

A FOUL CRIME BROUGHT HOME TO THE EXAMINER

Guilty of Sending Out Anonymous and Defamatory Circulars to Injure Its Successful Rival.

Too Cowardly to Use Its Own Columns It Sent Its Slanderous Attacks by Mail.

The Examiner stands this morning convicted of a crime beside which its former larcenous habits become elevated into legitimate newspaper methods and in comparison with which its blackmailing proclivities assume a semblance of honor. A crime so debased, so unclean, so far below the ordinary human concept that it cannot be classed and has no name.

Not satisfied with its malodorous reputation obtained by means which place it in the category of those vultures of the newspaper world which subsist through pandering to the lowest element of humanity, wading in filth and spewing its nastiness broadcast over the community it assumes the role of secret assassin of character, and has used the United States mails for the furtherance of a crime that, were it not hidden under cover, would subject the perpetrator to incarceration in the penitentiary at hard labor for five years.

Caught red-handed in its attempt to steal news from the office of THE CALL, exposed to public scorn as a forger of honest men's names and proven a mercenary blackmailer of corporations, this employer of liars and thieves, this midnight defiler of doorsteps, this receptacle of the off-secrings of mental sewers, whose owner dare not show his face in the home of his mother lest he fall into the clutches of outraged justice, must henceforth bear the livid mark of Cain on his brow and stand before the world branded as a murderer of reputations, the peer only of that vilest of all criminals—the poisoner.

Too cowardly to make its attack through its own vile columns it debauched the postal system of the Government to further its foul designs, and used a boy as an accessory to its crime because it knew that it was only through the inexperience and ignorance of youth it could hope to obtain a tool pliant enough to assist in carrying out a contemptible plot from which even the lowest criminals would shrink.

THE CALL is now in a position to announce the fulfillment of a triple duty owed to the people of San Francisco, the Alaskan Trade Committee and to itself, in the unmasking of this contemptible scoundrel who has attempted to delude the people by cloaking itself in the semblance of the guise of the committee in order to traduce a successful contemporary.

Sunday, December 5, THE CALL published the fact that a circular so skillfully worded as to give the impression that it emanated from the Alaskan Trade Committee had been sent to the merchants of the city with the evident intent to injure THE CALL in the estimation of the business men of San Francisco. THE CALL is now in a position to prove that these circulars were addressed in the Examiner office, and were taken under the cover of darkness by an office-boy to postoffice station K, in the Palace Hotel.

Following are the details of the crime, beside which blackmailing is an honorable occupation, for in that, at least, the perpetrator must be known to his victim.

THE CALL announced on November 27 the completion of its work in outfitting the expedition sent by the Government to the relief of the ice-imprisoned whalers, in the following dispatch from its correspondent in Seattle:

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—Outfits have been furnished by THE CALL to the following officers of the Bear and members of the overland relief expedition:

Captain E. Tuttle,
First Lieutenants J. H. Brown and David H. Jarvis,
Second Lieutenants C. H. Cochrane, John C. Berry (THE CALL'S correspondent), B. H. Camden (Examiner correspondent), H. G. Hamlet (Chronicle correspondent), E. F. Berthoff (THE CALL'S correspondent),
Chief Engineer H. W. Spear,
First Assistant Engineer H. N. Wood (THE CALL photographer),
Second Assistant Engineers H. K. Spencer and J. I. Bryan,
Surgeons Dr. S. J. Call, Dr. E. H. Woodruff (THE CALL'S surgeon),
Steward William Boudry,
Explorer F. Koltzschoff.

Each man was furnished with the following articles: Eskimo dogskin parkie and breeches, dogskin boots, silk mitts, buckskin gloves, silk hoods, half-dozen Arctic socks, duck vest, two suits silk underwear, suit chamois underwear.

In addition the members of the overland expedition were supplied with sleeping blankets, duck parkies, wolf-skin robe, field glasses, rifle, knives and complete outfit.

A library of over 200 bound volumes and book and sheet music were furnished for the wardrobe of the Bear. Extra provisions for the crew were furnished by THE CALL and shipped from San Francisco. The stores, including groceries, provisions, wines and cigars for the wardrobe mess, were procured in Seattle.

The whole amounted in value, for which cash was paid to various firms, to \$7009.78.

At 3:45 o'clock on the afternoon of November 27 a boy, hired by the Examiner to lie, just as that paper had previously hired one of its employees to steal, went to the various news agents of the city, notably to W. G. Brown, at the railroad station, Third and Townsend streets, and represented himself as being sent by THE CALL for the purpose of obtaining all the unsold copies of this paper of that date containing the foregoing article. He stated to the news dealers that there had been such an unusual demand for the paper that the supply had been exhausted, and he purchased all the unsold copies containing the article, obtaining from Brown alone papers for which he paid \$5.50.

The boy went immediately to the office

of the Examiner, and the piles of THE CALL were stacked near the desk of the business manager. The dispatch from Seattle was cut from each copy and the clippings were placed in envelopes containing the following circular:

Headquarters
San Francisco Merchants' Committee
on Klondike Outfitting.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 7, 1897.

Messrs.—Gentlemen: The Committee engaged in an effort to secure the bulk of the Klondike outfitting for San Francisco begs leave to call your attention to the enclosed clipping from the "Morning Call" of November 27, 1897: "A San Francisco newspaper ignores San Francisco and purchases its supplies for the Arctic in Seattle."

By Order of the Committee.

THE CALL took immediate steps to unearth the contemptible scoundrel who had issued the libelous circular, and sent inquiries to the Postoffice officials regarding the "San Francisco Committee on Klondike Outfitting," and to the Alaskan Trade Committee notifying that organization of the fact that its name was being paraphrased by some cowardly besmircher of reputations for the purpose of deceiving the merchants of the city.

The Alaskan Trade Committee at once issued the following circular for the detection of the scoundrel:

FRAUD! FRAUD! FRAUD!
Reward of Five Hundred Dollars Offered for Its Detection.
The Alaskan Trade Committee, believing that an anonymous circular sent to merchants in this city, in which "The

Call" was accused of working against the interests of San Francisco is designed to injure the committee and impede its legitimate work of developing the Alaskan trade, hereby offers a reward of Five Hundred Dollars for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who perpetrated the fraud.

H. H. SHERWOOD,
Chairman Alaskan Trade Committee.

GEORGE LIEBES,
Chairman Publicity and Promotion.

In response to an inquiry sent to the Postoffice inspectors THE CALL received the following letter:

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Office of Postoffice Inspectors,
San Francisco Division,
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7, 1897.

W. S. Lenke, Manager "The Call,"
San Francisco, Cal.—Dear Sir: I have your favor of the 6th inst referring to me a copy of a circular letter purporting to have been issued by the San Francisco Merchants' Committee on Klondike Outfitting, and the same has been given careful consideration.

The sending of such a communication through the United States mail in a sealed envelope is not a violation of the postal laws. The courts have decided that sealed letters are only rendered non-mailable when their contents are manifestly obscene in character. The language of the circular, if written or printed on a postal-card, or on an envelope or outside cover or wrapper, would render it non-mailable, and the person causing it to be deposited in the mails would be liable to a penalty of five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor. (See act of June 18, 1888, as amended September 26, 1888.)

For your information I will state that no such concern as the San Francisco Merchants' Committee on Klondike Outfitting is known at the Postoffice, nor could mail so addressed be delivered except through the general delivery on call. Very respectfully,
ROBERT R. MUNRO,
Inspector in Charge.

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"The sending of that bogus circular was the first attempt, and the only attempt I know of, to misrepresent our association of merchants, and surely we are glad that the parties concerned in the fraud have been found out. Speaking for myself I can say that I sincerely hope that punishment of the guilty persons will swiftly follow the exposure."

While the burglar and the footpad ply their avocations in the streets of the city, there are numerous petty thieves who pursue their calling in the cities of the dead. To most persons the cemeteries are looked upon as hallowed ground, but to the petty sneak no place is hallowed. O late their depredations have become more bold than ever, and though the employees of all the cemeteries have been cautioned to keep a lookout for them no arrests have followed.

To these ghouls nothing is sacred. Vases are taken from graves, the stakes that support plants are dragged out, and in many cases the plants themselves, if considered choice, are torn out by the roots.

In speaking of the matter the other day a well-known lady remarked: "This petty pilfering from the graves is, I believe, carried on in every cemetery in the city. Our old burying place is Laurel Hill Cemetery, but I also have a plot in the Masonic and my sister one in the Odd Fellows. And in all three of these cemeteries we have been subjected to the same annoyance."

"For many years we kept roses and carnations planted on the plots, but we were kept constantly renewing them. If a particularly choice plant were set out it was either cut to pieces by persons desiring to obtain slips, or else was dug up by the roots in its entirety. I have known plants to disappear entirely within a week from the time they were planted. So great has the evil become to us we have been forced to stop planting flowering shrubs and have turned all three plots into miniature lawns.

"Vases for bouquets disappear in the same way, and even when broken ones and broken pitchers and tumblers are used for vases they are carried off. The only things that are safe are old fruit cans, and it looks almost disrespectful to the dead to use them, but what else can one do? Even old fruit cans are not always safe. This is one reason I think why plots in the graveyards are often allowed to go to rack and ruin. People get tired of paying money for the care of graves when they see all their endeavors come to naught. Of course the attendants in the cemeteries do all they can to prevent the desecrations, but they cannot be everywhere at the same time. If they were, however, to make an occasional example of those they do catch at this nefarious work it might have a deterrent effect upon others, but too often the one caught are themselves owners of plots, and plead that they are only getting even for the theft of their own belongings."

Complying with your instructions to investigate and ascertain the party or parties who are responsible for the circulation of the libelous circular issued under the name of the San Francisco Merchants' Committee on Klondike Outfitting I beg to submit the following report:

First—I have ascertained that some of the San Francisco CALLS of the issue of November 27, from which the clipping was taken and circulated, was purchased from the news agency at Third and Townsend streets by a young man who was then in the employ of the Examiner business office, at Grant avenue and O'Farrell street. This young man refused to deliver the papers without an order from some one in authority at THE CALL business office. This the young man failed to produce, but he succeeded in purchasing 110 copies of THE CALL of November 27, for which he paid \$5.50.

Second—the papers, after being purchased as above described, were taken to the business office of the Examiner.

Third—the circular referred to was prepared and mailed from the business office of the Examiner, in envelopes similar to the one attached hereto, and upon which is printed in the upper left-hand corner the following: "Headquarters San Francisco Merchants' Committee on Klondike Outfitting." These letters were mailed by a young man who was then and is now in the employ of the Examiner. The letters were deposited in the postoffice on New Montgomery street, under the Palace Hotel, and known as "Station K." The names of the parties from whom this information has been obtained are in our possession and will be furnished to you upon request.

THE CALL makes the above expose of a skulking scoundrel with a full knowledge of the meaning of each and every phrase and word used, and should the Examiner or its legitimate owner desire to make public denial, or call to account the owner of THE CALL, he can do so by bringing suit before the courts which stand ready to re-

action of the trustees was indorsed by the directors of the company.

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NEW LIFE-SAVING STATIONS.
Sites for Two for This Coast Will Be Established.

Victor Mindeleff, architect of the life-saving bureau at Washington, arrived here last night and registered at the Palace Hotel. His mission to the coast is to survey and locate sites for two life-saving stations on the coast. One of these will be near Point Arena, and the other will be at Point Bonita. In speaking of the work last night, Mindeleff said: "My intention is to start for the proposed sites for the life-saving stations just as soon as the weather settles. I will survey one of the sites near Point Arena, but it will not be a great way north or south of the Point. One of the stations will be at Point Bonita."

Mr. Mindeleff will be here about eight or ten days, and before he leaves he will make topographical maps of the places already here and of the new ones. For many years the gentleman was connected with the Smithsonian Institution and did his work in Arizona and New Mexico. He spent some time making topographical charts of the cliff dwellings for the Smithsonian Institution.

The life-saving stations, he believed, would be established in a short time after his reports were made to the bureau at Washington.

GHOULS IN GRAVEYARDS
Petty Thefts Constantly Annoy the Owners of Cemetery Plots.

Vases and Plants Stolen From the Resting-Places of the Dead to the Grief of the Living.

Something New in Pianos.
A new business enterprise of considerable magnitude is soon to be added to the commercial life of San Francisco. About December 15 the store formerly occupied by the San Francisco News Company, 208 Post street, which is now undergoing the process of extensive alteration and refitting, will be opened as a piano warehouse by the firm of Gardner & Glassell. The firm will carry an extensive stock—over ten different makes of pianos. W. Gardner has been identified with the piano business of the coast for many years, not only as a dealer, but as manufacturer, and probably no man in his line is more favorably or generally known on the Pacific Slope. He was formerly the senior member of the firm of Gardner Brothers of Portland, Or., whose successful business career extended over a long period. Subsequently, he conducted a large music-house in Los Angeles for several years. Mr. Glassell, the junior member of the firm, is a capitalist also from Los Angeles.

Business is Good.
At the meeting of San Francisco Labor Council Friday very little business outside the old routine was transacted. The printers reported that business is quite brisk at present, and the firm of Levison & Co. is gradually weakening. The theatrical employes report plenty of work at present, but a rather poor outlook, with the cigar-makers business is livelier than ever, and more cigars are being manufactured throughout the country just at present than have been in a long while. The iron-mongers and pattern-makers are also enjoying a season of prosperity just at present, and the sailors say there are still plenty of idle men along the water front. The old question of the council giving its sanction to a labor paper was again discussed, and the matter was left in the hands of the executive committee for a final settlement.

Tried to End Her Troubles.
Hester McVicker, a domestic, was found unconscious in a house at 1625 Post street, last night, where she is employed. She was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where Dr. Fitzgibbon, who attended her, expressed the opinion that she had taken laudanum. The woman is the wife of Alexander McVicker, a grocer, at 27 Ninth street.

Another Chance for Gut Eun.
Gut Eun, a Chinese woman ordered deported by a United States Judge in Arizona, was yesterday remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal of Arizona to be taken to that place for a new trial.

CURE your cold with Low's horsehound cough syrup, price 10c, 417 Sansome st.

NEW TO-DAY.
We will give \$500 if we cannot perform a cure in thirty days without pain. We will fill, extract, drain, and cure all eye troubles, without pain and at price less than half those charged by others. If you are troubled with cataracts, decayed or broken-down eyes they may be made useful by proper treatment and crowing. We will cure you without pain, from 75c up; silver nitrate, without pain, from 75c up; cement filling, without pain, from 25c up; cleaning teeth, 50c; broken, we get them on again. Our bridge work cannot be surpassed by any dentist in the Pacific Coast. All our bridges are made of best materials and are worked perfectly by a specialist in this work. But very few dentists are successful in that department. We will make you a plate that will fit you from the most difficult impression taken in the morning you can get plates same day.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.
Action of the Trustees Indorsed—Profits of the Last Fair.

The regular quarterly meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute was held last evening. At this meeting it was officially announced that the profits of the last Mechanics' Fair amounted to \$5022.73.

President Ernest A. Denicke stated that the trustees had taken up the matter of the Golden Jubilee Mining Fair. A. S. Halliday made a speech eulogizing the undertaking and spoke of the many advantages that would accrue from it. The

action of the trustees was indorsed by the directors of the company.

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