

News of the Courts

ASKS INVESTIGATION
OF ESTATE'S CONDITION

Litigant Charges Mismanagement Has Caused Considerable Loss

Asking revocation of letters of administration in the estate of Marie Begon, and alleging misuse of property, John Lapique, central figure in many cases tried in the superior court of Los Angeles county, yesterday filed a suit in that tribunal.

Lapique's complaint contains the information that Marie Begon died November 9, 1894, intestate, leaving an estate valued at \$20,000 and consisting of realty in Los Angeles county. He declares that Mrs. Joannette L. Gehntit November 14, 1894, filed in the probate department of the superior court a petition for the admission of the will to probate, but that the will itself never was filed, though the tribunal made an order that the document should be admitted, as desired.

Accordingly, Lapique asserts, Mrs. Gehntit was made executrix of the property, receiving letters testamentary December 7, 1894. Thereafter, it is admitted, she filed her bond and duly qualified.

Now, on behalf of the husband, Antoine Begon, who is said to be alive, to all of the community property, Lapique has filed the suit. The allegation is made that Mrs. Gehntit has mismanaged the property and converted it to her own use.

It is charged that she had an accomplice in these actions in the person of Alphonse Gehntit, alias Alexandre Jay, alias Antoine Jay, alias Alphonse Jay, and also that other persons, unknown to Lapique, helped to rob the estate to the amount of \$12,500.

Another accusation is that no accounting of the management of the estate has been made to the court for twelve years, and that for fifteen years Mrs. Gehntit has personally profited by \$30 a month, or \$15,000 in all, by the money received from the rental of the property.

It is declared that because of poor business ability promissory notes and other documents which might have added \$15,000 to the estate have become worthless, attention in the matter of collection not having been made at the proper time.

Lapique now wants her suspended as administratrix and an investigation of the estate made. Judge Walter E. Smith, presiding jurist of the superior court, has signed a citation ordering Mrs. Gehntit to appear in court to show cause why she should not be removed from the management of the estate, as Lapique asks.

PLAINTIFF IN BIG SUIT
CHARGED WITH FORGERY

W. T. Rice was arraigned in Justice Williams' court yesterday morning on a charge of passing worthless paper. His preliminary hearing was held for Wednesday and he is being held in jail in default of \$2000 bail. Rice recently filed suit for \$110,000 damages against a member of the police force and the city of San Diego for alleged false imprisonment there. He was arrested by Police Detective F. C. Beaumont.

TRUNK THIEVES ARE
PLACED ON PROBATION

Men Said to Have Worked Game at Hotels

George R. Vincent and Edgar Beaverson, trunk thieves, were sentenced to two years in San Quentin prison and placed upon five years' probation, respectively, by Judge Davis of the criminal department of the superior court yesterday.

It was shown that Vincent, who is 35 years old, had been the cause of Beaverson, who is 19 years old, leaving the narrow path of rectitude and the sentences resulted from that report by the probation officers.

Their method of operation was an odd one. They frequented the sidewalks in front of hotels when baggage was being delivered and seeing their chances selected certain trunks and had them taken elsewhere by expressmen.

A sample of their work was shown where they took baggage from the Hotel Helmsman. They had it sent first to Vincent's rooms at 525 Wall street and from there to other apartments he had rented at 315 West Sixth street.

Beaverson intends to go to work as a machinist.

CONFESSION HORSE THIEF

IS TREATED LENIENTLY

Before Judge Davis of the criminal department of the superior court, several minor cases were given attention yesterday.

C. M. Hoyt, charged with stealing a horse upon which he made a deposit of \$5, taking the animal with him and failing to return it, was placed upon probation for two years. He admitted his guilt.

Robert Newberry confessed having signed a check for \$8 and asked for leniency. The matter will be heard next Saturday. He also admitted that his true name is Robert Newberry Traeger.

John S. Keith, confessed committer of a statutory offense; C. L. Lowry, guilty of burglary; Francisco de Alba, accused of grand larceny; and Joseph Roberts, charged with issuing a worthless check, will be accorded official attention next Saturday.

SALOONISTS ASK \$4675
OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

W. H. and P. E. Bowen, brothers and partners in a saloon business, yesterday filed in the superior court four suits against insurance companies for refusing to pay on policies after fire had damaged the plaintiffs' property last February.

One suit is against the National Fire Insurance company for \$1175.60, the amount for which the stock of liquor is said to have been insured.

The second action is directed against the German Fire Insurance company for \$1500 for alleged loss on the building.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Divorce suits filed in the superior court yesterday were those of Flossie Rand against Monte C. Rand, E. H. Fish against Lillian Fish, William W. Taylor against Sydney L. Taylor, and Mary E. Clegg against Uel E. Clegg.

JAIL NOISY; ELDERLY
WOMAN REQUESTS BAIL

Hearing on Probation from Five-Year Sentence Pending

That Mrs. Gertrude Driggs' life and reason are threatened by her detention in the county jail, pending the hearing on an application for probation for the crime of forging the signature of John J. Charcock, who was a Palms rancher, to a lease for ten years of 137 acres of land, was the assertion made yesterday to Judge Davis of the criminal department of the superior court by her attorneys.

After lengthy proceedings in court, including two trials and consuming many days of the city's time, Mrs. Driggs, who is 60 years old, was sentenced to serve five years in prison for her offense. Her attorneys then filed an application for probation, but it is reported on it has been made to Judge Davis.

Now it is alleged that her health is being impaired and that the constant blows of a hammer, resulting from repairs being made on the building where she is held are threatening her reason.

It is asked that she be given her freedom on bail pending the hearing of her probation application. Judge Davis took the matter under advisement.

SPANISH PREMIER
FIRM FOR REFORM

Public Schools and the Vatican's Ejection from Hand in Government is Aim

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The Vatican. Both the government and clerical parties have accepted the challenge in battle, and the situation, intensified by the intrusion of Don Jaime, the exiled pretender to the throne, may under existing conditions easily develop as acute features as those of last year.

Already the government is taking precautionary measures and prohibiting demonstrations from which disorder might result.

The clerical element, which has often before won similar battles in Spain, shows no hesitation in entering upon the conflict, and seems to have set its aim not on a minor compromise acceptable to the holy see, but on the downfall of the government and the cancellation of the entire program of reform. The withdrawal of the imperial decree permitting non-Catholic organizations to display the insignia of house worship, which furnishes the ostensible cause for the conflict and for the severance of diplomatic relations, assumes secondary importance.

Premier Canalejas has fixed his eyes upon a modernization of Spain and the complete elimination of the clerical element as a factor in the government of the kingdom, and, confident of the support of the cortes, which was elected in May on this issue, is determined to carry through the battle for the revision of the concordat of 1851, the registration and regulation of the religious orders, governmental control of public education and the recognition of absolute freedom of conscience.

SCHOOL CHILDREN PARADE Demonstrations in Madrid commenced today with one in favor of the government when children from the public schools marched in procession before the statue of Melchior, a Spanish leader of the first half of the last century and author of the anti-clerical laws of 1835.

On the other hand, a committee of Roman Catholics from the Biscayan provinces telegraphed to Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, that they were prepared to sacrifice their property and their lives for their religion.

Premier Canalejas in a statement said diplomatic relations had not yet been severed, though the Marquis de Ojeda had been recalled from Rome. The ambassador had been recalled, he said, simply because the government could not accept dictation from the Vatican.

The Roman Catholic press of Spain makes no effort to conceal its joy over the decision of Premier Canalejas to recall Marquis de Ojeda, the Spanish ambassador to the Vatican. The rupture with the Vatican and the prospective fight with clericalism will, they predict, result in the downfall of the premier.

The chartering of special trains and steamers to carry crowds of manifestants to San Sebastian, the summer capital, to make demonstrations before King Alfonso is advocated.

Premier Canalejas telegraphed the following statement to the press today, boldly taking up the challenge of Don Jaime, the Carlist pretender of a revolution:

"We don't fear the threat of a civil war, the king and Spanish democracy support us."

SPANISH AMBASSADOR
ABOUT TO LEAVE ROME

SAN SEBASTIAN, July 30.—Marquis de Ojeda, the Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, will leave Rome as soon as he hands over to the Vatican the government's response, which was forwarded to the embassy today. The ambassador will then proceed to this city to confer with Premier Canalejas.

PAINTED CIGARETTE
CAUSES WAR ON PICTURE

Woman Opposes Purchase of a Painting by Chicago

CHICAGO, July 30.—A painted cigarette may be the cause of depriving the city of Chicago of a picture of the late Frederick Freer, one of the most famous of local artists, who died several years ago.

The cigarette is shown in the portrait held between the fingers of the dead artist, a wreath of light smoke curling up over his hand. The portrait was offered by Mrs. Margaret Freer, the artist's widow, to Charles L. Hutchinson of the art institute.

The portrait, it is said, was tentatively accepted when a member of the committee, accompanied by Miss Lucy Freer, viewed it as it hung in the art institute. A sudden opposition against the picture arose, based, it is said, on the cigarette which the painted figure held.

Miss Gaston is said to have led the fight against the picture, asserting that the influence of the cigarette would be harmful to generations to come who would gaze on it if the city purchased the painting.

Municipal Affairs

WORKS BOARD MEMBER
TO TOUR ON AQUEDUCT

W. M. Humphreys to Eat for a Week at Desmond's Mess Tents

W. M. Humphreys of the board of public works will leave Tuesday for a vacation of a week or ten days. He will combine business with pleasure, for he will pass the entire time in the Owens river valley, along the line of the aqueduct. For at least a week he will sleep in the clear desert air, and eat at Desmond's mess tents. By the time he returns to Los Angeles he believes he will be in a better position to judge of the various phases of the mess contract, which has caused some friction among members of the board of public works and the members of the advisory committee.

Humphreys believes that whatever complaint may have been heard on the aqueduct on account of the mess is due to the difference between the meals served at the city's municipal cement plant at Monolith and those served at other parts of the work. At Monolith the city is the mess contractor and serves the meals to the workmen there at a loss. It is thus able to serve better than Desmond, who is serving her the same price per meal as the city, but has a right to make a reasonable profit.

Members of the board of public works say that when workmen go from the city's mess at Monolith to some of the Desmond camps they note a change and complain.

Most of the engineering work for the development of power along the line of the aqueduct has been completed, according to the first annual report of E. F. Scattergood, chief engineer of the power development, submitted to the board of public works yesterday.

There still are some engineering features to be worked out, but these concern the question of whether the power plants shall be built to accommodate the demands of the present or with a view of eventually developing the maximum.

The maximum will be 120,000 horsepower, and this, Mr. Scattergood says, will be enough to supply the demand for Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Bernardino and all the territory in this vicinity, and that it will be six or seven years before the demand will exceed this supply. This power will be developed at a maximum cost of \$60 per unit.

NORTON BELIEVES
VICTORY ASSURED

Chairman of Democratic County Central Committee Gives Twenty Reasons

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otherwise might be created in our own party from the use of this fund.

DEMOCRATS ARE UNITED 16.—Because the Democrats of northern and Southern California are absolutely united in the present fight, and are co-operating strenuously and systematically in manner that has been impossible in previous campaigns because of conflicting interests.

17.—Because the new direct primary law, unsatisfactory although it be given the Democrats several advantages they never had under the old convention system; enabled the voters to put up their own candidates, and has created political conditions heretofore unknown, which afford the state democracy an opportunity to become established on a solid and satisfactory basis, and to promulgate and enforce the fundamental principles of our party in a most effective and patriotic manner.

18.—Because the machine is afraid of popular sentiment. It does not dare to resort to its old-time tactics, and under the new direct primary law is unable to "turn the tricks" which achieved such results for it in other days; hence it is now powerless to offset the gang down by the state democracy, and by its standard-bearers, in the interest of better government.

19.—Because the Democratic councils and conference no longer are poisoned and evilly influenced by the interference, pernicious activities and pseudo-arguments of traitorous S. P. tools and lackeys. Hence the Democratic conscience can, and does, assert itself freely and earnestly, and the Democrats are guided by wisdom instead of selfish wishes, by principles instead of professional politicians, and by honest convictions instead of selfishness, ambitious bias and misconception.

20.—Because we have no important contests on until after the primaries, and will then be prepared to wage the most vigorous and effective battle in the history of the party; we will be at our best at the time when we will be during the last few weeks of the campaign—when the men who are now trotting about the state in a continuous outpour of oratory will be fatigued and ineffectual, the public weary of their noise and nonsense, and the Democrats fresh in the field with facts and figures which the Republicans are afraid to give them. The last word is as good as the last laugh, and we intend to have both.

FIRE DESTROYS STAND
FOR AVIATION WEEK

ASBURY PARK, N. J., July 30.—Fire which started last night in the dynamo room of a lumber company burned out the \$100,000 plant and consumed several hundred feet of the big grandstand in course of construction for the aviation meet to begin here August 10. The total loss is estimated at \$125,000. Before the fire was out the management of the aviation meet signed a contract for rebuilding the grandstand at once.

THREE MEN KILLED IN WRECK

SALINAS, Kas., July 30.—Three workmen were killed and several others injured when a special train caused the wreck of a work train on the Missouri Pacific, between Lindsay and Marquette, Kas., late this afternoon.

RAINFALL SLIGHT

Los Angeles and Pasadena were surprised early yesterday morning by a shower of light rain as to be scarcely noticeable. In fact, the local weather bureau gave the precipitation as a "trace," while in a small fraction of an inch in Pasadena—but it was real rain.

Clean-Up Sale
of Trimmed
Hats, Monday,
Values to \$15
at \$5

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September Styles
in Pictorial
Review Patterns on
Sale Monday. Ask
for a Free Sheet
of Designs

Final Clean-
Up Sale of Suits

Our entire stock of Spring and Summer Suits, in both Wool and Silk, has been divided into two lots and specially priced for a quick clearance Monday at the following prices:

All Suits

Originally Priced Up to \$25

Choice \$8.75
Monday

This lot of suits is offered in serge, mannish suiting, diagonal and chevrot. Also rough pongee in reseda, gray and cream. There are a few misses' suits in this lot. Note the difference in price. Values to \$25 at \$8.75.

When you consider the style, quality and workmanship of all "Ville" garments, such prices as these for suits are E-X-T-R-A-O-R-D-I-N-A-R-Y. This will be one of the most interesting bargain events of the season.

All Suits

Originally Priced \$35 and \$40

Choice \$15
Monday

These smart suits are made of colored diagonal, colored and black serge, black chevrot, mannish suiting, white viyella flannel and cloth of gold. This lot includes some large sizes.

Guaranteed Silk
Petticoats

New Line Just Received

at \$5 Each

Our showing of new silk skirts at \$5.00 is both extensive and attractive. They are made of pompadour and Persian taffeta silks in beautiful designs and colorings; also in plain and changeable taffeta silks. The models are both tailored and fancy. Especial attention is called to our accordion pleated flounce effects.

Knit
Underwear

Women's Cotton Vests—High neck, long or short sleeves; pants to match. Each.....25c

Women's Union Suits—Low neck, no sleeves; lace trimmed knee; fine grade of cotton. Each.....50c

Merode
Underwear

Service and satisfaction in knit underwear depend upon quality. Merode is of the best quality and hand finished.

MERODE VESTS—Cotton or lisle, in all the wanted styles, from.....50c Up

MERODE TIGHTS—Cotton or lisle, knee or ankle lengths, from.....50c Up

MERODE UNION SUITS—In cotton or lisle, shown in all the wanted styles, from.....\$1 Up

Linens at a Saving

Monday in our linen department, south aisle, we offer the following interesting values:

Damask Pattern
Cloths at Reduced
Prices

An odd lot of pure Irish linen damask cloths in the following sizes:

2x2 yards at.....\$2.50
2x2½ yards at.....\$3.00
2x3 yards at.....\$3.50

In good weight and choice designs.

Damask Lunch Cloths

Size 33x36; pure linen and hemstitched; extraordinary value, \$1.00.

\$2.50 Quality

Hemmed Napkins

Size 22-inch, all-linen. To close out, doz.....\$2.00

\$6.50 Quality Hemstitched Napkins, Sale Price, Doz.....\$5.00

Fine quality Irish Linen. Size 20x20 inches.

Hemstitched Damask Scarfs

Size 18x50 inches, each.....50c

In Our Bargain Basement

In this economy section Monday we will offer decided savings on wanted merchandise.

Sale of Lingerie Waists

Fortunate purchases and clean-ups of odd lots enable us to offer the following excellent bargains in waists.

LINGERIE WAISTS \$2.50 and \$2.75 Values. Choice Monday.....\$1.75

LINGERIE WAISTS \$1.25 Values. Choice Monday.....95c

Tailored Lawn and Percale Waists	Washable Coat Suits	Mercedized Lisle Hosiery
Made of good quality materials. Clean-up price.....75c	Splendid values. Monday at.....\$5	3 for \$1 quality. Monday at, pair.....25c
	Smart materials made of rep or lisle. In assorted colors.	Full fashioned or seamless; fast black.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers—Values to 75c. Good material and trimming.....50c

Muslin Skirts—Values to \$1.50. Trimmed with deep flounce of serviceable embroidery. Sale price.....95c

Ladies' Knitted Pants—Tight knee style. Each.....25c

Lisle Union Suits—Lace trimmed. Each.....39c

Ladies' Knitted Vests—Low neck and sleeveless; strong values at 10c, 15c, 25c.

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Is Our Birthday

In the past twelve months we have seen the creation of a fine business, a business that has grown beyond our expectations, and it is this that prompts us to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our many friends and customers for their hearty good will and support.

We have endeavored to create our honest business on business principles, not to misrepresent, but to give full value for money received.

The outlook for the coming year is good, very good. We are optimists. We believe in our fellows, to be of service to you; mean to.

Respectfully,

WALTER E. SMITH CO.

Anniversary Specials

BONELESS SARDINES—BILLET BRAND Imported French Sardines in Olive Oil, large can, finest fish packed; special 35c can; \$4.00 dozen.....\$4.00

COMIQUE BRAND French Sardines; ½ cans, not boned, per can 25c, 3 for.....70c

COOPER'S OLIVE OIL—This is a high grade California Olive Oil, special value. Large size bottle.....75c

ASPARAGUS PACK 1910—Hollywreath Brand, medium white. No. 2½ can, regular 25c; special 22c can, dozen.....\$2.50

SPANISH QUEEN OLIVES—Large size, fine quality; regular 25c bottle; special, per bottle.....20c

Alpine Brand Canned Milk—Three for Libby's Brand Canned Milk.....25c

SNYDER'S CATSUP, large size, per bottle.....20c

SPECIAL—2 lbs. for 45c, Smith's Hotel Blend Coffee, Special 2 lbs. for 45c. Roasted Fresh Daily

SOME STAPLES WE SELL AT RIGHT PRICES

Parson's Household Ammonia; pint bottle 20c.....30c

Domino Cut Sugar, 2-lb. package.....25c

Mrs. Stewart's Bluing, bottle.....10c

Grandma's Washing Powder, regular 25c size 20c, 3 for.....50c

Lea & Perrin's Sauce; small 25c, medium 45c, large.....80c

Lowmyer's Premium Chocolate, 1-lb. package.....35c

Whipped Cream Chocolates, per pound.....25c

Special No. 3 Cap Broom for the kitchen.....35c

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KONA BRAND Sliced Hawaiian Pineapple, No. 2½ can; special 15c can, dozen.....\$1.75

PINEAPPLE JUICE bottled in Hawaii, unfermented and without preservative; pint bottle 2 for 45c; quart bottle special.....42c

LONG'S Royal Anne Cherries in Cordial; special.....20c

WHITE or RED Wine Vinegar; Good Judgment Brand; specially good; per bottle 15c, or 2 bottles for.....25c

SHELLED PECAN NUTS, per pound.....65c

BUDDLED WALNUTS, 2 pounds for.....35c

NEW BRAZIL NUTS, per pound.....15c

CRYSTALLIZED GINGER, per pound.....30c

SOUTHWELL'S SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE, regular 25c, 1-lb. jars.....20c

BLUE SEAL BRAND OLIVE OIL, Quality right—prices right. In cans only.

16-ounce can Blue Seal Oil.....35c

21-ounce can Blue Seal Oil.....65c

½-gallon can Blue Seal Oil.....\$1.40

1-gallon can Blue Seal Oil.....\$2.65

Folger's Baking Powder; the equal of any on the market; per pound.....35c

McIlhenny's Extracts—Flavoring, 2 ounces.....25c

vanilla.....25c

lemon.....20c