

A SAD TRAGEDY

Poisoned His Daughter and Then Himself

W. H. PERSON'S AWFUL ACT

HE EXPIRES IN AGONY BUT THE CHILD MAY LIVE

Out of Work and Despondent Over His Wife's Death—Leaves Minute Instructions to a Friend

One of the most shocking tragedies enacted in this city for a long time took place in a lodging house at 45 1/2 South Main street last night. Made despondent by his financial difficulties and failure to get work, W. H. Person administered a large dose of carbolic acid to his 8-year-old daughter and then took a mixture of carbolic and prussic acid himself and lay down to die. The bodies were found while they were still alive, and removed to the receiving hospital, but the father was dead when they arrived. Dr. Hagan applied the stomach pump to the little girl with good effect, and she was soon restored to consciousness. She was in great agony for several hours but is in a fair way to recovery.

Person had evidently planned the murder and suicide very coolly, for he left a long letter, in which he set down the causes for the act. He stated that he had been unable to get work and that he owed money to his brother, R. D. Person of Howard, South Dakota, who had made life miserable for him by hounding him.

Last night at 10:45 o'clock Person came into W. F. Ball's billiard hall on South Spring street and asked for a loan of \$5 cents. Ball knew the man intimately, and handed him the money, when Person turned and left. At the door he met a special delivery carrier from the post-office with an envelope for Ball. He glanced at him sharply and then passed rapidly out.

The letter was handed Mr. Ball and he opened it. A key fastened to the top of the paper attracted his attention. As he read down the page he saw that there was something very unusual about it and turned to the last page. The signature was Person's, and the last few lines gave directions for his burial. Without talking time to read the rest of the letter, Ball hurried to the police station and reported that he believed Person had attempted to commit suicide. Officer Loomis was sent along with Ball and the two hurried to the lodging house on South Main street.

The landlady was awakened and stated that room 14 was occupied by Person. They went to the room and knocked on the door, but the only response was a groan which came from Person, who was inside. The landlady then came up and opened the door with a key. When they walked into the room Person was found lying upon a bed in the front room with a pillow over his face, gasping in the agonies of death. Near by on a stand set three bottles, all partially empty, containing carbolic acid, prussic acid and tincture of aconite, deadly poisons.

There was a back room connected with the front room with folding doors. Here Person's 8-year-old daughter, Edith, also lay in an unconscious condition upon a bed with a pillow over her face. Person had evidently given his daughter poison first and then walked into the next room and administered a mixture of carbolic and prussic acid and tincture of aconite to himself, and then cooly laid down to die.

As soon as the situation was comprehended Ball rushed across the street to a saloon and telephoned word to the police station. The patrol wagon was at once sent down and contained Dr. Hagan, Sergeant Jeffries, Clerk Hensley and Policeman Shields. Father and daughter were placed in the wagon and the race to the receiving hospital began. On arriving there it was found that Person had died on the way. Dr. Hagan at once began work upon the little girl, and she was soon far recovered as to be able to make a statement.

As she lay in her cot at the receiving hospital several reporters crowded around her anxious to hear what she might say. She was suffering great agony from the effects of the carbolic acid, which had burned her mouth fearfully, and answered the questions asked her very slowly.

"I have been living at Boyle Heights with Mrs. Berry for several months," she said. "Papa came out yesterday and asked me to come and stay all day with him. I thought that I would have a nice time because there were a lot of boys firing firecrackers there and it was so noisy that I did not like it. When we got to papa's room he asked me if I didn't know what he meant at first, because mamma is dead, but he said that we could see her and that he wanted us to die together. I didn't want to die, but he insisted upon it. He fixed up something in a glass and gave it to me. I drank it and it burned my mouth awfully. That is all that I remember."

The child is being kept bright and seems to possess understanding far beyond her years. Person has lived in this city for over ten years. For a long time he was connected with the freight department of the Santa Fe railroad. He was afterward cashier in the office at Santa Ana, and four years ago his wife died, and Person never recovered from the blow. A little over a year ago he went to South Dakota, returning here in March. Since that time he has been looking unsuccessfully for employment. He has been living in the lodging house where he took the daily dose, and his daughter has been stopping with a Mrs. Berry at 1630 Pleasant avenue, on Boyle Heights.

Person owned a small ranch at Downey, and he sold this a few months ago, receiving a few hundred dollars, after all encumbrances had been paid. This ran out a short time ago, and he has been very low-spirited since. About six months ago his brother Horace committed suicide in Chicago, and he was greatly grieved by his taking off. It would seem from his letter that added to these troubles he owed a brother in South Dakota money, which he has been

unable to pay, and upon which payment has been continually demanded.

W. H. Person was 38 years of age. He has no immediate relatives beside the brother mentioned, who lives in South Dakota. The letter, written to his friend, W. F. Ball, was a long one, and in it he gives his reasons for the step which he has taken. From the letter it would seem that he did not contemplate suicide until today, for at the end he appends a notice: "Died July 6, 1897." Doubtless he did not expect his message to reach its destination until today, but the boy came in with it just as he was leaving Ball's billiard parlors, and recognizing the envelope he decided to put himself out of the way before the contents of the letter became known. When found he had not been in his room more than five minutes, but the deadly prussic acid made rapid work of him.

Ball's instructions that arrangements be made with the cemetery people for the care of the lot. He also wanted the money due his brother in Dakota paid. The key to his trunk was inclosed in the envelope.

In reference to his burial he says: "Get the cheapest coffin that you can for me. A pine box will do, but get something a little better for my darling." In another place he writes: "This is an awful moment to me, but I can see no way to turn. I loaned \$100 to a friend of mine who was very good to me when my Josie died. It was loaned for thirty days and was due June 1st. I can't get the money now and it is very uncertain if I get it at all. If my oldest brother was alive I should go alone, but there is no place for Edith, and she is delicate. I have explained to her my intentions, and she wishes to go too, and I have granted her request. Poor, innocent little darling wants to go to her mamma first, and be with her when I come. I will not refuse her request, for I alone will be held responsible if any one is, but I can suffer anything if my little one is safe from harm. It is awful! awful! I have had a hard pull against odds since Josie died and I am without resources. I have lived 100 years in the last few minutes."

Could I but see any other way for us to turn I would like to live and see my little one grow into womanhood. Do not have religious services held but get us under ground as soon as possible. Tell Mrs. Berry, where Edith boarded, to give her efforts to the Associated Charities. My dear brother, who died in Chicago by his own hand, had the 13th psalm in the bible marked. It seems to fit my case too. He wrote the following epitaph: "W. H. Person (N. Y. state) 38 years old. Born May 6, 1859; died July 6, 1897. An inquest will be held today."

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, July 5.—(Regular Correspondence.) The new Congregational tabernacle which has just been completed at a cost of \$24,000, was formally opened yesterday. At the morning service the building was filled from center to circumference, and the beauty and convenience of the edifice were subjects of general admiration. The acoustic properties of the building are beyond criticism, and indeed there seems some peculiar quality of the room which brings out with great clearness and power the utterance of both speech and song. The collection taken up at the first service was almost \$1,500, which went to the church building fund out of debt.

The glorious Fourth of July is being celebrated today with the usual traditional celebrations of picnics, junketing and social parties, and the day is generally observed as a holiday. The festivities opened yesterday with a picnic under the auspices of the American Foresters at Lakeside and today the Native Sons have a picnic at Linwood grove; Patriotic Sons of America hold a program of appropriate exercises at Hotel Del Coronado; the Los Angeles and San Diego base ball teams play their final match at Recreation park for the purse of \$100; the first two games resulting in a victory for each team; the annual road race from the city to La Fola, and this evening the steamer Santa Rosa will take excursionists around the bay.

Sheriff Johnson returned yesterday from Ensenada with Andronico Sepulveda, who was wanted in Riverside for horse-stealing. Sepulveda was surrendered by the Mexican authorities after satisfactory proof that he was an American citizen, and the officer took the first train for Riverside after his arrival here. Sepulveda denies that Jose Morales, who murdered Sheriff Wilson, was with him in Lower California, and says they parted company before crossing into Mexico, and he had not heard of seen his companion since.

Two hundred Christian Endeavor excursionists arrived here last evening from the east. They are part of the vast number that arrived at Los Angeles direct from the east.

The largest rattlesnake of the season was killed a few days ago at Ramona. It was over six feet long and measured ten and one-half inches in circumference.

Apricot picking has begun throughout the valley with prospects for an unusually heavy crop. On the Red mountain ranch at Fallbrook fifty hands have been engaged in gathering this fruit for the past week.

Mrs. Belle Compton was injured Saturday night in a collision between an electric car and a freight engine. At first she was not thought to have sustained serious injury, but this morning the two physicians summoned to her are doubtful as to the outcome.

Rebuilding of Monte Carlo Visitors to Monte Carlo next season will find many changes. An electric tramway will be running from Monaco to the east end of the Casino. The Monaco station through the Condamine and up through Monte Carlo to the end of the principality; the postoffice is to be rebuilt and doubled in size; the Hotel de Paris is to be refronted and raised two stories in height; the Cafe de Paris facing it is to be pulled down, the ground to be built laid out as a garden and a new cafe, which has already been commenced, will be built on the site of the newspaper kiosk and the police station, facing the east end of the Casino; and a broad terrace will be constructed from the east end of the cafe to the east end of the Casino. In the principality itself and the adjoining French territory, flats, shops, villas and hotels are being constructed everywhere, and thousands of workmen are in full employment.—Fall Mall Gazette.

IN SOCIETY

A delightful children's party was given Saturday afternoon by Mrs. John S. Myers of Rich street in honor of her little daughter Edith's 8th birthday. After a peanut hunt in which Miss Ella White and Master Frank Hodges won the first and Miss Frances Blake and Master Frankie Nolan the booby prizes, a luncheon was served in the dining room, which was prettily decorated with sweet peas. Afterward old-fashioned games were enjoyed by all. Among those present were Mesdames Kearney Wilcox, Frank Hamilton, Charles Kestner, N. J. Cook, L. M. Lyons, R. Mausard, Miss Jeanette Armstrong, Alice Whitway, Mabel Fullford, Mrs. M. E. Whitford, Edith Long, Helen Long, Marguerite Wagner, Frances Blake, Grace Barnes, Irma Odenthal, Essie Freedy, Inez Johnson, Mabel Phelps, May Shields, Ella White, Helen Stecker, Isabel Sheldon, Helen Hein, Louise Hamilton, Edith Myers, May Lindley, Lillian Ford, Lella Doster, Elsie Hodges' Masters, Willis Linsenbard, Hattie Barnes, Frank Hodges, Frankie Nolan, Leo Smith, Lindley Myers, Frank Shields, Saxton Little.

Treble Clef Club The Treble Clef club closed its eighth season last Tuesday with a delightful informal program in the parlors of the First Congregational church. Two numbers were given by the club, after which solos were sung by Mrs. F. A. Day, Mrs. F. B. Silverwood, Mrs. E. R. Baumgardt, Mrs. Bertha Penning-Amet, Mrs. E. Wenger, Miss M. E. Kendall, Miss Amelia Grosser, Mrs. M. T. Waitaker and Mrs. F. S. Teachout. This individual work clearly demonstrated the fact that there are many excellent singers in the club as now organized. Madame Ideori Martinez, the able conductor, rendered two very choice selections in a delightfully finished manner. Mr. George G. Grosser kindly played two violin solos, Cavatina by Rameau and Marche by Musini. Mrs. W. E. Beeson, Mrs. H. T. Lee, Miss J. A. Collins, Miss Lou Winder and Mrs. J. S. Vallis were present, in addition to nearly all the active members of the club. Fruitade and wafers were served at the conclusion of the program. The club adjourned until the 1st of September, when weekly rehearsals will begin for the first concert of the season of 1897-98, which will take place in December, with the best soloists and orchestra obtainable.

Myrtle Club Entertained The Myrtle Club entertained the Myrtle club and a few other friends Saturday afternoon, in honor of Miss Cecelia Raymond of Berkeley, who is visiting Miss Florence Dewey of Georgia Bell street. Instead of the usual program the afternoon was made the occasion of a study of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam and the translation of Fitzgerald and the late version by Richard Le Gallienne, and supplemented by the more exact rendition of McCarthy, and illumined by the splendid drawings of Vedder. Some of the members have become so interested in the cursory investigation, that it is planned to continue the study for some weeks in order to include the forthcoming close of Le Gallienne's graceful quatrains, and compare the various transcriptions of this most unique poem. Among the guests were Misses Cecelia Raymond, Florence Sawyer, Elizabeth Palmer, Olivia Day, Esther Strauss, Regina O'Keefe, Helen Coan, Charlotte Breaky, Mary O'Connell, Anna Hanlon, Mary Fox, Cora Foy, Alice Butler, Fannie Lockhart, Julia Matthews, Helen Sullivan, Anna Shields, Matilda Shields.

Anderson-Deutsch At Hotel Sierra Madre last Friday evening Miss Emma Deutsch, the daughter of Emilie Deutsch and Mr. Charles Anderson were married, the Rev. J. H. McCracken officiating. The parlors of the hotel were profusely decorated with palms, ferns, magnolias and magnolias. Covers were laid for couples at the banquet which followed the ceremony. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Harold, Mrs. Agnes Deutsch, Mr. and Mrs. Buiserett, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Emilie Deutsch, Mr. and Mrs. Rickard, Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Rilyea, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hosmer, Mr. and Mrs. Fischbeck; Mr. and Mrs. William Duff; Misses Carter, Rilyea, Robinson, DePetter, Wady, Tucker, M. and J. Pether, Cook, Bovier; Rev. J. H. McCracken, Mr. William Johnson, Charles Lampe, Mr. Coublin, and many others.

Cobweb Party A cobweb party was given Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. C. Skofstad by the Ladies' auxiliary for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. The young people were kept busy during the early part of the evening unfastening the webs of twine which were stretched all over the house. Miss Adelaide Jones and Mr. E. B. Fulton were fortunate in securing first prizes, and the consolations were bestowed upon Miss Jessie Hartwell and Mr. Black. About ninety were present. The musical program was participated in by Messrs. Pickering, Moore, Black, Borgman and Goodrich and Miss Belle Robson. The accompanists were Miss Davenport and Miss Lillian Robson. Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Goodman also favored the company with several duets on the zylphony, which were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Tennis at Alhambra The Misses Bean and Wallace of East Alhambra entertained delightfully with lawn tennis last Monday afternoon. Among those present were Misses Beale, Black, Borgman and Goodrich, Mrs. Rye Anderson, Lucie Daniels, Nellie Farrell, Fanny Farrell, Estella Wallace, Mattie Wallace, Wernette Stokes, Anna Bean, Messrs. Tom O'Hara, Warren Carhart, Robert Parsons, Walter Wallace, George Wallace, Guy Wood, Charles Grosebeck, Robert Allen and Dr. F. D. Holman.

Firecracker Party Mrs. W. E. Ryan of South Olive street entertained Saturday evening in honor of her little son, Eugene Ryan. Games and firecrackers made the hearts of the children glad. The guests were: Misses E. Duff, J. W. Hayden, George Shores, B. W. Scheurer, Miss Zella Duff, Bessie Smith, Cora Scheurer, Ethelbert Shores, Della Scheurer, Masters Clark Morrison, George Shores.

Young People Entertained Miss Lillian Ashman entertained at her home, 556 Towne avenue, last Wednesday evening. Vocal and instrumental music by the Baldwin children and others, with recitations and games,

contributed to a most enjoyable evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Blanche Engstrom, Mamie Loomis, Anne Black, Ada Black, Stella Bishop, Iris Bond, Ethel Baldwin, Hazel Roney, Ivy Woods, Grace Scott, Hazel Baldwin, Rosie Wirsching, Lillian Ashman, Masters Waldo Tupper, Eugene Hart, G. O. Payne, Charles Morton, Ward Byron, Evan Baldwin, Henry Van Dorn, Neal Vaughan, Charles Vaughan, Frank Morton, Edgar Dorr, Bartram Ashman, Mrs. Dorr and Mrs. Ashman.

Party Call The young people who made up the trolly party to Santa Monica, given last week by Misses Lora Hubbell and Annis Nun, went in a body to the Van Nuys party call. Friday evening to make their party call. Mrs. Van Nuys was prepared to entertain the young people in a very pleasing manner and the evening wound up with a dance.

Here and There Captain Overton and family have taken a cottage at Santa Monica for the month of August. Mrs. Anna L. Lankersham will leave next week for Lake country for a summer outing. Mr. J. H. Call has gone to Washington on a business trip, and is accompanied by Mrs. Call, who will spend the summer in the east with relatives.

LONG BEACH LONG BEACH, July 5.—(Regular Correspondence.) Today winds up the old soldiers' picnic, and after the pleasant week spent with us in camp their going away will make a vacuum hard to fill. A large delegation from Stanton, Kentwood, Logan and Bartlett posts of Los Angeles and Godfrey of Pasadena, accompanied by ladies from the Relief corps and the Veteran Drum corps, came down this morning to spend the national holiday with their comrades already here at the beach. A collation was served to the veterans who had spent the week with us in the grove in which they had camped before their departure today, and a right good, jolly time was spent during its continuance. The veterans are loud in their praises of the kindness and hospitality extended to them by the citizens of Long Beach, and to Mrs. L. M. John, the lady to whose efforts we are indebted for having the veterans in close proximity to the city. Appreciation was expressed in the presentation to her of a valuable memento of their visit bought from funds contributed by the soldiers and ladies of the W. R. C.'s who had spent the week here, Comrade William Birkle of Pasadena being the medium through which the funds were collected.

Afternoon exercises began at 2 o'clock, and promptly at the hour a large and appreciative audience listened to the speeches and joined heartily in the good, old songs sung. A special train this evening will carry them back to the city, with, we hope, pleasant memories of their week's stay with us at the seaside.

Ada Wingard, a girl 10 years of age, had her head fractured by being run over by the front wheel of a wagon Saturday morning on Pine street. The accident resulted from a horse frightened by the explosion of a bomb some one had thrown under him, kicking the bicycle the young girl was riding at the time. Dr. J. M. Wood is in attendance, and is doing all in his power for the relief of the little sufferer.

Abbott E. Clark and H. A. Gibson have arranged to give a series of lectures on the "Nature and Aim of Theosophy" at Chautauque hall, the first of the series to be delivered by the former gentleman on the evening of Friday, July 3rd.

There will be a concert given Friday night at the Congregational church for the purpose of raising funds to send a needy woman and children back to her former home in North Carolina.

The Methodist annual camp meeting, which is to be held in the tabernacle in the grove of the Methodist Resort association, will be held a little earlier than usual this year, the opening service being set for the evening of July 10, Saturday next.

Long Beach was well represented at the Bryan demonstration, a large number of our citizens, irrespective of party, having come up to do honor to the cause. Mrs. C. F. Dille of Santa Monica was the guest of Miss Ethel Lowe Saturday and Sunday.

S. Cook of Azusa is visiting old friends at the beach. Charles Holdredge, a former resident came down Sunday evening. Mrs. Mixer of Milwau, Ohio, and Chlois and Louise, her daughters, arrived at the beach Sunday and are the guests of Miss May Dewitt, corner Third street and Elm avenue.

City Marshal Coombs and wife of Monrovia were guests at the Mrs. P. R. Griffith Primrose cottage over Saturday. W. J. Bodenhamer and wife of Ontario are at the beach. They are stopping at the Primrose lodge.

Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Lunt, who have been sojourning in the mountains for the past two weeks, are expected home on Friday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Lightburn of Long Beach left here on the morning train for Los Angeles, where, after taking in the Bryan reception tonight, they go north to attend the convention.

The Requirements Met In one of the most attractive of New York's suburbs a local ordinance has just been conspicuously posted, by the terms of which "No license shall hereafter be issued to the driver of any vehicle under 18 years of age." To judge by the appearance of their "vehicles" the hackmen have nothing to fear from a literal enforcement of this rule.—The Critic.

Easily Remedied Mrs. Newlwynd—Marguerite, the cakes this morning were simply vile. My husband complained bitterly of the Cook (Jovially)—Arrah, thin! An' phol th' divil didn't ye tell 'im ye made 'im yerself, and he'd atem them and kape his mouth shut.—Judge.

THE INVESTOR

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The sensational statements that have been sent forth from time to time as to the fabulous amounts supposed to be on deposit, and for years uncalled for, in the banks of the country, have been the means of securing legislation in some states, California among the number, for the purpose of getting sworn statements as to the exact amounts so lying dormant, and in every case has been to discredit the fairy tales that have been woven out of the reciter's limy imagination. American investments puts the matter plainly when it says as follows: Our country is quite too young to present such a record as some on the other hemisphere, where banks have been in existence for many centuries, so that it cannot be expected the dormant deposits here will attain anything like the proportions as are there found. With our banks these accounts and their amounts have been grossly exaggerated. In Maine, for instance, where there are fifty-two savings banks, only twenty-nine report deposits that have remained silent for twenty years or more. And in spite of certain conditions, which seem favorable to their accumulation, they aggregate only \$93 in number and \$7,077.04 in amount. These accounts range all the way from five cents to \$224.18, the average being \$46.07. From the amount held by each bank runs all the way from \$0.11 to \$8223.38, the latter being the Portland Savings Bank. The Maine Savings Bank, also at Portland, reports \$4,738, the highest amount reported. There is no doubt that in the coast banks should have a larger representation in these dormant accounts because of the large number of their depositors being seamen. It is very doubtful if the greater portion of the money above reported will ever be called for, the depositors having gone to sea and never been heard from. From the fact that these deposits are but .00662 per cent of the total deposits in the entire fifty-two institutions, it does not look to be a very serious matter. Some of the banks, however, are small, and to become a nuisance, as they have to be carried forward from book to book and from year to year.

In New York state several attempts have been made to secure the passage of a law requiring the publication of these dormant accounts. The last convention of 1894 conducted a hurried investigation of this question and found that there was about \$1,500,000 of such accounts, one bank in New York city reporting nearly one-half of this amount. Taking into consideration the enormous amount of savings banks deposits in this state, the above sum is not excessive and is probably a fair estimate of the total amount. California has a statute requiring the publication for four successive weeks, in some paper in the town where the bank is located, of the names of all the dormant accounts that have been dormant for ten or more years, except in cases where depositors are known to be living and where the account is less than fifty dollars. There are fifty-seven savings banks in this state, fourteen of which report 764 accounts inactive for ten years or more, aggregating the surprising amount of \$23,176.42. These dormant accounts are \$1,933.77, the latter amount standing to the credit of Jeremiah Pendergast, formerly of San Francisco, their average being \$307.82, or 0.178 of the deposits of all the banks combined. The French Savings Bank has 231 of such accounts, most of which are good-sized, the largest being \$3380.57. Here, in the seaboard banks, the factor element enters, and has the minding element to raise the number and amount of these lifeless accounts. It, however, is not fair to accept California as a standard for all the savings banks in the country, but as we have no other state giving us definite statistics, it is well to take Maine. This would give \$19,684,001.34 as the total unclaimed deposits in the whole country. It is very evident that this is entirely too high, and that it could be reduced more than one-half and still be within the limits of safety. In any event, we are bound to accept the fact that such amounts exist and have been frequently supposed, and the question therefore should be forever set at rest.

An eastern financial circular considers that one of the most remarkable phases in the present financial and industrial development of the United States is the persistent antipathy of London toward our securities. Even Henry Labouchere shows reluctance to encourage their purchase and the London Statist is so "illlogical" as to criticize his views. Quotations are given from both sources of information. Henry Labouchere says: "The question is frequently and anxiously asked by those who used to belong to the number of votaries of the Yankee market as to whether the present upward movement in this department will really prove the precursor of one of the old-fashioned booms or whether it will fizzle out again, as has been the case with so many recent attempts to raise quotations. Considering the extraordinary sickness of Yankee rails, I should not like to answer this question absolutely in the affirmative or to pin myself to the prediction of a boom during the next few weeks, but that the surrounding circumstances are making for a lasting improvement cannot be doubted."

The "illlogical" London Statist follows this up with a comment in which it says: "Were there the prospects of any real improvement in the United States we should agree with this opinion, so far as the American market is concerned, but unfortunately there are as yet no good grounds for investors in this country to increase their holdings of American securities. Trade is still extremely depressed, and, while here and there traffics show some slight improvement, the increases cannot be regarded as indicating any appreciable revival in industrial activity."

Los Angeles bank clearings for the week ended July 3d amounted to \$1,029,512, against \$971,386 for the corresponding week of 1896.

Building permits for the City of Los Angeles issued during the month of June aggregated \$285,524, as against \$191,206 for the corresponding month of 1896.

National Bank Changes The comptroller of the currency gives notice in his latest bulletin of June 28, of the following, among other changes: The National Bank of Ashtabula, Ohio; capital, \$100,000; E. B. Seymour, cashier. The City National Bank of Logansport, Ind.; capital, \$200,000; John Gray, president.

The Nazareth National Bank, Nazareth, Pa.; capital, \$50,000; Jacob H. Holt, president; Mark T. Swartz, cashier. The Corporate Existence of National Bank Extended—The Quakertown National Bank of Quakertown, Pa., until June 25, 1897.

Application to Convert to National Bank Approved—The Exchange Bank of Springfield, Mo., to the National Exchange Bank of Springfield, Mo., with a capital of \$100,000.

Application to Organize National Bank Approved—The First National Bank of Ebenburg, Pa., (capital, \$50,000) by the following persons: A. W. Buck, S. W. Davis, F. E. Baker and others.

Approved Reserve Agents—For Big Bend National Bank of Davenport, Wash., First National Bank, Chicago, For Washington

National Bank, Seattle, National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo.

In Liquidation—The Hancock National Bank of Boston and the Fourth National Bank of Columbus, Ohio.

INCORPORATIONS

Title Search Company, to make abstracts of the record titles to land in the state. Principal place of business, San Francisco. Directors: J. S. Reid, M. S. Mathew, Edward C. Harrison and S. J. Hawkins. San Francisco, and John H. Andrews, Alameda. Capital stock, \$50,000; subscribed stock, \$5,000.

Salinas Paving and Contracting Company. Principal place of business, Salinas, Monterey county. Directors: George F. Eade, Joseph Eade, Jr., Sherman T. Eade, Mattie J. Eade and Elma S. Eade, all of Salinas. Capital stock, \$25,000; subscribed stock, \$2,000.

California Nickel and Cobalt Company. Formed to mine nickel and cobalt. Principal place of business, San Francisco. Directors: Wm. H. French, Alvino; Wm. S. Bell, Oakland; Charles Bell, Lewis E. Norton and Edward L. Rhodes, San Francisco. Capital stock, \$750,000; subscribed stock, \$250,000.

First Church of Christ Scientist of Riverside. Principal place of business, Riverside. Directors: Emma S. Davis, Alice R. Richardson, D. Frank Nelson, Selma H. Kingsley and Priestly Hall, all of Riverside. No capital stock.

Reagan on Slavery Ex-Senator Reagan of Texas delivered an address Tuesday on an assemblage of former Confederate soldiers at Nashville, Tenn., in the course of which he said: "Whatever may have been said in the past in defense of the institution of slavery, and whatever may now be thought of the means by which it was abolished in this country, the spirit of the present age is against it, and I suppose no one wishes its restoration. Certainly I would not restore it if I had the power. I think it better for the black race that they are free, and I am sure it is better for the white race that there are no slaves."

This utterance, coming from one who was a member of the cabinet in the government of the Confederacy, whose cornerstone was declared by one of its highest officials to be slavery, may fairly be construed as a remarkable indorsement of the course then pursued by the national government.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Boast Gosling for July Dinners Goslings, or as the English call them, green geese, are most delicious eating during the early part of July. Never buy goslings unless they bear the guarantee tag of the poultier that they are absolutely free from fishy flavor. For a dinner of six get two goslings. Dress and prepare them as you would roast chickens. Stuff them with mashed potatoes, flavored with a little onion, sage and chopped parsley. Rub the goslings well with sweet butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Put them in a deep dripping pan and roast them until thoroughly done in a quick oven.

Make a sauce from the green sour apples which are plentiful in market in July. After the apples are stewed until they are perfectly soft, strain them through a puree sieve, sweeten them slightly and stand the sauce in the refrigerator.—New York Journal.

Made Clear to Him Tommy—Pa, what is the difference between "well" and "good"? Mr. Figg—Well, I have noticed that about the only time you can be depended on to be good is when you are not feeling well.—Indianapolis Journal.

ORPHEUM. This house was crowded to the ceiling last night, standing room all filled and people turned away. The program was up to the standard established by prior good bills and gave general satisfaction. The holdovers from last week, including Dally and Hilton, comedians; Ida Gray Scott, soprano; Nat M. Willis and Miss Loretto the tramp and the maid, and Billy Carter the banjoist and entertainer were all here. Conway and Leland, monodres, were not able to arrive here from San Francisco on time and their absence was apologized for. Russell Brothers in their Irish servant girl impersonations confirmed the good impression they made here a year ago and were much applauded. Josephine Sabel described as "the little woman with the big voice," did not belie her description. Her French song was well received but the coon song, which everybody understood, went much better, and in fact brought down the house. The turn of Johnson and Dean, who do a colored team act much in the style of the Andersons recently here, made quite a hit. They are not quite up to the cleverness of the Andersons as yet, although they do a good act and their work secured the approbation of the audience. The bill taken all together is a very good one and will pack the house all the week.

AT THE THEATERS

LOS ANGELES THEATER. The Columbia Comic Opera company scored their best hit last night in "La Mascotte," one of Audran's most tuneful compositions, familiar to every lover of comic opera. The company shone to advantage, not only in the work done by the principals, but also in the excellent support of the chorus which was attractive in appearance and sang with a volume of sound that was surprising.

The honors of the evening were divided between Ethel Balch and Fred Huntley, who acted the part with an amount of fine quality of his baritone voice, and he acted the part with an amount of spirit and fire that made the performance go with great enthusiasm. Mr. Huntley is a strong addition to the ranks of the company. The comic work of Henderson and Kunkle, the former as Prince Lorenzo and the latter as Rocco, was quite an improvement on anything they have done here before and was highly enjoyed by the audience.

The Princess Flametta of Katherine MacNeill was all that the few opportunities to the character could be expected to call forth. Harry Davies as Prince Frederic, made something out of his colorless part by the interpolation of a song in the second act which was encored.

The chorus went through some capital drill movements in the third act to the music of the march from El Capitan and received so much applause that they had to repeat their evolutions.

The house was a crowded one and highly appreciative. "La Mascotte" will be repeated tonight.

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