

NEWS OF THE COAST.

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TROUBLE IN A FAMILY.

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WOODLAND, CAL., May 26.—C. F. Agee, who was shot last night at Dixon by John Marshall, his brother-in-law, died early this morning. Marshall is in the County Jail at Fairfield, and his wounds are of such a serious nature that they may prove fatal. Marshall had had trouble with his wife, and she had instituted divorce proceedings. He was greatly opposed to this action, and several times tried to see his wife and come to an understanding. Finally a meeting was arranged at Mr. Agee's house near Dixon.

The family all had dinner together and then commenced to discuss the matrimonial troubles of the Marshalls. Mrs. Agee, Mrs. Marshall's sister, advised Marshall to leave the country, and Agee then said to him that if he needed money to leave he would advance it. This seemed to greatly excite Marshall, who jumped to his feet and exclaimed: "No, by God, I will end it now." Without further warning he drew a pistol from his hip pocket and fired two shots in rapid succession at Agee. One of these took effect in the groin and the other missed the mark. Marshall then emptied his revolver at the woman, but none of the shots took effect.

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of fertile soil, abundantly watered and capable of rich development, has long been given over to a deplorable tenancy system. Its subdivision and thorough cultivation would be the redemption of the upper valley.

G. A. Campodonico of Guadalupe have granted the privilege of laying down water mains in the town of Guadalupe and will immediately begin work.

TO MEET AT YUBA CITY.

What the State Horticultural Society Will Do at its Next Session.

YUBA CITY, CAL., May 26.—At the meetings of the State Horticultural Society to be held here beginning May 31, the following papers will be read: "Curing and Preparing Fruit for Commerce," Ralph Hersey of Santa Clara. "Grading and Packing Fruit to Meet the Wants of the Trade," B. F. Walton of Yuba City. "Improved Methods of Marketing Deciduous Fruits," Colonel H. Weinstein of Sacramento. "The Outlook for California Almonds," A. T. Hatch of Suisun. "Fruits for Shipping, Which Pay Best, and How to Handle Them," Frank H. Buck of Vacaville. "Best Varieties of Fruit to Grow for Profit," W. P. Hammon of Biggs. "Chrysanthemum Growing," Miss Anna McConnell of Sacramento. "Amateur Floriculture," Mrs. R. C. Kells of Yuba City. "Growing Citrus Fruits in Northern California," S. S. Boynton of Oroville. General Chipman of Red Bluff, on a subject of his own selection.

Rides through the orchards will be on the programme, carriages to be in readiness at 8 A. M., starting from the Western Hotel, Marysville.

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A HOLOGRAPHIC CODICIL.

It Had Been Drawn Without the Aid of the Ex-Governor's Attorney.

DENIES THAT HE SIGNED IT.

Sensational Statement Made by a Man Named in the Document as a Witness.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., May 26.—The privacy which has been maintained regarding the will of ex-Governor John G. Downey was broken to-day, the will having been placed safely in the hands of the Probate Court at Los Angeles, and Senator Stephen M. White, the only surviving executor, being made acquainted with its contents. The utmost efforts heretofore made to secure a copy have failed, though the most important provisions were obtained here by the CALL correspondent before the will was sent to Los Angeles. At that city not even the principal portions were made public, and the will was kept secret.

To-night the following verbatim copy was given to the CALL representative: LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 15, 1877. I, John G. Downey, of the city and county of Los Angeles and State of California, being of sound and disposing mind, do make the following will and last testament:

First—I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary J. Guirado, the house and appurtenances where we now live, with all furniture, silver, carriages, horses, cows and utensils, and also the adjoining house and lot on the south, known as the Hunter place. In addition I will and bequeath to her one-half of all the balance of my property of whatever kind and nature, subject to the payment of her one-half portion of my debts, expenses of administration, etc.

To my sisters, Eleanor Martin, Annie Donahue, Winifred Martin and John Downey Harvey, I will and bequeath the other of my property in equal proportions, subject to their prorate in paying my debts and the bequests hereinafter provided for. My real estate shall not be sold until J. Downey Harvey attains the age of 40 years. To John Downey Harvey, I will and bequeath, or the death of Winifred Martin or Annie Donahue without heirs, the property hereby bequeathed to them shall revert to Eleanor Martin and her heirs.

I will and bequeath to Bishop Mora \$1000 for charitable purposes, to the Catholic University of Downy \$1000, to the charitable fund of Los Angeles \$1000, to the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Los Angeles \$500, and the Catholic Orphan Society of Los Angeles \$500. To my wife, Mary J. Guirado, my library, with the exception of any particular books my wife, M. J. Guirado, may desire to retain.

I appoint as my executors, without bonds, Winifred Martin, John Downey Harvey, James W. Bicknell and J. S. Crawford. Restrictions upon selling real estate are removed, and Edward Martin having died, Peter Donahue is substituted as executor in his place and E. F. Spence in place of J. M. Griffith.

JOHN G. DOWNEY.

Witnesses to signature: Bryant Howard, D. O. McCarthy.

The will is holographic and written in a firm, clear hand. Only one witness survives, but which one is not known here. There is nothing to show that Governor Downey was aided by an attorney in drawing the will, and this accounts for Senator White's ignorance of its existence. Everything indicates that the codicil was made in San Diego and both witnesses, Bryant Howard and D. O. McCarthy, are living here.

It is believed that after making the codicil Governor Downey handed the document to Cashier E. F. Spence of the Consolidated National Bank and that the latter indorsed it. Then, when he left for Los Angeles he turned it over to Bryant Howard, president of the bank, who forgot it entirely. D. O. McCarthy, editor of the Vidette, who is named as a witness to the codicil, said to-night that he knew nothing whatever of such a will or codicil and positively denied that he ever signed such a document. He said it could not have been possible for him to forget signing it if he had done so. Bryant Howard is in the country and cannot be seen to-night.

The estate is appraised at \$1,400,000. Winifred Martin, named in the will, is a half sister of Governor Downey and resides in Baltimore.

The attorney for Governor Downey, who spoke of the probability of a later will, said to-day that if such later will was made it would certainly be known to Judge Bicknell of Los Angeles, if to any one now living. Judge Bicknell is a brother of the Hon. J. M. Bicknell named as a witness in the will. The attorney added that the production of this old will is likely to cause the production of a later one. This has given rise to a suspicion that this old will has been purposely held back.

NEWS OF MARE ISLAND.

A Successful Trial of the Lifting Power of the New Crane.

The Olympia and Bennington Are Ready for Sea and Will Soon Sail.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 26.—The new forty-ton hoisting crane, recently arrived from St. Paul, Minn., has been set up, and at a trial on Saturday gave entire satisfaction. A four 15,000-pound obsolete Dahlgren guns, a lot of old iron rails, junk, etc., were made fast and easily hoisted and carried

to various parts of the south side of the stone drydock. The track for the crane will be extended along the water front and about various parts of the working part of the yard, so that the great machine may be used in jiffing and transporting heavy weights wherever they may be selected. The machine, track and all its appurtenances will cost about \$300,000 when completed.

The drydock at present contains the old historical flagship Hartford, now undergoing extensive repairs. For one to look at her as she now rests on the blocks she has the appearance of having just come out of a fierce sea-fight, with all her masts and spars down, the bulwarks torn away, the side lights out, looking much as though a 9-inch shot had gone crashing through the planking; in fact, she is in a dilapidated looking condition, but soon under the supervision of Naval Constructor Baxter and Quartermaster Williamson she will regain her former fine appearance. Constructor Baxter, who has recently taken charge of the construction department, though comparatively a young man, is an officer well up in his profession and is anxious to make a mark for the Mare Island yard.

Commandant Howison hopes that the old flagship Hartford will not be disturbed from her present safe and secure quarters for the next two months to come, as by that time the bottom planking will be replaced and recompleted.

The Olympia has had a number of odd jobs done to her since her arrival at the yard a couple of weeks ago. The decks have been calked where required, telescopes placed on some of the guns, a stand made for the binnacle, the electrical apparatus looked after and many similar jobs. She is ready for sea with few exceptions, and preparatory orders for her to be away about the 10th of June have been spoken of. She will probably go to Honolulu and take the admiral of the fleet on board and have her final sea trial, though she may only be sent out to have her four hours' run with a designated set of officers from the Mare Island station to give her the final test.

The gunboat Bennington is now lying alongside the coal wharf taking on coal preparatory to her leaving the island. She has by the commandant been ordered to have everything on board of her by 10 o'clock Tuesday, at which time orders are expected for her to leave for Honolulu. If so she will depart at once and arrive there in eight or nine days thereafter. The little gunboat has had her boilers placed in thorough repair. She will carry a lot of stores down to the Philadelphia and may not come back to Mare Island for a long time. Several changes of officers have been made. Lieutenant W. P. Elliott, who was formerly navigator on board of the Adams during her being San Francisco, reports for duty Monday as navigator of the Bennington. The present navigator, Lieutenant Cressap, has been detached and will go East on leave of absence. Ensign Hartung will come from Iowa, and Lieutenant H. T. Mayo from the branch hydrographic office at Port Townsend will also report on the Bennington for duty prior to her sailing. Chief Engineer Barton from the Mohican is also one of the new officers. Lieutenant G. M. Stoney will leave on the 15th of June by mail steamer for duty on the Philadelphia.

It is more than likely that Lieutenant F. W. Lefavrier, whose three years' time is up on the Monocacy, over at China, will come back to the navy-yard as aid to the commandant, vice Lieutenant Stoney.

If Lieutenant Lefavrier does not come to the navy-yard it is more than likely that he will be appointed to the office of head of the board of inspectors of vessels, with headquarters in the Appraisers' building at San Francisco.

Paymaster Kerr left Saturday for the Concord. His clerk, J. J. Cunningham, and bride will leave by the steamer of the 4th. The many friends of the latter in Vallejo will bid them bon voyage.

A board of examination is being held in the office building to fill the vacant master joiner's position, worth \$6 per day. There were fifteen applicants, though when the examination commenced on Friday, but ten presented themselves for examination. One cannot pick out the winner, though it is said the Union Iron Works people would like to see Robert Hood have the place. The outside politicians favor John Massey, the local politician, and one close to the Secretary of the Navy favors William Brownlie. The officers in the department say that Thomas H. Houseman has filled the duties in an acceptable manner since the retirement of Foreman Daly, and the general masses seem to say that William Sherwood is very competent for the position. The examination will be concluded about Wednesday. It is rumored that before long there will be another vacancy in the same department to fill.

There are three new steam cutters being built, one for the Monterey, one for the Chesapeake and the third for the Independence, which will be tried during the coming week. They are each supplied with compound engines and Towing boilers. They will make from 10 to 12 knots per hour and will be perfect in all respects.

Memorial Services at Vallejo.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 26.—The Presbyterian church here was crowded this evening to listen to a very able memorial sermon delivered before the members of Farragut Post No. 4, G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps, Farragut Camp, Sons of Veterans, and a large congregation, by Rev. T. F. Burnham, pastor of the church. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. Memorial day Rev. W. L. Gaston, pastor of the Connell Baptist church, will deliver an address at the cemetery. Other appropriate exercises will be held.

To Entertain the Eighth.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 26.—Extensive preparations are being made for the reception and entertainment of the Eighth Regiment during encampment week, commencing the 8th of June. All the business houses and many private residences will be decorated with flags and bunting.

MUST PLEAD FOR LIFE.

A Murderer Ordered to Show Cause Why He Should Not Die.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—For the first time in the history of the Court of Appeals a condemned murderer will be brought before the bar of the court to-morrow morning to show cause why he should not be sentenced to die, and if he cannot show satisfactory cause, he will probably be re-sentenced to the gallows.

The man is Dr. Robert W. Buchanan. If the court sentences him the date set for his execution is the fourth day set for his execution, he having escaped the death chair three times.

STANFORD SERVICES.

Professor Bacon Delivers the Baccalaureate Sermon.

HOW TO SEEK THE TRUTH.

Parting Advice Given the Graduates by the Berkeley Educator.

PIONEERS ATTEND IN A BODY.

The Class Trio Precedes the Discourse With a Programme of Vocal Music.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., May 26.—The baccalaureate exercises filled the chapel this morning to its utmost capacity. The decorations and music accorded with the occasion, and the entire service, in dignity and loveliness, was a fitting conclusion to that phase of college life which centers around every college chapel. The Pioneer class attended in a body, marching into the building in double column, under the leadership of President Langford.

The service opened with a vocal trio, "Memory," by Henry Leslie, sung by M. H. Kennedy, Shirley Baker and G. D. Stratton, all of the Pioneer class. President Johnston read from the eighth chapter of Job, prayer followed by Dr. Thornburn, in which an earnest plea was made for the welfare of the young men and women about to leave the instructors who had carefully directed their training through four precious, happy years. M. H. Kennedy sang Stephen Adams' "Holy City."

The baccalaureate sermon followed by Professor T. R. Bacon of the University of California. The text was from John, xxi:22—"What is that to thee?" The theme followed the idea of truth—what is it and how shall we seek it? The large audience listened to the scholarly discourse with the closest attention from beginning to end. The closing words, the direct address to the graduates, standing in a body 160 strong, were profoundly impressive.

The words of the text were addressed by Christ to his disciple, Peter, whom Professor Bacon characterized as a humble seeker after truth. Said the speaker: "He sought truth everywhere. This is likewise a characteristic of our modern age. We throw the searchlight of truth everywhere. We seek it not for an ulterior end, but for its own sake. Our mission is sacred. We will listen to no criticism, no tradition, no institution, however sacred; no belief, however grounded in human love and endeavor, can stay us in our search. If some fragment of truth is behind it we destroy it in searching therefor. We grasp truth from the moonlight, or from the stars, or from the gutter. We perceive, and will not list to those who say 'What is that to thee?'"

Let us question for a moment. Can there be any truth that is of no concern to us? Is there any place where there is no truth? Do we ever know the truth, or is all our labor and search simply an intellectual gymnastic? Is this lifelong effort worth the while? These questions concern life.

A certain school of literature has lately assumed a wide field of prominence in the eyes of the reading public—the school which deals with the basic phases of life. Do we object to it? Then say it is truth and we must see it. What is it to us?

If we see a picture of two drunken brutes maiming one another because they have nothing else to do—if this is truth then let us seek for truth. Such scenes are not done for an ulterior end; the end of this literature is in itself. It is called truth for truth's sake; art for art's sake; it is called naturalism and realism. I feel like saying, in the words of Madame Roland: O, truth, what crimes are committed in thy name.

This truth is not truth or naturalism. He who recognizes as truth all the badness which he can find by careful search he does not so much as understand what he is looking for.

Do we find truth? Canst thou by searching find out the truth? If we find even a fragment our search is repaid. But the truth of one age is not the truth for another. The scientific generalizations of one age give way to those of the next.

But things are not always what they seem. We come to the world with five senses. The man who has but four senses will see things altogether differently. For instance, the blind man—to him the universe is one thing; to us it is another. Carry the point further. Suppose we had a sixth sense. Material things would seem different from what they do now. Hence we do not know things as they are, we know them only in relation to ourselves.

Take yet another illustration, one which lies at the very basis of Spencer's philosophy. A ship is anchored at the equator with its stem toward the west. Suppose the captain walk from stem to stern at the same rate at which the ship sails westward, which direction is the captain traveling? To things around him he seems stationary. But is he? The earth moves on its axis at a certain rate, which makes the captain move eastward 1000 miles per minute. But this conclusion is not final for it is subject to the motion of the earth in its orbit, 67,000 miles per hour toward the west. But even this is not final; we must consider the motion of the solar system, and after that still another force—the universe is in motion, and this in conjunction with other universes. The whole business is in motion; but whether tending no mind of man can conjecture.

So our so-called knowledge is purely relative. Even such a little thing as motion is so complicated that when we go either or thither, we do not know absolutely whether we are going.

The speaker considered several schools of philosophy and their various theories. He illustrated the point that knowledge is relative not absolute, and that even mathematics are subject to change, since the twelfth proposition of Euclid, after twenty centuries, is called into question.

Who will say that future generations may not point out discrepancies in our mathematical knowledge? For my part I cling to the orthodox view that two and two make four, but I don't want to appear bigoted about it.

There is much nonsense in the search for truth. Often there is no truth in places where we search for it. Our knowledge of the universe is inadequate. We only know enough to realize how little we do know. Hence is truth? The dead said "it is not with me." God knows where wisdom is. God says "It is in me."

To depart from evil is wisdom. There is truth in man character. We recognize it when we see it. Virtue is truth. We know it is immortal in men. He who is honest, gentle and aspiring is the embodiment of an eternal, unchanging truth. Each truth as this is all that makes life worth living.

The intellectual life is worth living, because it helps us to build up our own and the world's

possibilities. Our intellectual life gives us larger play and latitude for that better part which dwells in every human breast. Man gets larger and larger views of the truth, sees new relations and applications of it. It is the same in the breast of primitive man as in the bosom of an archangel of God. It is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, the one absolute truth attainable to man. Some such truth is in every man. In its expansion lies his salvation. It is the one thing true, the one thing godlike, the one thing we have.

Ladies and gentlemen of the class of ninety-five. (The class arose en masse.) I come to give you word of truth. You have received here the greatest gift of man to man—a liberal education. It is a thing so splendid that you need not be ashamed to take it; so great that you cannot pay for it. It is given to you for the sake of mankind. It is given to you in trust for others, that others may receive good from you.

It is significant that you graduate as the pioneer class. You will be watched; according as you are men will judge the fruit of the parent tree. Be steadfast in your good intent. The best thing you can carry away from here is not in the classics or the sciences, but in a sincere will and true heart which will enable you to make the best use of your acquirements for the sake of man. Above all, "to yourself be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

Be true to your highest intentions, to your loftiest aspirations and to your noblest ideals. For here is where truth is, where it is attainable. My word of counsel is seek truth always; seek it wisely. Your life will be barren and fruitless if you seek where falsehood is, if you are content with that which seems to be for what is. Seek truth of all kinds, but first seek the kingdom of God, which is only truth, and all else shall be added. You have discovered that in the moral and spiritual sphere much is dark and gloomy, but there is one absolute truth—the eternal distinction between right and wrong.

Finally, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise think on these things.

EVENTS AT SAN JOSE.

A Recalcitrant Husband in Court for Failure to Support His Family.

Testimony of a Christian Scientist in His Behalf Falls to Influence the Judge.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 26.—During the trial of J. R. Winters, on a charge of failure to provide for his wife and child, at Los Gatos yesterday, Mrs. Julia Anderson Root, a Christian scientist, astonished the judge and jury by testifying that Winters was imbued by a spirit of godliness, while his wife was possessed of the devil.

The Winters family lived happily until Mrs. Root, who is a cousin of Winters, appeared in the place and opened an office, where a course of seven lessons in Christian science could be had for \$5. Winters, who had always been attached to his family, decided to help his cousin along, and was one of the first to enter the large class she now has in Christian science. A week later he deserted his family and took up his abode with Mrs. Root.

Since leaving his family Winters has, it is alleged, failed to contribute anything toward their support, and for a time Mrs. Winters was dependent upon friends. It took the jury but a short time to decide that Winters was guilty of willful neglect of his family, and Judge Beggs decided that henceforth Winters must pay his wife \$25 per month for the support of herself and child.

PALACE CAR FOR HORSES.