

News of the Courts

LITTLE GIRL IN FEAR OF HER DEAF PARENTS

Judge Willis Warns Mute Couple Not to Punish Their Child Too Severely

Excitement without noise prevailed yesterday before Judge Wilbur, sitting in the juvenile department of the superior court, where nearly all of the deaf-mutes in the city and some out of it were in attendance at the trial of Robert and Minnie Livingstone of Eagle Rock valley, who were charged with cruelty to their children.

Had a word been spoken except by the judges, the lawyers and the interpreter—and one who could translate the hand language into English was indispensable—one might have thought that the volatile Gallic and Latin people were in a session of some kind, for hands were waved in air from every section of the courtroom and fingers gesticulated wildly.

Mr. Livingstone is a deaf-mute and Mrs. Livingstone is stone deaf. It is asserted that they punished their children altogether too severely, as they were unable to hear the little ones' cries and therefore could not understand when too much physical agony had been inflicted for some slight fault.

The children are a girl 8 years old and a boy 5 years old. Both can speak and hear as well as any children of their years. The parents are anxious that both shall be as well educated as possible, and as the girl is of school age want her to be in regular attendance.

One day last week she remained away from school and went to the home of a neighbor, saying that she was afraid to go home for fear her parents would whip her. The neighbors took the matter up with the humane officers, who caused the parents' arrest on the charge of cruelty to children.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone engaged Will D. Gould to defend them, with the result that they told their troubles to Judge Wilbur and promised to obey the court's injunction to be more lenient with their offspring and more careful in punishing them.

The mother was ordered to report once a week to the probation officers in company with the little girl until further order of the court. After that everybody left the court apparently happy and with many congratulations in the sign language.

EDITOR WANTS \$50,000 FOR BEING CALLED 'SEWER RAT'

Claims Wilmington Paper Termed Him 'Cheap Little Squirt'

"The Squealing of a Rat" is the heading of an article alleged to have been published in the Wilmington Journal, October 15, with the result that W. A. Rennie, editor and proprietor of the Venice Daily Vanguard, justice of the peace of Ballona township and acting recorder of Ocean Park, yesterday filed in the superior court a suit for damages of \$50,000 for averred libel, the action being directed against Raymond Wayman, editor and proprietor of the Wilmington publication.

According to the article, which is copied in alleged entirety in the complaint, Rennie asserted in it that an effort was being made to create the impression that the Journal was out of sympathy with the troubles of the families of the victims of the disaster to the Los Angeles Times.

If the article is quoted correctly, the Journal called Rennie a "cheap little squirt," who "stole editorials," a "lovely ass" and a "long-tailed sewer rat," besides other things which do not look well in print.

Rennie thinks that not less than \$50,000 will satisfy him for the alleged application to him of such epithets.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Divorce suits filed yesterday in the superior court were those of Elvira Rita Fuller against Leon D. Albert, of Los Angeles; Cara Christie against Ernest O. Christie, Albert H. Stebbins against Jessie A. Stebbins, Jennie Wilkins against William M. Wilkins, James H. Spicer against Laura Spicer and Walter L. Wheeler against Jane Wheeler.

BREAKING OUT ALL OVER BODY Itched Dreadfully. When Scratched It would Bleed and Become Very Sore. Could Scarcely Sleep as the Itching was Worse at Night. Dreaded Putting Hands in Water.

Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment 3 Weeks. Trouble all Disappeared.

"Some time ago I had a breaking out all over my body. It first started like what we call goose flesh and itched dreadfully. When I scratched it, it would bleed and become very sore. I tried almost everything for the itching but none gave me much relief. I could scarcely sleep as the itching was always worse at night. My hands were so sore I dreaded putting them in water and after I would wash dirty work that required the use of other soaps they were always worse. This went on for about six months. Then I used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, and in two or three weeks the trouble all disappeared. I always found that my hands were worse (with a dry scale on them) after using any cheap soap but the Cuticura Soap produced such a soothing feeling on my skin that it was a pleasure to use it. I also know what wonders the Cuticura Remedies have done for a friend of mine, so I would recommend them to any one. Mrs. Delaware Barrett, 611 King St., Wilmington, Del., Nov. 15, 1909."

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COUNCIL SIDESTEPS LAW TO SUCCOR NEEDY WIDOW

The council yesterday stepped over the law in order to do a charitable act. It awarded Mrs. George Merrill \$200 from the city's charity fund.

Mrs. Merrill's husband was killed several months ago by the caving of a gravel pit in which he was working for the city. He left a widow and several children in destitute circumstances. The city attorney held that the city was in no way to blame for the accident and that it could do nothing legally for relief. The finance committee concluded to do something despite that fact, and appropriated the \$200.

HEARING OF HOWARD GREEN IS SET FOR OCTOBER 20

Will Fight for Attorney's Freedom in Superior Court

Howard Green, charged with playing in this city, September 20, Thomas D. Skidmore, a college professor of Rio Grande, Tex., will have a preliminary examination before Police Judge Warren Williams in the University police court Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The shooting occurred at Green's house at 2637 Dalton avenue, where Skidmore went in response to a telephone call from Green's wife, whom he had known since childhood. She is believed to have been the cause of the shooting, according to the police.

Green formerly lived in Battle Creek, Mich., where he was prominent in religious and fraternal circles. He was an active member of the bar association of that city, and is said to have owned considerable property there at one time. He came to Los Angeles a year ago and opened a law office here.

It is likely that attorneys for Green will make a strong fight for his freedom at the preliminary hearing, but will wait until the case is called in the superior court. It is understood that they will attempt to prove that Green shot Skidmore under justifiable circumstances.

HEARING OF HOLLYWOOD WATER CASE RESUMED

Before Judge Clarke of Ventura, sitting in department ten of the superior court, the case of the Union Hollywood Water Company, which is fighting the city for higher rates than those established by city officials, was resumed yesterday after a lapse of several weeks. The case will be continued to-day and resumed again Friday after a vacation of a day. The concern declares that the rates for water established by the city prevent it from gaining a fair amount of profit on the money it has invested. The action has been in the courts off and on for several months.

JUDGE WILBUR OFFICIATES AT WEDDING IN CHAMBERS

Judge Curtis D. Wilbur of the superior court yesterday had the pleasure of performing the ceremony which united in marriage his cousin, Leon K. Wilbur, a young business man of Long Beach, and Miss Marie Martens of the same city. The ceremony was performed in the judge's chambers, Sam Kurtz, the clerk of his department, and the bailiff acting as witnesses. The groom is 32 years old and a native of Ohio, while the bride is 23 years old and a native of Kansas. After a brief honeymoon trip they will take up their home in Long Beach.

CLAIM DAMAGES THROUGH FIRE INJURING ORCHARDS

Carelessness in starting a fire and failure to control it are alleged in two actions for damages which were filed yesterday in the superior court against H. J. Annie and Peter Lavars, George R. Moore, who wants damages of \$2250 for 120 despoiled fruit and nut trees, asserts that he owns property in the Orange Grove tract not far from that of the defendants. He alleges that June 11 of this year they started a fire which they could not control but permitted it to encroach upon his orchard.

Julia L. French filed the other suit. She wants \$1200 for similar reasons.

HUSBAND DENIES WIFE'S CHARGE OF MISCONDUCT

Judge Houser of the superior court yesterday took under advisement the contested divorce case of Melissa A. Baxter against Bluford C. Baxter. The wife charges misconduct on the part of the husband and he denies it. The principal difference on the part of both parties to the case is the division of the property, which is valued at \$8500, and part of which is claimed by a brother of the husband.

TO PROBATE \$20,000 ESTATE

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of Ferdinand Hansen, who died in Los Angeles August 25, leaving an estate valued at \$20,850, was filed yesterday in the probate department of the superior court by his widow, Mrs. Anna Hansen.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Pasadena Foundry company—C. V. Wishart, J. M. Wishart and F. A. Hopple, directors. Capital stock, \$50,000; subscribed, \$5000. Boone Spring Distillery company—J. P. Keogh, L. W. Wilder, J. C. Stickney, W. P. Leonard, directors. Capital stock, \$10,000; subscribed, \$4. Los Angeles-Western Railway company—W. C. Wallace, A. W. Taylor, P. V. Cotto, L. Metzger and M. Conway, directors. Capital stock, \$500,000; subscribed, \$250,000. Rice Steamship Agency, Inc.—Frank Casson, G. A. Kellogg and C. F. Fues, directors. Capital stock, \$75,000; subscribed, \$30.

W. H. LLOYD, WELL KNOWN CHURCH MEMBER, DEAD

William H. Lloyd, 69 years old and a charter member of the First Methodist church, died early yesterday morning in the Methodist hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He was well known among the older members of the church. Funeral services will be held over the body this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of Overholzer & Sons. Dr. Charles Edward Locke, pastor of the First Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Municipal Affairs

RETAIN OIL INSPECTOR BLACKMAR IN POSITION

Council Resists Efforts of Supply Committee to Abolish Department of City

Efforts of the supply committee to abolish the department of oil inspection and legislate C. A. Blackmar, oil inspector, out of office, were not successful when the matter was presented to the council yesterday. The matter was referred back to the supply committee for a more satisfactory adjustment.

The committee had recommended the abolishment of the department of oil inspection and placing the duties of the oil inspector under the city engineer. A laboratory for the inspection of asphalt is maintained in the engineer's department, and the board of public works was of the opinion that with one more man all the oil inspection could be done in this one laboratory, doing away with one office force and saving the city more than \$300 a month.

But when it came to a thorough investigation before the council it developed that while the engineering department was ready to assume the inspection of the oil purchased by the city, it was not prepared to take over the inspection of oil wells, the refilling of wells, construction of pipe lines, protection from gasolene and other things the department of oil inspection does, in its police powers, besides the mere inspection of oil.

There is every indication that the department of oil inspection will not be abolished and placed under the city engineer, but that, on the other hand, the work done by the engineer along this line will be placed under the department of oil inspection.

ORDERS ARE ISSUED FOR CITY HALL ANNEX PLANS

Instructions to the building inspector to draw plans and specifications for the city hall annex were issued by the city council yesterday by a vote of six to three. Stewart, Washburn and Gregory opposed it because of several features which had not been settled.

The city attorney has ruled that the Copp building, north of the city hall, where it is proposed to build the annex, is ten inches over the city property and that the city can use the wall as a party wall to that extent. If J. J. Bueckus, building inspector, finds it convenient to use this wall he is instructed to do so, and the city engineer, chairman of the building committee, expects the city hall will be enjoined as soon as it attempts to do so.

NEW PLAN OFFERED TO SIMPLIFY CITY ACCOUNTS

Charter amendments that will provide a simpler accounting system are recommended in a report made yesterday by a special committee of experts appointed by the council. The committee is composed of city accountants and accountants in the aqueduct service.

The changes will eliminate a number of the cumbersome methods of checks and balances now in use. The report was referred to the supply, finance and auditing committees, and the billiff acting as witnesses. The changes will be in effect as soon as they are approved by the council.

ANTI PRIZE FIGHT ORDINANCE AMENDED

The anti-prize fight ordinance passed by the council a week ago was amended and repassed yesterday. The former ordinance was so worded that the police commission could grant a permit for contestants to take part in any number of bouts in one day. The amended ordinance permits only one contest for each contestant in one day.

It is stated that a referendum may be taken on this ordinance, but no petitions have yet been put into circulation. The ordinance bears the emergency clause and is effective as soon as it is published, but the courts have held that the emergency clause does not cut off the right of referendum.

COUNCIL SUSTAINS VETO OF ALVARADO BOULEVARD

The mayor's veto of the Alvarado street boulevard ordinance was sustained by the council yesterday, and the city attorney was instructed to draw a new ordinance to boulevard Alvarado street, prohibiting the construction of street cars and oil pipe lines, but permitting heavy traffic on the street.

This ordinance will be in line with the suggestions in his veto message. The mayor does not oppose the plan to keep street cars off Alvarado street, but he does object to throwing the traffic from Alvarado to some other street that would have to bear it all.

HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY CASE GOES TO COUNCIL

Declaring that a settlement of the Hollywood cemetery case was a larger contract than it cared to handle alone, the public welfare committee yesterday turned the matter back to the council for consideration by the whole body. A hearing will be held November 1 at 11 o'clock.

Petitioners want burials in the Hollywood cemetery restricted to the thirty acres that are now used for cemetery purposes and prohibited from the seventy acres that the cemetery association owns, but which has not yet been used.

MAYOR RETURNS ENGINEER ORDINANCE TO COMMITTEE

Back to the legislation committee goes the ordinance hastily passed by the council two weeks ago providing that unlicensed stationary engineers could be employed in times of necessity. The ordinance was vetoed by the mayor because the "necessity" mentioned in the ordinance was left to the discretion of the person hiring the engineers, and the mayor believed greater safeguards should be thrown about such an important position.

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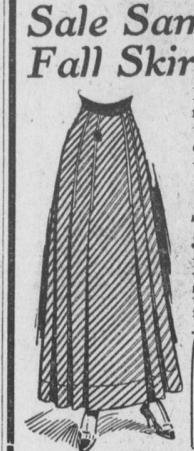
DINNER \$20 Cream of Potato Soup; Boiled Corn Beef and Cabbage, or Fried Halibut, Butter Sauce; Mashed Potatoes, Dessert and Drink—35c. Fourth floor. Lobster Salad, with Wafer, 35c. Apple Fritters, Fruit Sauce, 10c. Ice Cream and Cake, 10c.

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WILL RAISE MEAL PRICE ON AQUEDUCT NOVEMBER 1

Food Contractor Ordered to Better Service to Patrons

Price of meals on the aqueduct is to be increased from 25 to 30 cents after November 1, but at the same time D. J. Desmond, the mess contractor, is ordered by the board of public works to increase the food supply. He is to serve twice as much salt meat and twice as many eggs as he now does. While the board of public works has not taken the formal action that will increase the price of meals, the advisory committee that controls the aqueduct, of which the board is a part, has decided the increase should be made. Desmond has been ordered to secure new cooking utensils. An inspection of the mess is to be made October 31, and if it is then found that he has complied with the regulations of the board the increase will be effected.

COURT REFUSES FREEDOM TO PHYSICIAN OF FRESNO

DRUIDS' SUPREME GROVE MEETS IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—On the ground that no constitutional question had been raised in the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, the first district court of appeal refused today to release Dr. Jackson L. Martin, who is awaiting trial at Fresno on a charge of having feloniously failed to provide proper medical attendance for his wife. The court ruled that when a defendant voluntarily surrendered himself into custody in order to perfect a writ of habeas corpus no action could be taken on such writ unless a constitutional question were raised. MURDERESS OUT OF JAIL. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Edna Wilson, accused of the murder of her fiancé, Guido Vardi, was released from prison today by Police Judge Conlan, three prominent women of this city having assumed responsibility for her appearance in court. The young woman's health is declared to have been seriously impaired since her imprisonment.

TACOMA SENDS COMMITTEE TO ASK U. S. FOR RECOUNT

FORMER INDIAN CHIEF DIES

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 18.—Hugh C. Wallace, William Jones and Thomas E. Ripley were selected by the Commercial club and the chamber of commerce today to proceed at once to Washington, D. C., fortified with facts and figures intended to prove to the department of commerce and labor that Tacoma has received unjust treatment in the returns made public by the census bureau and to ask for a recount. This committee will leave for Washington tonight. GUTHRIE, Okla., Oct. 18.—Black Dean, former chief of the Osage Indians and a member of the Osage allotting commission, died at Pawhuska today. He was one of the best known Indians in Oklahoma.

VERMONT SQUARE ON CROSS-TOWN CAR LINE

Property owners living on Alvarado, Hoover and Jefferson streets have petitioned the City Council not to permit a car line to be built on their respective streets. There is sure to be a cross-town electric street railway built in the south part of the city. Vernon Avenue is the logical street for a cross-town railway and the residents of Vernon Avenue want it there. This line must be built, because it will tap all of the north and south street railway lines and furnish transportation direct to Agricultural Park and the new \$630,000.00 Manual Arts High School. We Have Choice Lots Fronting on Vernon Ave. AT BEFORE THE RAILROAD PRICES Lots \$900 Up--Easy Terms. VERMONT SQUARE is on Vernon, Normandie and Western avenues. Take Grand avenue car on Broadway marked "Dalton Avenue" and get off at Forty-fifth street, or take Grand avenue car on Broadway marked "West Forty-eighth Street" or "Normandie Avenue," and get off at Normandie or Denker avenues. SOUTHWEST LAND COMPANY. Sunset Main 1340—416 PACIFIC ELECTRIC TRIC BLDG.—F5978. C. A. Wesbecher, Tract Agent. Home 26399, Sunset West 383. Tract Branch Office, Sunset West 302.

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