

MISS HARRINGTON'S MURDER A MYSTERY.

The Police Looking for a Well-Known Racing Man.

ROBBERY NOT A MOTIVE.

Was There a Buggy in Front of the House During the Murder?

SENATOR L. W. BUCK DYING.

Conflicting Statements of the Neighbors Who Wish to Avoid Publicity.

The heads of the Police Department worked assiduously yesterday in trying to unravel the mystery that surrounds the butchery of Miss Ellen Harrington, whose half-burned body was found in her apartments at 1017 Ellis street Saturday afternoon.

Two theories were abandoned yesterday and a fourth came to the surface. The last connects a well-known racing man of this city with the crime, but his name is known only to the police and they will not divulge it.

The abandoned clues are those that connected the Japanese, F. Kano, and the unknown tramp with the murder. Kano's alibi seems to be correct, and besides, he could have had no motive for the deed.

And yet the murderer had ample time to have secured all the valuables in the room, for he took time to ransack the bureau drawers and go through his victim's private correspondence.

But the strongest argument for believing that neither the Jap nor the tramp could have been the murderer is that neither can be imagined to have had a motive for the deed.

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The police have their own idea about that. It is that the watch was a gift from some one whose initials or monogram might have been engraven on it, and that the murderer took the watch to destroy the clue that might have been deducted from its markings.

And what was the motive? There even the police admit their inability to make a reasonable guess that would fit in with any of the known facts.

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Who were Miss Harrington's previous lodgers during the four years she occupied that flat? Only Captain Lees can answer the question accurately, for he has the stub-book, Mrs. Jackson says. One Hoyt, an actor, and Lillian Beddard, an actress, had the apartments for several months prior to Mrs. and Mrs. Kellogg's occupancy several months ago. They were very quiet people. Not the least suspicion attaches

to become acquainted with him; that she met him at Dubuque, Iowa, before she came to California. "I think he did some business for my sister," she said, but of the nature of the business she knew nothing.

"Sister was always very reticent about her affairs," said Mrs. Jackson. "I know that he was connected in some way with Mr. Buck's son-in-law, a man named Cary, at Lodi, but I do not know in what way. She used to tell me not to worry about any of her affairs. We had not seen her since last Thanksgiving, when she came up to Sacramento to visit us."

Now, as to whether there was a buggy seen in front of the house between 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon is a point upon which no one seems to be absolutely certain. Many neighbors have been found who say they did not see the vehicle, but none of them are willing to say that no vehicle was there.

The immediate neighbors on that side of the street were nearly all in the rear of their houses, because there it is sunny, and could not have seen the buggy had it been there. On the op-

posite side of the street Lawrence Greenbaum sat at the front window reading, but his back was to the window and a dozen vehicles might have been there without his knowledge.

On the other hand there is the servant girl of ex-Supervisor Knorr, at 1027, just a few doors above, who has said to other neighbors that she saw the vehicle in front of Miss Harrington's door at the time the murder must have occurred.

Some one told her not to talk so much, or she might be called as a witness. Then she said, "Oh, well, I didn't say what day it was, and yesterday she was off some where visiting and could not be seen. It is quite likely that not only she but all of the immediate neighbors will be summoned by the coroner."

And there is the bright little girl of Neighbor Lindo, who has told that she saw the buggy there Saturday at noon, and that her mamma also saw it. But Mrs. Lindo says this is not so, and that no one in his house knows anything at all about the case.

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What makes the question as to these previous lodgers pertinent is the theory that the murderer probably had a key to the premises. An ex-lodger who had not returned his key might possibly know something of the tragedy.

The theory of the police that the fatal blows were made with a hatchet has been modified upon closer inspection of the wounds. A medium-sized monkeywrench could have inflicted them.

A number of friends of the murdered woman called at the house yesterday, which is now in possession of Mrs. Rae and Mrs. Jackson. Among the callers was Mr. Dwyer of the Union Iron Works, who had known Miss Harrington for some time.

He said that Mr. Morris, superintendent engineer at the Union Iron Works, and his sister, were old friends of Miss Harrington, having once been lodgers of hers. It seems important to know all the dead woman's friends now, for some one of them may be able to give a clue that might lead to clearing up what seems now

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