

BEST AUTOPSY OF LITTLE USE

UNDERTAKERS PREPARATION OF BODY FOOLS EXAMINERS.

Removal of Intestines, Not an Unusual Procedure, May Have Removed Evidence of Foul Play—Sons Insist That the Missing Promoter Died of Violence.

Beyond the fact that the death of William J. Best at San Rafael, Cal., while he was visiting a Dr. John D. Woods was not caused by apoplexy, as Dr. Woods stated in the death certificate, the autopsy performed on Best's body, which was exhumed at California, N. J., Wednesday, failed to furnish any conclusive evidence of the cause of his death.

According to advices from San Francisco the undertaker who prepared Best's body for burial, says that he removed the organs and put in the sawdust and that such treatment was necessary and not at all unusual. Alfred and Charles Sumner Best, sons of the dead man, were so informed by the undertaker who performed the autopsy, but the Bests seemed to think yesterday that the removal of the missing organs was very suspicious. The body had been opened by some one accustomed to surgical operations.

Dr. McKenzies, the county physician who had charge of the autopsy, forwarded his report yesterday to San Rafael. He said that on account of the missing organs there was no way of telling from what Best died.

Dr. McKenzies declared that the organs which the undertaker says he removed are the only ones in which traces of an irritant poison would be shown, and although City Chemist Baldwin took the organs, he does not disturb the sawdust in the sawdust, it is doubtful if an analysis of them would be worth while. Both Chemist Baldwin and Dr. McKenzies yesterday said that a preliminary analysis had been made of any organ found in the body and that a statement made by the Bests that they had found traces of an irritant poison was entirely correct.

The discovery of sawdust in the body, to which a great deal of significance was attached by the authorities, does not disturb the organs removed are those which, according to undertakers, cause purging after death.

The authorities in Essex county said yesterday that there was no law to compel undertakers to inform the authorities before cutting open a body for this purpose. In this case no suspicion attached to the sawdust when the body was prepared, and the undertaker might reasonably have felt at liberty to take such means for preserving the body, in the absence of compelling laws.

Chemist Baldwin, who has the organs found in the body, will not make an analysis of them, which would take several weeks, and he would not do so unless the California authorities. He said he would not do so simply to oblige the Bests. The Essex county authorities said yesterday that they were not satisfied with the report that they had done all that they could do under the circumstances.

The Bests received a telegram yesterday morning from District Attorney Boyd of San Rafael telling them that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Woods for grand larceny and adding that a charge of murder would be added. This was sent before the report of the autopsy reached San Rafael, and it is not known whether the charge of murder will be made unless other evidence turns up there. Alfred Best said he understood, however, that such evidence had been found.

The Bests asked Inspector McCleary yesterday to send out an alarm for Woods, who was reported to be in New York from Atlantic City, where he had been staying with a woman. Inspector McCleary said that he had no right to do so, and that it would be for the best of all concerned if any of his men heard of Woods's whereabouts. There was no record of Woods at Police Headquarters.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS BEATEN.

Woman Teacher Who Took Side Opposite to Them in Debate Sustained.

Boston, July 9.—The session of the schoolteachers' convention came this afternoon at the annual meeting of the active members of the association, when President Eliot of Harvard and Butler of Columbia were defeated by a woman teacher. The victor was Miss Margaret A. Haley of Chicago, who two years ago led the successful campaign for higher salaries for the teachers of Chicago.

The battle was over the question of amending the by-laws so that the election of a nominating committee would be put in the hands of the president of the association and taken away from the delegates from the different States.

The motion for amendment was made by President Eliot and favored by him in an argument. President Eliot, who led the meeting last night showed his feeling toward the present system, also spoke in favor of President Butler's motion from the place of the presiding officer.

Miss Haley opposed, saying that it was a case of "State rights," and that the question of the association was narrowing down to a contest between the men and the women, and that the motion of President Butler was a move to put the control more than ever in the hands of the men.

Miss Haley said that she wanted to ask a question: Under President Butler's plan does not the president appoint the nominating committee and does not that committee appoint a president and that president appoint a nominating committee?

President Eliot admitted that this would be the state of affairs in effect. "Then," triumphantly exclaimed Miss Haley, "we would have a self-perpetuating machine."

President Butler's motion was voted down, 123 to 43. Before discussion arose the following officers were elected: President, John W. Cook of Illinois; treasurer, McHenry Rhoades of Kentucky; vice-presidents, Charles W. Eliot of Massachusetts, Edwin A. Alderman of Louisiana, J. W. Searson of Nebraska, William L. Prather of Texas, George R. Cook of Arkansas, Henry R. Sanford of New York, George M. Smith of South Dakota, H. Brewster Willis of New Jersey, James A. Foshey of Michigan, F. B. Sawyer of Ohio, Deane Hall of California, E. E. Carley of Massachusetts. A director for each State was also elected.

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BUILDING TO BEGIN MONDAY.

THAT'S THE PREDICTION OF THE EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Arbitration Plan Amended and Again Adopted by Unions and Employers—Formal Ratification Necessary, but That is Said to Be Forthcoming.

The final conference over the plan of arbitration between the governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association and the unions was held yesterday in the Townsend Building, and it resulted in a definite settlement on a plan. Though the unions will again be called upon to ratify the agreement reached, so contented some of the employers that their work will be resumed on Monday that they have already made preparations for it.

The Households' Union, it is said, though not represented at the conference, will accept the plan. The conference lasted all day and was attended by representatives of more than twenty unions, who came to submit objections to articles 15 and 16 of the amended agreement. These articles read:

(15) The members of this association agree to employ members of the trade unions directly or indirectly, when parties to this agreement. It is understood, however, that in any case where a trade union member is employed by a contractor, the employer or employer in charge may hire workmen, not members, who shall become members of the union, if competent.

That after the date of this agreement to union shall become a party to this agreement without the consent of the executive committee.

(16) Resolved, that the wages now paid to the unskilled trades, in any city, town or village, shall be increased for the year from the date of the general acceptance of this agreement. In any city, town or village, where the unskilled trades, they may, through the mechanics of that particular trade, have representation in the general Arbitration Board.

After some discussion the labor committees refused to draw up resolutions covering the objections raised by the employers. These committees submitted the following resolutions, and they were adopted unanimously.

Article 15 shall be interpreted as follows: That the number of unskilled tradesmen shall be left to the arbitration board of the unskilled trades, in any city, town or village, but that in case of continued failure on the part of the unions to supply sufficient workmen a majority of the Building Trades Employers' Association may refer the matter to the general arbitration board for settlement.

It is understood and agreed to that the first clause of article 15 applies to skilled as well as unskilled trades. It is understood and agreed that all existing trade agreements remain in full force and effect, so far as they may conflict with the above arbitration plan.

Then the plan of arbitration, on the motion of James J. Doyle, was adopted as a whole and the representatives of the labor unions pledged themselves to urge their organizations to adopt it at once so that work can be resumed. Several hundred of unions were held last night at which the plan with the explanatory resolutions was accepted. The Households' Union will meet to-night, and it is said that the plan will move that the plan be accepted.

SHOOTING NEGROES IN TEXAS.

Wounding of a White Man by a Negro Starts Rioting at Sour Lake.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 9.—A number of negroes reached the city to-night from Sour Lake and report that they were driven out by an armed mob. A negro tramp shot and wounded Brakeman Thompson of Houston, near Sour Lake. When word of it reached the oil field there was a hasty meeting.

Some person posted notices for negroes to leave, and about one hundred of them did so. Late to-night a telephone message says an armed mob is chasing out the negroes who have not left. There is much shooting in the oil field, some distance from the town, but so far it is not known how many negroes have been killed or wounded.

ACCIDENT IN THE ROYAL GORGE. Train Falls From the Famous Hanging Bridge in the Grand Canon.

DENVER, Col., July 9.—The famous hanging bridge in the Grand Canon of the Arkansas River, on the Denver and Rio Grande road, was the scene to-day of a serious wreck. A freight train with four engines, three of which were narrow gauge, was derailed on broad gauge tracks, went into the river while on the hanging bridge in the Royal Gorge.

The engineer was thrown into the water and pinned down, but managed to keep his head out until the conductor reached him. The conductor held his head out of the water forty minutes, when he was set free. Several trainmen were slightly injured, and a fireman received probably fatal injuries. Six hundred feet of track was torn up. A broken wheel caused the wreck.

FOUGHT OVER COTTON CARGO. White Unions Were Unable to Agree Ship Lay Idle at Wharf.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 9.—The arrival of the steamer Louisiana from Bremen on Sunday, with 2,727 bales of cotton, has caused a great deal of confusion in labor ranks. No vessel has ever arrived here before from Europe with cotton aboard, and a serious problem arose among the labor unions as to which union was entitled to unload the cotton from the Louisiana.

The longshoremen claimed the right on the ground that they had a monopoly of all the cotton in the city. The cotton screwmen claimed control on the ground that as they had loaded the cotton into the Louisiana, they were entitled to unload it and to handle it. The union men replied: "Yes, and I am willing to make any acknowledgment that is proper."

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A SOUTH CAROLINA TRAGEDY.

WHAM, IN FEAR OF LYNCHING, SHOOT'S RAMAGE.

He Had Invited a Neighbor's Daughter to Meet Him Alone, and Ramage, a Peasemaker When Lynching Was Threatened, Was Shot.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 9.—A terrible following a scandal in which three highly respectable families were concerned shocked South Carolina to-day. The tragedy occurred near Clinton, in Laurens county. Several years ago John G. Wham purchased the old homestead of Thomas Simpson, Simpson moving into a more modest house nearby. On Tuesday Miss Mattie Simpson, about 15 years old, received a note purporting to be from Miss Coleman, a sister-in-law of Wham, asking Miss Simpson to come over to Wham's, where Miss Coleman was visiting, and stating that all the others had gone away.

Mrs. Simpson got hold of the note and her suspicions were aroused. She went with her daughter to Wham's house, where Wham was found alone. Asked the meaning of the note, Wham replied that he found it addressed to Miss Simpson after his wife and Miss Coleman had gone to Clinton, and had simply sent it over. Mr. Simpson then asked for Wham the information that he had sent the note with improper purposes in view.

He declared this was nothing new and asserted that he had on four occasions within the last year made attempts to meet Miss Simpson, with her consent. Wham refused to come out and meet Simpson, who declared that nothing but Wham's blood would satisfy him.

Wham was shot by Clinton yesterday and last night a crowd surrounded Wham's house and it was known that some serious results must come. Early this morning Mrs. Wham got in her buggy and drove to the home of L. W. Ramage, several miles from her home, to get Ramage to act as postscript.

About 8 o'clock Ramage drove over. On the way he picked up Miss Bkeley, a friend. The two drove on to Wham's house, an hour and a half later. Wham was sitting in a shotgun in the buggy and Wham had a pistol in each coat pocket. But when the two visitors shook hands in a friendly manner, Wham was shot.

According to the testimony of Bkeley at the inquest, Ramage opened the conversation by saying, "John, this is a bad day for you. I am sorry to hear that you and I am willing to make any acknowledgment that is proper."

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He saw Wham upstairs pick up something and then saw him come downstairs. A handkerchief was thrown from the window and a shot was fired almost instantly. Ramage called to Bkeley and Bkeley replied that he did not know his friend was dead, but did not go in.

NEWPORT TOOK TO THE SURF.

SENATOR HANNA TOOK A DRIVE DURING HIS SHORT STAY.

Mrs. C. Vanderbilt to Give a Large Dinner Party Tonight—First Hop at Casino Attracted Few—Several New Arrivals.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 9.—With the thermometer registering 91 in the shade at the Casino at noon to-day there was little doing in social circles. The crowd was at Bailey's Beach, where all society flocked to enjoy a dip in the surf. It was even too hot to drive, and the avenue was practically deserted until late in the evening, when it seemed as if all the cottagers were out in automobiles and carriages.

To-day was set for the first hop of the season at the Casino, but there was a small attendance. Newport was not called upon long to entertain Senator Marcus A. Hanna, who arrived here last night on the steam yacht Alvin, the guest of C. A. Griscom. To-day the party drove about town, and luncheon was had at the New Cliff. This morning the party went to the Casino to see the new show, which is being put on by the Casino. Senator Hanna had remained at Newport this evening because he was to have been entertained at dinner by Senator George Peabody Wetmore.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt will give a large dinner party at the Breakers to-morrow night for the benefit of the Countess de Minto, who arrives for a visit to-morrow. Mrs. Henry Clives also has cards out for a dinner in her honor to-night, and she will entertain the dinner already arranged. The Countess will have a continuous round of festivities while in Newport.

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When Mrs. Wham ran out to the front piazza screaming, Bkeley asked if it was she. She replied that it was not she, and she replied that if Wham was taken his life would be forfeit, and so not only to Bkeley, but to the dozen of others who gathered there she pretended that her husband was upstairs and that it would mean more bloodshed and instant death to any man or any set of men who might attempt to enter that yard or that house.

With pleadings of this sort she kept the crowd at bay while the dead man lay right in her back door and her husband was making his way to safety. For it must have been as soon as the shot was fired that John Wham rushed past his victim across the street, and into the woods, 200 yards from the house. He has not since been seen.

When it was found that Mrs. Wham had been playing a cruel trick on her husband, she was gone, the crowd made bold to approach the man who had been lying there dead for two hours and more, but this was not until he had been sent to Clinton and Laurens and Sheriff Duckett had arrived with a posse. Bloodhounds were put on the whole county is aroused.

SAY COMPANION DROWNED. Ward's Father Says Son Was a Swimmer and Bled the Truth of Story.

FRANCIS A. WARD, 24 years old, of 270 West Twenty-sixth street, with Thomas Flanagan, Thomas Callahan, Thomas Mulcahy and Thomas Harty, took a rowboat yesterday afternoon at the foot of West Thirty-sixth street and rowed across the river.

KENNEDY'S STORE

12 CORTLAND ST. Comforts for the Blistering Days. 2.00 Negligees at 98c. 1.25 Negligees at 59c. Bought at Half Price. 1.00 Belts at 49c. of Black Cowhide. Bathing Suits, 98c. worth 1.50. Cool Underwear. Irish Linen Mesh, 1.50; worth 3.25. French Habriggin, 49c; worth 75c. Low Cut Shoes. Sweil Oxford, with herring-bone shanks, 4 98 and 5 98. Made Like 17.90 Custom Shoes. A pair of 1.00 Shoe Trees FREE with each pair of 5.98 Shoes. Dip Toe Oxford, 3.50. A new English style, made on flat last, with high heels; worth 6.00. Straw Hats. Don't wait until the mercury is up to 90; buy your Straw hat now. Semit Salton, 89c; worth 1.50. 1.49, worth 2.00. 1.90, worth 3.00. Curly soft brims in great variety. Porto Rico, 1.49 and 1.90. Panamas, 3.90 and 4.90. STATE CAMP WANTS ROOSEVELT. Gov. Murphy Invites Him to Visit Jersey Mills at Sea Girt.



STATE CAMP WANTS ROOSEVELT. Gov. Murphy Invites Him to Visit Jersey Mills at Sea Girt. An effort is being made by the President of the State Camp to visit Sea Girt again this year. Gov. Murphy has sent him an invitation to review the First Regiment of Newark on July 23, or any day in that week which will suit his convenience. An invitation has also been sent to Secretary of War Elihu Root and to the commanders of West Point and the Naval Academy. Senators Kern and Deffen will do their utmost to persuade the President to accept the invitation. Surrounded by a most prominent in the political affairs of this State and with all his official military advisers and personal staff, Gov. Murphy reviewed the Fifth Regiment this afternoon. The review was witnessed by many callers from the summer resorts along the shore. The men were exceptionally steady in the ranks, and the review was excellent as they passed by the Governor.

An interesting feature of the review was the presence of the battalion of Regulars in the line. The three companies have been on the rifle range for a month or more, and they made a fine showing, and their steady marching and precision of movement evoked hearty applause from the immense crowd of spectators. Gov. Murphy entertained his guests in a tent by the side of the "Little White House" and they were excellent as they passed by the Governor.

ARRESTS FOR \$2,000 LEAD. Police Have Three Prisoners—Won't Say Who's Complainant. Detective Sergeant McCullough, Peabody and Clarke took three men to Police Headquarters last night and locked them up on a charge of robbing in common and stealing. On June 3, \$2,000 from the complainant, J. J. Peabody, was stolen from the office of the man of duty in Inspector McCullough's office last night. The man who stole the money was identified as William Peabody, 122 E. 10th street, Brooklyn, William King, 105 E. 10th street, and Joseph Greene, who refused to give his residence. The police said that this last night, the three men were taken to Headquarters and accepted bail for the three prisoners.

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ABAY WITH SANTA CLAUS. No Payment for a Portion of Jersey's Sunday School Teachers. ARBURY PARK, N. J., July 9.—The Sunday school teachers and superintendents of New Jersey have declared war on Santa Claus. For a week the Summer School of Method, a branch of the New Jersey Sunday school Association, has been in session at the Beach Auditorium and at every sitting the offenses of Santa Claus were discussed.

EVANSVILLE NEGROES SHANNED. Ordered to Leave Indiana Towns. They Seek Aid to Go to Kansas. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 9.—Reports from several towns in northern Indiana show that the cold shoulder is being turned on the negro refugees by Evansville and in almost every place where squads of Indians have arrived they have been ordered to leave.

Advertisement for Colorado and return \$30.00. Colorado Special. The Best of Everything. Leaving Chicago 6:30 p. m. daily, with Pullman sleeping cars, dining room, smoking cars, drawing room, sleeping cars, dining cars and first class through to Denver. An extra car of about three hundred people with a fair sprinkling of children, arrived at the auditorium at the stated hour. By way of precaution, the aim and ends of the music were explained by Miss J. L. Baldwin of Elizabeth, superintendent of the school of Method. The worst-out myth of "Santa Claus" the school of Method is taking their minds off the real significance of the day. What we propose to do is to make them believe in the real Santa Claus, and not the myth of a man in a red suit and white beard who comes down the chimney with a sack of coal and tin snips.