

AROUND THE CITY.

The German Fair Growing in Popularity. Several Spirited Contests Under Way. The Jury in the Walker Case Found They Could Not Agree.

A Colored Girl Charged With Burglary. Two Small Fires and Other Local Items of Interest.

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The booths have already been briefly described in the HERALD, but each must be seen to be appreciated; and it would be a difficult matter to gather a more attractive crowd of young ladies together than are at present engaged in the superintendence of these booths of beauty, under the direction of the ladies' executive committee, which is composed of the following: Mrs. J. K. Chalmers, president; Miss T. Ward, secretary; Miss Hattie M. Lindenfeld, assistant secretary; Mrs. A. G. Gardner, Mrs. S. Grant, Mrs. Wolgemuth, Mrs. J. K. Chalmers, Misses Oler and Neitzke.

Among the ladies who are interested in the fair and are assisting those in charge of the various booths are: Mesdames B. J. Revere, B. Dillon, J. Kenecaly, J. C. McMenomy, D. A. Moriarty, M. A. Huber, Jos. Mesmer, J. C. Quinn, Ganahl, and the Misses G. Reeve, Captain, D. Matfield, A. McManis, McAnisfield, Spillane, Hanlon, Cleary, McCarty, Phillipson, A. Wilson, Nash, Kate and May Horgan.

The most mysterious booth in the fair is that presided over by Miss Hattie M. Lindenfeld, and it is styled the art gallery, or the destiny of man. The ice-cream booth, under the vigilant eye of Mrs. J. K. Chalmers, bids fair to be the most lucrative booth in the fair, although the Misses Niemeyer and Bertha Penning, who dispense liquid refreshments from the soda-water booth, are kept busy all the time in attending to the demands of the masculine visitors.

Lunch is served in the gallery upstairs from 11 to 2, and supper from 5 to 7, and is extensively patronized. A contest between the Iroquois and Union League clubs for popularity was begun last night with some spirited voting.

A special feature for this evening's programme, which should prove a drawing card, is announced in the engagement of Madame Marchetti, who will sing several solos in addition to the other attractions offered.

THE WALKER CASE.

The Jury is Unable to Come to an Agreement. Justice Savage and a jury were occupied nearly the whole of yesterday in the trial of the case against W. M. Walker, the proprietor of a hotel at Redondo Beach, but formerly of Fullerton, who was charged with having, on the 14th ultimo, threatened to expose Mrs. F. G. Ryan, of Anaheim, by means of a type-written letter. The proceedings commenced at 10 o'clock in the morning with the work of selecting the jury, and this was performed in about an hour. Deputy District Attorney Diehl then read the complaint to the jury, which contained a copy of the letter, as published in the HERALD in its issue of April 2d.

Detective A. B. Lawson was the first witness called and he stated that soon after Mrs. Ryan received the letter in question, the case was put into his hands, and, after a short investigation, he found the young lady who wrote the letter on her type-writer. On April 1st, in company with the young lady, he went to Redondo where Walker was, and she identified him as the man for whom she had written the letter. Walker was placed under arrest, and on the way to the city he confessed that he mailed the epistle, but did not think he had done anything wrong. In fact, he thought he was doing Mrs. Ryan a favor.

Miss Ida Schenck, the young lady to whom the letter was traced, testified that she wrote the letter upon her type-writer at his dictation. She positively identified the original letter as the one she had written and stated that he had sealed it in a large envelope, which she subsequently addressed, and took it away with him. He explained the letter to her by stating that Mrs. Ryan owed him money for board and he took this as the best means of insuring its payment. At this juncture the court declared a recess until 2 o'clock, at which time Detective Lawson was recalled. The postmark of the envelope having been partially destroyed, he explained that this must have been done while the document was in the hands of J. F. Denning, an expert on type-writer copy to whom he referred it during his investigation. This was subsequently corroborated by Denning himself, who swore to the postmark having been intact when he first received the letter and envelope, by Louis Stone, who carried the letter from Denning's office

to Lawson's office, and by Attorney Richard Melrose, who saw the postmark on the envelope. W. C. Hogaboom and George P. Bradburn, of the Santa Ana Free Press, were called upon to testify to an article in that paper, which was enclosed in the letter, but the defense objected, and they were excused from doing so. Mrs. Matilda Ryan testified that she had authorized her husband to open her mail, and Mr. F. G. Ryan testified to the receipt of the letter, and the prosecution rested its case.

Aaron Mason was called for the defense as to the general reputation of the defendant in the community in which he lived as to honesty and integrity and "being a law-abiding citizen." The prosecution objected to this as too general a term, and a lengthy argument ensued between counsel, but finally the court allowed it. The witness, however, did not know the defendant's reputation at Fullerton, and did not know where he resided now. D. Gilbert Dexter, the defendant's partner, and W. C. Hogaboom were called upon to testify to the same thing, and both agreed that it was good. The defendant then testified on his own behalf, briefly denying that he ever admitted to Lawson that he mailed the letter, or spoke to him about it at all. Miss Schenck was recalled in rebuttal, and proved conclusively that Walker sat with Lawson on the car nearly the whole trip from Redondo. At attempt was made by the defense to show that Miss Schenck had been induced by the prosecution to help to convict the defendant by promising that she should not be molested, although she was *paries criminis*. After arguments the case was submitted to the jury at 6:30 o'clock, and they at once retired for deliberation, returning at 8 o'clock and announcing that they were unable to agree.

TWO FIRES.

A Residence Burned and a Lamp Explosion. Shortly after noon yesterday the residence of Eben H. Orne, a well-borer, on Thirty-eighth street, between Figueroa and Wesley avenue, was destroyed by fire, which originated from a defect in the stove in the kitchen. This is Mr. Orne's second disaster within a few days, he being one of the men badly hurt in the tunnel explosion at Santa Paula. He was so badly injured that he was compelled to stay at Santa Paula, and his wife had gone there to attend him, leaving the children at home. There was no insurance.

An alarm was rung in from box 35 at 7:45 o'clock last evening for a fire at the Old St. Charles hotel, on North Main street, which was responded to in remarkably quick time by the department. The services of the brigade were not required, fortunately, the blaze being caused by a lamp explosion in the hallway upon the second floor, which was promptly extinguished by a hand grenade. No damage ensued beyond the scorching of a little paint, the loss of the lamp and a small hole in the carpeting.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

The Scrape in Which a Girl Became Involved. Virginia Turner, alias Nettie Payton, a colored girl, was arrested by Officer Vignes yesterday afternoon upon the charge of burglary. An old colored laundress named Mrs. Minerva Slaughter, had some clothes belonging to the defendant at her residence, 612 Weill street, but refused to give them up until her bill was paid. As the girl could not persuade the old woman to give up the clothes, it was charged that she resolved to obtain it by strategy, and returned to the house and kept the woman engaged in conversation, while another girl named Myrtle climbed through a window and carried the bundle off. Unfortunately, however, the wrong bundle was carried away, and the old lady soon afterwards missed some of her "white people's clothes," and she at once informed the officer of her loss, which resulted after an exciting chase of four blocks in the capture of the girls.

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