

THUG SEARIGHT CONFESSES.

WELLS OF LEROY'S AND HIS BURGLARIES.

He Finds for the Police the Pistols and Jimmy Used at the Croly House.

Closer and closer the web is being drawn about the men who made the murderous assault on E. J. Croly on Sunday night while he was leaving his home from their burglarious raid. Darwin's story was published in the "Record-Union" yesterday, and now comes Searight with a confession that confirms what the officers and the public were already morally certain of—that it was he and Leroy who entered the Croly residence on Sunday night. Searight, however, claims that he was outside the door when Leroy shot Mr. Croly.

As a result Searight was brought in. White at once said he was the smaller of the two men he had seen standing at Croly's corner a short half-hour before the shooting.

Leroy was next brought in, and without hesitation White nominated him as the larger of the two men.

Then Searight began to get shaky. He had evidently recognized White, and realized that the jig was about up, and concluded that the best way out of the matter was to take the short cut by making a confession. He expressed a willingness to talk, and was given the opportunity.

Searight made his statement to Chief Dwyer in the presence of several officers, and it was taken down by Stenographer B. C. Brier. The statement was made in a very rambling, disjointed fashion. It covers all of the operations of Leroy, Searight and Darwin since they came to the city a few days ago, and shows they were engaged in various burglaries and other crooked work.

Coming down to Sunday night, Searight said they called at the house of Rev. A. C. Herrick at Thirteenth and N streets. A lady came to the door and they asked if Terry lived there. She showed them the Terry house across the street, but they did not call there.

They went over to O street and down to Eleventh, where they rang a doorbell, but were frightened off. Leroy had a pistol and Searight had a Jimmy.

Then they went over to Twelfth and P streets, and seeing no light in the Croly house they set about investigating it. While they stood there a man and woman passed them, and then a young man wearing an overcoat and derby hat came along.

(This was James White, who yesterday identified both men.) Searight then stated that Leroy went in through the front window, while he remained on the rear side stairway to divert attention from Leroy in case the latter found it necessary to get out in a hurry. Herein the confession differs from Mr. and Mrs. Croly's statements—that the two men were in the hallway upstairs.

Searight said that soon after Leroy entered the house he heard two pistol shots, and some one called out "Jim!" He supposed it was Leroy calling for him. Presently Leroy came dashing out the back way and they both ran off. He said they ran to the alley between P and Q streets, and up the al-

ley to Fifteenth streets and then to Q.

Leroy told him to put the Jimmy away, saying "I have croaked him." He took the Jimmy and threw it under a nearby sidewalk.

Then they walked across the city to J street and down the latter to Fifth street. Leroy said the old man had hit him on the head and he had to kill him. Reaching Fifth street they went over to China Slough, and Leroy said "Hadin' no better give this 'gat' (the pistol) a bath?" Reaching the slough Leroy said, "Here goes!" and he threw the gun. There was a splash, and then they walked away, and Leroy went into a Chinese outhouse and threw away another pistol, which he said he got in Croly's house.

Thence they went to the Vendome lodging-house, where they were afterwards arrested. The statement is composed of questions and answers, and is a most rambling mixture, but the above practically covers all that relates to the Croly case.

After Searight had concluded his remarks Chief Dwyer and Officers Fisher and Maley took him in tow and went to Fifteenth and Q streets, and he there pointed out the apron under which the big Jimmy had been thrown.

"Dig it out," commanded Chief Dwyer, and "Briek" dug accordingly. He thrust his arm under the apron up to the shoulder, and an instant later brought out the iron bar with which Croly's window had been pried up. The Jimmy was subsequently compared with the marks on the window-sill, and fitted them to a dot.

Then the party boarded a street car and came down as far as Fourth street and crossed over to I, where Searight said the second and smaller Jimmy had been thrown. He led the way to Ah Ben's opium joint, in the alley between Third and Fourth streets, I and J, and after fishing under a bunk used by fiends who "hit the pipe," he brought up the smaller Jimmy, and thus far the stories told by himself and Darwin were proven.

Searight next led the way to a point on I street, between Third and Fourth, and pointed out the spot from which Leroy threw the revolver into China Slough. He indicated the position it should occupy by casting a brickbat far into the green water.

Then a sudden inspiration seemed to strike the young desperado, and turning to Chief Dwyer he said: "Chief, I've got a surprise for you. You come with me." And, without awaiting an answer, darted away, closely followed by the officers, who thought it probable that he was intending to make a break for liberty.

Instead of doing so the carrot-headed robber again led the way back to Ah Ben's joint, and going to the rear stepped behind a closet and stooping down fished up a dirty old handkerchief, in which was wrapped a Smith & Wesson revolver.

"There!" said "Briek," holding up the find, "do you know where that came from? Never heard of it, did you?" Neither of the officers had ever heard of the weapon.

"Well," continued "Briek," "that's Croly's and 'Jone's' stole it when he went through the house." But "Briek" was not taken at his word. The officers understood that self-confessed robbers might, if occasion served, be liars, and after depositing their prisoner in jail they again visited the Croly residence.

Mr. Croly, though weak, was strong enough to see the men. They showed him the revolver and pointed to his eye-glasses, and while they were being brought he said: "If this is my revolver, it will have three file marks on the barrel. I put them there in Eckhardt's store when I bought it, and Mr. Eckhardt saw me do it."

The eye-glasses were found, and Mr. Croly pointed out the three file marks made by him and again Searight's story was corroborated.

Every link in the chain has been found and fitted, and whether Leroy and Searight hang or spend their lives inside of prison walls, depends probably on the result of Mr. Croly's wound.

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THE GOVERNOR APPEALED TO

ASKED TO COMMUTE BENJAMIN L. HILL'S SENTENCE.

The Dishonored Husband Was Desperate When He Killed His Wife.

Attorneys W. W. Foote and Thomas Bradley of Oakland, George A. Lamont and County Treasurer James A. Keyes of Suisun, Solano County, and Thomas Dodge, proprietor of the Oakland "Tribune," were before Governor Budd yesterday to present arguments why the death sentence in the case of Benjamin L. Hill—willed in January, 1895, shot and killed his wife on the streets in Oakland—should be commuted to life imprisonment.

When Hill was convicted a motion for a new trial was denied, and the Supreme Court sustained the decision of the trial court. The matter was carried to the United States Supreme Court and the decisions of the State courts were confirmed and Hill was re-sentenced.

A petition was forwarded to the Governor, and several months ago Lieutenant-Governor Jeter, acting as Governor during the absence of Governor Budd, listened to the arguments of the petitioners, but after considering the matter for some time he declined to interfere.

Governor Budd was finally appealed to, and yesterday was the day set for a hearing. Hill is under sentence of death and unless he is reprieved, or his sentence commuted, he will be hanged at San Quentin on Wednesday, April 9th.

Attorney Foote presented arguments similar to those advanced before Lieutenant-Governor Jeter. He criticized neither the Judge nor the jury in the case, but contended that the provocation was great when Hill killed his wife. She had told him with her own lips that she had been unfaithful. He held that Hill was not of the criminal class and had always, before the killing, borne an enviable reputation as a citizen. He contended that the ends of justice would be as well served if his sentence were commuted to imprisonment for life and that to legally kill him would not reform him. Any man placed in Hill's position would have done as he had done, and said that to carry out the sentence of death would be to heap obloquy upon his little child.

Mr. Bradley, who had defended Hill in his trial before the jury, gave a clear, brief synopsis of the case, in which he declared that for more than two weeks subsequent to the shooting Hill had declined to give any facts on which a defense could be based. He took that course to shield the honor of his dead wife.

Judge Lamont and Mr. Keyes of Suisun told of the exemplary life led by Hill while he lived in Suisun, where he had married his wife. Mr. Keyes said he was not surprised at the way the woman had turned out, and that before she left Suisun stories were about connecting her with a man other than her husband.

Governor Budd took the matter under advisement.

NATIVE SONS.

Sacramento Parlor's Anniversary Ball Last Night.

The twentieth anniversary ball of Sacramento Parlor, No. 3, N. S. G. W., given at Turner Hall last night, proved an unequalled success, and was one of the social events of the season.

The hall was tastily and appropriately decorated with the colors of the order, and nothing was lacking to add charm to the occasion.

One hundred and seventeen couples appeared in the grand march, and over 200 couples took part in the dancing, which followed.

One of the features of the evening was the cake walk, in which five couples competed. The fine cake offered was finally won by James Clark and Miss Dollie Wallace. The committees were as follows:

Arrangements—Eugene S. Elkus, W. P. Peterson, and George F. Edin. Reception—C. A. Root, T. W. Brogan, Henry P. Brown, F. Lauser, C. M. Hunt, J. Falkenstein, J. W. Keating, E. J. Weldon, W. H. Sanders, W. J. Fetherson, George F. Dosch, R. Muddox and George J. Scotty.

Floor Director—Thomas A. Cody.

Floor Managers—J. M. Robbins, F. N. Renschler, S. I. Hopkins, Abe Moore, A. M. Wolf, A. E. Grigsby, M. V. Kellogg and T. W. McAuliffe.

HIS SKULL CRUSHED.

Terrible Accident Yesterday to Lester Young.

The sad news was received here yesterday that Lester Young, a well-known and popular young man, had just met with a terrible accident in San Francisco that was likely to prove fatal.

It seems that Young recently went to the bay under employment at ship carpentering. While at work on a vessel yesterday he fell through the hatchway, fracturing his skull. Up to a late hour in the afternoon he had not recovered consciousness.

At 10 o'clock, Mrs. G. W. King and Mrs. Albert Tracy, sisters of Mr. Young, all went to San Francisco in the afternoon to attend him.

Mr. Young was a prominent member of the Capital City Wheelmen, and one of the best riders in the amateur class in the State. By his accident the club will be greatly crippled in the 100-mile relay race with the Stockton clubs next month. Several of its best riders have gone to Alaska, another (Captain Robert Smith) is very ill, and now Lester Young is out of this year's race.

FLORAL QUEEN.

Miss Nevada Bader the Choice of Elk Grove's Populace.

Next Friday evening will witness a very interesting event in the village of Elk Grove—the crowning of the Floral Queen of '98.

There has been quite a spirited, but friendly contest among the young ladies of the place for the honor, and the balloting was concluded on Monday evening by the choice of Miss Nevada Bader. She received 1,689 ballots to 765 for Miss Vivian Springstead, and about 100 divided between several others.

The queen will be crowned at Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, and everybody will be on hand to witness the pretty ceremony. An elaborate programme has been prepared in which persons from Sacramento, Florin, Sheldon and Elk Grove will participate in the exercises.

The affair has been gotten up and will be managed by the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society of Elk Grove, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of a new car for the church.

THIEF SET FREE.

What Happened to Jones on Saturday Night.

Last Saturday morning George Jones' saloon on Seventh street, between I and J, was entered by a burglar and \$5, a pair of shoes, some liquor and some cigars were taken.

A short time afterward Officer Logue picked up an individual who gave the name of Matt Desmond, who had under his coat a pair of tan shoes and a bundle of cigars.

The police requested Jones to leave a list of the stolen articles at headquarters, but he neglected to do so, and yesterday morning Desmond was liberated. Jones subsequently filed a list of the articles stolen from his place, among which were the tan shoes and the bundle of cigars, but the property, together with the thief, had disappeared. Logue naturally feels sure that his burglar should be allowed to escape through no fault of his.

MAY PULL THROUGH.

A Possibility That E. J. Croly May Recover.

E. J. Croly, who was shot by burglar Charles Leroy in his own home on Sunday night, and who it was thought could not long survive, was resting easily last evening. His condition had considerably improved, and if inflammation could be averted he stands a fair chance of recovery.

The second bullet was traced and located yesterday by the attending surgeons. It struck a rib, and instead of penetrating the lungs it glanced around and buried itself beneath the armpit. The other bullet pierced the lungs, and it is that wound that may give the most trouble.

But Mr. Croly is a man of indomitable courage and will recover if recovery be possible.

EASTERN VISITORS.

Pennsylvania Officials Inspect the State Capitol.

Governor Hastings, Attorney-General McCormick and State Senator Corcoran, all of Pennsylvania, came up from San Francisco with Governor Budd yesterday, and during the time the overland train stopped here they made a flying trip to get a sight of the Capitol building.

The Pennsylvania officials were struck with the appearance of the big building and the grounds surrounding it, and expressed themselves as being delighted with what they had seen of California.

ANOTHER BALL TEAM.

Sacramento Will be in the California League, Also.

Sacramento will be represented in the California Baseball League this season (this does not refer to the Pacific Coast League), and the local club will be under the exclusive management of Will H. Young, one of the best known patrons of the sport in the city.

The games will be played at the Oak Park athletic grounds, and as the league is under the protection of the National League, and is said to have good financial backing, the probability is that good ball will be played.

Colonel Thomas P. Robinson, the San Francisco baseball magnate, was in the city last night, and a meeting of the new team was held, at which W. H. Young and Will Newbert were appointed managers.

After the meeting Colonel Robinson and Mr. Young stated that there would be no hitch in the proceedings, and that a schedule of games would be made and played here. Next Sunday the new team will play at Stockton with the league team of that city.

The Oak Park grounds, Mr. Young states, will be improved and put in first-class condition. A meeting of the new club will be held this evening for the purpose of perfecting organization and electing officers.

FIVE YEARS.

Term of George Luxon's Sojourn at San Quentin.

Judge Hart yesterday sentenced George Luxon to five years' imprisonment for the theft of a quantity of jewelry from his sister and which he sold for much less than its value.

Luxon had pleaded guilty. Mr. Hart also told where he sold the jewelry, but for which, Judge Hart said, he would have imposed a more severe sentence, despite the earnest plea for leniency put forth by W. A. Anderson, Luxon's attorney.

At Luxon's request he was committed to the prison at San Quentin instead of that at Folsom.

The Runaway Victim.

The correct name of the man who was injured in the runaway at Tenth and Y streets on Monday, an account of which appeared in yesterday's "Record-Union," is William Provo, sometimes called Griffith. Besides severe contusions about the head, several of his ribs were broken. He is being attended by Dr. Fay.

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Advertisement for Primrose & West's Big Minstrels. Includes text: "America's Great Minstrel." Features an illustration of a man playing a violin.

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