

# HIGH JINKS OF SUNSET MEMBERS

## STADT CLUB MEN CELEBRATE YULETIDE

W. C. Patterson and His Hemlock Chorus Make Attempt at Regular Program Out of the Question

The Sunset club was at its best—or, perhaps, Chairman Stewart, who goes armed with "Cushing's Manual" in one hand and "Common Prayer" in the other, may have thought at its worst—on Friday night last, it's Christmas Jinks, the occasion of all the others in the year when no parliamentary or other restraint is imposed upon the "Goats," who are not exceedingly lamblike at any time. The most mischievous and uproarious goats are Otheman Stevens, Leuls Vetter, G. A. Parkyns, Fred Alles, Ben Truman, Sam Clover, John J. Byrne, Bond Francisco, J. O. Koepfli, F. W. Burnett and, strange as it may seem, W. C. Patterson.

### "Goats" Unruly

It had been arranged by the committee that a band should be present to play appropriate music, as should suggest itself incidentally to the leader; that there should be one set paper ("The Puritan," by Judge Enoch Knight) and that "etc., etc., etc." should follow. But the "etc., etc., etc." set in early and kept up until the last and no decorum was permitted by the positively unruly "goats," except during the reading of Judge Knight's excellent and instructive historical paper. The austere president was not permitted to get in a word edgewise, and was many times obliged to relinquish severe and determined efforts. Brother Patterson and his stentorian Hemlockers striking up the "Hemlock Tree" every time Brother Stewart took the floor, or shouting "Stewart!" "Stewart!" so loudly as to silence the generally aggressive presiding officer. Even the flowery voiced Hollabird, whose poesy of words can wheedle the feathered songster from a hough, was drowned by Patterson's uproarious choir, or by such a cyclone of calls for Brother H. that convinced him of its insincerity. And, still more surprising, a long-continued attempt to address the club by Dr. Dowling, whom the "goats" hold in high regard, was first drowned by the voices of Stevens, Truman, Koepfli, Osborn, Ellis and other Hemlockers, under the baton of the impressario Patterson while those lovely coryphees de ballet, Koepfli, Byrne and Clover, started in with the Poston dip up and down the center of the room and wound up with the can-can from "Orpheus aux Enfers," with London music hall improvisations. And Brother Elliott, he of the smooth voice and rich southern accent, who nearly went to pieces over Dixie and fainted dead away when the whole crowd sang "Marching Through Georgia," made a desperate attempt to squelch Patterson and his Gregorian psalmists, but was completely drowned by the diapason of the Hemlock Tree, "etc., etc., etc."

### More Merriment

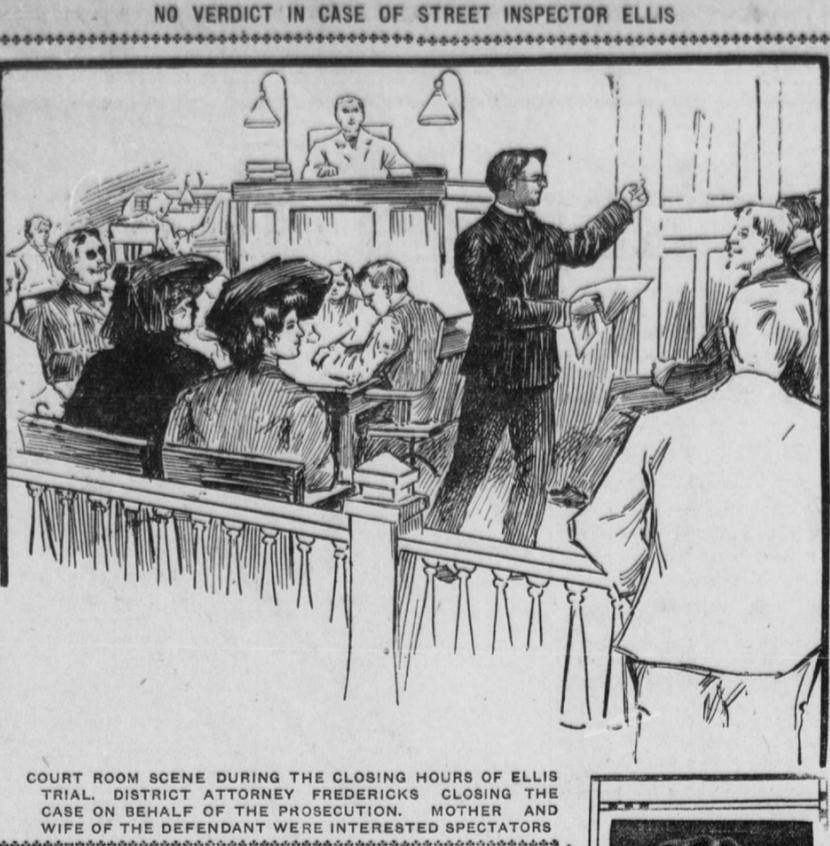
But the zenith of mirth was reached when the popping of champagne corks added music to Patterson's vocalists and it was announced that Dr. Le-moyne Willis, on account of his emergence from bachelor thralldom, had set up the wine for the crowd. Then the whole club struck up "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "So Say We All of Us," and Patterson's Hemlockers took a much-needed rest. In the meantime Parkyns sang two songs, Truman gave out a hymn, Clover danced the Highland fling, Byrne recited a classic, Koepfli executed a Chilean hornpipe, the president attempted to speak and was promptly squelched by Patterson and his trusted chorus, and another announcement went forth that Louis Vetter had thus far escaped the dangers of marriage, and this last arrangement was set to music and Patterson as usual achieved immense success with his "Hemlock Tree," which proved a veritable Christmas tree for the Sunset club.

Seriously, the affair was delightful and satisfactory throughout. It gave a chance to a representative class of well-bred business men to cut loose from too much decorum and to be boys again; and that they did so to the limit cannot be denied, although 10 o'clock saw all of them at home.



### HOSTETTER'S BITTERS

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COURT ROOM SCENE DURING THE CLOSING HOURS OF ELLIS TRIAL. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FREDERICKS CLOSING THE CASE ON BEHALF OF THE PROSECUTION. MOTHER AND WIFE OF THE DEFENDANT WERE INTERESTED SPECTATORS

## ELLIS JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE

### STANDS NINE FOR ACQUITTAL ON LAST BALLOT

After Deliberating All Evening the Twelve Men Fail to Arrive at a Verdict in Street Inspector's Case

Unable to agree after deliberating over six hours, Judge Wilbur shortly before the death knell of the old year was tolled discharged the jury before whom Edward S. Ellis, the deputy street superintendent, has been on trial charged with having accepted bribes in return for his approval of certain street work.

The action taken by the jury was considered a victory by the defense and many of the defendant's friends who lingered about the court room until midnight congratulated Ellis on the result.

It is not known definitely whether or not the case will ever go to trial again, but the indications are that it will not.

Over twenty ballots were taken in the jury room and it was not until after all possibility of arriving at a verdict had vanished that Judge Wilbur discharged the jury from further service.

On the first ballot taken the jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal, and on the last ballot taken the vote was practically reversed, nine being for acquittal and three for conviction.

From a conversation held with a juror this morning it was practically shown that a conviction was entirely out of the question.

"I would have given \$100 out of my own pocket if this case could have been tried before the late election," said the juror, and then he eulogized the former street superintendent.

Judge Wilbur in discharging the jury thanked them for their services, and the greetings of the season were exchanged by judge and jurors just as the big hand on the clock pointed to the hour of 12.

**Judge Interviews Jury**  
At 8:30 o'clock last night, after the jury had been deliberating on the evidence for nearly four hours without reaching a verdict, Judge Wilbur ordered the men brought in for the purpose of ascertaining the standing of the jurors on the question of the verdict.

The foreman of the jury announced that they stood seven to five, but refused to commit himself beyond this.

One of the jurors asked the court for additional instructions on the testimony given by Contractor Cummings, and in reply Judge Wilbur said:

"The court instructs you that the evidence of the payment of money to the defendant by persons other than Whittier is not to be considered by you as tending to prove that he received money from Whittier."

This instruction was considered material to the cause of the defendant by Ellis' attorneys, and the jury again fled into the jury room for further deliberation.

When District Attorney Fredericks opened the final address to the jury on behalf of the prosecution, the spectators who occupied every available inch of space about the court room bent forward in their eagerness to catch every word spoken by the prosecutor.

"Not only have you the life of the defendant in your hands, but you also hold within your grasp the life of this commonwealth, for the crime alleged here is the pest and the blackest offense against the civic life," said Captain Fredericks in his opening remarks to the jury.

In reply to the defense who argued that politics and animosity were the

elements back of the charge, the district attorney said:

"It is simply a theory, and theories are cheap," and he then elaborated upon some of the theories advanced by the attorneys for Ellis in defense of the charge against him.

"When they made that charge" it must have impressed you as being a very serious accusation."

**Denies Political Allegation**  
"If that is true," continued the district attorney, "and if politics was back of this charge, what scoundrel the grand jurors must be, and what do you think of your district attorney?"

"I am, here, however, to help you," announced Captain Fredericks, "and guide you in the performance of your duty as citizens of this community."

He next passed at some length over the testimony given by Contractors Whittier and Cummings, in relation to the events leading up to the alleged payment of the bribes.

He asserted that the evidence proved Verdin did not go over the streets of Los Angeles, with a hammer in hand, and test every piece of street work, as was testified during the trial of the case.

"Why is it that Ellis is so virtuous and these other men are so vile?" sarcastically inquired the prosecutor.

At this point in the proceedings a lively tilt ensued between Captain Fredericks and Attorney Luther Brown, representing Ellis.

**Attorneys Disagree**  
Attorney Brown objected to the remarks of the district attorney, which he characterized as "improper," whereupon Fredericks charged the attorney with intentionally interrupting him in the course of his argument.

Judge Wilbur demanded the attorney to state the remarks made by the district attorney which had been objected to, but this the attorney was unable to do, and the court instructed the district attorney to proceed.

Fredericks insisted that if the contention made by the defense, that Ellis was not a public official, was correct, the acceptance of the bribe could be admitted and nothing could be done.

"If your public officials can so surround themselves with legal technicalities as to defeat their official capacity, then you are in a position to be bled by your public servants," declared the district attorney.

In closing his address the district attorney called upon the jury to act fearlessly with him, in the performance of his duty.

He bitterly arraigned the defendant in connection with the crime charged, and in the course of his closing remarks the defendant's mother, who was seated inside the court railing, broke down and wept bitterly for the first time during the progress of the trial, and Ellis assisted her from the court room.

"We want honest officials and we want to make those who are to come follow in the same footsteps," asserted the speaker.

The court then instructed the jury as to questions of law and fact, and at 4:40 o'clock the jury retired for deliberation.

**Rogers in Tilt**  
When court opened yesterday Attorney Rogers continued his appeal to the jury on behalf of the defendant, during the progress of which a tilt occurred between the court and the attorney.

Gentlemen of the jury, the prosecution of this boy is by a little coterie of street contractors, one of whom has \$19,000 worth of street contracts held up for bad work and who wants a new street superintendent to pass them. It is a conspiracy and not on the level," thundered Rogers.

"What do you mean by 'not on the level,'" sternly demanded Judge Wilbur.

The attorney then continued his address, and said:

"I'll tell you what I mean, gentlemen of the jury, I mean that the grand jury for three weeks tried to find an indictment against some one in the street superintendent's office and



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couldn't, and then Frank Whittier took this young man out to a saloon and they had a drink to put up a front, and then he went before the grand jury and testified to a lie, pure and simple."

"Do you know that you are speaking to me, Mr. Rogers," demanded the court, and for a few minutes it looked as if trouble was about to brew.

"I beg your honor's pardon, but I am addressing the jury," replied Attorney Rogers, and he continued his address to the jury.

**Judge McKinley's Appeal**  
Following the address of Attorney Rogers, Judge J. W. McKinley made the principal address to the jury in behalf of the defendant.

"You have only the uncorroborated testimony of Whittier, a self-confessed briber, who shamefully admits that he has led this young man astray," declared Judge McKinley in opening his remarks to the jury.

He asserted that on the other hand Ellis had come before the court and in a straightforward manner told his version of the affair which led to his arrest.

During the course of the attorney's address, in which he touchingly appealed to the jury for an acquittal of the defendant, Ellis' mother was overcome with emotion, and she buried her face in her hands to hide the tears.

"Would you send a young man to the penitentiary on the evidence of these men—self-confessed bribers—who have testified that they bribed a boy in the street superintendent's office who had no authority whatsoever to act?" asked Judge McKinley.

The defense attached considerable importance to the testimony of the retiring street superintendent, and a number of excerpts from the testimony of Verdin were gone into at length by Judge McKinley in his argument.

### Glad to Retain Ambassador

By Associated Press.  
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The Washington announcement that Ambassador McCormick is to remain at St. Petersburg during the coming administration has been received with satisfaction here.

### Notable Cut in Furniture and Carpets

If conditions count for anything in fixing prices on commodities, the fact that the Los Angeles Furniture company has so short and indefinite time to remain in its present place of business on South Broadway, opposite the city hall, should count for many dollars to furniture, carpet and drapery buyers. The company had been notified to vacate by January 1st, but got a few days' extension, and now will make the greatest effort ever made to clear out the entire stock in these few days.

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## CORONER'S LIST BREAKS RECORD

### 518 CASES INVESTIGATED IN 1904

Twenty-Eight Murders, One Hundred and Three Suicides and Many Deaths From Railway Accidents Are Recorded

Five hundred and eighteen cases of sudden death were investigated by Coroner Trout during the year 1904. This death record is about one-third of the total death list of the county for the year.

In the record are twenty-eight murders, 103 suicides, seventy-four deaths by railway accident.

The record shows: Accidents—Fell from bridge 1, falling earth 11, burning 8, kicked by horse 1, fell from buggy 6, fall from building 11, runaway horse 4, electric shock 5, machinery 2, gun shot 7, result of injuries 1, crushed by wagon 1.

Common causes—Nephritis 10, heart disease 67, phthisis 29, senility 7, cancer of liver 1, alcoholism 9, still born 15, apoplexy 9, other causes 84. An increase of forty cases over a year 1903, or an excess of thirty cases over any previous year in the history of the local coroner's office.

There were twenty-eight cases of unidentified dead, two justifiable homicides, fifty-eight by accidents other than railway, 221 by common causes, of which fifty-seven were heart disease.

**Murders in December**  
The month of December had seventy-three cases to its credit, of which seven were murders, twelve were suicides, four by railways and seven by accidents. Following is a complete list of the deaths and their cause:

Murders—Chloroform and laudanum 1, stabbed 7, shot 18.  
Justifiable homicides—Shooting 1, monkey wrench 1.

Railway—Southern Pacific railroad 22, Pacific Electric 16, Los Angeles Railway company 13, Los Angeles Pacific 8, S. P. L. A. & S. L. S., Los Angeles Interurban 2, Santa Fe 5.

Suicides—Carbolic acid 6, under train 1, knife 11, gun shot 31, hanging 3, strychnine 12, cyanide potash 6, chloroform and laudanum 12, gas 4, rough on rats 1, chloroform 2, morphine 6, arsenic 1, drowning 4, belladonna and laudanum 1, plunged before train 1, jumped from roof of building 1.

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