

TWO LAY CLAIM TO BELL FORTUNE

MIS. GOLDNER SAYS SHE IS DECEASED'S DAUGHTER

Over Three Hundred Thousand Dollars Involved in Case Which is Being Fought Bitterly

The romantic story of a double life, a large fortune and a battle for a good name, are involved in the contest for the estate of the late Nathaniel Bell, who died intestate in Los Angeles May 22, 1899.

It is woman against woman, and the long drawn out entanglement of the estate left by the deceased is now the subject of bitter litigation before Judge Wilbur in the superior court.

Over one hundred witnesses will be examined in connection with the settlement of the estate which amounts to about \$300,000, and in connection with the charge of a double life which has been injected into the case, depositions have been taken which go back over fifty years.

The depositions cover in some particulars the history of the war between the states, and the eventual time in Mexico when France tried to enthrone a ruler there.

The contesting factions in the case represent two distinct sets of heirs.

The action was instituted by Mrs. Ella B. Goldner, who claims to be the daughter of the deceased by a former marriage, and she asks the court to allow her to enter into the distribution of the estate.

Denies Mrs. Goldner's Right

The claim of the petitioner's legitimacy is practically denied by Mrs. Susan W. Bell, who became the defendant to the action, and the widow of the deceased prays the court to deny the petition of Mrs. Goldner.

Attorney Henry C. Dillon and William M. Hatt appear in behalf of the widow of the deceased, while the interests of the claimant are being looked after by Attorneys F. E. Davis, Charles S. Wilson and Telfair Creighton.

Bell died in Los Angeles in 1899, and Mrs. Susan W. Bell, the widow of the deceased, was appointed by the late Judge Shaw as the administrator of the estate.

In all probability the estate would have been distributed long ago had not two mining commissioners filed suit which necessitated a delay in the distribution.

As the estate was about to be disposed of Mrs. Goldner appeared upon the scene and declared herself to be the legitimate daughter of the deceased by a former marriage.

Claims to Be Bell's Daughter

Mrs. Goldner asserts that she is the daughter of Librada Valencia Bell, the marriage between her father and mother having taken place at Silver City, New Mexico, in 1872.

She asserts that the deceased separated from her mother in the 80's and caused his mother to take up her residence in the republic of Mexico.

She claims to have made her home in the southern republic since the separation and at the present time she lives at Nueva Casas Grandes, in the state of Chihuahua.

Mrs. Susan W. Bell, the widow of the deceased, was married November 5, 1884, and she is said to have lived continuously with her husband until his death several years ago.

Attorney Dillon in behalf of Mrs. Bell declared that his client proposes to prove that Mrs. Goldner bears no relation whatsoever to the Bell family.

The attorney declared that he would show that the petitioner's mother frequented her various mining camps in the early 80's, and that he would show her movements from Silver City to Georgetown, thence to Globe and Tucson, Arizona, and finally her visit to El Paso, Texas, where it is said she died.

Denial by Attorney

Attorney Dillon told the court that in her life time, the petitioner's mother never claimed that Bell was her husband.

By depositions which have been taken in the case, the defense expects to prove that the petitioner's mother led a double life, and in this connection a story of murder will be injected into the proceedings.

It is alleged that one of Librada Valencia Bell's admirers shot down in cold blood a rival for her affections, and as a means of fixing certain dates and incidents in the life of the parties who are now dead, a history of this alleged deed will be brought to the attention of the court.

The taking of testimony will begin today and it is probable that the trial of the case will be in progress for several weeks.

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LOSES WATCH AND CASH IN FIRST STREET SALOON

Visitor From New York is Accorded Rough Treatment by New Found Friends

"I don't care a bit for the money they took from me," said J. W. Malloy, a visitor here from New York, as he told the detectives at police headquarters how he had lost a watch and \$3 in an East First street saloon, "but I do care for the watch. It was a present from my father, now dead, and I value it at many times its real worth."

Malloy's story is that he went into the Icecream saloon yesterday afternoon and took a few drinks—four, he says. He then went into a back room and the next thing he knew he came to find a couple of hours later minus his watch and all the money he had in his pockets.

According to those who know him Malloy came here a little less than a month ago with plenty of ready money in his possession. He made a few unlucky investments in various enterprises and the result was that he parted with about \$1000.

STATE MINERALOGIST DISCUSSES LEGISLATION

Says Bill Affecting Mining Interests Will Protect Investor and Trap the Faker

State Mineralogist Lewis E. Aubrey is in Los Angeles for a few days in connection with the work of the state mining bureau.

Mr. Aubrey says all the field work for the bulletin on structural and industrial materials has been completed in Southern California; with the exception of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Field assistants are still at work in the south, collecting statistics of mineral production for the regular annual report, showing amount and value of minerals produced in 1904. The report will not be ready until May.

Asked as to mining legislation at the present session, Mr. Aubrey stated that what he considered to be one of the most important bills affecting mining interests has passed both houses and will undoubtedly receive the governor's signature. He said, with reference to this:

"Several months ago I was asked to draw up a bill which would put a stop to fraudulent representations made by stock manipulators, 'get-rich-quick' mining schemes, etc. Upon looking over the statutes I found a bill which I thought could not be improved on, with the exception that it contained a proviso which practically nullified its effect. This bill I amended to strike out the proviso and it was presented by Senator Selva.

"This bill will do more to protect the mining investor from the numerous sharks who have infested California for many years than anything I know of, and will give the legitimate promoter a chance.

"For the past four years I have been trying to reach the mine fakers, but the only method that could be found to successfully combat them was through the postal authorities."

"UNCLE BILLY" WORKMAN HONORED BY PIONEERS

Members Present Him With a Gold Watch—in Return He Offers a Lot for Pioneer Building

City Treasurer W. H. Workman was taken completely by surprise last night at the regular monthly meeting of the members of the Pioneer society of Los Angeles, held in Caledonia hall, when he as the ex-president was presented with a handsome gold watch by President M. F. Quinn in the name of the society.

It was a testimonial of esteem and appreciation in return for the banquet tendered to the society by "Uncle Billy" January 21, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of Mr. Workman in Los Angeles. The women of the society also remembered Mr. Workman with a large bouquet.

On receiving the gifts, Mr. Workman said: "Friends, I am dumfounded by this demonstration. You overwhelm me with your kindness. I had no idea of receiving these precious remembrances. Some one must have known that I needed a new watch, for I have carried my old one for the last forty years. I thank the ladies heartily for this bouquet, and I bless all of the donors. I can't do enough for the old pioneers. You have stood by me all ways, and I have received many honors at your hands. This beautiful gift will always be to me a reminder of your friendship. The pioneers helped to make Los Angeles and blazed the way for the development of our great state and city. We started the town, and by the sacrifice of our time and money made it possible for the people to enjoy the climate and glories of the Pacific coast. I am prepared to do my part toward perpetuating the society. I am ready to present to you a fine lot on a car line on which to erect a pioneer building to be used as a permanent home for the society. Again I thank you for your kindness."

The timepiece is a hunting case watch. The center of the obverse side shows the California poppy, and on the inside of the reverse side is this inscription: "1854-1904. Los Angeles County Pioneer Society to W. H. Workman on His Fiftieth Anniversary in Los Angeles."

The society voted to purchase 250 badges to be worn on public occasions. Mrs. E. J. Towne, granddaughter of John Brown of abolition fame, gave a vocal solo. Mrs. John L. Slaughter a piano solo and Mrs. Laura King gave a reading. Secretary J. M. Guinn gave a paper on "Rain and Rainmakers."

The government, through the civil service commission, has advertised for yardmasters, enginemen and trainmen to go to Panama.

USE WAGONS TO CARRY AWAY LOOT

BAND OF THIEVES RANSACKS PLUMBING SHOP

Robbers Secure Many Valuables From a West Sixth Street Estab.

ishment—Police Have No Clue

Not content with packing away a few articles at a time and making a little easy money in that manner, a band of thieves entered the plumbing shop of T. P. Bruce, at 700 West Sixth street, and carried away goods valued at \$200. The police have no clue to the identity of the robbers.

Bruce's shop adjoins an alley in the rear, and might have been approached by those with sinister designs without the policeman on the beat being aware of their presence. It is surmised by those who suffered the loss that at least two wagons were used in the haul, as more than enough stuff was taken to fill an ordinary express wagon. It is not thought that the thieves were bold enough to make two trips after their booty, but went with a couple of wagons and made a complete job of it at one haul.

The stolen articles consist of plumbers' supplies and pipes, lead and other materials. The entire shop was looked over and the thieves chose that which was of most value.

It is the theory of the police that those implicated in the crime must be in a similar line of business to their victim, as the goods they stole could not be sold in this city in any quantity without fear of detection.

HEARST SUED FOR LARGE SUM BY NEWS AGENT

G. Y. Ridenbaugh Says Publication of Los Angeles Examiner Ruined Sales of Northern Paper

Alleging that the publication of the Los Angeles Examiner ruined his business, G. Y. Ridenbaugh filed suit in the superior court yesterday against W. R. Hearst, the publisher, for damages in the sum of \$15,000.

The complaint says that on February 1, 1897, the defendant was the owner of the business known as the "Los Angeles agency" of the San Francisco Examiner.

It appears from the complaint that on that date the defendant entered into an agreement with one Charles E. Handy, in which he granted Handy an option to purchase the business.

Ridenbaugh says that May 2, 1901, Handy, with the consent of the defendant publisher, transferred to Ridenbaugh all his right, title and interest in the business and also his option to purchase the agency.

The plaintiff asserts that he exercised the option, and in return for the privilege to peddle San Francisco Examiners he paid the sum of \$6000.

All went well with the plaintiff in his newspaper enterprise until December 12, 1903, at which time W. R. Hearst began the publication of the Los Angeles Examiner.

Ridenbaugh says the local paper utterly ruined his business and that his sales decreased from 1300 to less than 100 copies a day.

The plaintiff declares the defendant has never offered to compensate him for the loss sustained, and as he figures that his business venture was previously worth \$15,000, he asks the court to award him judgment in that amount.

A second cause of action, in which he asks judgment for the same amount contained in the complaint, and apparently with intent to "get 'em going or coming," he files a third cause of complaint, in which he asks the court to refund him the sum which he says he paid for the local agency. Attorney A. B. McCutcheon appears in behalf of the claimant.

INSURANCE MEN TALK SHOP

Conservative Life Agents Hold Business Sessions

The first business session of the annual convention of the Conservative Life company's branch office managers and field agents, held in the assembly room of the chamber of commerce, yesterday, tested the capacity of the hall.

During the afternoon the agents heard addresses by the home office officials bearing on office and field work, all emphasizing the solidity of the company and alluding with pride to the wonderful strides the institution had made in the line of new business.

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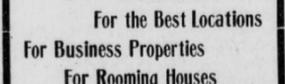


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