

THE GRAND JURY SYSTEM.

Remarkable Charge Delivered by San Bernardino Judges

Calling Into Question the General Utility of That Body Politic.

Say the System Has Outlived Its Usefulness, and That Its Continuance is Only a Needless Burden on the Taxpayers of the Commonwealth—Jurors Not Privileged to Comment Upon Persons Who Have Not Been Indicted.

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 17.—Judges Oster and Campbell of the Superior Court to-day delivered a remarkable charge to the Grand Jury just impaneled, which calls into question the general utility of that function of the body politic. It reads in part as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Grand Jury: The Constitution of the State of California requires that the Grand Jury shall be drawn and summoned at least once a year in each county. In these mandatory provisions lie only the necessity known to us for calling you together at all. We believe the sentiment to be very general in this State that the present Grand Jury system is outlived its usefulness, and that its continuance is only a needless burden on the taxpayers of the commonwealth. No doubt it has in the past performed valuable functions in the administration of criminal law, but the consideration of the system to the antiquarian and student of political history than to the property owner seeking relief from heavy taxation. These same functions can now be performed with less expense, greater efficiency, and more in accordance with the spirit of our institutions by the District Attorney, aided by the examining magistrate and the machinery of modernized criminal jurisprudence already established.

"Secrecy and divided responsibility are cardinal characteristics of the Grand Jury system as contrasted with the modern mode of instituting criminal proceedings, and while there may possibly arise times in which the ordinary channels through which justice flows become corrupted, or powerful combinations of criminals are to be ferreted out, and when, therefore, this secrecy and divided responsibility may give the Grand Jury system advantage over simpler and more public mode of instituting criminal proceedings, this possibility perhaps constitutes argument for the retention of the Grand Jury as the agency of the court to be invoked by it only when, in its opinion, one of the extraordinary conditions suggested may require, but it is no argument for the continuance of the present law necessitating the calling of a Grand Jury every year.

"You are cautioned that if you shall comment upon any person or official who has not been indicted by you, your comments shall not be deemed to be privileged; that is to say, you will be responsible for any comment made in such report, and the mere fact that you made it in your official capacity as Grand Jurors will not protect you."

ORIENTAL ADVICES.

Over Six Hundred Houses Destroyed by Fire in Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The steamship Peru, which arrived last night from Okinawa and Hongkong via Honolulu, made a slow trip, and did not bring much Oriental news.

Up to December 18th nine Russian men-of-war, including the Rurik, Admiral Nahkoff, Pamiat Azova and Dimitri Donskoi, had left Nagasaki for unknown destinations. It is generally believed that a large portion of the fleet has proceeded to Port Arthur and the remainder to Korean waters.

The "Yomiuri" states that the Japanese Government received formal notice recently from the Russian Government to the effect that the latter proposed to borrow Port Arthur and Talien Wan from China.

The "Chuo" states that the Japanese Government has replied to the Russian Government to the effect that Japan has no objection to her borrowing the two ports.

Active preparations are reported to be progressing among Japanese warships at Yokosuka, where seventeen men-of-war are at anchor, including the Fuji, Yashima, Naniwa, Hashidate and Itoshima.

According to a dispatch received in Hongkong recently, the plague cases in Bombay again show signs of increase, and there are from eighteen to twenty-five new cases reported daily.

As the result of a fire which broke out on the morning of December 20th, during a gale at Honcho Ichimo, Hokkaido, 453 houses were destroyed in less than two hours.

LOS ANGELES WATER CO.

Anxious to Dispose of Its Plant to the City.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—The Los Angeles City Water Company sent a surprise package to the City Council to-day in the shape of a communication stating that the water company is not only willing, but anxious to reach

HIS BODY WAS BURNED TO A CRISP.

Fire Destroys the Outhouse of a Residence at Fresno.

The Charred Remains of John Williams Found in the Ruins.

A Professor From Salt Lake, Finishing His Studies at Stanford University, Adjudged Insane and Committed to Agnews—Overstudy Supposed to Have Caused the Mental Trouble.

FRESNO, Jan. 17.—This morning about 3 o'clock a fire broke in an out-house in the rear of Dr. Maupin's residence. The building burned to the ground, and when the fire was extinguished it was found that the charred remains of a man were among the ruins.

SENSATION IN A SALOON.

A Woman Tenders Her Baby to Grotty Her Husband.

PRESIDENT (Ariz.), Jan. 17.—While the Cabinet saloon was crowded this evening with hundreds of people, a woman entered with a babe in her arms, and placing it on the bar, left with only this farewell, speaking loud and distinctly, as follows:

"The father of this child deserted me and my babe, caring more for whisky than either of us. I wish to tender you his child, so that his appetite may be gratified to the extent of the despot."

Her remarks created consternation, and there was a wild rush for the younger gentlemen, men coming forward to ask for the little waif. The probate judge was compelled to settle the controversy, and has taken charge of the baby. The affair is creating a wholesome comment. The parties' names are Bell, mining people.

HEIR TO A LARGE ESTATE.

Mrs. Katie Wyatt of San Diego Will Become Wealthy.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Katie Wyatt of this city, a cousin of Mrs. L. H. Smart, known in the literary world as "Helen Gardner," is one of twenty-eight persons in various parts of the country who will become wealthy under the will of the testator's three brothers. These are now dead, and the estate is being closed up.

CHARLES M. SHORTRIDGE.

Not Thought That He Can Survive More Than a Few Hours.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 17.—Telephone messages received from Gilroy Hot Springs this evening show that Charles M. Shortridge, despite his weakened condition, is clinging tenaciously to life. He sank slowly during the day, and at one time this afternoon it was thought that he was dying, but at evening there was a change for the better. The rally, however, is only temporary, and it is not thought that he can survive more than a few hours.

Mrs. Clara M. Poltz, sister of Mr. Shortridge, arrived here this afternoon, and to-night left for Gilroy Hot Springs.

Union Pacific and Short Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Two appointments announced to-day are evidence that the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line will hereafter be run as friendly competitors. T. M. Schumacher, General Agent of the freight department, and D. W. Hitchcock, General Agent of the passenger department of the first-named road, have been appointed to similar positions with the Oregon Short Line Road, while maintaining their former places.

Struck It Rich in Klondike.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Jan. 17.—The steamer Corona arrived to-day with thirty men from Dawson City, who brought out close upon one million dollars. They confirm the report of the finding of the quartz lead on Bonanza Creek, but not that of the mother lode. F. J. Livingston was lost for eight days, having lost the trail. All the new creeks are turning out well. There is no starvation.

Bruce Gold Medal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The Bruce gold medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Professor Simon Newcomb of Washington, D. C., for his distinguished services to astronomy. This is the first award of the medal.

Jubilee Passenger Rates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The Southern Pacific Company has extended the time limit of its low jubilee passenger rates so that they will be available from January 24th to February 5th.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

BRITISH BARK WRECKED.

Goes Ashore During Heavy Weather on the Tahiti Group.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The barkentine City of Papeete arrived from Tahiti to-day with eighteen of the crew of the wrecked British bark Blarlogie aboard. The vessel went ashore on Matahira Island, one of the Tahiti group, and became a total wreck. The crew escaped, and Captain Mackay sent a boat to Papeete to ask for assistance.

The steamer Croix De Sud was sent out by the French Government, and arrived in the shipwrecked men, all of whom took passage on the Papeete, save four who will cast their fortunes with the natives.

Those who came up on the Papeete were Captain Mackay, his wife and two children, first officer Archibald Fairlie, second officer J. A. Haddock, third officer John Bishop, carpenter J. Howe and thirteen seamen.

The Blarlogie was from Delagoa Bay for Astoria, and went ashore during heavy weather.

Suicide at Oakland.

Oakland, Jan. 17.—While momentarily crazed, after long months of sickness and a contemplation of the death that would result from his complaint, John W. Lawtham hurled himself from a third-story window at the East Bay Sanitarium on Telegraph avenue this afternoon, and was almost instantly killed.

He was found upon a cement sidewalk that runs along the south side of the building by some nurses, as he lay in a pool of his own blood. He died within five minutes.

Six Years at San Quentin.

RIVERSIDE, Jan. 17.—T. M. White, the man arrested at Banning a few days ago on a charge of embezzlement, which consists of stealing and selling personal property belonging to F. M. Brown, who attempted to shoot Deputy Sheriff Carpenter when he went to arrest him, to-day pleaded guilty to embezzlement and assault to kill and was sentenced to six years in San Quentin.

Charge of Robbery Dismissed.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—The case against Walter Galbrith, charged with robbing the Postoffice at Tropic, was dismissed this morning upon motion of the United States District Attorney. Upon investigation of the case the authorities came to the conclusion that they had made a mistake in charging Galbrith with the robbery.

McCue Defeats Decoursey.

OAKLAND, Jan. 17.—Marty McCue of New York City defeated Billy Decoursey of Los Angeles before the Reliance Club in eight rounds to-night. Decoursey was outclassed, and at the end of the eighth round the decision was given to McCue.

A Death at Mill Valley.

MILL VALLEY (Cal), Jan. 18.—Geo. Hansen, one of the first settlers of Marin County, died to-day. The deceased, who was 76 years of age, came to this State in 1840, and settled in Mill Valley. He was a native of Norway.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Young Man Murders His Betrothed, Then Kills Himself.

PENSACOLA (Fla.), Jan. 17.—One of the most horrible tragedies that have ever occurred in this vicinity was brought to light to-day.

Last Friday night Herbert Seeley and Miss Alice Curovo of Warrington attended a party at Millview, and were among the gayest of all the guests. Dancing was kept up until after midnight, and about 2 a. m. the young couple left in a buggy to return home.

Miss Curovo and her escort did not appear at Warrington Saturday, but no alarm was felt by the family, as it was supposed that they had remained over with a relative who resides near Millview.

This morning, however, a searching party was organized, and near a bridge a few miles from Millview, the horse, attached to the vehicle, was found tied to a tree. A few yards farther away in a clump of trees the bodies of the two young people were found, both dead. The young lady had been killed by a pistol ball which entered her head, and the young man had been killed by a pistol ball, which had shattered his skull.

After viewing the bodies and surroundings, the coroner's jury was convinced that the young man had forcibly outraged the young lady and then killed her, and subsequently committed suicide.

It is said they were engaged to be married, and so far as is known there was no opposition to the marriage. Both were well connected.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The statement of the visible supply of grain and flour, Saturday, January 15th, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat 37,848,000 bushels, decrease 1,012,000; corn 41,134,000 bushels, increase 1,616,000; oats 15,163,000 bushels, increase 753,000; rye 4,515,000 bushels, increase 51,000; barley 3,582,000 bushels, decrease 488,000.

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A handsome line of Rich Black Brocade Silks has been reduced from \$1.50 to 98c.

Some very pretty plaid and fancy checked Silks, in new and desirable colors for various usages, is reduced from \$1.25 to 85c yard.

Then there still remains an assortment of those 50c and 75c Silk attractions from last week, as well as the many we have not listed yet.

Mackintoshes.

Women's Double Texture Mackintoshes, in black and navy blue, with cape. They have plaid linings and are a protection from both cold and wet; very neat; superior quality, and reduced in this clearance sale from \$5 to \$3.98.

Fancy Silk Waists.

More of those handsome Roman Striped and Flared Style Silk Waists, in their bright and artistic blending of colors, and a choice in the lot, as they're reduced from various prices to the above uniform one.

Women's Knitted Underwear.

Two lots of Women's Knitted Ribbed Undershirts, one lot plain, solid colors, red, blue and black, at 35c, and another lot plain and mixed colors, dark, with rich Roman stripes around the bottom; reduced to 45c; warm and comfortable garments.

WASSERMAN, DAVIS & CO.,

Red Glenn, a 100 to 1 Shot, First in the Fourth Event—Results at New Orleans.

COAST AND EASTERN RACES.

ONLY ONE FAVORITE WINS AT OAKLAND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Weather at Oakland fine, track very heavy. The sensation of the day was the victory of Red Glenn, at 100 to 1. Only one favorite won. The other winners were all at good odds, especially Magnus and Red Glenn. Results:

Five furlongs, Lo Lo (Clawson), 6 to 1, won; Koening (E. Jones), 5 to 1, second; I Don't Know (Morse), 9 to 10, third. Time—1:06 1/2. Amelia Fongso, Terrier, D. J. Tobin, Mahogany, Blue Bull and the Gossie also ran.

Seven and a half furlongs, Magnus (Clawson), 15 to 1, won; Our Climate (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Coda (E. Jones), 5 to 1, third. Time—1:38 1/2. Jack Martin, El Venado, Allahabad, George Palmer and Pannik also ran.

One mile, The Dipper (Moran), 6 to 1, won; Captive (W. O'Connell), 6 to 1, second; Nonchalance (Thorpe), 3 to 1, third. Time—1:45. Gotobed, Veragua, Don Daniel and Bobolink also ran.

Seven and a half furlongs, Red Glenn (Kiley), 50 to 1, won; Kaiser Ludwig (E. Jones), 20 to 1, second; El Moro (J. Woods), 5 to 1, third. Time—1:39. Palmerton, Song and Dance, Benamola, Li Hung Chang and Velox also ran.

One mile, handicap, Sea Robber won. David second, Surtmunt third. Time—1:48.

Six furlongs, Tom Kingley won, Aunt Maggie second, Nannie Davis third. Time—1:20.

Six and a half furlongs, Al Lone won, Teeta May second, Vencodor third. Time—1:27 1/2.

STOPPED BY THE POLICE.

The Glove Contest Between Frank Gerrard and Joe Gans.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 17.—The twenty-round go between Frank Gerrard of Chicago and Joe Gans of Baltimore was stopped in the fifteenth round by the police, and referee Siler gave the decision to Gans, who landed three times to Gerrard's once throughout.

In the second round Gerrard knocked Gans clear off his feet with an uppercut under the jaw, but after that the colored man had the best of it.

Gerrard started in with a cut over his left eye received at Chicago at a recent fight, and Gans knocked it open in the first round. Gerrard bled profusely all through, and was weakened by loss of blood. Gans kept jabbing him in the face with both hands, and in the fifteenth round knocked Gerrard down twice in quick succession. Gerrard arose staggering, and the police stopped the match.

YUKON RELIEF EXPEDITION.

Arrangements for Its Departure Being Pushed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Arrangements for the departure of the Government expedition for the Klondike are being pushed. Under date of January 12th Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior of Canada, wrote Assistant Secretary Melkielehn, as follows:

"Referring to the conversation which passed between us on the subject of furnishing an escort for your relief expedition, I have given instructions that a sufficient number of men be sent forward to Skagway for the purpose, and

Women's Fine Shoes

95c instead of \$2.

What sized Shoes do you wear? An abrupt, yet not important question, when we're looking to your interests in this dollar-saving manner, for your size, if in this lot, will be a surprise in value at the price; sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2; as stylish a fine kid dress shoe as you've many times paid \$2 for. To close out Tuesday at 95c per pair.

Boys' Shoes.

\$1.40 instead of \$2.50

Over 200 pairs of Boys' Shoes on sale Tuesday morning; genuine calf, hand sewed, lace, pointed toes and patent leather tips; they are regular \$2.50 value, and are going fast at \$1.40.

Men's Underwear.

98c instead of \$1.50.

Men's Royal Ribbed Undershirts and Drawers to match, good heavy weight, form-fitting garments. Reduced in this clearance sale from \$1.50 to 98c per garment.

Men's Flannelette Night Robes, 69c.

Men's long, liberally cut and well-made Night Shirts, neat, colored stripes on cream ground, soft fleeced flannelette, decidedly comfortable fit, and reduced in this clearance sale from \$1 to 69c.

Men's Dress Shirts, 62c.

Men's Laundered Dress Shirts, new patterns, fast colors; not a great quantity left, but they're the correct style, and bargains at this reduced price, 62c.

Men's Ribbed Underwear, 36c.

Men's splendid quality and well-fitted Jersey Ribbed Undershirts, with drawers to match, a mixed lot, in colors tan, blue and gray. Reduced to 36c per garment.

Domestic Items.

36-inch Standard Bleached Muslin. Sale price, 6c yard.

36-inch Bleached Wamsutta Muslin. Sale price, 9c yard.

36-inch Soft - Finished Bleached Muslin. Sale price, 5c yard.

Good Size and Weight Feather Pillows. Sale price, 50c each.

Handsome Tapestry Portieres. Reduced to \$1.88 pair.

Gray Cotton Blankets, 11-4 size. Sale price, 98c pair.

White Cotton Blankets, 10-4 size. Sale price, 58c pair.

Heavy Gray Cotton Blankets, 12-4 size. Sale price, \$1.38 pair.

Thick, Fluffy, Family Size, Pure Cotton Filled Comforters. Sale price, \$2.23.

Heavy Wool Lap Robes. Sale price, \$2.98.

All-Wool, Figured Lounging Robes, fine shades. Sale price, \$3.75 each.

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I have no doubt they will be awaiting the arrival of your people on or before the 1st of February. May I ask if you will be good enough to advise me when your expedition is expected to embark for Skagway, so that our arrangements may be made in the most possible accord."

In answer to an inquiry from Mr. Melkielehn in regard to the exact situation at Dawson, according to his reports, Mr. Sifton telegraphed the following Saturday evening:

"Ottawa (Ont.), Jan. 15.—My reports indicate no immediate danger of starvation at Dawson, but great necessity for provisions being distributed between Fort Selkirk and Skagway at various posts. Believe me formed all the way through. Our provisions are being pushed down by horses and dogs. Intend to keep supplies moving until water opens in spring to avoid possibility of disaster."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A telegram was received at the War Department to-day from Dr. Jackson, at Trondhjem, Norway, stating that Mr. Kjellman was on his way from the interior with 200 fine reindeer which he had purchased, together with a similar number of sleds and drivers. The deer have all been dehorned, so that they may be safely shipped.

Kansas-Pacific Road.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senator Foraker to-day reported from the Committee on Pacific Railroads a bill authorizing the President, if necessary for the protection of the Government, to bid on the Kansas Pacific Railroad.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$240,847,994; gold reserve, \$162,528,775.

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