

THE MYSTERY YET UNSOLVED

NOT MUCH NEW LIGHT ON THE ALSP AFFAIR.

Building and Loan Associations Are Looking Into Their Affairs—An Attachment.

The whereabouts of Edwin K. Alsp are still wrapped in mystery. He has dropped completely out of sight, but there is no suspicion that he did so foolishly as to end his life, for thus far there have been no developments that would warrant a man of such a practical turn of mind as he to do such a thing.

His affairs are in a confused, not to say muddled condition, to be sure, but it is possible that they can be straightened out so that all who had been doing business with him will be able to realize "where they are." Until having the advice of our attorney that it could be done in a just and upright manner, we concluded to purchase the business, and handle the same in our own names.

As to Mr. Alsp being heavily involved, I wish to state that I know nothing about his financial affairs, as I had no occasion to look the matter up. I always received my salary, and other accounts were always paid on presentation.

As to Mr. Alsp being depressed, he was a man that was at one day, full of life and hope, and the next day would feel blue. The last time I saw him he was in the best of spirits.

"I have been taken by the hand and given words of encouragement by a great many of our best citizens, and feel that we have pursued the best course for the business, for ourselves and the public."

SUED IN SAN FRANCISCO. The "Post" of last evening has in connection with the disappearance of Alsp the fact that he was a great friend of Windsor A. Keefe, the missing man who mysteriously dropped out of sight about eight months ago and has never been heard from since.

No reason has ever been found for Keefe's disappearance, although his relatives suppose he was murdered. To-day in Judge Hebbard's court Alsp and Keefe are the defendants in two separate suits brought against them by the Excelsior Script and Typewriting Company, of which they were both stockholders. Keefe, it seems, became interested in a patent appliance invented by a water, and organized a company. Alsp, being a man of business standing, was induced to lend his name as a Director, the understanding being that he would not have to pay for the stock assigned to him.

Although Keefe and Alsp were friends from school days, the Sacramento man's acquaintances insist that he was above Keefe in the matter of principles.

Attorney W. F. Sawyer of the Mills building, who usually attended to Alsp's legal matters, is among those who believes that the missing man had no dishonest motives in disappearing. In fact, he fears that his client is sick somewhere or has met with foul play.

Mr. Sawyer states that he has not discovered anything to warrant a belief that Mr. Alsp has appropriated any of the funds of the Union Association.

WAR VETERANS AND LADIES.

THREE INSTALLATIONS LAST EVENING.

Grizzled Warriors of the Posts and Ladies of the Relief Corps Fraternize.

Liberty Hall in the Foresters' building was the scene of a double installation last night, when the steady, strong, grizzled veterans of Sumner Post, who thirty-five years ago played their parts at Shiloh, Antietam, Vicksburg and in the Wilderness, met to state the officers they recently elected for the ensuing year, and the ladies composing Edward Roby Circle, No. 2, Ladies of the G. A. R. did likewise.

The veterans, resplendent in blue uniforms and regalia, lost no time in getting down to the business before them, and with Comrade J. S. Estabrook as installing officer, promptly seated the following for the year: Post Commander, L. S. Geltner; Senior Vice, J. H. Measure; Junior Vice, E. F. Lewis; Surgeon, M. Langley; Officer of the Day, A. D. Hurd; Quartermaster, G. W. Herr; Officer of the Guard, H. Moore; Chaplain, J. H. Johnson; Adjutant, J. S. Jones; Sergeant-Major, J. Burdick; Quartermaster-Sergeant, E. F. Warner.

At the conclusion of the installation of the newly-installed Officer of the Day, A. D. Hurd, escorted the officers of the Edward Roby Circle to the posts, and the second installation of the evening was proceeded with. It proved to be the most imposing public installation seen in Grand Army circles for years, and the wives and daughters of the veterans showed themselves worthy and equally capable, with their ex-military habits of keeping state and a slight touch of the elbow; of touching to the left and dressing to the right; of marking time, and to stepping off, left foot forward, with heads erect, and the little finger touching the seams of their gowns.

The installing officer was Mrs. Caroline Vaughn, assisted by Conductor Mary G. Dunn, and the ceremonies were interesting in the extreme. The officers installed were: President, Annie Codebas; Senior Vice-President, Louisa Allen; Junior Vice-President, Sadie Robinson; Secretary, Belle S. Herr; Treasurer, Edith Renwick; Chaplain, Rosa Carrington; Conductor, Agnes McInnes; Guard, Victoria Garrison; Pianist, Maria Dassonville.

After the installation services the following program was rendered: Recitation, "Barbara Freitche," J. S. Estabrook; recitation, "Parody on Barbara Freitche," E. Lewis; song in Chinese costume, Claude Cur; instrumental quartet, by Red Men's Glee Club, Messrs. S. Sturmer, E. C. Johnson, I. Schacht and J. W. Vogell; song, "Marching Through Georgia," by audience; Macbeth's dagger scene, Comrade Kellogg; addresses, Comrades Geltner, Vaughn, Willey, Jones and others. In conclusion the audience sang "America," and the double installation was over.

ACTING FOR CHARITY. The entertainment given under the supervision of the Daughters of the King St. Paul's Church last evening was fairly well attended and brought out some of the best amateur talent in the city.

The proceeds of the entertainment will go to replenish the charity fund of the order, and the fact that they were acting for charity spurred on the performers to do a little better than the best. The first half of the programme was filled by Grundy's one-act drama, entitled, "In Honor Bound," with the following cast: Lady Carolyn, Miss Daisy Deming; Rose Dalrymple, Miss Nellie Siddons; Sir George Carlyon, Thomas W. Heffron; Philip Graham, Edward Willis.

Mr. Heffron made quite a hit as a leading man, and in the sofa scene Miss Deming was very effective. Edward Willis also did some really clever work, and as a soubrette, Miss Siddons kept her audience in a good humor to the close.

A contract solo by Mrs. W. Longbottom met with generous applause, and the latter half of the programme consisted of the one-act comedy, "The Day Before the Wedding," the cast being as follows: Ada Padelthorpe, Mrs. James Farris, Jr.; Duke, Miss Helen Howes; Mrs. Nancy Padelthorpe, Miss Madona Taylor; Ebenezer Padelthorpe, William E. Lovdal; Dick Padelthorpe (Dollie's fiance), Charles J. Newman; Alfred Warford, William W. Chapin.

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SLATER'S SEANCES.

Another Mystified and Amused Audience Last Night.

WANTS BIG DAMAGES.

John Slater, the mind reader and psychic, gave another interesting seance last night at Pythian Castle to a crowded house. Many of the tests, or messages, were very amusing and created considerable merriment.

That they were startlingly accurate was evidenced by the uneasiness of those interested, as pages of turned-down material in their lives were sometimes, apparently inadvertently, brought to light by the operator.

Mr. Slater will hold three more meetings, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

RECOVERY LOOKED FOR. Secretary of State Brown's Condition Was Improved Yesterday. The physician attending Secretary of State Brown reported a decided change for the better in his condition yesterday.

Mr. Brown was free from pain, and was able to take nourishment. His attendants now believe that his ultimate recovery is only a matter of time.

SOIETY EVENTS. T. E. Kennedy of this city and his bride, formerly Miss L. Vogell of Oleta, Amador County, passed through the city last evening on their wedding trip to the south.

They will return in a couple of weeks and make their home here. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vogell, parents of the bride, and was attended only by relatives and a few very intimate friends. The bride was attended by Miss Annie Murray, and the groom by J. J. Vogell, the bride's brother, both of this city. It was a very happy affair and quite an event in the little town of Oleta, where the bride is very popular.

Weather Reports. The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 50 and 30 degrees, with gentle to fresh variable winds and clear weather prevailing.

Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: G. L. McCandless, Sacramento; C. W. Cole, A. H. Hart, New York; C. P. Montgomery, Chicago; Mrs. C. E. Harmer, San Francisco; Mrs. A. J. Hunkeler and child, Butte, Mont.; J. Henry, San Jose; Charles E. Hammerquist, F. B. Strankamp, New York; B. Goldsmith, J. Heiman, H. Meyerstein, L. H. Sturdivant, Robert B. Rothschild, J. H. McRoskey, Ben F. Louis, Alfred S. Rix, C. A. Leary, C. M. Sheffer, Geo. H. Pippy, Sig. Adler, Horatio P. Livermore, Charles H. Lymberry, J. W. Brooks, H. D. Scribner, San Francisco.

Mrs. Fowler's Lectures. On Tuesday and yesterday Mrs. O. S. Fowler lectured to women, and to-night (at the Congregational Church) she will lecture to men only. Her subject will be, "Manhood—Its Virtues and Faults; Their Effects on the Race." On Saturday she will lecture on "Electricity—The Great Elixer of Life," which will be open to all.

THE GOVERNOR AND GAVIGAN

EXECUTIVE CITED TO APPEAR IN COURT.

W. J. Gavigan Declares His Bill Was Not Vetted Inside of Ten Days.

Governor Budd has been cited to appear in the Superior Court of this County on Saturday next, and show cause why he does not declare a certain bill passed by the last Legislature a law. This order is made in response to the application of W. J. Gavigan of San Francisco, for a writ of mandate to that effect.

The late Legislature passed a bill creating the office of Sociological Expert in cities having 25,000 school children or over (San Francisco). Ten days after its passage Governor Budd vetoed the bill, but Gavigan—in whose interest it is said to have been passed—has always claimed that more than ten days elapsed before the Governor sent his veto to the Senate, and that the bill is in force.

The San Francisco authorities elected Gavigan to the office, and he brought the action against the Governor to compel him to promulgate the bill as a law. Gavigan's claim is that the Governor allowed nearly three hours in excess of the legal ten days to pass before the Senate was notified of his veto.

Following is the writ of mandate issued against the Governor: "The People of the State of California vs. James H. Budd, Governor of the State of California.

Whereas, It manifestly appears to us by the affidavit and petition of William J. Gavigan, the petitioner, and that said bill, after having been so aforesaid presented and delivered to you, James H. Budd, Governor of the State of California, for your consideration and action thereon, as said Governor, by the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate of the State of California, after said bill had been theretofore duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Legislature of the State of California, and the Senate and Assembly thereof, and that said bill, after having been so aforesaid presented and delivered to you, was not by you returned to the Senate of the State of California, the house in which said bill originated, with your objections thereto, until ten days, one hour and two minutes (Sundays excepted) after said presentation and delivery thereof to you; and that you have failed and refused and still continue to fail and refuse to authenticate said bill as a present and existing law of the State of California, and by section 313 of the Political Code of the State of California, the petitioner herein has no plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law.

Wherefore, We command you that immediately after the receipt of this writ you do authenticate said bill as a present and existing law of the State of California, in the manner provided for by the laws of the State of California and Section 313 of the Political Code of the State of California, or that you show cause, if any you have, before the Department of the Superior Court, at the court-room thereof in the Court-house in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, and State of California, on the 15th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the court on said day—why you have not done so."

PILKY'S PECULATIONS. It is possible that Harold Pilkington, the collector, who is in the County Jail awaiting trial for misdemeanor embezzlement, may be examined on a greater charge.

The District Attorney already figures up alleged deficiencies amounting to several hundred dollars, and is of the opinion that instances may be brought to light in which the sums involved amount to more than \$50.

Pilkington is smart enough to keep his mouth shut, and declines to make any statement for publication.

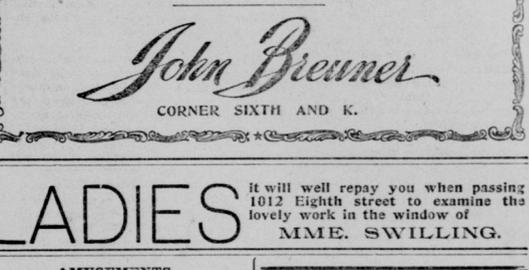
McMurry sells groceries. Agent for Coronado water and Stockton sarsaparilla and iron. 531 M street.



A very contented man. Our manager of publicity on entering the store yesterday morning met the genius who presides over the drapery department who was just going out with a wreath of smiles on his face and an immense bundle under his arm.

Special Sale of Kitchenware. For ten hours only, beginning at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, we will sell: Wood Salt Boxes, with hinged covers, at 8 cents each.

Students' desk \$10. For students who want a cheap priced desk, this is just the thing. It is 26 inches wide by 32 inches long, has a slanting top with molding at back to prevent papers sliding off, and two good sized drawers in front.



LADIES. It will well repay you when passing 1012 Eighth street to examine the lovely work in the window of MME. SWILLING.

AMUSEMENTS. METROPOLITAN THEATER. CHAS. P. HALL, Lessee and Manager. L. HENRY, Business Manager. To-night Thursday, Jan. 13th. Only. The Henrietta.

OPHEUM. Sacramento's Society Vaudeville Theater. In Conjunction with the Capital Gas Company and Los Angeles Orpheum. Positively last four nights of the Extraordinary Europe's Sensational Acrobats.

THE SECRET. of why a gentleman always looks genteel and neat even though his clothing has seen better days, is because his innate love of cleanliness makes him wear immaculate and well laundered linen at all times.

NOTICE. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Capital Gas Company will be held at the office of the company, Front and I streets, in Sacramento, California, on FRIDAY, January 15th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business that may come before the meeting for consideration.

NEW FIRM. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Alfred Olson and W. E. Brown, have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of OLSON & BROWN, to carry on a real estate and insurance business as successors to Edwin K. Alsp & Co. of the old firm, No. 1015 Fourth St., Sacramento, California, where they will be glad to meet all their friends and continue business with the patrons of said firm. All business entrusted to our care will receive prompt attention. Dated January 12, 1898.

Baco Don't Stop Tobacco. It's the only one that's so good.

THE LAST WEEK. To Enjoy the Benefits of This Coupon. OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF Furniture and Carpets TO SELECT FROM. Coupon Expires January 17th. INGRAM & BIRD, 617 K STREET.

DECEMBER 17, 1897. This coupon will be received as 15th payment of any article purchased of us between the 1st of January, 1898, if paid for at time of purchase. INGRAM & BIRD, 617 K St.

SIGNAL CORPS. The Wheel to be Utilized in Field Work—First Outing. The Signal Corps of the Third Brigade, Lieutenant Fred L. Martin commanding, has completed arrangements for its first bicycle outing to be held next Sunday. A start will be made from the Armory about 8 o'clock. The route will be out in the direction of Folsom, and signal stations will be deployed along the line. Full signaling apparatus will be carried, and a commissary wagon will accompany the boys.

"Ott's" Liver Pills. NEVER GRIPE OR SICKEN. Gelatine coated, therefore easily taken. Price, 25c. FRANCIS S. OTT, DRUGGIST, 200 K St., south side Second and K, SACRAMENTO, CAL.

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