

MORRISON OUT FOR BLOOD.

He Enters Suit Against Foreman Well for Criminal Libel.

The Only Way He Can Bring the Matter Into Court and Rebut the Grand Jury's Innuendoes.

Foreman John Well of the late Grand Jury was arrested yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock by Sheriff Johnson on a charge of criminal libel sworn to by Supervisor James M. Morrison.

The day after the Grand Jury's report was published last week Supervisor Morrison denounced it as an outrageous attack by innuendo on the members of the Board of Supervisors, and said that he did not propose to tamely submit to have his character besmirched by insinuations any longer, and as the Grand Jury did not indict him and give him a chance to defend himself and disprove the allegations in court, he should institute suits against the members for criminal libel and bring the matter into court in that way. He did so yesterday.

His attorneys are C. T. Jones and R. T. Devlin, and the complaint runs as follows: State of California, County of Sacramento.

In the Justice's Court of the Township of Sacramento, in said county, before Hon. W. A. Henry, Justice of the Peace.

The People of the State of California vs. John Well, defendant.

The People of the State of California, upon oath of J. M. Morrison, complain against the defendant, John Well, for the crime of libel committed as follows:

That on the day of April, 1896, and within the limits of the city of Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento, in the State of California, the said defendant, John Well, did then and there in said county of Sacramento, before the filing of this complaint, willfully, unlawfully, maliciously and with malicious intent to injure one John F. Dreman, J. W. Todd, J. M. Morrison, William Curtis and Thomas Jenkins, and with intent then and there to impeach the honesty, integrity and reputation of the said John F. Dreman, J. W. Todd, J. M. Morrison, William Curtis and Thomas Jenkins, publish in a certain paper writing commonly called the report of the Grand Jury of Sacramento County, a certain false, scandalous and defamatory libel in the words and figures following, to wit:

That (meaning thereby the Grand Jury of Sacramento County) thoroughly investigated the matter and manner of appointments by the Supervisors (meaning thereby such appointments of county officials and agents of Sacramento County as were directed and authorized by law to be made by the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, composed of said John F. Dreman, J. W. Todd, J. M. Morrison, William Curtis and Thomas Jenkins) and found that they have been for several years corruptly selling appointments (meaning thereby these appointments last hereinabove referred to). The deal (meaning thereby the alleged corrupt selling of the aforesaid appointments by the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County) is always a cash transaction and when an applicant for an appointment (meaning thereby an appointment to a county office or position by said Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County) is in doubt about being able to pay their price and make the office pay (meaning thereby said John F. Dreman, J. W. Todd, J. M. Morrison, William Curtis and Thomas Jenkins) have advised him how to manage that part of it and such advice is never in the interest of the county (meaning thereby Sacramento County). It was in evidence before the jury (meaning thereby the Grand Jury of Sacramento County) that they (meaning thereby said John F. Dreman, J. W. Todd, J. M. Morrison, William Curtis and Thomas Jenkins) held the office of License Collector (meaning thereby License Collector of Sacramento County) to be worth to the Supervisor ring \$1,200 for a two-years' appointment. This corruption was found to apply to several of the more important appointive offices under the control of the Supervisors (meaning thereby the Supervisors of Sacramento County), he (meaning thereby said John Well, then and there and at all times well knowing the said defamatory libel to be false and the same was and is false.

That at all the times mentioned in the

above libel each of the said John F. Dreman, J. W. Todd, J. M. Morrison, William Curtis and Thomas Jenkins was a duly elected, qualified and acting Supervisor of Sacramento County, and as such composed the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, mentioned in the above libel, contrary to the form, force and effect of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.

J. M. MORRISON. Sworn to and subscribed before me, at my office, County of Sacramento, the 30th day of April, 1896.

W. A. HENRY, Justice of the Peace.

C. T. Jones and R. T. Devlin, attorneys for plaintiff.

Mr. Well accompanied Sheriff Johnson to the office of Justice Henry, where A. Heilbron and W. F. Peterson became his sureties in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Mr. Morrison said in relation to the affair last night:

"I swore out the complaint against Mr. Well not because I have any more feeling against him than any other member of the Grand Jury, but because he was the foreman and signed the report and was therefore the most proper person to begin with. The Grand Jury refused to find any indictments against the Board, but published a report to the people in which accusations and insinuations were made without producing proof of their correctness. This is the only way in which I can go into open court and vindicate myself before the community and therefore I have taken this step to right myself before the world."

"Being innocent of the charges made I feel confident of being able to prove myself in so clear a manner as to convince every one of it. Mr. Well's signature to the report, which he was not forced to make, unless so disposed, indicates that it was in accordance with his views and therefore made him fit person for me to file my complaint against and I therefore did so."

"Record-Union" reporter called on Mr. Well at his residence last evening, but the Grand Jury foreman was inclined to be reticent. The matter was in the hands of his lawyers, he said, and he did not care to make any statement aside from matter contained in the report made by the Grand Jury. Concerning that matter, Mr. Well said:

"I shall attempt to substantiate every charge made in the report of the Grand Jury, and I have no hesitation in saying that from the evidence given and which is now on record as part of the minutes, I can very readily do so."

"I think it can be shown that the report was correct in every particular and that it will be substantiated throughout unless perjury is resorted to by the witnesses, which I do not at all anticipate."

Mr. Well would make no further statement except to intimate that it might be a sorry day for the Board of Supervisors before the matter was ended.

The statement is made that the foreman of a former Grand Jury, which at first determined to find some indictments and then rescinded its action and prepared instead a "scorching" report, with which he did not concur in sentiment, asked one of the Superior Judges in the interim if he must sign it, not being in accord with it, and was informed that he need not sign it unless he chose and that if he did not there could be no report presented. In accordance with this advice, it is stated, the report was not signed.

As Mr. Well wished to secure legal advice, no day was set for the case, but it will probably be set next week.

Free Popular Lecture.

To-night and to-morrow night Rev. J. W. Webb, Grand Chief Templar I. O. G. T., of Fresno, will give a free popular lecture at Pythian Castle, with humorous and other readings, stories and recitations.

Auction Sale.

Bell & Co. will sell at auction on Saturday, at their salesroom, 927 K street, at 10 a. m. sharp, a large variety of furniture and carpets in fine condition without reserve.

What's in a Name?

Mrs. N. Anderson will give a lecture this evening at the Gospel Mission on the subject, "What's in a Name?"

A correspondent of the "Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten" affirms that the office of Physician to the Sultan of Zanzibar is far from being a sinecure. Probably, to guard against poisoning, the unhappy doctor is compelled to swallow one-half of the medicine prescribed by him for the sick patient.

The word "facetious" contains all the vowels in their regular order.

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SOCIAL EVENTS.

(Readers of the "Record-Union" are requested to send to this office personal notices, engagements, society notes and home gatherings of every kind. Write on one side of the paper, and give your name and address, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.)

The Society of Kings Daughters of the Christian Church gave a "lemon squeeze" social at the residence of Mrs. Tappin, 1208 Tenth street, last evening. A merry company of about fifty gathered and enjoyed themselves till a late hour. The literary part of the programme, after a prayer by Rev. Denton, was: Flauto solo, Gertrude Tappin; recitation, Eva Bottomly; vocal solo, Jessie McLean; guitar and mandolin duet, Messrs. Altop and Johnson; recitation, Ella Ivey; guitar solo, Mr. Altop, and the last number was a liberal supply of lemons served in two dishes, those in each dish being numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3, etc., and one dish being served to ladies, the other to the gents, the corresponding number of the two dishes, viz. the two number ones and the two number twos, etc., were partners for the remainder of the evening. After partners had been found one couple at a time were compelled to pass through a room alone and unseen, it taking some minutes for them to make the passage and all were loth to tell why, but it was guessed that they were squeezing the juice out of the lemons they carried to make the lemonade for the evening. It is an unsolved and open question, however, whether it was the lemons or the Kings Daughters, most of whom were dressed in lemon color, that got the worst squeezing. The latter part of the evening was spent socially, and after refreshments were served all adjourned, expressing themselves as to the pleasures of the gathering and wishing such could be had oftener.

The Misses Sherburn and Miss Edith Ebert entertained a number of their friends last evening at the residence of Miss Sherburn. The evening was spent in playing whist. Those present were: Misses Maud Withington, Ida Fleming, Sadie Lawson, Lou Sherburn, Lottie Parker, Lillian Ebert, May Wolfe, Bertha Ebert, Hattie Bell, Ella Sherburn, Maggie Kearney, Edith Ebert, Mesdames Ebert, Green and Sherburn, Messrs. C. A. Phipps, Fred Yorke, Fred Greider, Frank Schuler, J. A. Green, C. B. Conn, George Sherburn, Harold Gates, E. Pope and Major W. H. Sherburn.

Curious Fish in Lake Galilee. In the Sea of Galilee—or Lake Tiberias, as it is often called—there is a strange fish named the Chromis Simonis, which is more careful of its young than fish generally are. The male fish takes the eggs in its mouth and keeps them in his natural side pockets, where they are regularly hatched, and remain until able to shift for themselves. By this ingenious arrangement the brood is comparatively guarded against its natural enemies, it is easily fed, too, but it is a puzzle how the little ones escape being eaten alive. A month ago, says a traveler, I found in my net a number of Chromis Simonis without eyes. Others of the species, when I lifted them up, dropped a number of little fishes out of their mouths, which swam away hastily.—Public Opinion.

A London newspaper says that one of the most amusing of the many letters received by Dr. Jameson recently was one from a girl in Portland, Me., asking for a lock of his hair and inclosing a blonde tress of her own.

PERSONAL MENTION. Hugh M. Larue and wife returned yesterday from Los Angeles. Among those who went East with the Rancho del Paso stock was Charles M. Woodburn. R. R. Hart and Miss Lola Hart left yesterday for a visit to College City, Colusa county. Ex-Congressman Marion Biggs, Sr., came down from his home yesterday and is in the city. Edward C. Jobson returned from the East yesterday and will spend his summer vacation here. Mrs. William Beckman and Miss McMorry were among those who returned yesterday from La Fiesta de Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Nickell returned yesterday morning from Los Angeles, where they have been for a week or so, enjoying the Fiesta.

Charles Deuel, editor of the Gridley "Herald," has been visiting the city. V. C. Richards, another Butte county newspaper man, was also here. Mrs. A. T. Ross and family, Mrs. E. F. Chase and F. T. Rohner of Controller Colgan's office, with his family, left town yesterday to attend the carnival at Santa Rosa. Dr. J. R. Laine is quite ill at his residence, K street, between Ninth and Tenth, with an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Laine came up from the Bay last evening to attend him. Mrs. F. C. Sharp of St. Louis and Miss Katharine Ward of Cynthia, Ky., aunt and cousin respectively to Commissioner J. L. Maude, are visiting in Sacramento as his guests, but leave for their homes to-night.

AMUSEMENTS. To-night at the Clunie Opera-house the Hodges Company presents its triple bill again, and a good one it is throughout.

What insufferable nonsense is McNally's "farce-comedy" "The Night Clerk" as presented by Peter Dalley's company at the Metropolitan Theater last night. Clever people in the troupe, competency for real fun production and all that, but Heavens, what superhuman efforts to be witty and what colossal failures. And by the way, since the comediness of the stage appears to be so much in demand, how comes it that Dalley rustled so hard to corral all the plain women in the land and put them upon the roster of his company? Why is it that when a playwright attempts to construct low comedy that if he names it "farce-comedy" (whatever that may mean) he produces something—as a rule—utterly pitiable, witless and idiotic. All the laugh there is in such pieces (excepting some of Hoyt's and a few others) is due to the contortions and actions of the actors, and to slang and plays upon slang. Take the case of Dalley with his clever people, himself, Jennie Yeaman, Miss Parker, J. G. Sparks, Raymond Hitchcock and the others, with a play just as broad, just as slangy, just as absurd, there still might be a story, a connected plot, a real purpose, and the consequence would be greater success by the Dalley company. Perhaps, however, success is not that at which he aims; if "rot" brings in coin perhaps he is just as well pleased. If so, herein is an example of the prostitution of the stage to low devices.

Rivarde, the noted Spanish violinist, now playing at the Columbia Theater, San Francisco, with great success, with Lauchume, the pianist (he was here with Ysaye, and is held to be one of the few foremost perfect accompanists), with other artists, are to appear at the Metropolitan Theater Wednesday night next. The attraction is a strong one. It comes by solicitation made by leading citizens and music lovers, and the expectation is that Sacramento will demonstrate its appreciation by a large audience.

Get after the proofreaders on your home programme, Manager Todd. Mr. Reed's name is not "Rowland," nor does Mr. Royle spell his name "Royleys."

Thomas J. Myers, advance representative for Milton Royle, is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Royle appear here on the 7th and 8th in "Friends" and "Captain Impudence," the latter Royle's latest play, with the scenes in Mexico and deals with the incidents of the Mexican war. The title has been changed from "Mexico" to "Captain Impudence."

The play was given under this name for the first time in San Francisco, and made such a pronounced hit that its run was extended from one week to two, and "Friends," which was to have been given by the company during the

second week of its stay, was postponed to a third week. Time in the neighboring towns was canceled that the company might stay a third week at the California Theater.

The Pitt Diamond. The Pitt diamond was found by a slave in the Partzel mines on the Kistna in 1701, and he escaped to the coast with it. Unfortunately, he took an English skipper into his secret. The skipper took him on board, and, having obtained possession of the jewel, flung the slave into the sea. He afterwards sold the diamond, squandered the money in dissipation, and finally, in a fit of dejected remorse, and remorse, not inappropriately hanged himself.

Meantime the diamond had come into the hands of Thomas Pitt, Governor of Fort St. George, against whom certain charges were made in connection with it. In an account of his dealings with it which he wrote, Pitt said he bought it from a diamond merchant named Jamchund for something over £20,000.

The diamond was cut in London, and in the process—which lasted two years—its weight was reduced 410 to 138 1/2. In 1717 the Duke of Orleans purchased it for £135,000, and as the dust obtained in the cutting was valued at from £7,000 to £8,000, Pitt must have netted at least £100,000 by his venture. "With this he restored the fortunes of the ancient house of Pitt, which was destined later on to give England two of her greatest statesmen and warriors."

Pitt must have been glad to get rid of the jewel, for he knew little rest while it was in his possession. He was constantly haunted by the fear of losing or being robbed of it, so that it was with great difficulty he could ever be induced to exhibit it, even to his most intimate friends. While he had it, Pitt, it is said, never slept two nights running under the same roof. "He moved about capriciously or in disguise, and never gave previous notice of his arrival or of departure from town." In 1792 the whole of the French regalia disappeared, and with it the "Pitt," now the "Regent," diamond. It was afterwards recovered, however, and is now to be seen at the Louvre. It has been estimated to be worth £480,000.—Westminster Gazette.

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