

SEPTIC PERITONITIS.

JURY DECLARES IT THE CAUSE OF MRS. WILSON'S DEATH.

Testimony of the Physicians Who Attended and Operated Upon Her.

A coroner's jury, composed of Ed. C. Rooder, M. A. Howard, E. L. Gray, Wm. J. Elder, Claud Anderson and George W. Jackson last night examined into the cause of death of the late Josephine P. Wilson, and after hearing the evidence of the four physicians called in on the case, returned a verdict embodying the statement made by Dr. G. A. White in issuing the certificate of death. The verdict was as follows:

"We find that the deceased, Josephine P. Wilson, came to her death on the 30th day of July, 1899, by septic peritonitis, following attempted repair of laceration of the fundus of the uterus."

Coroner McMullen asked preliminary questions, and a few upon the conclusion of each physician's testimony. Dr. G. A. White was the first witness called. He said he had been called into the case by Mr. Wilson, who said his wife was at the Sisters' Hospital, attended by Drs. Clow, Hart and Cartwright. When he got to the hospital he was introduced to Mrs. Wilson, whom he found prepared for the operation. He was informed that she had a perforation of the uterus, and upon examining her found such to be the case. He said that he agreed to the operation which means that offered any reasonable hope of saving her life, and that operation he at once proceeded to make. The operation disclosed a laceration across the top of the uterus about two inches in length. A loop of the bowels, he said, seemed to be blackened and he was questioned whether it was gangrenous or whether it was blackened from violence. Dr. White said that the next day the patient seemed to be in fair condition, but that the second day she showed evidences of inflammation or peritonitis, and a quantity of pus was formed in the cavity, and on the fourth day she died. He said the wound would have led to a fatal termination had not an operation been performed.

Dr. C. O. Cartwright was the next witness. He testified that on the afternoon of the 28th he was called to see Mrs. Wilson and the next morning he was asked the latter what was the cause of Mrs. Wilson's excitement and the latter said it was an operation. The next morning he examined her and found there was a puncture through the uterus. He advised taking her to the hospital and the advice was accepted. His further testimony was corroborative of that already taken. Dr. Clow testified that Mrs. Wilson came to him and explained her situation and anxiety and stated that she had used some means to bring about a relief of her situation. After examination, he came to the conclusion that there was only one thing to do in the case and so advised her. He described the course he took and said that he finally deemed it best, two or three days afterwards, to take her to the hospital and call in Dr. White to perform an operation, which was done. He believed that the only course left to pursue when she came to him was the course he took. She finally died of septic peritonitis.

INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY.

Subterranean Flow of Water From the Mountains.

The following communication will be read with interest by those who are now studying the water supply question: SACRAMENTO (Cal.), August 3, 1899. Eds. "Record-Union": While the present discussion in this city in reference to artesian water for domestic and other purposes is being carried on and throughout the State, the discussion of the storage of water for irrigation is also being written and talked about. I concluded that a portion of the article of Lieutenant Glassford relating to artesian flow and water storage would be interesting and instructive reading at the present time, that I submit it herewith for the consideration of the well water committee of the citizens of Sacramento. Very respectfully, JAMES A. BARWICK, Observer Weather Bureau.

Lieutenant W. A. Glassford of the United States Signal Corps in an article prepared by him in December 1890, (under instructions from General A. W. Greely, Chief Signal Officer and then head of the Weather Bureau branch of that service), on the climate of California and Nevada, with particular reference to the rainfall and temperature and their influence upon the irrigation problems of the two States, has this to say in reference to the artesian

flow and the storage of water for irrigation, etc., in California, viz.:

"The Artesian Flow.—Nothing but the special conditions mark anything unusual about artesian flow, which is but an expression of the common law of flowage. The strangeness is seen in its due to partial and incomplete observation. The water enters permeable strata at a distance and at an elevation; following the dip beneath the surface, it is confined between impervious strata, and in accordance of hydraulic equilibrium rises to the surface or higher when deep boring affords an avenue of escape. Concerning the artesian water of California one statement may be positively made. The water is invariably derived from the precipitation on the mountains of the State, and cannot be drawn from any more distant and possibly more abundant source of supply. This is made clear by the investigations of the geologists, who have found the high ridges of the Sierra to expose beds of Archæan granite. Whatever flow of subterranean water there may be must occur in strata which in the valleys overlie the Archæan, and which upon the mountains present their outcroppings at a lower altitude. From this it is made manifest that the underground flow is but a variant of the flow of surface streams, and that each alike heads up upon the mountains finds its source in the rainfall."

"The State Engineer of California in a partial report upon the artesian wells of the State has given the data pertaining to 300 wells in the great valley (Sacramento and San Joaquin), to 450 in the single county of San Bernardino, and 50 in a limited tract of Los Angeles County. Reference to that report (Hall's Physical Data of California) will show exactly what success has attended those operations of deep drilling. In the present connection it suffices to note that millions of gallons of water rises to the surface in every twenty-four hours for purposes of irrigation and domestic supply. These are facts for the engineer to discuss. The Signal Service may rest content with the foregoing presentation of the amount, character, and distribution of the rainfall, which it is evident is not only ample to maintain the present high development of works of agriculture, but may by well devised systems of storage condition an enormous extension of the districts which need but a due supply of water for such products as wheat, of and wine, and the orchard fruits of the tropics as well as the temperate zones."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Van Roper and John Hilbert are in Lake County. James Faris, Jr., of this city, is in Lake County. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Buckman have left for Lake County. Mrs. Stocking of San Jose is staying at the Golden Eagle.

H. J. Norton has returned from a short visit to Santa Cruz. Mrs. M. M. Ingham has gone to Monterey for a few days.

Miss Clara Grubler has returned from Stockton after a month's visit. Miss Selma Wahl of Stockton is visiting Miss Clara Grubler of this city.

William Beckman left for the Upper Sacramento Valley yesterday morning. Sam Ginsberg and family are enjoying the breezes of the ocean at Pacific Grove.

Miss Myrtle Landis, Mrs. C. E. Kleinberg and daughter, have gone to Los Angeles. Deputy State Controller W. W. Douglas yesterday left for Bolinas Bay, where he will spend his vacation.

Miss Belle Leloy, who has been visiting her relatives here for three months, returned yesterday to San Francisco. Charles N. Thompson, Assistant City Auditor, left yesterday for Pacific Grove to take a two weeks' vacation.

Frank Swain of the State Controller's office, has returned from an extended visit to Weaverville, Trinity County.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Black and Miss Eliza and H. Wittenbrock have returned from an outing at Adams Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Knauer of this city, and niece, Miss Witzemann, of San Francisco, are spending a month at Lake Tahoe.

Judge J. W. Hughes and wife and Dr. F. L. Atkinson and wife will leave tomorrow for a vacation at Campbells Hot Springs in Sierra County.

S. Zekind, formerly a merchant of Sacramento, was married yesterday afternoon in San Francisco to Mrs. G. N. Levy, also a former resident of Sacramento.

Sumner Starr Wood, who has been camping with friends at Lake Tahoe three weeks, left for San Francisco yesterday to join his parents in their new home, 635 McAllister street.

The many friends of Newton A. Harris will be pained to learn that his wife is dangerously ill in Albany, N. Y. He left on the Oregon express Wednesday night to be present at her bedside.

Mrs. T. B. Jackson and daughter Besie, have gone to San Francisco to spend some weeks. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jackson's sister, Mrs. J. W. Irvine, late of Pleasant Hill, Mo.

W. S. Green, who has been for a number of years an employe of a downtown wholesale firm, was yesterday referred by his fellow employes with a fine gold watch and chain, as a testimonial of their regard.

Miss Emma Schilling is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Pacific Grove. Mrs. R. Watkins and family, accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Bliss and Miss Amelia Goldberg, have left for a month's visit to Pacific Grove.

THE SCAFFOLDING FELL.

J. N. Houghton and James A. Poinback Seriously Injured. A scaffolding at the cannery on G street, between Sixth and Seventh, fell yesterday afternoon, throwing J. N. Houghton and James A. Poinback to the ground, twenty feet below.

Both men were taken to the Receiving Hospital, where their injuries were attended to. Mr. Poinback was hurt internally, but not severely, could not be determined. He was taken to his home. Mr. Houghton, who is 50 years old, recently came to this city from Benicia. His right hip was injured and he was otherwise bruised.

Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: Mrs. Stocking, San Jose; Julius Giesley, Cincinnati; R. J. Louis, Hawthorne; G. A. Lancy, St. Louis; E. E. Dana, New York; J. A. Allen, Dr. C. F. Howe, C. S. Ruggles, C. L. Riddle, H. G. Weisbrod, S. N. Bachman, San Francisco.

Operated on for Appendicitis. Thomas Elensidze, who recently returned from Manila, where he served in one of the regular army regiments, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the County Hospital last evening. The operation was performed by County Physician G. A. White.

STATE FAIR PLANS.

Progress Reported by Citizens' Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citizens' State Fair Club last night a number of matters of importance to the fair were discussed. It was shown that the space of the Pavilion has all been taken, and that the committee has much work before it in the way of cutting down space. The committee authorized the engagement of L. W. Buckley of San Francisco to take charge of the entertainments and help in the exhibits. Mr. Buckley arrived on a late train, and gave the committee his ideas on several subjects. He urged the importance of putting the building, booths, etc., in the hands of prompt builders, also favored a prize to exhibitors who had the most artistic and complete display on the first day.

H. C. Fisher stated that the Committee on Entertainment reported that it would need about \$1,500, and from that figure it was estimated that the Finance Committee would have to raise in all about \$2,500. Mr. Enright of that committee said there would soon be a report; his committee had only been waiting for the figure measuring the needs.

It was reported that there would be an attempt to get General Shafter's Santiago horse from Fresno, also the horse ridden by a Spanish General. The committee decided to try to accomplish this purpose.

An automobile race, a ball game between San Francisco and Sacramento drummers, and a relay race (fifty miles) between the C. C. W. and the Olympics, are among the possibilities at the track.

The committee will spend about \$50 to aid the drummers in printing expenses. A fight between a badger and a bulldog is among the possibilities on the drummers' program.

It is the purpose to make the first Monday night Ladies' Night, to which end the various ladies' societies will probably consolidate and work together.

A resolution was passed inviting A. Menke to exhibit his ostriches and other farm products. Messrs. Seymour, Hall and Coleman were appointed a committee to wait on him relative to the exhibit.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Under this heading the "Record-Union" will publish short letters from correspondents on topics of interest to the general public. The matter in these communications will be understood to represent only the views of the writers. All communications should be addressed to the name of the writer, not for publication unless so desired, but as a guarantee of good faith.—Eds.

Subterranean Streams.

Sacramento, Aug. 3d. Eds. "Record-Union": I see by the report of the Water Committee's meeting that Howard Stanton denominated as "nonsense" the theory of subterranean streams under the plains to the east of the city. I do not see by the report that he assigns any reason for his dogmatic assertion except that the geological formation of the area forbids it. How or why that forbids it, he does not state and it would be interesting to know. He will find it hard, without advancing some more definite statement, to convince the farmers who for more than thirty years have lived on the plains between here and Elk Grove and the Cosumnes, American and Sacramento Rivers and have used the water from hundreds of bored wells of various depths and temperatures, that none of them tap underground streams. Residents east of the city can inform him that their wells go up and through from one to three strata of gravel, showing that old river beds underlie the plains and that, although the streams may not be arched like culverts, there are nevertheless, underground streams percolating through the coarse gravel and boulders. There are wells within a short distance of each other, and they vary in depth, and temperature, showing that they tap different sources of supply. There are wells in several sections of this county that have yielded mountain trout, which were seen by too many persons to render denial plausible. The report of the water committee is a binding contract until rescinded.

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Officer J. N. Payne of the society reported twenty-two cases during the month, of which two were at Folsom. In one of the latter cases a horse with a broken leg was killed, and in the other a man was arrested by Officer Donnelly for letting his team stand for hours without food or water, and he was fined \$5.

The report shows five arrests and four convictions, six horses and three dogs killed, and \$28.50 collected for fines.

Weather Reports. The Weather Bureau report shows the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 73 and 55 degrees, with brisk to fresh gentle southerly winds and cloudy weather prevailing.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 83 and 53 degrees, and one year ago to-day 81 and 55 degrees. The average temperature was 64, and the normal 74, showing yesterday to have been 10 degrees cooler than usual for the 3d day of August.

River steady at 8 feet 5 inches. There were several light showers of rain during yesterday afternoon from clouds coming from the mountains. It is a well demonstrated fact that in summer when heavy, dense clouds move from a northeasterly to a southwesterly point light showers will follow such cloud movements. The amount of precipitation was inappreciable to the Government gauge.

Articles of Incorporation. Articles of incorporation were yesterday filed in the Secretary of State's office as follows:

Thirty-Four Fuel and Oil Company. Principal place of business, Bakersfield. Directors—Milton McWhorter, McKittick, T. L. Reedley, F. R. Pitney and O. B. Phelps, Bakersfield, and W. I. Roberts, Selma. Capital stock, \$150,000; subscribed, \$120,000.

The Heaton-Hobson Associated Law Offices. Principal place of business, Oakland. Directors—O. G. Heaton, H. F. Hobson, M. E. Emery, T. Hyde and A. M. McQuarrie, all of Oakland. Capital stock, \$50,000, all subscribed.

San Joaquin Oil and Development Company. Principal place of business, Fresno. Directors—John A. Bunting, Oakland; E. B. Waterman and J. F. Davies, Selma; Daniel Wilson, San Francisco; and O. S. Bertram, Visalia. Capital stock, \$100,000, all subscribed.

Santa Maria Water Company. Directors—W. L. Adam, J. F. Goodwin, Thomas