

HATTER'S MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE

Morris Colman Shoots Himself Through the Heart.

Said Good-By to His Son Shortly Before His Death.

No Reason Given by His Family for His Self-Destruction.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

He Was for Years Well Known in San Francisco Business Circles.

Morris Colman, the well-known hatter, committed suicide yesterday morning.



MORRIS COLMAN, WHOSE SUDDEN SUICIDE IS WRAPPED IN MYSTERY.

bedroom of the dead man at the Alexandria Hotel, 781 Sutter street, where he, with his son, Jerome Colman, who is a student at Berkeley, have occupied apartments for some time past.

THE WORKMEN.

Some Facts and Figures of Interest to Members of the Order.

The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, jurisdiction of California, will meet in B. B. Hall this morning and remain in session several days.

Superior Court Changes.

Judge Rhodes Borden, who was appointed by Governor Budd to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Charles W. Slack, will take his seat today in the criminal department formerly presided over by Judge Dunne.

FEELING THE GARBAGE MONOPOLY

Supervisors Pass Resolution Abolishing Scavengers.

Only Wagons Owned by the Crematory Company to Be Used.

Delany's Resolution for the Relief of Cigar Dealers and Saloon Men.

ATTRIBUTES IT TO DEVANY

A Joker That Would Exempt Their Slot Machines From the Usual License.

The Supervisors have finally passed the resolution giving the Sanitary Reduction Works the exclusive privilege of hauling garbage to the crematory, and providing that the city should pay for the hauling.

The resolution, with its artful allusions to the Board of Health, sanitary conditions and public welfare, was most alluring in its phrasing, and carefully concealed the fine hand of the reduction works.

Just before the adjournment of the Supervisors, Delany offered an innocent appearing little amendment to the ordinance licensing nickel-in-the-slot machines, which, if passed, will exempt those machines from the usual license.

After the adjournment Supervisor Delany was asked for an explanation, and said he had introduced it at the request of Supervisor Devany, who he said is a friend of his.

Smith protested against the passage to print of the resolution, and requested that the Board of Health be notified of his protest.

The request of the National Athletic Club for a special license for the use of the city streets for the purpose of holding a regatta on May 20 and 21 was granted.

The San Francisco Gas and Electric Company was authorized to arrange with the contractor for the construction of a street work at the corner of I street and North avenue.

line-Grading, curbs, etc.; also Hayes, Scott to Pierce, north of northerly curb line, grading and curbs to same City and county to pay entire cost.

Eighteenth, Mission to Capp-Artificial-stone sidewalks on southerly line. Erie, from point 27 1/2 feet east of Mission to point 10 feet easterly-Same.

Lower terrace, serpentine place to Pluto street-Pipe sewers, etc. Tenth avenue, K to L street-Curbs and macadamizing.

Palmer, Randall to Fairmount-Pipe sewer; same at intersection of cross streets.

Harrison, Main to Spear-Granite curbs and paving of cherty hard street to southerly termination of Harwood alley-Curbs, sidewalks and paving.

Libert and Hyde-Paving. Harwood alley, Filbert street to southerly termination of Harwood alley-Curbs, sidewalks and paving.

Haight, Ashbury to Clayton-Same. Haight, Clayton to Cole-Same. Haight, Cole to Shrader-Same.

Liberty and Sanchez-To California Paving Company, 150 days on grading, etc. Sanchez, Twentieth to Liberty-Same.

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Mission and Brook streets, etc.-Bids of March 23, 1898, recommended opened. Hickory avenue, Gough to Octavia-In favor of paving and sewerage.

Washington, Locust to Spruce-Paving postponed thirty days. Bryant, southwest from First; Ellery, Bryant to Federal-City Engineer's recommendation to change and establish grades favored, provided property-owners petition for same.

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PRINTERS STILL ON STRIKE

Employers and Men Both Appear Determined to Resist.

The Large Job Offices More Inconvenienced Than the Small.

A Speedy Settlement of Difficulties Hoped For by All Parties.

The strike of the book and job printers for a nine-hour workday was marked by orderliness and quiet throughout yesterday. Police officers were stationed in front of each of the offices where their services were not needed.

Many of the larger offices decided to shut down for a day or two to watch the outcome of the movement, while others were also stationary in front of the buildings to watch all who go in or out.

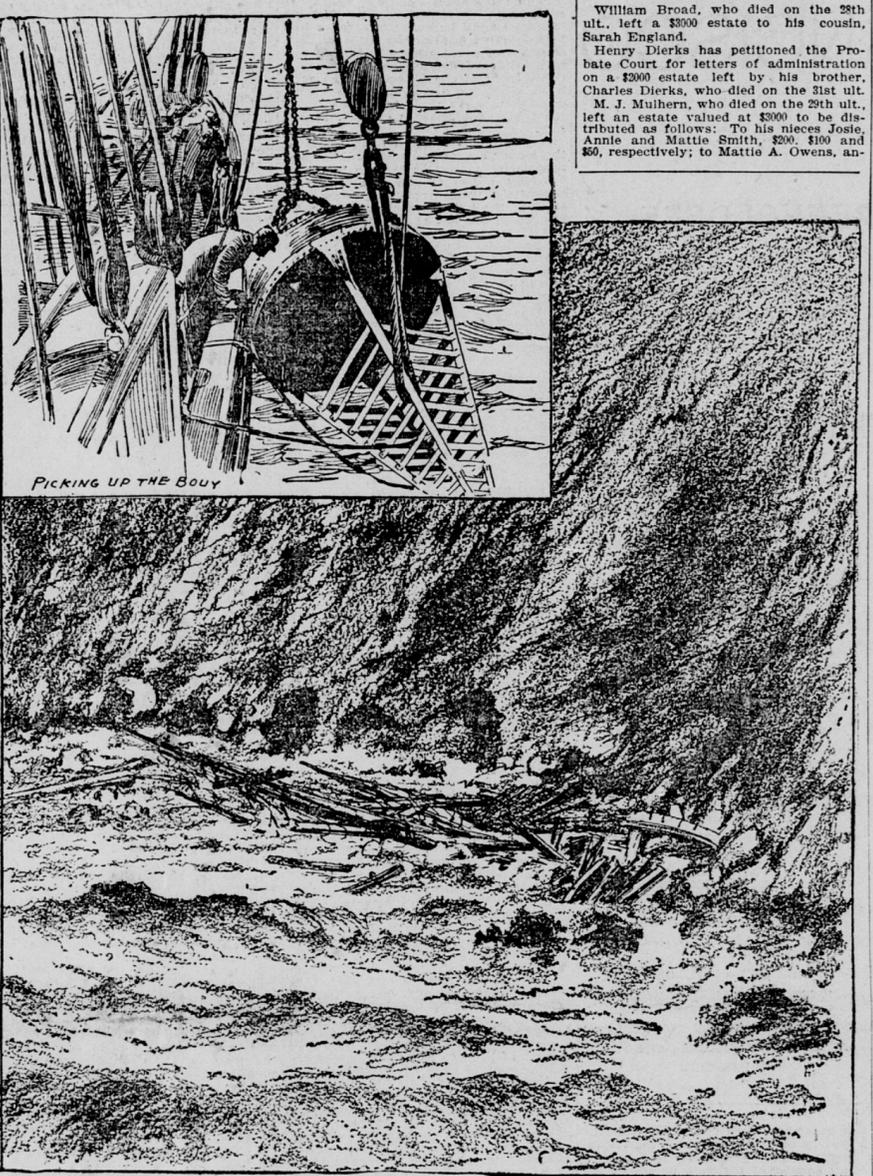
The union is carrying on an aggressive fight by the old time-honored T. U. method of visiting merchants and asking them to carry their patronage to the offices which have signed the new scale.

"We think this is the best plan," said President Hawkes yesterday. "There are enough union offices in this city now to do all the local work, if they were pushed to anything like their full capacity, and we can get our business done as usual."

The strike committee and "chapel daddies" will be at the rooms all day to-day, and men have been sent off to the various districts to see that quiet is maintained.

The officers for the current year are as follows: Dr. Edward Stephens Clark, president; Colonel A. S. Hubbard, secretary; Edgar Hobart of San Jose, junior vice-president; Miss Louisa S. Kimball of Palo Alto, corresponding secretary; T. J. Durr, treasurer; Mrs. M. A. Deering, librarian.

The new society will collect, preserve and diffuse information on genealogy. The membership includes the officers, also: Arthur Maxey Davis, Major George W. Reed, A. M. Mellison, Allen Knight, Harvey Darne, A. H. Hingford, Dr. H. Carlton, Mrs. Dr. L. Durr, Mrs. T. Day, C. T. Day, Mrs. A. S. Carman, Mrs. Seldon S. Wright, Zoeth S. Eldredge, Mrs. W. D. Mansfield.



PICKING UP THE BOUY

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

The Wreck of the Helen W. Almy Suddenly Disappears From the Path of Navigation.

One more maritime mystery lies hidden in the ocean's cavernous depths. One more ship has her bones strewn along the beach and one more story of human agony in engulfing waves will remain untold until the sea gives up its dead.

Since that awful night, three weeks ago, when thirty-nine souls were hurried into the presence of their Maker by the foundering of the bark Helen W. Almy, no word, no sign, no dotsum or jetsom has come to mortal ken that would give any clew either to the manner of the catastrophe or to the fate of those who left with such high hopes of wealth to be wrested from the ice-bound sands of Alaska.

For almost two weeks the mournful sound of a tolling bell about six miles off from the Golden Gate has warned passing vessels that danger lurked in their path. It was the death knell rung by the buoy located to mark the spot where the rotten hull swung to and fro with wind and wave until such time as the wheel

of Government should sufficiently revolve to give the necessary authority to destroy the menace to navigation. Sunday morning was the day set for this duty, but either the wind or the tide or the waves prevented the consummation of the long contemplated and long deferred act.

Yesterday morning, however, everything was ready, the elements were favorable, and the lighthouse tender Madrone, with Lieutenant Beattie of the Monterey and a squad of blue jackets, went out to blow to atoms the waterlogged hulk. But that Providence "which sits up aloft and watches for Jack" had tired of waiting, and when the tolling bell had guided the tender through the fog to the spot where the wreck had swung so many days, there was consternation and disappointment among those on board the Madrone, for not a sign of wreck was to be seen, and it was only through an item in The Call that any clew was had to the disappearance. That item told of a captain who had seen what he supposed to be the wreck of the Almy drifting along about two miles off Point Pedro.

Satisfied that the wreck had left its moorings, search was made through the fog along the coast down toward where it was supposed some trace might be found. Nor was the quest in vain, for

as the Madrone steamed slowly along there were seen abeam signs of the destruction of some vessel, for the sea was strewn with floating timbers, from all parts of a ship, but no signs of the hull was to be found. Ordering out two small boats, Lieutenant Beattie began a systematic search of the rocky and surf beaten coast, and for ten miles every cove, inlet and reef was carefully inspected, with the result that in one little cove, guarded by jagged rocks and sheltered by high, frowning cliffs, were found tangled spars, cordage, timbers and other debris showing that here the ill-fated bark had struck and pounded to pieces.

That the wreck no longer menaces navigation there is no doubt, for the wreckage along the coast and the floating debris showed only too plainly that the waves had completed their work and left nothing for man to do except to report that his intervention was unnecessary. Lieutenant Beattie had taken six heavy charges of gun cotton and all the necessary appliances for working with the wreck, but there was nothing for him to do but return to the bell buoy and have it removed. This was done, and the Madrone returned to the city with her passengers relieved that the obstruction was removed, but sorry that they had not witnessed its destruction.

Other pieces of wreckage were seen, including a watch and chain; to his half-brothers, James and Patrick Smith, \$50 each, and the residue to his sister, Mrs. Bridget Owens.

In the Divorce Court. Judge Bahrs yesterday granted Susie A. Harley a divorce from William N. Harley on the ground of willful neglect. Joseph E. Bergess has sued Carrie E. Bergess for divorce on the ground of desertion. Subra from Joseph G. Subra, cruelty.

TO CULL FAMILY LORE.

A Genealogical Society Formed-The New Officers.

The steps to organize a genealogical society on the Pacific Coast have taken place and the first regular meeting was held yesterday.

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DEATH FROM HIS WINDOW.

Arthur Maxey of Pescadero Found Lifeless Beside a Hospital Wall.

Archer C. Maxey of Pescadero was found dead yesterday afternoon on the ground under the window of the room which he had occupied at the German Hospital. He had been in the hospital for treatment for several weeks, and it is believed that he fell out accidentally from the window with suicidal intent or whether he fell out accidentally is not known.

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