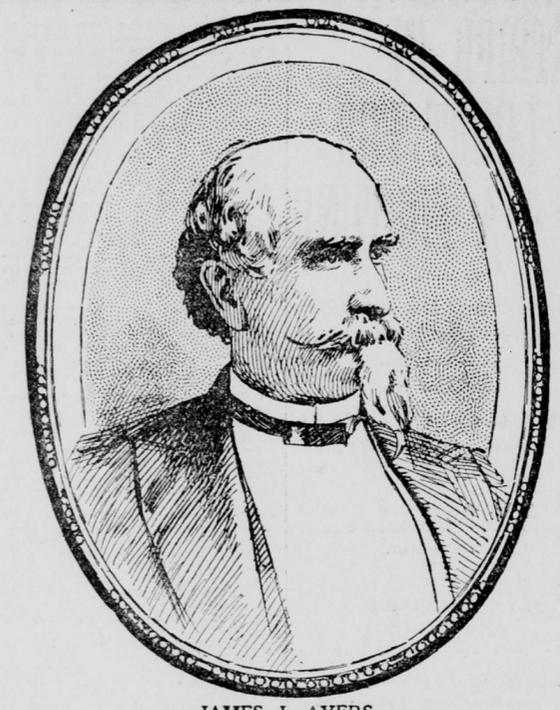


BEAT ON COLONEL AYERS



JAMES J. AYERS.

Yields to illness at His Home Near Los Angeles.

SUCCUMBS TO LUNG TROUBLE.

Intense Suffering Marks the Closing Hours of an Active Life.

WAS A PIONEER EDITOR OF THE WEST.

Started the Calaveras Chronicle, Now the Oldest Newspaper in the State.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.—Colonel J. J. Ayers, the veteran and distinguished journalist, died at his home near this city today.

For two years he has been afflicted with lung trouble, and during the past few months he had failed rapidly. For twenty-four hours before the end came his sufferings were intense.

Colonel Ayers was 67 years of age, and nearly fifty years of his life were passed in California. He was a scholar, a poet, an orator and a linguist, but it was as a newspaper man that he gained fame.

In 1851 he established in San Francisco a paper called the Public Balance, and a year later he started the Calaveras Chronicle, which still survives, the oldest paper in the State.

Colonel Ayers was one of the founders of the San Francisco Call, and with his partners published it successfully for twelve years, when he went to Honolulu. In 1872 he came to Los Angeles and established the Evening Express, and conducted that paper until 1882 when he was appointed Public Printer by Governor Stoneman.

At the expiration of his term in 1886 he returned to this city and bought an interest in the Herald. Since he sold the latter paper in 1894 he has been living a retired life at his country place of Agnews, near this city.

For the past three years the colonel has devoted himself to writing an autobiographical history of California, and it is to be hoped that the work was sufficiently advanced to permit of its publication.

Colonel Ayers was also active in politics and had often stumped the State for the party of his political faith—the Democracy.

In 1886 he was a candidate for Congress on the Workmen's ticket, and, although defeated, he made a phenomenal run. He was a delegate from this county to the convention which framed the new constitution in 1878, and his efficient work on that occasion is well remembered.

Colonel Ayers leaves a widow, who was Miss Shanklin of Oakland, two nephews and a host of friends to mourn his loss. It is doubtful if he had an enemy in the world. He was always striving to do good and many a young man has cause to bless the day he met Colonel Ayers.

There is widespread and deep grief at his death, and his funeral will be one of the largest ever seen here.

FOUNDING OF "THE CALL." Colonel Ayers' Account of the Successful Newspaper Venture.

In an article written for and published in THE CALL in February of last year Colonel Ayers told of his newspaper career in California and of the founding of THE CALL. The article is reproduced:

I believe I can safely say I started the oldest newspaper in the State. I was born in 1830, and my father, Henry Hamilton, and myself bought a printing outfit in San Francisco and soon had the Calaveras Chronicle, which was the first paper in the State.

The paper was a large one and very successful. I was up there about a week ago. It is a paper that has been in existence for many years, and I have been very successful in my career.

GAINS LIBERTY AND HIS LOVE

Thomas, Alias Morris, Escapes Jail and Is Joined by Miss Rutherford.

All Attempts to Keep the Rich Young Woman From Her Forger Are a Failure.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Another chapter has been added to the romance connected with the case of J. A. Thomas, alias J. A. Morris, the notorious forger, who has operated in many cities, including San Francisco, says a Chicago special.

Thomas escaped from Cook County jail a year ago and has twice since broken from the Memphis (Tenn.) jail, the last time being last Monday. Miss Fannie Rutherford, the wealthy young woman of Minneapolis who fell in love with Thomas while traveling through the South last winter with her mother, is again one of the chief actors in the remarkable affair.

After the couple had been apprehended three weeks ago in Missouri and Thomas taken back to jail in Memphis, Miss Rutherford came to Chicago, but this was not known to her relatives. She disappeared last Saturday and Thomas escaped from Memphis prison on Monday.

It is known that he bought his way out and is known that Miss Rutherford had joined him and the two are now enjoying a trip in the South.

Thomas' mother has spent a fortune in the employment of private detectives in efforts to locate her daughter. She was in Chicago last Saturday and tried to find her child, but the young woman had fled to join the man she loved. The last time Mrs. Rutherford saw her daughter was three weeks ago, when she and Thomas were caught in Missouri.

At this time she pleaded with the girl to return to the parental fold, but the daughter refused to do so. She came from her mother and came North, and it seems, had been in constant communication with Thomas during his incarceration in Memphis.

The exact minute he was to escape on Monday night was, it is believed, well known, and the plot was laid by which he could join Miss Rutherford without leaving the train. This means declares her was married to Miss Rutherford in St. Louis four weeks ago, but no evidence has been found to substantiate the statement.

ABOLISH THE MARINES. That is the Latest Proposition of the Naval Personnel Board.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says three corps of the navy besides the engineer corps will be abolished if the plan now in contemplation by the personnel board is adopted by the Navy Department and Congress.

The Herald has stated that by a practically unanimous vote the board has agreed to the amalgamation of the naval engineer corps, the gunnery corps, the signal corps and the marine corps, the pay corps and the commissary corps.

With reference to the marine corps, three propositions are being considered. The first contemplates their transfer to the army, their places in the navy to be filled by the jacks; the second, their removal from shipboard and retention only at navy-yards; and the third, that marine officers on board ship perform the duties of line officers, while still retaining their identity as marines.

WON SYMPATHY AND COIN. Hard-Luck Story of a Stranger Touches the Hearts of Montereyans.

MONTEREY, Nov. 12.—A clever game has just been perpetrated in this town, and there are several very irate people in consequence. A middle-aged, unscrupulous-looking man appeared in Monterey the beginning of the week and proceeded to "take in the town."

He represented himself as a man in hard luck who had come to Monterey to visit his brother, who was an employee in the De Monte stables, and from whom he expected assistance in obtaining work, but upon arriving, he found his brother had left Monterey. He wished to follow him, but being out of money, could not do so.

He then worked upon the sympathy of one Monterey man and succeeded in selling "for a mere song" a very fine piece of cloth, just enough for a coat and vest, which he had brought for a present for his brother, and now was obliged to exchange for cash to live upon. The cloth looked all right, but when taken to a tailor was found too short for the purpose intended.

The man went to several persons with his tale and a "length of cloth," and if he found an obtuse customer he proceeded to show how easily he could raffle it off. Some one suspected the scheme and inquired how it was done, and the man, in a fit of rage, declared that he would not pay them any money while in the district. As soon as the camp was struck he would take them to Kramer and pay them their. As yet the Miners' Union has not taken any action.

The stranger has disappeared and is supposed to have left town yesterday, presumably to try the same game elsewhere.

COVERLEDG SUCCEEDED BY HICKS

Sudden Change of the Master Workman by Knights of Labor.

OTHER OFFICERS ARE RETIRED.

Action Taken by the General Assembly a Surprise to Outsiders.

BUT IT IS ALL DONE BY PREARRANGEMENT.

An Interesting Annual Address Made by the Retiring Head of the Order.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 12.—James R. Sovereign, who has been general master workman of the Knights of Labor for the past four years or more, was this afternoon relieved of his office by the General Assembly, which was in session in this city since Monday last.

Under ordinary conditions Mr. Sovereign's term of office would not expire until the next meeting. This, however, it is said, makes no difference with the order, whose general officers during a meeting are always in the hands of the assembly and can be chosen and deposed at the will of the majority.

Along with Mr. Sovereign there were three other officers retired because of this special meeting, viz. T. B. McGuire, general worthy foreman, of Amsterdam, N. Y.; Daniel Brown of Montana and H. B. Martin of Minnesota of the executive committee.

Henry A. Hicks of District 253, New York City, was chosen to fill Mr. Sovereign's place, and I. D. Chamberlain of Pueblo, Colo., was selected as general worthy foreman. Sanford Fitzpatrick of Montreal and Henry Bostock of Assembly 300, glass-workers, were chosen as the two members of the executive board, the third member being Andrew Be.

This decisive change in the corps of officers of the Knights of Labor will cause considerable astonishment in labor circles throughout the country. Save to those who were "on the inside," so to speak, for the past three months, there was absolutely nothing of this known. It is said, though, that a though the change was sudden and totally unlooked for, it was done with the amicable consent of all.

At headquarters it is stated that it had been prearranged before the delegates gathered in this city for the General Assembly.

On good authority it is learned that it was by Mr. Sovereign's most hearty approval that the steps were taken. It is learned that the appreciation and, in fact, love of his brethren of the order in this city, was the chief reason for his retirement.

Mr. Sovereign retired to-night that he wished retirement. He wanted rest from the labor which the office entailed upon him.

Henry A. Hicks, the general master workman elect, was seen after the meeting. He said that he did not intend to outline the future policy of the order until the afternoon session was in progress. He expressed the highest admiration for his predecessor, saying that he thought him one of the greatest exponents of the age of the prime idea represented by the Knights of Labor.

I. D. Chamberlain, the worthy foreman-elect, is a newspaper man. All the business transacted at to-day's meeting went through in the most unobtrusive manner possible. There was no shouting, no shouting, and no shouting. The meeting was a success.

Mr. Sovereign prefaced his address with the statement that the opening of this regular session of the General Assembly presents to the world the "same undivided member-ship through whose fortune and glory the spirit of progress combats greed and avarice, and defies the cant and hypocrisy of the age."

The order, he said, was to-day stronger in membership, stronger in character and stronger in the hearts of the people than it was a year ago.

He recommended that this session confine its deliberations largely to the work of organization. The work of who cease reform in the labor field, he contended, is retarded through the coercion and corruption of the poor by the holders of the idle capital, who dominate the press and debauch the politics of the country, while the courts apply the arbitrary and unjust laws in the form of injunctions against the freedom of speech and peaceable assemblage of the poor.

"The St. Louis conference," he said, "was a united labor protest against the most flagrant outrages ever committed against civil liberty in this country. It was the vox populi of an outraged nation thundering against the pomp and arrogance of the idle and the luxury of the few, and it is a source of pride to me that time free speech has not been suppressed by court injunctions."

Mr. Sovereign's reference to the Hazelton affair was briefly itself, he simply said that the Hazelton affair was a case of an innocent miner who was arrested by the Sheriff of Hazelton, whom he characterized as an agent of employing corporations.

He then announced the change in the officers took place. The old officers were relieved and the new ones elected and installed. Mr. Sovereign's name was the first one mentioned in nomination, but he was not elected, and a special invitation was tendered to all members. It is expected that as the club grows regular monthly meetings will be established, at which addresses will be given by prominent educators.

THE HATS HAVE ALL COME OFF

Morgenstern Says So, and if Anybody Knows, He Ought To.

THE LADIES WON'T WEAR THEM

It's All a Mistake, at Least That Is What the Baldwin Manager Says.

THE USHERS COULDN'T TALK ITALIAN.

The Trouble at the Opera Was All Because It Was a Latin Audience.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

"Say, that young fellow got off all wrong about those hats. What's got into him, anyway? Why, don't you know there are no high hats worn in either the California or the Baldwin? That young fellow doesn't know what he's talking about."

Morgenstern of the Baldwin and California was not a bit angry. He was just hurt to think that anybody should be so unjust as to insinuate that the law was violated in the slightest degree.

And then, too, that story about Rottanzi. Why, Rottanzi stood by Morgenstern's side all the time he was at the opera and was well pleased with the way the law looked.

"The ordinance? Why, of course, the ordinance is all right. It's a very good ordinance and ought to be enforced in every theater just as it is in the Baldwin. Such a thing as a big hat is never known in the Baldwin. Of course not. Why the ladies themselves won't wear them."

"What's that? Do we ever ask them to take them off? Why, we have sent dozens of them out to the box-office or their money or for tickets for some other night when the lady could wear a low hat."

"Of course baseball bats are not used to make the hats come off. Just let the ushers make a complaint and we will send the ushers right down with a card to the lady, and she will not comply with the law unless she is forced to do so."

"Now, these things ladies wear on their heads sometimes—what do you call them? Not waukates. What's that? Charities? No, that isn't it. Now they call them 'butterfly' hats. I like that. Of course they do. Just let one of the ushers wear a hat like that in that picture and she will be asked very quickly to remove it."

It was one of those impossible creations worn by the impossible soubrette in "In Gown New York" as pictured on the billboards. But Morgenstern was serious about it. His feelings were hurt. Had not his theater been untroubled?

"About those eighty hats seen Monday night at the opera in California. Well, you know, that was an Italian opera and the ladies were of Latin extraction and the ushers could not make them understand what was wanted. If D. Rottanzi had been there he could have explained the matter and there would have been no trouble."

"So there you are again. Do the hats have obstructed the view in the theaters or not? There is the authority of Morgenstern on the side of the negative, and then there is the evidence of dozens of the ushers on the side of the affirmative."

But Morgenstern ought to know, for it is he at the theater every night, and isn't it his business to see that the law is not violated?

Then there also comes the question as to what kind of a hat would obstruct the view. The old style of the soubrette are no longer worn, but those creations which are composed of a mass of nodding plumes make a sort of shifting panorama of the stage and a gibbering idiot of the man who is compelled to dodge the feathers in vain efforts to see the actors.

Talk about the shifting lights of a kitescope, why they are a rest for the eyes after half an hour's dodging of waving plumes and nodding heads. Of course the ladies who wear them have no other place to show them off and no other kind of hat to wear to the theater, and always forget to fix their hair just right to show advantage with the hat off, so why is a pair of eyes or a brain or so when a lady's convenience and pleasure are at stake.

Anyhow they don't wear them, for Morgenstern says so, and Morgenstern ought to know.

Bennett Goes to Prison. OAKLAND, Nov. 12.—G. R. Bennett, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Vice, was today taken to San Quentin to serve his sentence of one year for assault with a deadly weapon on George Gray.

Child-Study Club. A meeting of the Child-Study Club was held in the Occidental Hotel yesterday afternoon.

NEW TO-DAY. "THE ACADEMIE DE MEDECINE OF FRANCE HAS PLOAED Apollinaris

ZIEGLER MAY ADORN A CELL

Eager Creditors Will Ask the Police to Stop His Trip East.

Despite His Ill-Gotten Gains the Faker Has Evaded Debt-Paying.

A Telegram for His Detention to Be Sent to Truckee—Nationals in Bad Odor.

"The way of the transgressor is hard."

Without doubt to fake in a fiscal contest is to transgress. Owen Ziegler has been adjudged to be a faker by the keenest intelligence of the sporting world. Now it develops that if he can be secured by the officers of the law before he shall have passed safely beyond the boundary of the State the syndicalism will be rounded out with the statement that Ziegler's path has proved extremely flimsy.

All those who have done business with the National "Club"—or the duo, Gibbs and Groom, which is the same thing—have managed heretofore to escape the result of evil doing with little trouble. This is shown especially in the case of Faker Tom Sharkey, who was defeated by Fitzsimmons as fairly as ever fighter was, and yet under the decision of the "club's" referee was Earped out of \$10,000 that should have been his. But, as the saying goes, this promises to be a horse of another color.

Ziegler has a few creditors here that are going to make things warm for him if they can catch him before he succeeds in getting out of the State, and they will endeavor to carry out their desire. Among them are Bud Forman, manager of the Columbian Woolen Mills, and J. P. Gallagher, proprietor of the Langham Hotel.

When Ziegler came out here to fight Green about two years ago he stayed at the Langham Hotel and was accorded the best of treatment by the proprietor. At that time he paid his bills when he returned to the Quaker City, but since then he seems to have retrograded in the scale of straightforwardness.

When a man goes to faking there is no telling what he will do anyway. That is, one cannot tell until an opportunity has been given. Ziegler has had his opportunity; he embraced it by hitting under the auspices of the "club" under whose management the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight occurred, and once started on the down grade, has not got so far that he has failed to pay his bills.

Ever since he came out here to fight Eddie Connelly, he has stayed at the Langham and received the usual courteous treatment. But Ziegler, in waiting to the United States Sub-Treasury and exchanged \$500 in silver for silver certificates.

That he had a quantity of gold is not to be doubted, though there is no way of ascertaining how much. He has a cost of \$200 to go and purchase a ticket East from Billy Vice, as the town was being so warm for one of his personal y. It is commonly believed that he left on the 10th inst. for San Francisco, where he was seen at Green Brother's Columbian Cafe at 9 A. M.

Mr. Gallagher declares that Ziegler owes him \$600 on board and lodging and that he stated that Ziegler owes other bills \$200 to have him brought back and jailed. He is very sore over the affair and will see Chief of Police Lees this morning with the intention of telegraphing to the sheriff to have Ziegler intercepted at that point and returned here.

Another man after the faker's scalp is Mr. Forman. In the last month Ziegler has had two suits made by the Columbian Woolen Mills, at a cost of \$63. Now a suit has been paid, except the necessary advance money. If Ziegler is returned Forman will take an active hand in his prosecution.

The law is Louis Ladrone, the hackman, whose stand is in front of the Langham. He asserts that Ziegler owes him \$7 for hack hire, and he intends to have it if he can lay hands on the debtor.

It is stated that Ziegler owes other bills in the town which will probably aggregate \$100. Those creditors will no doubt be very much pleased to learn that the police are going to be brought into requisition to force Ziegler to leave a clear record behind him so far as bills are concerned, even if the stigma he has earned by what nearly everybody believes to be a case of rank faking will always cling to him.

There are others who will suffer. Messrs. Gibbs and Groom, on account of the opinion the public holds of this fight, are likely not to find their future roseate so far as the getting of permits for glove contests is concerned.

GRAND OPERATIC CONCERT. Musically Inclined People Filled the Association Auditorium Last Evening.

A large gathering attended the grand operatic concert in the Association Auditorium, at Ellis and Mason streets, last evening, given by Miss Marie Bruell and Charles Schwedter. They were assisted by good local talent and the entire programme was highly enjoyable. The programme follows:

Piano solo, "Impromptu," Mme. L. Lada; tenor solo, "The Last Watch," J. F. Vesco; violoncello solo, "Nocturne," Adolph Lada; contralto solo, "Summer Night," Miss Lillian Wilson; duet, "Here a Thy Feet a Suppliant," Miss Marie Bruell, Charles Schwedter; recitation, Miss Mae Kone; soprano solo, "Aria from 'Turkhauser,'" Miss Marie Bruell; barytone solo, Prologue from "Pagliacci," Charles Schwedter; duet, "Holy Mother, Guide His Footsteps," Miss Marie Bruell and Lillian Wilson; quartet, "Ritornello," the Misses M. Bruell, L. Wilson, Messrs. J. F. Vesco, Charles Schwedter, assisted by Joseph Gieven.

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"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS") AT THE HEAD OF ALL THE WATERS EXAMINED FOR PURITY AND FREEDOM FROM DISEASE GERMS."

BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTIONS.

ARTISTS WERE UNRESPONSIVE

A Slight Hitch in the Proposed Bohemian Club Exhibit.

The Committee Says There Will Be No Display This Year.

The Painters Are of the Opinion That the Affair Will Come Off.

The artist members of the Bohemian Club are having troubles of their own.

Some three weeks ago the directors announced that there would be an exhibition under the auspices of the club at their building. Also as an inducement they offered \$250 for the best picture.

Out of the thirty-nine artists belonging to the club only ten responded, and this made the art committee angry.

Since the painters were so unappreciative, they decided to call the matter off, so W. G. Stafford, chairman of the committee, sent out circulars to that effect. The ten artists or more, who had taken an interest in the matter, became angry, for they had been going to considerable trouble to get matters arranged, and nearly all of them had the pictures about completed.

Now the artists intend to put the art committee aside and have the exhibit in the clubrooms despite the anger of the directors.

Among those who had prepared pictures for the exhibition were Paulin, Strong, Keith, Latimer and Stanton.

W. G. Stafford, speaking about the trouble with the artists, said: "I cannot give any information regarding the exhibition, and all I can say is that the thing has fallen through. The artists were unresponsive. We did all in our power to make the affair a success."

TRICKS OF THE PEDDLER'S TRADE. As illustrated in the streets of San Francisco. THE SUNDAY CALL.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon. In Judge Cook's court yesterday Benjamin Messer was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. He will be sentenced on the 20th of this month.

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THE ABOVE IS THE PICTURE OF A strong though uncouth man. It shows the chest development, and it shows the grizzly power he possesses. The next picture is that of a poor fellow. Lsten; he says:

"I am troubled with pains in the small of the back, also up each side of the backbone to lower points of shoulder-blade. I am troubled with pains in the head at times, most on left side. The head and back pains are shooting pains. I have a dizziness in the head, dark disks before my eyes, a palpitating heart, a curious weak feeling. I am troubled with Nervous Pulsations. Now, what can you do for me?"

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