to the insolvent's estate.

The hearing of the petition of Kirk, Geary & Co. for the sale of property belonging to Trewartha Bros. in Tuolumne County under an attachment, has been held in the Superior Court.

Judge Catlin has issued an order dispensing with the notice required by law in the insolvency case of O. G. Silverton, no creditors having filed proofs of debt, and has fixed December 1st for the hearing of the matter.

Albert Eklus, assignee of the estate of Zeimer Bros., insolvents, has petitioned the Superior Court for an order to sell all the book accounts, bills receivable and debts due to the firm.

Judge Catlin has issued an order discharging T. W. O'Neil as receiver of the estate of Jacob Gebert, an insolvent, and relieving his bondsmen from further liability. He has also ordered his discharge as receiver of the estate of D. J. Considine, an insolvent debtor.

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General Notices. FRUIT-GROWERS ATTENTION—THERE will be a meeting of growers and shippers of fruit at JONES' HALL, FLOREN, December 1st, at 8 p. m., to take into consideration the advisability of making better arrangements of disposing of the fruit crop of next year. All fruitmen are cordially invited to attend. n28-31* GEORGE T. RICAL, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Directors of the Escondido Irrigation District will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of \$250,000 of the bonds of said district, and bids therefor will be received at the office of said board in Escondido, California, until 10 o'clock A. M. on the 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1893. A. J. WERDEN, Secretary Escondido Irrigation District. Dated October 21, 1893. n9-201

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