

MAJORITY FOR CONTENT

A. M. Lawrence and T. T. Williams Refuse to Answer Questions.

RULING OF NOTARY LEE CRAIG.

Interesting Stage in the Libel Suits Instituted by Claus Spreckels.

AGREEMENT OF COUNSEL VIOLATED.

An Attempt to Intimidate the Notary Threats to Drive Him Out of Business.

Yesterday in the law office of Johnson, Linforth & Whitaker two of the defendants in the libel suits instituted by Claus Spreckels against William R. Hearst, A. M. Lawrence and T. T. Williams refused to answer questions put by Notary Lee D. Craig. The defendants refusing to answer were Williams and Lawrence, and they refused on advice of their counsel—Garrett McEneaney, W. H. L. Barnes and A. J. Clunie. Grove Johnson produced authorities to show that the notary had power to punish the defendants for contempt. Counsel for defendants had no authorities to present.

One of the questions which Lawrence declined to answer related to the authorship of the article which appeared in the Examiner of May 23, charging Mr. Spreckels with holding up the stockholders of the Watsonville sugar factory. Williams declined to answer the question whether he held a power of attorney from W. R. Hearst.

Several days ago it was agreed by the attorneys for the defendants to accept service for Hearst, whom the plaintiff is endeavoring to reach, but for some reason not explained the agreement was not observed yesterday.

On the refusal of the defendants to answer the notary issued the following commitment for contempt: That the said defendant, A. M. Lawrence, be and he hereby is declared and adjudged to be guilty of contempt in refusing to answer the aforesaid questions and each thereof, and as punishment therefor he is hereby adjudged to be imprisoned in the County Jail of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, until he answers said questions and each thereof, it being still in the power of the said defendant, A. M. Lawrence, to answer said questions and each thereof.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this commitment be delivered to the Sheriff of any county where the said defendant, A. M. Lawrence, may be found, and to the Sheriff of the said City and County of San Francisco, and to the Sheriff of any county where the said defendant, T. T. Williams, may be found, and that he be imprisoned in the County Jail of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, until he answers said questions and each thereof.

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\$300 for the Preacher's Mustache. During the past few days the Rev. A. C. Peck has been preaching to the Menonite Brethren camping in Eekle's Grove, near Spring City. Among these Menonites is a wealthy member from Norristown, who offered the Rev. Mr. Peck \$300 if he would have his mustache shaved off, the money to be given to the foreign mission cause. The offer was accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Peck made his appearance at the next service with a clean-shaven face. The \$300 was donated to the cause. Mr. Peck was once

dean of Denver (Colo.) University.—Philadelphia Record.

QUEER CURRANT BUSHES.

The Butcher Told the Woman to Plant Them Upside Down and She Did So. Over the river, in President street, Brookline, there lives a woman who possesses some of the most remarkable currant bushes to be found anywhere.

When the bushes were propagated they neither came from remarkable stock nor were they in any way peculiar when the nurseryman sold them. Their novel features now are the result of a joke, perpetrated first upon a confiding woman and then upon her neighbor.

Near where the woman lives is a butcher shop. The butcher is a jolly fellow who not only sells good meats, but also in the spring deals in plants and shrubs, and he was the man who sold the woman the currant bushes. She thought that she should like to grow currants, and so she ordered ten bushes from the butcher. He delivered them, and as he was going away and the woman was going into the yard to plant them he called her jovially:

"Be sure to plant them upside down." "Why, of course," she answered, and then congratulating herself that she had got a piece of valuable information just in time to save her from making a gross mistake, she carefully planted the ten bushes roots upward.

She watered and shaded them, and in a few days was delighted to find buds appearing on the stems. She was very anxious to see the air-tired roots, and at about four o'clock, the others thrived.

"How are your plants getting on?" asked the butcher one day in the summer. "Oh, splendidly!" the woman answered. "Come and see them."

The woman had never raised currant bushes before, and therefore nothing about them had seemed strange to her, but the moment she saw the plants she was struck by the peculiar way in which the branches drooped and their strange forms.

"I planted them just as you told me to," said the woman, "and all but four of them lived."

That explained the curious appearance of the plants. The roots had become transformed in their functions and produced instead of roots, but they had continued to grow in their natural gnarled shape and with a drop. The butcher has tried to buy the curious bushes and also to raise some like them, but he has not been successful in either direction.—New York Sun.

THE ONLY WHITE BUFFALO.

Seen and Chased by Indians and Hunters, but Never Caught. During the summer of 1875 bands of Indians returning from a hunt far out on the plains brought in stories of having seen at different times and in different places, and always in the center of a large herd, a white buffalo. They had used their best horses in the effort to overtake it, to no purpose, never being able to get anywhere near the animal.

At first we did not pay much attention to these stories, but still it kept cropping up from different camps, and at last in the fall of 1875 I myself had a chance to verify the truth of the report. I had been sent on duty north along the Red Deer River and was camped near a large band of Blackfeet, who were hunting south of that river. The buffalo had moved north in vast numbers and the prairie was black with them.

I had gone out one morning with a party of Blackfeet to see one of their hunters, and also to try and kill myself. My horse was a good one, and much faster than any belonging to the Indian hunters. I had got detached from the party, becoming tired of the slaughter, and must have been at least twenty miles from camp, when I made for a small clump of timber, not far off intending to build a fire and roast a portion of buffalo meat I had on the saddle with me. As I approached the wood a band of about 100 animals burst out of the brush and ran off to the right, and I saw a white animal in the middle of them was a white buffalo. Although they were a quarter of a mile away, there could be no mistake about it; he was as white as a sheet, and he was running like a deer. There was no time to much more than take in the scene, but I gathered up the reins and was after him, determined to bag that buffalo or kill him.

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AFTER THE FACTOR IN MINERS

Method of Speedy Relief Outlined by the Labor Council.

Mayor Phelan Will Probably Be Asked to Act as Local Treasurer.

Andrew Furuseth Explains the Situation and What the Final Outcome May Mean.

The San Francisco Labor Council has taken a keen interest in the strike of the Eastern miners, and without regard to geographical isolation will put its shoulder to the wheel and render all the assistance it can, and that as soon as possible. Expedition, in fact, is now their chief thought, for they believe the situation to be most critical.

The trades unions have been already appealed to, and special committees are to visit them at as convenient a date as possible. As fast as the financial donations reach an appreciable amount they will be wired on to W. C. Pearce, the secretary of the United Mine-workers, at Columbus, Ohio.

With regard to the public in general, the council has decided to request the newspapers and churches to open subscription lists and act as collectors. Churches will be asked to take part in the movement by the council, for the reason that, in their eyes, it is distinctly humanitarian in character. Some prominent citizen will probably be asked to act as treasurer, and the list of names will be published in large, to hold the contributions until they attain a magnitude sufficient to warrant them being wired East. Mayor Phelan's name has already been suggested for this honorable position.

Ed Rosenberg, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, is now actively engaged arousing the individual unions to the point of enthusiasm by communicating with their respective officers, and their executive officers. Andrew Furuseth, secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and president of the National Seamen's Union, may properly be regarded as the head of this movement on account of his intimate acquaintance with the labor question and the interest he has always taken in the workings of the various unions.

In speaking of the Eastern strike situation which exists at present Furuseth makes the following statement: "From all the information we are able to gather the miners there have to live in the companies' houses and on the company's stores. Most of them are always kept in debt. Some of them do not see money they can call their own from year's end to year's end."

The average earnings of miners in some districts run as low as 70 cents a day. Under such conditions and at such wages it can easily be seen why the strike embraces 170,000 men and extends through Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and other States. These are facts admitted by thousands, in all classes of society, and one of the best guarantees to the Nervous and Debilitated is that Becham's Pills have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the World.

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