SOCIETY YOUTHS STEAL TROLLEY

ELECTRIC DERELICT FOUND IN HOLLYWOOD

Railroad Officials and County Constabulary Mystified by Weird Midnight Theft of Car—Search for Revelers

Has car stealing become a popular fad for the young society men of Los Angeles and Hollywood to indulge in, during leisure hours when their attendance at some other social function is not required is the question which is keeping deputy constables of Los Angeles township courts guessing.

Twice during the past month cars have been taken from sheds and paraded through the country and then abandoned on the tracks.

The latest theft occurred one week ago last Sunday and deputy constables who have been working on the case declare that the unique criminals may be in the township courts before many days have passed.

The first car was stolen about three weeks ago, but was easily traced and was found in good condition. In the case of the second car it was different, and the officers of the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad company are looking around for some one to charge with the crime.

According to the story told by the deputies, the car was taken to the car barns on Bellevue avenue the morning of the robbery about 1 o'clock. There it was thoroughly cleaned and neatly tucked away and the crew left.

Next morning the car was nowhere to be found but a search resulted in the location of the derelict in one of the suburban avenues of Hollywood.

A report was made at once to the headquarters of the road and a special crew was sent out to take charge of the lost car, but it required the services of several men to get the car in shape for running. The fuse was burned out while the interior of the car was defaced and beer and whisky bottles were strewn around promiscuously.

The deputies, after careful investigation, state they are satisfied that a party of young society boys with an eye for adventure managed to sneak the car out of the barns and hold forth in royal manner after the wilderness of the Hollywood hills had been reached.

The officials say it will go hard with the midnight revelers if they are arrested.

RAINS FLOOD DRESSING ROOM

Mob at Burbank Theater Almost Put Out of Business by Overflow

The heavy storms of last evening nearly put a stage mob of fifty out of business at the Burbank theater. All last night a large force of workmen was busy pumping out the basement under the stage in the hope of being able to offer the extra people a place to don their picturesque rags which form so important a feature of the last act of "The Judge and the Jury."

The recent rains have been forming a lake of considerable proportions around the rear of the Burbank theater building, and last evening the water found a way into the structure under the stage. This section has been utilized as a quarters for the mob, and when that aggregation gathered last evening to prepare themselves for a grand denuciation of the villain they discovered about two feet of water in their dressing rooms. The dramatic, insistent murmur which this mob uses so effectively in the popular drama was reproduced in real life.

Manager Morosco faced an angry mob in real life. Miss Blanche Hall, the leading woman, solved the situation finally by suggesting that the principals of the company share their dressing rooms with the extra people. The heroism of this can only be realized by those who know how jealously a player guards his dressing room and his property therein. The sacrifice was made by all the leading members of the company and into each of the small rooms eight or ten people made ready for the footlights.

DISCUSS PROPOSED SURVEY

Residents of the San Gabriel Valley Argue Subject Before Supervisors

Two score residents of the San Gabriel valley appeared before the county board of supervisors yesterday to discuss the proposed survey of the territory in the neighborhood of the San Gabriel river for the purpose of fixing a definite channel for the river.

The scheme is to a certain extent deemed impracticable by the ranchers. Many of them say that the river should have a channel below the Washburn bridge, but above that point the property owners differ, half of them contending that if the dam be removed from the old fork the upper section of the valley will be well watered and free from the effects of the storm overflow.

It is now a question as to whether the river can be kept in a channel if one is provided for it. A decision as to surveying the property will be made at the next meeting of the board.

SENDS EAGAN TO ASYLUM

Carpenter Who Mutters and Bursts Into Tuneless Song Declared Insane

Edward Eagan, a carpenter who had the idea that he was being followed by some enemy who wished to kill him, was committed to Patton yesterday on the order of Judge Conrey.

Eagan constantly muttered to himself and would at times burst into tuneless song, which habit was so annoying to people where he lived that an insanity complaint was made against him.

When Eagan was first arrested a week ago he seemed rational enough, but when Judge Conrey ordered that he be placed in the county jail for a week to see if he showed symptoms of insanity he broke the furniture and knocked out the windows of the room in which he was confined.

THREE INJURED BY RUNAWAY

Frightened Horse Dashes Down Fifth Street—Occupants of Vehicle Thrown Out

Mrs. N. B. Roe, 533 Towne avenue, Mrs. F. Cobb, 732 Fowler street and H. Poole of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine company, were seriously injured in a runaway accident on Fifth street, between Broadway and Main streets, yesterday morning.

Poole was driving when the horse became frightened at a car and started up Fifth street. In the middle of the block the seat broke down, and when the buggy struck the curb at Broadway, Poole and Mrs. Roe were thrown out, Poole sustaining a sprained left hip and Mrs. Roe a broken nose and severe cuts on the right hip. Mrs. Cobb was standing on the corner waiting for a car and did not see the runaway in time to avoid being knocked down. Mrs. Cobb was rendered unconscious.

All were taken to the receiving hospital where their injuries were dressed. Mrs. Cobb was later removed to her home.

SAYS EXAMINER IS LIAR AND DEVOID OF TRUTH

"DOC" HOUGHTON ATTACKS YELLOW SUPPORTER

Sixth Ward Agitator Resents Story Printed in the Sensational Sheet. Power Committee Joke Causes a Row in Council Meeting

"The Examiner is a liar and the truth is not in it."

After all that the yellow rag has done to keep "Doc" Houghton in his seat in the council and to prevent him hanging himself with too much rope, after the promises that it has made to him to support his candidacy for mayor, the auburn-haired agitator who represents the Sixth ward in the city council, turned on its faithful little follower in the city council meeting yesterday and gave it this kick.

It developed, however, that this was one of the "Doc's" little grandstand plays to make Councilman Ford show his hand on the subjcet of the power committee, a subject that acts like a hairspring on Houghton.

While the council was on the trip to the Owens river valley an agreement was reached that a power committee would be organized and that it would be recommended that Houghton be made chairman. On the return of the council to this city it was announced that the power committee was a joke and was formulated for the purpose of keeping Houghton quiet while on the trip.

At the meeting of the council held a week ago yesterday Houghton made an effort to have the committee formed and said disagreeable things because the others failed to "come through." Councilman Ford was not at that meeting, as he did not return from San Francisco until last Friday. On his return the Examiner quoted him to the effect that he did not remember anything about Houghton being made chairman of a power committee.

It was this interview to which Houghton referred when he called the Examiner a liar.

This started Houghton on the subject of the power committee, and brought Councilman Kern to his feet on a point of order. When Kern's point of order had been acknowledged and Houghton ordered to take his seat, Kern said across the table to the disturber:

"Wait until we hear a report from the committee that made the Owens river investigation and then I personally will move that the power committee be appointed."

"There's no doubt that we should have the power committee," said Councilman Ford in discussing Houghton's grandstand play, "but I don't remember anything about nominating Houghton as chairman of that committee. That power belongs to the president of the council and we can do nothing but recommend at the best. Besides, it is too early to consider it yet. We have money to purchase lands in the Owens river valley, but not one cent to build the conduit or develop the power. I think we should at least consult with the water department and find out what they want done before taking any action to develop the power."

WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY

Mrs. Walton of Moneta Admits She Horsewhipped Principal of School

Mrs. Edith Walton pleaded guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace when she was arraigned before Judge Pierce of the township court yesterday.

It was stated in the complaint made against the woman that she assaulted E. M. Hollingsworth, principal of the Moneta school, with a buggy whip and injured him seriously. The reason given by Mrs. Walton for the assault was that the principal had punished her 10-year-old boy for playing hookey by whipping him.

Evidence for the prosecution will be taken Saturday and sentence will be pronounced at that time.

STUDENTS RUSH FROM FIRE

House Occupied by Occidental Men Burned—Collegians Make Their Escape

Occidental students living in a three-room bungalow at 5107 Echo street had a narrow escape early yesterday morning when the house took fire and was destroyed.

The house has been occupied by a party of young men who attend the Presbyterian college and the fire had gained such headway before they were awakened that they rushed out of the house scantily clad. The bungalow was owned by Mrs. J. Ewart.

HARVARD GRADUATE INSANE

Man Who Stopped Trolley Traffic on Santa Monica Line Is Committed to Patton

A. A. Parsons of Plattsburg, N. Y., who attempted to tie up the traffic of the Los Angeles Pacific railway by lying down on the tracks in front of a Santa Monica car, was committed to Patton yesterday by order of Judge Conrey of the superior court.

Parsons was a graduate of the Iowa Agricultural college and of Harvard university, and before the derangement of his mind was considered a brilliant man.

SAYS LOS ANGELES MIGHT HAVE HAD MINING CONGRESS

Joseph McMillan, traffic manager of the Pacific Electric railroad, returned to Los Angeles Saturday morning from a three weeks' visit in Tucson, Ariz. Mr. McMillan states that he had a very enjoyable trip and has recovered somewhat from the attack of rheumatism which caused him to seek a much needed rest.

While in Tucson he spent most of his time in company with Epes Randolph, formerly identified with the Pacific Electric, but now president of the following railroads with headquarters at Tucson: C., Y. R. & P., G. V., G. & N., A. & C., Arizona Eastern and Maricopa & Phoenix & Salt River Valley. Most of these roads are in active operation and the remainder are in the process of construction.

The two officials visited the mining congress which was in session one week at El Paso. Mr. McMillan says that a paper read there by a California delegate showed that 54 per cent of the gold output of the United States last year was mined in this state.

He states that many of the delegates were in favor of coming to Los Angeles next year to hold their congress, but owing to the fact that this city was not represented, there was no one to vouch for the $3000 bonus which is required and that he did not have time to telegraph the proper authorities here. Phoenix was designated as the next place to convene, but on account of that not being a desirable location to some of the delegates, Tucson was finally decided upon.

Mr. McMillan says that Arizona does not look much like the desert that some people have described it to be, but that the rains, which have been the heaviest that have fallen there in ten years, have caused it to take on a coating of green.

"Bridget," "Yis, mum." "Did you boil this drinking water, as I told you?" "Yis, mum. biled it two hours. Why, ain't it done?"—Cleveland Leader.

WIDOW OF AUTO'S VICTIM WINS CASE

MRS. SHEARER GETS JUDGMENT FOR $7500

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jefferson of Pasadena Are Ordered by the Court to Pay Damages

A verdict in favor of the plaintiff, allowing her $7500 damages, was given yesterday by Judge Monroe in department six of the superior court in the suit of Mrs. Annie E. Shearer of La Manda park against T. E. Jefferson and his wife, Josie Jefferson.

The suit was a result of an automobile accident several months ago, in which Christian Shearer was run down and killed by an automobile owned and driven by Jefferson.

According to Mrs. Shearer's story she was walking with her husband on Colorado street on the afternoon of February 13, 1905, when an automobile driven by Jefferson bore down on them and without warning struck Shearer and killed him instantly.

Mrs. Shearer, the widow, asked for $25,000 damages, but was granted $7500. Jefferson is a wealthy resident of Pasadena.

AGED MAN GROWS DESPONDENT AND YIELDS TO SUICIDE IMPULSE

Walter E. Dodge, a spiritualist 84 years of age, shot and instantly killed himself yesterday morning at the home of his son, F. B. Dodge, at 334 East Fifty-fourth street shortly after 11 o'clock.

So far as can be learned the cause for the suicide was despondency over ill health and principally a rapid failure of his eyesight.

The deed was done while the other members of the family were at dinner. A shot was heard in the old man's room and those seated at the table at once rushed to his room and found him lying on his bed with a bullet wound over his heart. A. M. Mitchell, a neighbor who was also in the house at the time of the tragedy, was the first to reach the bed.

The body of the dead man was removed to the Bresee Bros.' undertaking parlors, where a post-mortem examination was held.

The dead man is said to be the oldest person to commit suicide in Los Angeles. The previous record is 74 years of age. Mr. Dodge was born in New York state and came to this city three years ago. The old man was a carpenter. The nearest blood relative is Frank B. Dodge, a motorman employed by the Los Angeles Electric Railway company.