

BERTRAM FREED; BAIRD'S FIRST ACT

Successor to Township Justice Ling Decides Charges of Soldier's Wife Groundless

TO DISPOSE OF MANY CASES

Appointee Must Work Hard to Wade Through Accumulated Business

W. S. Baird, appointed by the board of supervisors yesterday to fill the position of township justice left vacant recently by the death of R. A. Ling, took the bench yesterday afternoon, and his first official act as justice in his own courtroom was to dismiss the case pending against George E. Bertram, who was charged by his wife, Fern Bertram, with having failed to support her.

Bertram is in the United States army and was taken in custody at Goat Island, San Francisco. Justice Baird dismissed the case at the request of Assistant District Attorney Earl Newmiller, he having informed the court that the mother of the accused had paid all expenses caused by returning him to this city and that the man had given a bond as surety that he would contribute to the support of his wife.

The newly appointed justice will be kept busy, for since the death of Justice Ling many cases have been filed and now await disposition.

Justice Baird has been a resident of Los Angeles since 1899, he having come to the United States from Scotland. He is a graduate of Glasgow university of Scotland and of the law school of the University of Southern California. At the former university he attained an M. D. degree and at the latter a bachelor's degree.

His relatives reside in Glasgow, and his uncle is a prominent lawyer of that city. W. S. Baird, a cousin of the justice, is prominent in Glasgow politics, he being a former member of parliament.

Justice Baird expects to attain the name of the marrying justice, for his predecessor united many couples in the bonds of matrimony.

The new justice was married less than two months ago.

T. E. Middleton, who succeeds Mr. Baird as clerk of the court, also took up his first duties yesterday. He has had many years' experience in book-keeping and is quite familiar with legal matters.

FEDERATION CLUB TO HAVE TEMPERANCE TALK

"The Case Against Liquor" is the subject that will be handled at the Federation club luncheon in the Wright & Callender building at noon today by Dr. Aaron S. Watkins, LL. D., president of Asbury college, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Dr. Watkins arrived in Los Angeles last night and was welcomed by the prohibition city committee. He was the prohibition party's candidate for vice president in the last campaign and is on a speaking and lecturing tour in this part of the state. Dr. Watkins will deliver several addresses in Los Angeles on temperance lines.

MAN HELD TO ANSWER ON VALUELESS CHECK CHARGE

James Henry, who succeeded in cashing spurious checks aggregating over \$150, according to the police, on various merchants about the city, was bound over to the superior court by Police Judge Frederickson yesterday on a charge of forgery. He is in the county jail in default of \$1500 cash bail.

It developed in the hearing yesterday that Henry deposited a worthless check for \$40 on the All Day and Night bank on the morning of June 28 and in the afternoon drew a check for \$46 against it.

IMPROVERS TO MEET FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting of members of the North, Northeast and Northwest Improvement association will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chamber of commerce committee room at which time an election of officers will be held. The election of officers was scheduled for July 7 last, but owing to a postponement was taken until tomorrow afternoon. A full attendance of members is earnestly requested.

COURT JURY AWAITS GILLETT APPOINTMENT

The appointment of a successor to the late J. W. Taggart, associate justice of the second appellate district court of appeals, rests entirely with Governor Gillett and until he makes the appointment, no business can be transacted by the court, for it takes three judges to constitute a court, and with the present vacancy existing the court cannot sit. Many attorneys are pulling political wires in an effort to secure the appointment.

100 DAYS IS SENTENCE

Louis Ralley, colored, who used a knife on W. J. Weaver, a white ice cream vendor, after the latter is alleged to have applied epithets to him, was sentenced to serve 100 days in the county jail by Judge Willis yesterday. Ralley heretofore has borne a good reputation.

WANDERER ARRESTED

Hugh W. Brindson, 15 years old, was found wandering about the Southern Pacific railroad yards, near River station, yesterday morning, by Special Officer S. L. Henderson. He was taken to central police headquarters and later to the detention home.

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Township Justice W. S. Baird and (at the Right) F. E. Middleton, Who Is Clerk to New Magistrate



ROCK SUIT HINGES ON ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

Whether Loder Condemned Material in Remarks Occupies Attorneys' Attention

Whether A. E. Loder, chief engineer of the highway commission, said the rock furnished Frank Gillespie, contractor, who constructed a part of El Monte road, between Los Angeles and Alhambra, by the Spaulding Rock company, was up to specifications was an interesting point in the suits between the company and the contractor that are on trial in Judge Horvey's department of the superior court.

Gillespie contracted for rock from the Spaulding company, which owns a quarry at Spadra. He claims the original contract price was \$22,700, of which he paid all except \$4700. It is for the latter sum that the rock company brought suit which was answered by suit against it in Gillespie's name, he claiming that because of rock not up to specifications and the necessity of rebuilding parts of the road to the extent of 10,000 feet he was damaged to the amount of \$8325.

Gillespie detailed his troubles through a large part of the session yesterday, being followed on the witness stand by Mr. Loder, who, members of the Spaulding Rock company assert, said before the trial that the rock was up to specifications. Mr. Loder said he did not remember saying such a thing, despite the assertions on the part of attorneys for the rock company that remarks he is alleged to have made before them were taken down in shorthand.

Mr. Loder was succeeded on the stand by George H. Bixby, president of the highway commission, who, with other members of that body, were subpoenaed as witnesses. Mr. Bixby knew nothing about the affair except what he had heard, and his giving of testimony, therefore, was not of long duration.

Daniel Holliday, formerly engineer for the advisory committee, was another witness. He said he had tested the rock in question and that it was not all that was specified. After placing it in a tumbler for that purpose, he said, the rock lost 29 per cent, when it should have lost more than 25 per cent, thus arguing that the claims of Gillespie to the effect that the rock was soft are correct.

Testimony will be resumed in the case today.

LIGHT-FINGERED THIEF STEALS ACTRESS' PURSE

During the afternoon performance Monday a sneak thief entered the dressing rooms of the Olympic theater at 623 South Main street and after thoroughly ransacking the place stole a chateleine purse belonging to Miss Blossom Sidney, a soubrette. The purse did not contain anything of any value. No one was seen to enter the place and those connected with the theater are at a loss to account for the theft.

The dog is described as being rather small and colored black and tan.

MAYOR DEAF TO PROTEST OF SALOON PROPRIETORS

Alarmed at the instructions of the police commissar to Chief Galloway to close all doors between restaurants and saloons, a committee of saloon keepers called on Mayor Alexander yesterday to secure some modification of the order. The mayor told them that the order had been given by the police commission and that it was up to Chief Galloway to enforce it.

WANTS CLAIM STATED

Bridget Biggy yesterday filed suit in the superior court against Mary Beck, as administrator of the estate of John Beck; John and Angie Martin, John Doe, Mary Doe, Richard Doe and Jane Roe, asking that they be made to tell the court what claim they have to five lots in the Orange Slope tract which she possesses.

NOTED ENGINEER HERE

John Lansdale, civil engineer for the Southern Pacific company, and a party of engineers consisting of J. E. Gillingham, S. C. Whipple, S. C. Richardson and Lewis Lambert, are here from San Francisco, guests at the King Edward hotel. The corps of engineers will pass the next thirty days here measuring up some work in the local S. P. yards.

49 GIVEN LIFE DIPLOMAS BY EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Teachers Rewarded by County for Successful Experience

Mark Keppel, county superintendent of schools, has received a list of forty-nine persons who were granted life diplomas at the meeting of the state board of education in April.

The diplomas, which are granted on the recommendation of the county superintendent, are based on the successful experience of the teachers. They are good for the lifetime of the owners, and throughout the state, while the ordinary diplomas expire in six months and are of use only in the county where issued.

The following list comprises this year's successful applicants:

High school—Blanche Augusta Graham, Mary Lee Howe, Mattie Johnson, Estelle Adelaide Leach, Jean Loomis, Ella Ludwig, Mary K. Miller, Louise Moutrot, Cora Edella Nichols, Mattie M. Paine, Claire Sweetman, Estelle Shaffer.

Grammar school—Mabel Bates, Edith Elizabeth Blackmore, May Bolton, Della B. Boon, Ethel D. Brooks, Rowena G. Carson, Mary Casey, Muriella S. Chapman, Nellie Hilmelbaugh Clower, Helen Cole, Edith Daniels, Emma O'Dessa Gallher, Mabel Alice Gilbert, Julia Estelle Graham, Josephine Harnett, Laura Louise Hayes, Irene Belle Hutchinson, James H. Hunt, Ella B. Langenhagen, Mattie Laughlin, Rosetta Waters Merrick, Josephine E. Miller, Anabelle Mitchell, Esther R. Muir, William Andrew Mullins, Edith Newton, Iola Norris, W. H. Russell, Beatrice J. Servis, Blanche Scott Shea, Elizabeth Josephine Smith, Minnie A. Van Petten, Edith E. Wilson, Corinne King Wright, May Edith Wright.

Special drawing—Corinne King Wright.

Normal document—Nicolina Johnson.

GOV'T EMPLOYEES FORM CLUB TO SEEK PENSION

Branch of Civil Service Retirement Association Is Established in Los Angeles

Government employees representing various departments of the federal government located in Los Angeles held a meeting at the Hotel Hayward yesterday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a branch of the United States Civil Service Retirement association, which has its headquarters at Washington. The object of the association is to influence the passage of a bill providing for the retirement on pension of superannuated employees of the government services. Such a bill, covering all branches of United States service, was introduced in the last session of congress by Representative Goulden of New York. The bill has been endorsed by the association.

Those present at the meeting yesterday afternoon were: Leon Umstead, superintendent of the University station postoffice, who was elected temporary chairman and president of the local branch of the organization; P. E. Vastal, president of the eighth division of the Railroad Mail association, who was elected temporary secretary; J. G. Thompson, postoffice clerk; W. D. Fuller, representing the weather bureau; W. A. Hutchings, representing the immigration bureau; C. J. W. Showberger, representing the customs service, and W. H. Holden and C. L. Covering, mail carriers.

Only a temporary organization was perfected. The president was authorized to appoint a time within the near future for a second meeting, at which time a permanent association in Los Angeles is expected to be formed.

BACKUS SAVES CITY \$300 BY DOING WORK HIMSELF

Building Inspector J. J. Backus has put about \$300 into the city's pockets by doing some work himself that contractors wanted a big sum for doing. Certain alterations were necessary in the central police station and the board of public works advertised for bids. The lowest bid was \$1059. Mr. Backus looked over the contractor's estimates and said they were much too high. He asked the board for authority to do the work himself by day labor and purchase the material on requisition. The authority was granted and yesterday Mr. Backus announced the work was completed and that it had only cost \$741.62.

FREDERICKS TO FIGHT RELEASE OF HORNING

Wires Assistant to Rearrest Man if Judge Rules in Favor of the Prisoner

Assistant District Attorney John North wired District Attorney Fredericks yesterday that Fred Horning, who was released from Folsom prison on habeas corpus proceedings and who is now in the San Francisco county jail, is seeking his release for the second time through habeas corpus proceedings which will be heard in Sacramento this morning.

Assistant District Attorney McComas, on instructions from the district attorney, wired voluminous instructions to North late yesterday afternoon.

Though the district attorney's office will not talk on the possibility of Horning securing his freedom today, it is known that North had been instructed to have him rearrested if Judge Hughes should rule in Horning's favor.

Horning, who was a companion of Carl Sutherland, the murderer of Police Captain Auble, was serving time in the Folsom penitentiary after having been convicted in 1908 of attempt to murder a Japanese in Los Angeles. His attorney secured his release through habeas corpus proceedings on June 15 last, the case having been argued before Judge Hughes of Sacramento.

Judge Hughes held that the complaint against Horning, which charged assault with a deadly weapon, was defective because it did not set forth the weapon used in the alleged offense. District Attorney Fredericks requested that Horning be apprehended, and when the chase became a general one throughout the state the former convict surrendered to the San Francisco police.

District Attorney Fredericks stated that California courts' opinions have held differently than Judge Hughes' opinion in regard to like complaints.

FEDERATION OF W. C. T. U. TO HOLD PICNIC TODAY

Under the supervision of Mrs. Ada R. Hand a meeting of the Los Angeles Federation of Women's Christian Temperance unions will be held in Sycamore Grove today. The picnic will open the meeting at 11 o'clock, at which time reports from the various unions will be received. A basket luncheon will be served at noon following which the Rev. G. W. Barren will deliver an address on temperance.

Mrs. Hester T. Griffith, state president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, will introduce the white recruits, a company of small children auxiliary to the W. C. T. U.

RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION OF TOWNS

A meeting will be held in West Glendale this evening under the auspices of the Glendale and Vicinity Improvement association, at which time matters pertaining to the consolidation of Glendale, West Glendale, North Glendale and Tropic will be discussed.

The opposition to the consolidation of these four places is said to have been weakened considerably, and consolidation is now nearer achievement. When the matter was first broached many people of Glendale showed opposition, for they looked forward to being annexed by Los Angeles.

REDUCED ASSESSMENTS ARE GRANTED BY BOARD

The county board of equalization finished its work yesterday, after having acted on 516 applications for assessment reductions. A small number of assessment application were up for consideration yesterday when the board went into session, though the time for hearing these applications had expired on the night previous.

The most important applications decided on yesterday were those of the Salt Lake Railroad company and of the Bannings. The latter applicant requested a reduction in the assessment on tide lands. The board granted both reductions.

SUES RAILWAY COMPANY

Before Judge Moss of the superior court yesterday the suit of James Schneider against the Los Angeles Railway company for \$10,000 damages was heard. Schneider, who lives at 729 West Twenty-third street, says that while he was driving the wagon in which he was sitting was struck by a car of the defendant company and that he sustained severe injuries.

FATHER OF SLAIN WIFE IS VENGEFUL

Parent of Mrs. Luitweiler Pleads with Coroner's Jury That Justice Be Done

WOMAN ABUSED, THEN KILLED

Man Who Committed the Terrible Crime Refuses to Attend Inquest on Victim

Dramatically pleading with the jury that justice be done, W. C. Dillingham, father of Stella Luitweiler, who was murdered by her husband, George C. Luitweiler, last Sunday, took the witness stand at the inquest held over her body in Breese Bros' morgue yesterday afternoon and graphically told of the strife and difference between the young married couple. He told of how the husband had abused her innumerable times and how the murdered wife had always stood ready to do anything for him.

Following the inquest the coroner's jury returned a verdict of homicidal death caused by a gunshot wound inflicted by George C. Luitweiler with intent to commit murder. Robert A. Aiken was foreman of the jury. The inquest developed no new features in the tragedy which was enacted in the family house on State street Sunday morning while the wife and the sister were sitting at the breakfast table.

Detective Ben McCann, one of the arresting officers, was the next witness called after Mr. Dillingham. He related the facts concerning Luitweiler's arrest and also the condition of the house when he arrived there from police headquarters. He produced a revolver which was found in Luitweiler's possession with three loaded and three unloaded cartridges in it. This was exhibited to the jury. He testified Luitweiler confessed to him to having killed his wife, but further than that he would not speak of the matter. Detective Rico, who discovered Luitweiler lying on a bed in an upstairs room in the house after he had taken a quantity of cyanide of potassium, corroborated McCann's testimony in every detail.

SLAYER STAYS AWAY

Dr. George W. Campbell, autopsy surgeon, testified concerning the examination made upon Mrs. Luitweiler's body. He produced a bullet of the same caliber as those found in Luitweiler's possession, which he had extracted from her brain.

Luitweiler, when asked to attend the inquest, refused, stating that he had been so advised by his attorney, Paul Schenck. He is still being guarded by special guards, who watch over him day and night to prevent him from defeating the ends of justice.

Following the inquest Luitweiler was taken before Police Judge Chambers and arraigned on a charge of murder in the first degree. Owing to the absence of his attorney the case was continued until this morning at 10 o'clock, at which time he will be arraigned and a date set for his preliminary hearing.

Miss Mary Agnes Dillingham, sister of the dead woman and the only witness to the tragedy, who was shot by the in-fated husband in an attempt to kill her, is still in the California hospital as the result of her injuries. She is reported as being much improved.

Funeral services for Mrs. Luitweiler will be held in the chapel in the undertaking parlors of Breese Bros. this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Rosedale cemetery.

POLICE JUDGE CONTINUES THOMPSON'S ARRAIGNMENT

Defendant's Attorney Absent; the Case Goes Over Until Monday

Police Judge Chambers granted another continuance yesterday in the case of Fred M. Thompson, the attorney, and his wife, Etta Thompson, jointly charged with receiving stolen property.

The defendants appeared, but Earl Rogers, Thompson's attorney, was absent because of illness. Thompson, who was represented in court by Attorney Jud Rush.

The matter was continued until Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which time they are expected to be arraigned on the charge and a date set for their preliminary examination.

Thompson, when asked concerning the charge, said: "It's all a mistake, this whole thing. As soon as I have a chance to present my case to the court, I feel that my wife and I will be vindicated."

Both the defendants are at liberty under bonds.

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—Menon's Talcum Powder in the new tins, tint, 15c.

—California Honey and Almond Cream for the skin, 25c.

—I. D. L. Peroxide Cream for tan and sunburn, 25c jar.

—Violet Witch Hazel—Six ounce bottles, 25c.

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