

SHADOWS ON THE HOUSE OF SILENCE.

The Death of Young Fred Bell Expected at Any Moment.

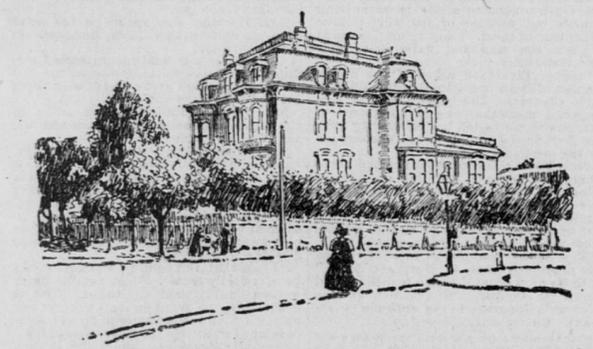
HIS MYSTERIOUS HURTS.

His Regard for a Young Lady Who Resides in the Ferry House.

A PARISIAN SCANDAL REVIVED

Private Detectives Who Believe That Bell Did Not Meet With an Accident.

Cerberus-like, a stalwart negro guards the portals of the "House of Silence." Callers at the lugubrious mansion on Bush and Octavia streets are all treated alike.



The "House of Silence" Where Banker Thomas Bell Met With a Tragic and Mysterious Death Four Years Ago. It Is in This Mansion That the Widow and "Mammy" Pleasant Live and They Refuse to Give Details of a Recent Accident Which Befell Fred Bell, Who Is Now Dying as His Father Died.

A. Kearney directs every one desiring information touching upon the fate of young Frederick Bell.

Bell's life is fast ebbing if it has not already passed away after an accident or worse which occurred more than a week ago.

Thomas Bell, the young man's father, died as a result of an occurrence similar to the present one.

The latest tragedy occurred at the house 1107 Bush street, kept by Mrs. Clinton D. Ferry, a lady whose prominence as the wife of "The Duke of Tacoma" once brought her into contact with the newspaper world.

It was then that the suspicion of foul play was rife, to be revived at this late day, when the wealthy man's son is lying on his deathbed under circumstances so similar that they are positively startling.

The scandal was first published in the newspapers of the world over when "The Duke of Tacoma" became so jealous that he called upon the gendarmes to enforce the laws of the country and arrest Mrs. Ferry.

But that is all ancient history. Mrs. Ferry, the divorcee, is now a boarding-house keeper at 1107 Bush street, a piece of property belonging to the Bell estate.

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mother of the young man Fred Bell, remains closely confined in her mansion at Octavia and Bush streets. There, protected by Mammy Pleasant, who became so prominent as Sarah Adhes Hill's champion in the celebrated Sharon divorce suit, no one can approach her.

In speaking of Mammy Pleasant, who advises Mrs. Bell in her mode of procedure, it may be recalled that only a few days ago Judge Belcher and a jury of twelve prominent taxpayers, left the City Hall courtroom to dance attendance upon the old colored lady and get her testimony in the case of a man named Saville, who was charged with forgery.

Mammy Pleasant was too ill, so it was said, to leave her bed to attend court and testify to the guilt of the man she was prosecuting. The court and jury, therefore, sought her in her bed in the "House of Silence."

The very next day Mammy Pleasant was up and around with the vigor of a 20-year-old girl, and she has been up and around ever since, just as she was only a few hours before she held the levee for Judge Slack and the jury.

Saville, the defendant in the case, was convicted and is now serving a term of years in the penitentiary.

In this Saville case, as in the dual accidents of Thomas Bell and his son, the long trail of gossip has been busy, growing more busy as the interested parties make the Fred Bell case more mysterious.

A LITTLE CHURCH. The Rev. Oliver C. Miller Has Started the Second Evangelical Lutheran Church Here.

The Rev. Oliver C. Miller, who some years ago started the first English Evangelical Lutheran Church in this city, and which now has a prosperous congregation and a fine edifice on Geary street, near Gough, has returned from his Southern home in Virginia and started his second English Lutheran Evangelical Church of the Holy Spirit in what is known as the

"Little Brown Church," at 2127 Jackson street.

Previous to locating on the present site the Rev. Mr. Miller conducted services in Franklin Hall, on Fillmore street, where he assembled about him quite a numerous congregation, sufficient to give him encouragement to purchase building and transform it into a little church.

The reverend gentleman expects before many years to build a more pretentious and commodious temple, as he is a most earnest missionary in the Evangelical Lutheran fold.

There are quite a number of Evangelical Lutheran churches in this city, but these mentioned are the only two where the English language is spoken.

WAS NOT HIS WIDOW. The Long Suit of Henrietta Heydenfeldt Ended Last Evening.

She Was Heydenfeldt's Half-Sister and Entitled to No Part of His Estate.

The Heydenfeldt case, or that phase of it which has for so long occupied the attention of Judge Coffey, came to an end last evening by the verdict of the jury in favor of the defendant.

The verdict of the jury was rendered on twenty-one points. The principal one was that there had been no marriage between Henrietta Heydenfeldt, the plaintiff, and Solomon Heydenfeldt. The jury also decided that she was his half-sister.

The action just decided was an application by Henrietta Heydenfeldt to have distributed to her the widow's share of the estate of Solomon Heydenfeldt, deceased.

She alleged that she had been married to him at Sacramento in secret, and that he had ordered her to keep the fact from every one. She was answered by the allegation that she never had been married to him, and, besides, she was his half-sister.

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AFTER THE CONVENTION.

The Victory of John D. Spreckels Is Discussed as a Local Party Triumph.

BOSS DOMINATION IS KILLED.

Republicans Review the Convention With Satisfaction and Go to Bed Early.

Republican politicians took up little room and made little noise downtown yesterday and last evening. The political calm contrasted strikingly with the hurly-burly and the intense interest in pending affairs of the preceding few days.

The Republican leaders and the active workers generally had been to Sacramento. They were very tired. They rested. More than several even of those who got back to the city Wednesday, went to bed with the chickens last night. The Union League Club was nearly deserted last evening.

The hotel corridors echoed little political talk. At the various political headquarters there was just a little quiet and satisfied conversation, reviewing convention events and exchanging stories.

This quietude naturally followed the settlement of all the pending party affairs—the matters of policy, of contention, of doing and being—that had been the subjects of the hard labors, the exciting contentions, the rivalries, the ambitions, the hopes, fears and prophecies of the preceding weeks.

The State Convention is over. Now other pending affairs move into view. They were still somewhat distant and vague yesterday. They will take on shape and interest as the near-by days and weeks go by.

One thing that loomed up strongly yesterday was the certainty that the grand victory, or rather the series of victories, achieved by John D. Spreckels at Sacramento insures to San Francisco a year of clean and honorable municipal Republican politics.

Everywhere yesterday Republicans discussed quietly the State Convention, reviewing its chief events and results, and everywhere this glorious prospect of the party was clearly recognized. All who could tell the meaning of anything political knew that John D. Spreckels came back from Sacramento stronger than ever and that his leadership of the local party was made absolutely sure.

It was recognized that he had come back with even more loyal friends than he had a week ago; that his clean record would give him a still wider public confidence; that the ability, executive force, talent for organizing, clearness of brain, cleanliness of motive and character, disposition to let the people rule and the loyalty to the people and to the highest interests of the party, which he has displayed in the section of the campaign just ended would win for him added appreciation, admiration and respect in the local party, which has so far followed his advocacy and policy with nearly perfect unanimity.

It was clearly seen that the victory of Mr. Spreckels at Sacramento means that the party will not, in this campaign, at least, be dominated, manipulated and traded by an unscrupulous and corrupt political boss or by a combination of bosses.

This is one of the results of the State Convention. It could be seen, too, how slight and weak had been the selfish opposition to the regular party organization. It could be perceived yesterday, as it was clearly seen, how completely this opposition had gone to pieces.

Even the recent kickers were, as a rule, taking their defeat with surprising good grace and cheerfulness, and showing a disposition to get in and make a united party in the interest of Republicanism.

Such was the tenor of post-convention talk generally yesterday and last night. To say that most of the local Republicans who were interested in convention were quietly elated is to state the fact weakly. The exultation that immediately followed the convention had not subsided.

Of course all the chief features of the convention were generally discussed. Everywhere was satisfaction. The unexpected harmony of the convention was commented on. The smallness of the number and size of the sore spots was a source of both surprise and gratification. There was generally exhibited a feeling that its energy, spirit and confidence would steadily increase until the plainly certain victory is won.

THIRTY NEW FORESTERS. Lincoln Court Instituted With Ceremonies and a Banquet.

Lincoln Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters was instituted last evening at the Foresters' Hall by William Cashman.

The board then went into executive session.

The Mohawk Indians will not allow so much as a blade of grass to grow upon the graves of their companions.

NEW TO-DAY.



ONE VAST HERD.

As far as the eye can reach no limit or bound to the resources of the old-line butchers exists, hence no jaded or inferior stock is foisted by them upon an unsuspecting public. It is sold, too, at prices that defy competition when quality is considered.

J. H. McMEMORY, Stalls 7, 8 and 9, California Market. MARK STROUSE, Bay City Market, 1138 to 1146 Market Street. LEON D. STONE & CO., 236 Sixth Street. HAMMOND & BRO., Justice Market, 33 and 35 Fourth Street.

THE BOMB HAS BURST.

The Defection in the Salvation Army Has Gone as Far as It Will.

SO SAYS THE COMMANDER.

Interesting Talk of the Consul With the Auxiliaries—Officers Leave To-Day.

The Commander and Consul Booth-Tucker had a busy day yesterday. With the commander goes the headquarters of the Salvation Army in the United States and that means an immense quantity of business. The early morning was devoted to correspondence. A little before noon the commander started on a tour of the Salvation Army institutions on this side of the bay—Captain Woods' Lifeboat, the Children's Home and the Women's Shelter.

At 3 o'clock they met with the Auxiliaries at Metropolitan Temple. The consul, being a very sick woman, remained in bed until just before this meeting. There she made the address of all the addresses of her visit.

Her audience was not as large as those of the evening meetings, but it was won completely. She spoke of the desertion of Ballington Booth from the army. First as a family matter, that was the greatest sorrow of the family that suffered; that it was telling upon her father greatly in the matter of his health despite his efforts to overcome it by hard work. But the more serious effect of the defection of the former commander of the army was the blow it struck at the army itself.

It would not be strange if the American troops should look with suspicion and distrust upon the new commanders, or that many of them should have followed the former commander in his new movement as they had followed him in the old. The wonder was that the army had proved true; that they had shown their devotion and loyalty to the army itself and its principles; had waited patiently in darkness until some explanation could be given or word came from the general.

The last words her father said to her as he kissed her through the carriage window as the train was moving out of the station in London were, "Turn the eyes of the army from the controversy and look to the throne of God." She had found the great mass of the army steadfastly looking to the throne and gaining strength there.

She had received a letter from the general, she said, that very morning, in which he said that the defection in America must certainly work for good ultimately. "It is not given to every nation to be put to such a test of its fealty to the work. America had been having a very easy time of it compared with those countries where the soldiers were persecuted, put in jail, their goods confiscated. The Lord seemed to have been at the trouble to set the army in America, by this great trial, as a city on a hill that could not be hid. The world would look now to see what stuff the Salvation Army of this country was made of. We are going to give them something to look at," she said. "Let them look now, we invite it; it will do them good. We are to have greater victories than ever. The work has really only begun here. If you would only see the letters thrust upon us from eager workers, saying, 'If there be room, if any are falling out, give me a place; I want to be an officer in the Army; you would be sure that a time of rapid progress is here. For this work, to take part in it, I will gladly leave home and country for the rescuing of the sinful, the weak, the needy.'"

Commander Booth-Tucker in an address said that the army had really lost but very few officers and soldiers by the defection, and that the bomb had burst and practically all the damage that it could do had been done.

A big meeting was held at Metropolitan Temple last evening, and a number of converts went forward to the penitent's bench.

This morning the consul and commander will hold a meeting with the officers of the army exclusively, and this evening they start for Portland and Tacoma.

Mr. Wildman's Lecture. Rouseville Wildman, editor of the Overland Monthly, will give a lecture this evening in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Ellis and Market streets, for the benefit of the association fund. Mr. Wildman's subject will be "Malaya and the South of Johore," illustrated with 100 beautiful dissolving views. The association invites public patronage for this special lecture, which is sure to be interesting and instructive.

Williams Pleads Not Guilty. "Dick" Williams, the Customs inspector indicted by the Grand Jury several days ago for illegally landing Chinese, pleaded not guilty in Judge Morrow's court yesterday. Assistant District Attorney Blessinger made a motion to consolidate the four indictments and argument on the same will be heard Monday. It is not probable that the case will come up for trial before the latter part of July.

ART AND MUSIC.

A Pleasant Concert at the Hopkins Mansion.

The usual pleasant Thursday night combination of music and art was given at the Hopkins Institute last night. The audience wandered about the building, enjoying the pictures and listening to the concert given under the direction of Henry Heyman.

The following programme was performed: Organ, overture, "Le Macon" (Auber), Emilio Crucis; overture, "Semiramide" (Rossini); Alhambra Club; song, "All Eternity" (Mascaroni), Mrs. A. Fried; duet, "Valse Brillante," bandurria and guitar (Lombardo), Professor J. Lombardo and Professor J. Sanchez; organ, "Austrian Hymn, Variations" (Gulimant), Emilio Crucis; intermezzo (Nevia), Alhambra Club; song, "Forget Me Not" (Suppe), Mrs. A. Fried; march, "Chicago Hussar" (Sancho), Alhambra Club; organ, march from "Kienzi" (Wagner), Emilio Crucis.

DON'T ASK FOR BITUMEN. Cycle Board of Trade Says the Teamsters Misunderstand Them.

To Go Into Politics "Up to the Handle." Bars of Their Wheels" for Park Lights.

The Cycle Board of Trade held a spirited meeting at Biorama Hall last evening. The most important themes discussed were the lighting of the park and the repaving of Market street.

W. R. Wheeler repeated his report made to the Board of Supervisors at their last meeting, in which Irving M. Scott had stated that the Park Commissioners were in favor of lighting the park and would do so in case an appropriation could be obtained. The report gave rise to much discussion, but after the worthy chauff had been winnowed away the sense of the meeting seemed to be that expressed by C. D. Salfeld. Said Salfeld:

"These promises will amount to nothing unless we get the proper appropriation. Let us get into politics up to the handlebars of our machines by July and elect those that will make the appropriation. Then no excuse for failing to light the park can be given."

On the subject of repaving Market street speeches were made to show that the teamsters were opposed to the movement, because they erroneously supposed that the cyclists wished bitumen to be used, which would prevent their hauling as heavy loads as at present. Said Thomas H. B. Varney:

"I think the teamsters misunderstand the proposition. What we want is something that will give common satisfaction. We don't want something for cyclists alone; we want something that will improve the street for the common good."

The committee on a mass-meeting reported that they wished more time, and would probably arrange for such a gathering in June, when the Camera Club and the engineer of the Merchants' Association would have prepared stereoscopic views of the pavements in different cities, in order to add interest.

Judge Kerrigan of the League of American Wheelmen, said they were ready to render any assistance that lay in their power, but were tired of theorizing and wanted something tangible.

Mr. Miller of the Highway Improvement Club explained a plan for paying between the cartrucks with a material better suited to heavy vehicles. Then he said, a law could be passed preventing teams from driving on the cyclists' road, except at necessary crossings. His speech was applauded, but many members thought the scheme impracticable.

A communication from the Point Lobos Improvement Club, inviting other clubs to send five delegates to meet May 6 and form a federation for the purpose of reducing carriages, was read by the secretary. A resolution was adopted empowering the president to name five delegates to represent the club.

The board then went into executive session.

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NEW TO-DAY—DRY GOODS. BARGAIN-DAY OFFERINGS OF EXTRAORDINARY MERIT

A glance through the following quotations will convince any one who has any idea of values of the importance of taking advantage of our TO-DAY'S WONDERFUL OFFERINGS, for they comprise a variety of the most popular and seasonable lines, all offered as SPECIAL to our Bargain-day patrons at

THE LOWEST FIGURES OF THE SEASON!

RIBBONS! RIBBONS! At 25 Cents. 200 pieces of FANCY RIBBONS, in stripes and plaids, all silk, value 45c, will be offered at 25c a yard.

At 35 Cents. 50 pieces of FANCY PLAID RIBBONS, 5 inches wide, all silk, value 75c, will be offered at 35c a yard.

At 35 Cents. 75 pieces of DRESDEN AND OMBRE RIBBONS, 4 1/2 inches wide, value 60c, will be offered at 35c a yard.

At 50 Cents. 100 pieces of DRESDEN RIBBONS, in elegant designs, value 75c, will be offered at 50c a yard.

CARRIAGE PARASOLS! At 75 Cents. 300 CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in Satin and Gloria Silk, will be offered at 75c each.

At \$1.00. 200 CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in Gloria Silk, lined, will be offered at \$1 each.

At \$1.50. 200 CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in Gros-Grain Silk, with ruffles, will be offered at \$1.50 each.

LADIES' KID GLOVES! At 45 Cents. 1500 pairs BIARRITZ KID GLOVES, in mode, tan and slate shades, regular price 75c, will be offered at 45c a pair.

At 50 Cents. 1200 pairs 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE UNDRRESSED KID GLOVES, in dark and medium tan and slate shades, regular value \$1, will be offered at 50c a pair.

At 75 Cents. 1000 pairs 5-HOOK KID GLOVES, black only, regular price \$1.25, will be offered at 75c a pair.

At 90 Cents. 900 pairs 4-BUTTON KID GLOVES (large buttons to match gloves), in dark and medium shades, also black, regular price \$1.50, will be offered at 90c a pair.

At \$1.00. 750 pairs 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE UNDRRESSED KID GLOVES, extra fine quality, dark and medium tan and slate shades, regular price \$1.75, will be offered at \$1 a pair.

At \$1.00. 750 pairs 2-CLASP PIQUE KID GLOVES, embroidered on back, all colors and black, regular price \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a pair.

At \$1.25. 600 pairs 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE UNDRRESSED KID GLOVES, extra fine quality, in dark and medium tan and slate shades, also black, regular price \$2, will be offered at \$1.25 a pair.

LADIES' WAISTS! At 50 Cents. LADIES' WAISTS, made of heavy percale, laundered collar and cuffs, full sleeves, will be offered at 50c each.

At \$1.25. LADIES' WAISTS, in fancy stripes and Persian patterns, detachable collars, regular price \$1.75, will be offered at \$1.25 each.

At \$1.50. LADIES' FANCY LAWN AND DIMITY WAISTS, latest style sleeves, perfect fit, regular price \$2, will be offered at \$1.50 each.

NECKWEAR! NECKWEAR! At 50 Cents Each. ORIENTAL LACE TRIMMED COLLARETTES, in butter shade, regular price \$1.25.

At \$2.50 Each. YOKES OF BUTTER POINT VENISE LACE, trimmed with Oriental Lace, regular value \$2.

At \$4.50 Each. LACE COLLARETTES, Vandyke Points, trimmed with Point Lierre Lace; Batiste Lace Yokes with epaulettes in linen shade; Black and Butter Escorial Lace Collars and other novelties; regular value \$4.50.

At \$8.50 Each. NOVELTIES IN LACE COLLARETTES, YOKES AND PLASTRONS, in a large variety of designs; Special Sale at \$8.50 each.

MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS! At 5 Cents. 175 dozen MEN'S AND BOYS' FANCY BORDERED AND WHITE HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, extra large size, regularly worth \$1.20 a dozen, will be offered at 5c each.

At 25 Cents. 75 dozen BOYS' CHEVIOT, PERCALE AND TENNIS FLANNEL WAISTS, in a large variety of fast colors, finished with pleated backs and fronts, extra value for 50c, will be offered at 25c each.

At 25 Cents. 42 dozen MEN'S AND BOYS' ALL-WOOL HEAVY RIBBED BICYCLE STOCKINGS, finished with double heels and toes, usually sold at 50c, will be offered at 25c a pair.

At 50 Cents. 35 dozen MEN'S HEAVY SANITARY WOOL UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS, fancy silk finished, worth \$1, will be offered at 50c each.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY! At 20 Cents a Pair. 120 dozen BOYS' BLACK RIBBED COTTON HOSE, extra heavy, made specially for boys' wear, sizes 6 to 9 1/2 inches, special at 20c a pair.

At 25 Cents a Pair. 100 dozen CHILDREN'S FINE RIBBED BLACK MACO COTTON HOSE, double knees, heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, also tan shades, regular price \$4.20 a dozen.

At 25 Cents a Pair. 150 dozen LADIES' EXTRA FINE GAUGE 4-THREAD BLACK MACO COTTON HOSE, extra high-spliced heel and toe, Hermsdorf black, regular price \$4.50 a dozen.

At 33 1/2 Cents a Pair. 125 dozen LADIES' BLACK LISLE-THREAD HOSE, extra high-spliced heel, sole and toe, regular value 50c.

