

JOHNSON WAS DISCHARGED.

Witnesses Tell How Joe Welch Went After Him With a Cobble.

Justice Davis Was of the Opinion That He Acted Only in Self-Defense.

The examination of W. M. Johnson for assault to murder was held in the Police Court yesterday morning. Dennis Connor testified that Joe Welch and Johnson had some difficulty in Ed. Welch's saloon and Johnson threw his pistol out of doors. Witness sent for it and placed it behind the bar, but when the difficulty was apparently over he gave it back to Johnson.

John Mahoney testified that he and another man started to take Welch, who was quite drunk, home, and they met Johnson near Neubaer's saloon and they went in and had a drink. Johnson pushed the other man away from the bar and said to Welch, "I got the worst of it down there."

William Vogel testified that after Welch, Johnson and Mahoney drank they were talking. He heard Johnson say, "You gave me the worst of it down there." After words Welch said something to Johnson and the latter struck him. Welch said, "I'll fix you, you..." and went out and got a stone.

Justice Davis was of the opinion that Johnson acted in self-defense and discharged him.

A WOMAN'S WOE.

Legally Bound to a Scapegrace and a Vagrant. Judge Catlin yesterday refused to grant Mamie A. Cummings a divorce from William J. Cummings because all the evidence offered in support of the plaintiff's claim to a separation was based on hearsay.

Mrs. Cummings testified that her husband had been convicted of vagrancy, and that he is living with a respectable woman in Grass Valley, and has been for several months. The mother of the woman in question testified on Mrs. Cummings' behalf that her daughter had been placed by Cummings in a house of ill-fame, but admitted that her information was second-hand.

All the allegations made by the wife were doubtless susceptible of proof, but the persons by whom the proofs could be made had not been subpoenaed, probably because of the expense attendant in bringing them from Grass Valley, so Attorney Martin Devine relied upon the testimony of Mrs. Cummings and the mother of the girl with whom Cummings is living.

Judge Catlin, while sympathizing with the plaintiff, said he could not grant a divorce on hearsay testimony, so he dismissed the case without prejudice.

DR. SANDEN'S ELECTRIC BELT. The Young Men's Club of Clives will meet this evening at the lecture-room of the Congregational Church. The rules of the club require it to begin business at 7:30 o'clock sharp, and conclude by 9:30.

"It Cures You While You Sleep." It builds up your nervous energy. It makes new manhood and womanhood. It is constructed to help nature, and it does it so naturally, by the slow, even gathering of vitality in the body, that you see your strength gaining every day, and the best time to use it is while you sleep.

udice to either side. Mrs. Cummings will either bring a new action or wait until next September, when she will be entitled to a divorce by reason of her husband's desertion. She has two little girls and was married to Cummings in 1890.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Under this heading the Record-Union will publish short letters from correspondents of general interest to the public. The matter in these communications will be understood to represent only the views of the writers. Attention is invited that all communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication unless so desired, but as a guarantee of good faith.—Eds.

Trustee Davis' Position. "Record-Union": As I have been entirely misrepresented in the "Evening Bee" in its report of last night's meeting for the trial of Captain Greene, I wish to state just what I said, as I know every person present will admit, and I think the evening journal's report of what I said is very misleading and would lead a great many people to believe that I said something that I did not say.

Mr. Kent said that I was lame; that some person had pulled me down to oppose Captain Greene, and that the three-letter boys were getting in their work. I answered Mr. Kent in the following language: "That I did not know when I had got lame; that he would find that I had as stiff a backbone as any man on the board, and I would prove it so at all times and that no parties would have to tell me how to vote, or control my vote; that in regard to the three-letter boys, I knew nothing about them and was opposed to their methods and principles; that I thought the Democratic and Republican platforms were broad enough for all true Americans to stand upon and be protected; that I knew of men that had been appointed to office before this board who had been accused of being A. P. A.'s, which was absolutely false, and it was wicked to accuse a man for the simple purpose of knocking him out to keep some others in; that I never proposed to do that kind of politics, but should vote for the best interests of the people; that we had compromised, instead of throwing Greene entirely out; that we had agreed to suspend him for six months and reduce him to a patrolman; that I thought that it was better for Mr. Greene than to entirely remove him.

I asked Mr. Greene if he was satisfied. He said nothing, the vote came, and Mr. Greene was suspended. The board adjourned, and Mr. Greene made some remarks to me which I think were very ungrateful. I then went up J street as far as Sixth with some of the Trustees, and went home alone. I did not have any fear of anybody molesting me, as I am fully able to protect myself without a body guard. JAMES G. DAVIS. Sacramento, February 25, 1896.

That Safe Contract. Eds. "Record-Union": You will notice the action of the City Trustees Tuesday evening in awarding the contract for a coin safe for the City Treasurer's use, and it seems they, through a committee report, have accepted the highest bid and ignored the lower ones, thus reversing the ordinary way of awarding contracts from equally responsible bidders, who had guaranteed their bids under specifications with a 10 per cent. deposit. Why is this? That is one of the questions that the public are interested in that may never be known, yet it may be susceptible of explanation.

Mayor Hubbard in a late message calls the attention of the Trustees to a depleted treasury, and shows the necessity of strict economy in use of city funds in all matters. Yet the \$272 lost in this transaction seems to have been "lost" sight of in this award.

It is to be hoped that this may be an object lesson for future protection and award of contracts submitted under specifications and that bidders may have some equitable show of recognition, or competition for public improvement will soon be ignored and everything will be done on the "go-as-you-please" basis, and Sacramento will be in the "swim" all the same as our United States Treasury, with no Cleveland or Carlisle to extricate our City Fathers from the dilemma by the sale of city bonds to the Morgan syndicate. JAMES I. FELTER. Sacramento, February 26, 1896.

DONOVAN GOES FREE. Justice Davis Granted Him a New Trial and Discharged Him. On Monday John Donovan was found guilty of petty larceny, in stealing some blankets from the Roma Hotel. As he was very drunk when he took the blankets and claimed that he thought they were his own and circumstances partly bore out his assertion, Justice Davis granted him a new trial and he produced testimony to prove his assertions, as well as his good character, so he was discharged.

The Club of Clives. The Young Men's Club of Clives will meet this evening at the lecture-room of the Congregational Church. The rules of the club require it to begin business at 7:30 o'clock sharp, and conclude by 9:30. This evening the classification of committees for the charter exploitation will be made, and a paper will be read for discussion from the pen of Hon. J. H. Walker of Massachusetts on "Needed Changes in Municipal Methods." Mr. Walker is Chancellor of the American Institute of Civics.

To Foreclose a Mortgage. Suit has been commenced by Rudolph Wittenbrock, through his attorney, J. C. Brusie, to foreclose a mortgage on 320 acres of land near Antelope, given to secure the payment of a loan of \$3,750, executed in October, 1892. There has been paid thereon \$187 50, and the sum still due, including interest, amounts to \$4,954 55.

The Weber Estate. Holl & Dunn, attorneys for the executor of the estate of F. H. L. Weber, deceased, have filed a statement by Mrs. Lizzie E. Beesley, daughter of the deceased and one of the devisees under the will, in which she consents to the approval of the final account of her brother, as executor, except as to the item of commissions. This sum she asks to have reduced to \$1,054 56.

Temperance Tea Party. There will be a temperance tea at the Marguerite Home on Friday afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock, for the benefit of the Children's Day Home. Music, recitations and a general literary programme of a high order will be the features.

To Hold Court. Governor Budd has requested Superior Judge Waldo M. York of Los Angeles County to hold a session of the Superior Court of Alameda County during the absence of Superior Judge W. E. Green on account of illness.

Special Notice to Crockery Buyers. The Crystal Palace, 610 J street, is selling all goods marked with a blue tag, regardless of cost, beginning Saturday, February 15th, and lasting until further notice.



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MEETING NOTICES. SPECIAL MEETING OF ELK Grove Lodge, No. 173, F. and A. M., on SATURDAY, Feb. 27th, at 8 o'clock p. m.

FUNERAL NOTICE. SPECIAL MEETING OF SACRAMENTO LODGE, No. 40, F. and A. M., on THURSDAY, February 27th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, DANIEL H. BUCKLEY.

OLIVE BRANCH LADIES' SOCIETY. Regular meeting THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock, at the residence of ANNE SPRAGUE, President.

Y. M. C. A. No. 11—REGULAR MEETING THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at Grangers' Hall, at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially invited.

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THE POCKET DISTRICT. Arguments Heard on a Motion Involving Its Legal Existence. Arguments on the motion of the Trustees of Reclamation District No. 673 (embracing the "Pocket" lands) to strike out the appeal of Charles J. Schreiner and I. Slawson from the order of the Board of Supervisors organizing the new district, were partially heard yesterday by Judge Johnson.

THE POCKET DISTRICT. The lands in the new district were formerly embraced in District 535, extending south from the southern limits of the city to near Freeport. There was a clash of interests between the highlanders and lowlanders, and as they could not agree on certain methods of reclamation, and it became involved in litigation, several of the lowlanders seceded and formed the new district, where they propose putting in a pumping plant.

Spring, 1896. You are respectfully invited to my opening of French port-benets and millinery novelties, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 27th, 28th and 29th. Mrs. M. A. Pealer, 621 and 623 J street, Sacramento.

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CARPENTERS WANTED—TO ATTEND a mass meeting at Jackson Hall, 1413 J street, TUESDAY EVENING, March 3, 1896. All trades are invited to attend. By order of E. L. M. ALDRICH, District Organizer, Carpenters and Joiners of America. fe27-7\*

WANTED—BY MAN AND WIFE, WITH children, two or more pleasant rooms, furnished for light housekeeping. Address J. B. S., this office. fe26-4\*

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