

MAKES OATH TO FIND MURDERER

FATHER AND BROTHER OF ANNA POLTERA SWEAR VENGEANCE

CHILD BURIED, GIRL PLAYMATES ACTING AS PALLBEARERS

Sheriff's Office and Police Work Together to Secure Some Clue to Perpetrators of Fiendish Crime

Standing beside a small white coffin which contained the body of little Anna Poltera, who was mistreated, murdered and left lying near the entrance to Griffith park, where the body was found Thursday morning, the aged father of the dead girl and the half-brother clasped hands and swore yesterday to search relentlessly for the murderer or murderers and avenge the death of the child. The two men will track their small savings in an effort to track down the brute who committed the most atrocious murder in the annals of Los Angeles county.

Former schoolmates of the murdered girl gathered at the chapel of Pierce Bros. yesterday, where funeral services were held. After the ceremonies at the chapel the coffin was borne to the house by six girls, former playmates of the victim, all of whom were clothed in white. The body was taken to Rosedale, where it was buried.

While the funeral services were being held students of the Los Feliz school, which the little girl had attended, were searching the hills and arroyos near where the body was found, in hopes of finding the missing school books carried by the girl. No other thing which would lead to a new clue.

Almost every foot of the ground in that district has been closely scrutinized by deputy sheriffs, detectives, mounted men and the school children, and according to the last reports from that section nothing has been learned to further disclosures was learned.

Sheriff Hammel, who has offered a personal reward of \$250 for the capture of the murderer or murderers, has been tireless in his efforts to get the trail of the person or persons responsible for the horrible crime. Clue after clue has been run down, but with the same results—nothing which will lead to further disclosures.

Camp Reveals Nothing

A report reached the sheriff's office that a camp had been located near Arcadia, and that a Mexican was thought to be occupying it.

An investigation was made, but everything was found to be all right and nothing new was revealed.

Two suspects have been closely questioned, but in each case the men gave satisfactory explanations of their movements, and they were eliminated from the case.

Because of the time that elapsed between the commission of the crime and the disclosure of the body, the officers who are working on the case say they are considerably handicapped and at a great disadvantage, and their chances for finding the man near where the body was found is remote.

That the crime was committed by a person of the "Jack the Ripper" type is conceded by those who have investigated the case, and that a repetition of the crime is likely. The police and the sheriff warn parents to exercise the utmost watchfulness of their children, especially in suburban districts.

Detectives Rico and Talamantes, who have been scouring the hills near where the body was found, returned to Los Angeles last night without having made much headway. Talamantes stated he had a slight clue which he was following, and that developments probably will result.

The parents and half-brother of the dead girl are almost on the verge of collapse because of the murder, and while the two men—father and son—were standing beside the coffin just before the funeral services were held they vowed vengeance on the murderer.

The sheriff's department and the police are working together on the case, and are doing all possible to find the guilty person.

Although an extensive search has been made up to late last night the place where the girl was mistreated and murdered has not been established.

The murdered girl's school books and lunch basket are missing, and it is thought if these are found a new clue will be revealed that probably may lead to the identification of the murderer.

It is probable these articles will be found where the girl met her death, although it is thought the books and basket might have been thrown away when she was overpowered, and thrown away before the scene of the murder was reached.

The country where the body was found is wild and the undergrowth is heavy. It is thought some clue might have been overlooked because of the nature of the country, and the place will be searched until some clue is disclosed.

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Mutual Culture Club to Give Dramatic and Musical Shows



MISS ETHEL A. RITCHIE

—Photo by Mojanier.

THE MUTUAL Culture club announces what probably will be one of its best programs at the eleventh open meeting to be given by the society next Tuesday evening at Conaty hall.

"The Straw Man," and "A Box of Monkeys," supplemented by several vaudeville numbers and musical selections are the main features of the evening's entertainment. In the "Straw Man," which is a clever and funny comedy in two acts, Miss Leora Lecker, Miss Ethel A. Ritchie and Oscar A. Smith will take the leading parts.

Other acts include "A Box of Monkeys," the character

of which may be readily guessed by referring to the most appropriate title. This later sketch, which will be given under the direction of L. Rex Nelson, is a play of the west including those most essential details of the gold mine, the western girl, and her opposite the belle, fresh from the drawing rooms of Fifth avenue. A touching romance of the love of "Edward Ralston" for "Sierra Bengaline," a "prairie rose," and the wonderful development of the mine which makes this possible is carried to a fitting close.

Edgar E. Lampton, a comedy juggler, and James R. Brooks, violinist, complete the program. Several selections will be rendered by the club orchestra under the direction of Ralph Mason.

TO EXHIBIT MIRACLE PICTURE AT SEATTLE

SWEDISH BUILDING TO HAVE SHADOW OF CROSS

Canvass on Which Appears Luminous Effect After Lights Are Extinguished to Be Shown at Exposition

After several weeks of delicate negotiation, the directors of the Swedish building and exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition have succeeded in gaining from Dr. W. L. Wright, of Washington, the privilege of exhibiting Henry Hammond Ahl's miracle picture, "The Shadow of the Cross." The "Shadow of the Cross" is probably the most discussed work ever produced by an artist, not because the artist intended that it should be, but because of conditions over which he had no control and which, down to date, neither clergyman nor chemist has been able to account for.

The picture is of the Christ. Viewed in the full light it is a splendid but not unusual type. With the lights turned off and in utter darkness, the miracle materializes. From the clouds in the background there emanates a vivid glow that throws out the figure of the Master in silhouette. Around the head there appears a luminous halo and athwart the whole picture and behind the figure falls the shadow of the cross.

All the artist, did not discover the marvels of his work until it was nearly finished. He had begun a conception of the Christ at the earnest behest of a close friend who was a Biblical lecturer. He worked on it for awhile, but felt that he was not realizing his ideal, or that of his friend, so he gave it up.

One day while dining, the idea that he had sought to grasp but failed, came to him in a flash and arising, he hurried to his studio and took up again the work on his picture.

When it was near completion he had occasion to go one night to his studio. He entered in darkness and was astounded to encounter a strange light which, on close inspection proved to be an emanation from the picture on which he was at work.

Before him was a shadowy form of the Christ he was painting, but against a background of changing light and with a magnificent aura which he had never painted. Althwart it all was the shadow of the cross, and this, too, he had not intended.

Ah! worked not another day upon his picture. He was of a deeply religious nature and his unintentional results impressed him so strongly that he would not again put brush to canvass, but left the picture in the uncompleted state.

Later it went into the hands of Dr. Wright, also a man of deep religious feeling, and he has sent it about the country at various times for exhibition for the benefit of religious or semi-religious organizations.

No one has been able to account for the effects which the artist did not paint. Chemists have tried, by analysis, to find some luminous quality in the paint, but have found only the ordinary pigments. It has been the cause of contentions of much heat between theologians, but it is today as much a miracle unsolved as it was on the night the artist came upon it in his studio.

MAN 99 YEARS OLD TAKES BIG DOSE OF PARIS GREEN

DEARBORN, Mich., May 22.—"Uncle Billy" Gray, 99 years old and the patriarch of this section, decided yesterday that there nothing left to live for, and so drank a quantity of Paris green, from the effects of which he died late last night.

After mixing the poison in a tin dipper at his well and drinking it, the aged man calmly laid down to die. His wife discovered him, however, and called a physician, who vainly endeavored to save "Uncle Billy's" life. His widow is past 80 years of age.

HEALTH OFFICER IS TROUBLED BY DOGS

DR. BAMJEE OBJECTS TO FURNISHING FOOD

Physician Carries Heavy Stick with Which to Protect Himself from Vicious Brutes Which Attack Him

Dr. M. C. Bamjee of the city health department will ask the board of health to adopt some method, whereby vicious dogs of all sizes and breeds will be muzzled, locked up or tied so that he can enter a yard where dogs are kept without being forced to protect himself with the huge cane which he carries.

Recently while performing the duties of his office Dr. Bamjee has had a number of narrow escapes from being bitten by hostile dogs, ranging in size from the frisky terrier to the large and aggressive bulldog.

Several days ago while he was entering the premises of Mrs. Kerr, 215 North Sichel street, the physician was warned just in time around the house, a "bite" for a large and tame bulldog.

Dr. Bamjee was mounting the front steps to the house when a boy named McGovern, of 244 North Griffin street passed and yelled to the physician to "look out for the dog." Mrs. Kerr and the bulldog appeared simultaneously—Mrs. Kerr at the front door and the dog from around the house. Dr. Bamjee was greatly disturbed. The owner of the dog declared that "Bruno would not harm a child," but the physician was not at all reassured.

Dr. Bamjee says that most persons protest because their neighbors keep chickens, cows and horses. This, he says, is nonsense, and declares the dog is the only animal that should not be allowed on premises or elsewhere.

"A chicken cannot bite you," said Dr. Bamjee. "You never saw a cow that ran after a man and nipped him on the calf of his leg, and a horse won't molest you unless you stand behind him and annoy him."

Dr. Bamjee declares dogs take a vicious delight in hemming him in on a front porch and then forcing him to use his stick to keep them from tearing his trousers.

All dogs, he likens to the physician. The smallest terrier will cause him to grip his stick and shudder, while a business looking bulldog excites in him the greatest terror.

If the health department does not adopt some means whereby Dr. Bamjee will be assured of not having to flee at the approach of barking dogs it is probable the physician will have a pair of light steel leggings made for his protection.

WOMEN TOUR STREETS TO RESCUE SICK HORSES

Anti-Cruelty Society Members Begin Crusade on Inhuman Drivers in Chicago

CHICAGO, May 22.—Sick horses hobbling about the streets were rescued yesterday by three women of the Anti-Cruelty society, who toured several districts in an automobile, following the formal opening of a "haven for horses" at Beverly Hills. The chauffeur was a special officer and on the seat beside him was a regular policeman.

Mrs. R. L. Gifford, who is chairman of the committee on prosecutions, acted as lookout for the party.

"There's a blinder," or "There's a lame one," or "There's a sore back," Mrs. Gifford would cry. The automobile would come to a sudden stop and the two women would approach the driver of the horse that seemed in trouble and present a card of the Anti-Cruelty society and their credentials. They would examine the horse carefully and insist upon whatever was wrong being righted at once.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DELEGATES MEET

NINE TOWNS REPRESENTED IN CONVENTION

PROFESSOR HILL OF UNIVERSITY LECTURES

Need of Revival of Spirit in the Organization Discussed and Some Timely Suggestions Offered

SANTA MONICA, May 22.—More than 300 members of the Epworth league of southern California were in attendance at the opening session of the fifth annual convention of the organization this morning at the First Methodist church.

Delegates were present from churches at Gardena, Huntington Park, Redondo Beach, Huntington Beach, Hollywood, Gardena, Buena Vista, Westlake and Long Beach. In the temporary absence of District President Oliver O. Clark, First Vice President Rollin S. Tuttle presided. These officers will be installed at the devotional service, which was followed by selections rendered by the Ladies' Glee club of the University of Southern California. Professor Hill of the university delivered a lecture on "Called by the Fire."

"The Revival of the Epworth League Needs" was discussed by the Rev. H. H. Murdock of Ojai, who pointed out weak places in the organization, and suggested the remedy. A class of little girls from the Sunday school of Phillips chapel, A. M. E. church, sang several pleasing selections at the close of the morning program.

Official Heads Named

The following have been named to compose the district cabinet for the coming year: President, Howard E. Clark of Hollywood; vice president, Marie McMillan of Gardena; secretary, Miss Ida Hansen of Santa Monica; treasurer, Archie Butters of Euclid Heights, Los Angeles; financial secretary, Mrs. L. A. Burris of Huntington Park; intermediate league superintendent, Miss Lillie Cribble of First church of Los Angeles. These officers will be installed at the Sunday evening session, when the sermon will be preached by Hugh N. Gibson, secretary of the Southern California Sunday school association.

The delegates were received by a committee of the local chapter of the league, with Miss Ida Hansen at their head. Each delegate was registered and appointed accommodations for their use during the convention. Assisting Miss Hansen were Genevieve Elliot, Pearl Huntington, F. G. Webster, Sam G. Carlisle and Floy Hildana. Immediately after the adjournment of the morning session the delegates and their friends boarded cars for Santa Monica canyon, where a picnic franchise to do is the technical language expressed for the right to use the streets of the city for transmission lines, poles and other accessories of the street car companies, banks and other public corporations are assessed in the same manner and have been for years.

Municipal Affairs

LIGHTING COMPANY SEEKS TAX REFUND

FIND ASSAILANT NOT POLICEMAN

LEARN NAME OF MAN WHO CLUBBED BLACKSMITH

POLICE MAKE INVESTIGATION OF BATTERY CASE

Deputy Constable Alleged to Have Gone to Rooming House with Woman Whose Husband He Assaulted

As the result of an investigation ordered by Chief Dishman in the case of Harry Van Buckles, a blacksmith living at 226 Hewitt street, who was treated at the receiving hospital Friday night for numerous lacerations and contusions on the head, it is alleged the man responsible for the clubbing given to the blacksmith is W. H. Irvine, a deputy constable.

When Van Buckles appeared at the hospital Friday night he told the police surgeons he had been hit by a man in a room at 120 South Vignes street. He said he waited on the outside for the appearance of the couple, and when his wife and her companion came out of the place he accosted the man and remonstrated with him. The latter objected to this and beat Van Buckles over the head with a club.

Chief Dishman was informed the assailant of Van Buckles was thought to be a policeman and ordered the matter investigated with the view of dealing summarily with the offender if he was a member of the police department.

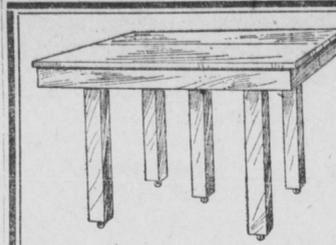
Captain Dixon made the investigation and learned that the man who assaulted Van Buckles was not connected with the police department.

Unless the injured man swears to a complaint against his alleged assailant charging the latter with battery the assailant will not be arrested.

Van Buckles refused to give the name of the man who beat him. He stated he would not have anything more to do with the woman and would let his assailant take care of her. Van Buckles said if he reported the man's name or swore to a complaint against him the officer would lose his job and be unable to support the woman.

CALIFORNIANS WIN

RENO, Nev., May 22.—Susanville, Cal., high school athletes overwhelmed all competitors in an interstate athletic meet on Mackay field today, winning 50 points. The nearest competitor was Reno with 21.



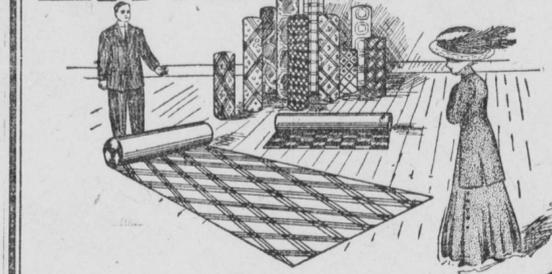
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Municipal Affairs

LIGHTING COMPANY SEEKS TAX REFUND

Council Probably Will Not Rebate Money Paid, and Suits Likely Will Be Instituted to Collect it

Following closely on the heels of the Edison Electric company, the Pacific Light and Power company yesterday filed a petition with the council asking the refund of \$27,908.13 for taxes paid under protest.

These taxes were levied on the "franchise to do" of this corporation and this corporation was treated in this matter in the same way that every other corporation is treated. The "franchise to do" is the technical language expressed for the right to use the streets of the city for transmission lines, poles and other accessories of the street car companies, banks and other public corporations are assessed in the same manner and have been for years.

The Pacific Light and Power company bases its claim for a refund of these taxes on the allegation that the assessment is illegal because it is a tax levied against the good will, earning capacity and business ability of the company and that such a tax is discrimination because individuals and co-partnerships have the same qualities and are not so assessed.

This franchise assessment has been the bane of the tax collecting system. Until two years ago the assessor levied taxes on "franchises to be" but the supreme court has held that a municipality has no right to levy such a tax and now this assessment is levied solely on the "franchise to do." Nearly all the utility companies protested against this assessment before the board of equalization and in some cases the amounts were reduced.

When they paid the taxes they did so under protest. The protested tax of the Pacific Light and Power company consists of three items, \$18,987 for "franchise to do" for 1908; \$5,092.43 for escaped assessment on same item for 1909 and \$3,828.75 on pole line.

The demands for refund are expected to be denied by the council and it is probable suits will be instituted to collect these amounts.

ORDINANCE AGAINST HOTEL RUNNERS TO BE AMENDED

The legislation committee yesterday had the petition of a number of small hotels and rooming houses on the matter of hotel runners. The petitioners asked that the ordinance forbidding the employment of runners be repealed.

As a result of the conference the committee will recommend to the council Tuesday that the ordinance be amended to permit the employment of these runners under proper restrictions. Among these restrictions it is stipulated the runners must wear a badge giving the name of the hotel they represent and forbidding any loud or boisterous language and the objectionable practice of these people of laying violent hands on a traveler's baggage and carrying him off to their places regardless of his own wishes.

ASKS DISCHARGE OF DOG POUNDKEEPER

Mrs. L. E. Giese Files with Police Commission Demand for Revocation of Thomas Vacher's Commission

Mrs. L. E. Giese, who played such a conspicuous part in having the system of dog catching changed last summer, yesterday filed with the police commission a demand that the commission of special policeman, held by Thomas Vacher, be revoked.

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Accompanying Mrs. Giese's complaint is an affidavit from Mr. Lawson that when he was appointed poundmaster he found Vacher employed at the pound as caretaker and that he did not appoint Vacher as his deputy.

Work on Garbage Matter
Although yesterday afternoon was a holiday at the city hall, W. M. Humphreys, chief inspector of public works, and John W. Sheer, assistant city attorney, passed the afternoon going over the garbage specifications. These two officials promised the specifications would be ready for the council Tuesday if they had to work all night and day to complete them.

John W. Mitchell and Al Levy of the Hotel Men's association consulted with the board of public works yesterday morning over the portion of the specifications that provide for individuals or companies caring for their own garbage. Most of the hotels sell their garbage to hog feeders, and they want to continue this privilege.

Under the new specifications they will have this right. It is provided that persons or firms wishing to handle their own garbage must notify the board of public works in writing fifteen days before bids are asked for handling garbage, so the contractors may know what will be expected of them, and with the notification file a bond to observe the city's sanitary conditions. This feature is acceptable to the hotel men.

Farm Hands Wanted

CHICAGO, May 22.—"Experienced farm hands" may secure places on the municipal pay roll by proving their competency. The civil service commission has issued a call for a "farm hand" examination for help at the Chicago parental school. The test will be held June 4. Applicants not only must qualify as to their efficiency in the care of horses and cows, but also must demonstrate their ability to cope with several hundred mischievous boys, inmates of the parental school.



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