

HANDWRITINGS IN THE DURRANT CASE.

Some Interesting Comparisons Made by an Attorney.

A TALK WITH GIBSON. He Denies That Any Writing on the Ring Package Was Done by Him.

A SENSATIONAL TELEGRAM. The Defense to Produce a Witness Who Saw Durrant Enter the Church Alone.

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It will be recalled that Attorney George W. Monteith was the first person to call the attention of the attorneys for the defense to what he asserted was a great and striking similarity between the writing on the wrapper of the package of rings and the fac-simile reproduction of the signature of Rev. J. George Gibson, attached to a statement made by him and reproduced in THE CALL of the 15th of April.

The proposition involved in the question of the handwriting on the wrapper that inclosed the rings of the ill-fated girl when her aunt received them is one of the most important in the case.

In the next place we have the two names on the wrapper, viz: Mrs. Noble, 200 - 21st St. City.

George R King, Prof. Schernstein. Then we have the following excerpt from one of the same samples:

Tuesday 2-PM Ladies Aid Society, Wednesday 7-30 PM Prayer meeting, Friday Young Peoples business meeting at Miss B Lamont's home 209. 21st Street.

Coming event - Friday March 15 - Meat Pie dinner & entertainment. 25¢

It is plain that the most important comparisons are those of letters in the address (Fig. A) with letters found in Gibson's handwriting. This is true, because it must be remembered that the rings left the dead girl's fingers after she disappeared, and were mailed and received by her aunt before her body was discovered, a fact that conclusively establishes either that the sender of the rings was the guilty party or that he received the rings under circumstances that conclusively show guilty knowledge, making the sender culpable in either case.

My father having visited all the money he could get on a business in SF and after returning came for a number of months and lived at...

It requires no expert to form a conclusion from the above showing. Take the letter 'c' in the two men's writing, for example, in Gibson's writing the pen is raised and the double curved down stroke, while Durrant's is the straight accurate downstroke of an expert penman.

starts the cross line at the down stroke and impresses the pen wholly to the right and in the direction he writes, while Durrant carefully crosses his.

REV. GIBSON'S HANDWRITING ON THE WRAPPER. REV. GIBSON'S HANDWRITING. DURRANT'S HANDWRITING.

Figure E. Many other matters could be shown, but the above is enough to illustrate the strength of Mr. Deuprey's assertion to the jury.

What do you mean by asking me such a question? That is an insult to my intelligence and to my honesty. I believe the question is justifiable after the charge and assertion made in open court this morning by Mr. Deuprey.

The attention was then called to the fac-simile of the "Mrs. Noble" address, as reproduced in these columns, and to the writing of Mr. Gibson. He at once asserted that the fac-simile was not correct, and in order to make what he thought would be a fairer comparison he produced a photographic copy of the "Mrs. Noble" address.

The question was then asked whether Mr. Gibson had written the names "George R. King" and "Professor Schernstein" on the newspaper inclosing the rings of Blanche Lamont when they were received by Mrs. Noble.

Then he was asked whether he wrote the address of Mrs. Noble on the package of rings and the same answer was made. This was the first time that Mr. Gibson had been asked these questions, though on the preliminary examination of Durrant he was asked to do and did write the names of King and Schernstein, which are now exhibits of the defense.

He was then asked if the "Mrs. Noble" address did not bear some resemblance to the writing of Mr. Gibson. To this came the following response:

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 25.—To-day a prominent citizen of the Pinkney Hotel Agency passed through this city. He had just come from San Francisco, and is familiar with the proceedings in the Durrant murder trial.

GAY'S SINGULAR DEATH. Went to a Lodging-House and Died Without a Doctor—Had Money When He Left Home.

An old man named John G. Gay, who has been living in the rear of 47 Russ street, died at the Brunswick Hotel, 118 Sixth street, last evening, under such circumstances as prompted Deputy Coroner Hallett to make an investigation.

According to Mrs. Gay's statement her husband went out yesterday morning with \$16 in money and a purse. There was only 40 cents on his person and no purse, said Mr. Hallett, when his remains were searched for indications of his identity.

Mrs. Virginia A. Brown, the colored woman who keeps the lodging-house, said Gay came to her place, apparently well enough, shortly after the noon hour, and went up two flights of stairs to room 38, occupied by a white woman calling herself Mrs. Spencer.

case is absurd and it's all humbug trying to trump up such a theory. At to-day's session of court a number of Durrant's classmates at Cooper College will be put on the stand to testify regarding the defendant's lecture and his conduct while at college.

Dr. Cheney denied that confusion is the general order in the lecture-room during rollcall, as was stated by the prosecution. "That is all a mistake," said he; "I am very careful about my rollcall, and perfect order always prevails in the room."

The story of the witness as said to be to this effect: She was passing Emmanuel Church at about 5 o'clock on the evening of April 3, when directly in front of the building she met a young man, whom she took to be a friend, and spoke to him.

The attorneys for the defense have received a stack of letters and communications of a varied nature from the General Dickinson displayed a package of them nearly a foot thick yesterday.

Mr. Deuprey charged that chisel marks in this door had been made by a chisel taken from a tool chest in the study. Dr. Gibson was asked through his secretary as to this tool chest and the following statement was made:

The study at all times was entirely open and the tool chest was in plain view and one in the church could use the tools at will, and they were so used.

A special telegram to THE CALL from San Rafael last night stated that P. Connolly, Thomas King, and other persons had been subpoenaed in the Durrant case by the defense to impeach the testimony of Witness Phillips, and that P. Mulvaney and Mr. Murphy of Tomales had been subpoenaed for the same purpose in reference to the testimony of J. Clark, the thirty friend of Quinlan.

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Big values mean big taxes, and that is the reason that Mayor Sutro and his legal advisers are digging into the question of the way to avoid saddling the burden of taxes on the Sutro library.

Yesterday he held a long conference on the point with Judge Wallace and ex-Judge McKinstry. Judge Wallace represented the Regents of the State University and ex-Judge McKinstry was there to watch over the interests of Mayor Sutro and get data to safeguard the new library.

The singular thing about Gay's death is that medical attention was not given him in time. Dr. A. Nusbaum was called in, but not until it was too late. Mrs. Brown says a telephone message was sent from Dr. George A. Root's drugstore at 4 p. m. to the Receiving Hospital, asking for an ambulance, but that the answer received was that an ambulance would be sent next morning.

They reside in their new building, 22 Clay street, opposite the ferry. The Myself-Rollins Co.

NEW TO-DAY-DRY GOODS. NEW MEN'S STOCKS! In All Departments Throughout the Store. ABSOLUTELY NEW GOODS AS NEVER BEFORE. DRESS GOODS, SILKS, TRIMMINGS, ART GOODS, Etc., Etc., NOT MARKED AT PRICES TO HOLD, BUT TO SELL AND SELL QUICKLY. IT'S THE NIMBLE SIXPENCE HERE. SELF-INTEREST LEADS YOU TO HALE'S.

See Show Windows Hale Bros. INCORPORATED 937, 939 and 941 Market Street, San Francisco. See Show Windows

HIS IDEA IS GROWING. Mayor Sutro May Give His Library a Gigantic Endowment. IS DEVELOPING THE DETAILS. Deep in the Problem of Taxes With Several of His Legal Advisers.

Mayor Sutro is engaged on a bit of work fraught with the greatest consequences to his new public library. He is trying to determine how the land endowment to the institution may be exempted from taxation.

There is more interest felt in Eastern cities, if anything, than here, and the railroad passenger departments are shaking themselves up in order to secure desired traffic.

The light for the travel toward Dallas, lies chiefly between the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe and the Texas Pacific. In the East it is already so hot and heavy that a demoralization of rates is predicted, and if that happens there will be some lively chipping out here.

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the biggest and most shining landmarks on the peninsula. RESCUED BY AN OFFICER. Four Men Almost Suffocated in a Burning Lodging-House.

The alarm from box 97 at 12:30 o'clock this morning was for a fire in the saloon at 402 McAllister street, occupied by Robert Hamilton.

CROWDS GOING TO TEXAS. Corbett-Fitzsimmons Contest May Knock Out Railway Rates. Estimated That Over 75,000 People Will Soon Be Heading for the Texas Hill.

The approaching Corbett - Fitzsimmons mill down the Texas way is stirring things up in other than sporting circles. It is going to be a tremendous event in the way of attracting travel, and already local ticket-chasers are scurrying about among likely patrons of the great event.

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TO FIGHT FOR THE PLACE. One of the Ousted Janitors Claims to Have the Law on His Side. BACKED BY FIVE JUSTICES. The Changes Made Enable the Supervisors to Distribute a Tidy Sum of Public Money.

One of the janitors dismissed last Monday by the Solid Eight of the Board of Supervisors has found a section of the code and five friends that he thinks will reinstate him in his position in spite of those who ousted him.

Yesterday one of the attaches of the Justices' Court pointed out to Strohl a section of the code by which it is provided that the five Justices of the Peace shall have the sole appointment of the position of janitor in their court.

By act of March 30, 1886, it is provided that the Justices of the Peace of the City and County of San Francisco are authorized and empowered to appoint a janitor for their courtrooms at a salary not exceeding \$75 per month, and his salary shall be allowed by the Auditor of the City and County of San Francisco and be paid in the same manner as the Justices are paid—out of the special fee fund.

Yesterday it was agreed to elect him to the position of janitor of the Justices' Court under the provision of the code quoted above. If the Solid Eight force the fight on their appointment both Taylor and Strohl will appear before Auditor Broderick at the end of the month with warrants for services rendered. That will force the issue in the courts and bring a final judgment to settle the dispute.

An effort will first be made by the Justices of the Peace on behalf of Strohl to have Taylor transferred to some other department of the municipal Government and allow Strohl to remain where he is. That point will be settled by October 1, the date set by the Supervisors for the election of one janitor, gardener and patrol-wagon drivers to take their places.

months ago and was run over, losing his right foot, was being in Judge Han's court yesterday. Games was the only witness on the plaintiff's side. He declared that the conductor three times called out for witnesses that he had been asleep in the car and that he had been carried beyond his destination.

GLOVE AND KENNEL. A New System of Voting at Olympic Club Elections - A Great Dog Race. The directors of the Olympic Club are determined to follow out the rules of the club to a letter.

There are about 100 members who have allowed their dues to the club to remain unpaid. Those delinquents who have been notified will be given one month's time to settle or show cause for their tardiness in paying up. It is expected that another clearing-out sale of bad-paying members will occur in October.

The betting on the Hawkins and Rochette fight, which will be decided this evening at Colma, is strongly in favor of Hawkins, because he is considered the cleverest man. Rochette, however, will give him a hot race to the finish.

The much-talked-of special satchel race between H. Crocker's English setter Rod Chaff and Howard Vernon's Glenbeigh will be decided at Bakersfield on Thanksgiving day. The match is for \$500 a side, and, according to the conditions of the agreement, the dogs will run two heats of two hours' duration each.

CHEAPEST PLACE. STYLISH Velvet Capes, Jackets, Silk Waists. TAILOR-MADE SUITS. FUR CAPES. ARMAND GALLEAU, 46-48 Geary Street, CORNER GRANT AVENUE.