

BELEW ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE Story of His Crime Again Told in Court.

Chemists Testify to the Finding of Traces of Poison.

Confession Made by the Murderer Introduced as Evidence.

FREELY ADMITS GUILT.

Gives No Motive for the Killing of His Unfortunate Brother and Sister.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SUISUN, April 5.—The taking of testimony in the case of Frank Belew commenced before Judge Buckles this morning. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings and the court was crowded to its utmost capacity.

Belew acted nervously at times and his nervousness was evidently born of despair. Frequently he scrutinized the faces of those present as if looking for a sympathizer among them.

The first witness called was Dr. Traflet of Dixon, who treated Susie Belew on the day of the poisoning. He testified that the young woman died from the effects of arsenical poisoning.

Dr. G. W. Downing testified he had conducted an autopsy on the body of Susie Belew. W. T. Wenzel, the chemist, testified as to finding arsenic in the beef stew of which she had partaken, and in the contents of a kettle submitted for a test.

After evidence from Mrs. C. Clark, who attended Susie Belew on the day she was taken sick, Horace G. Perry, stenographer, was called and gave testimony regarding the confession made by Belew on Sunday, February 6, in the District Attorney's office.

In the afternoon the confession was offered in evidence and was read. In this confession Belew said:

"Of course I am guilty. I want to make a statement. I want to have it over with. I do not know what my motive was in wanting to kill my sister, Susie, and my brother, Louis. I had not made up my mind to do it until the day the deed was accomplished. I used rough on rats that was in the house for a long time. I took the poison out of the box and threw the box away. The poison I put in a piece of paper. There was about a level teaspoonful of it. I poured the drug into the teakettle while Susie was in the room."

"I had some words with Louis that day about the conduct of my wife and Susie brought it up again that night. I was opposed to my sister marrying Charley Elman. The conversation Bird, my brother-in-law, says he had with me in the photograph gallery is not correct as he tells it. I never told him that I was going to commit one of the worst crimes that had ever been done in the county, nor did I say that I was dissatisfied with the division of the property."

"I do not know what prompted me to do it."

J. W. Bird was called to the stand. Bird testified that on the Sunday preceding the day Susie and Louis Belew were poisoned Frank Belew came to him and said he was about to commit one of the most horrible crimes ever committed in Solano county, and that it would shock the entire community. Bird said:

"Frank, don't do it."

Belew asked him if his wife would live with him if he had any money, and the witness replied that he did not think she would.

The defense then called T. M. Durrett, who deposed that he had known Belew for twenty years, and he had advised him to desist.

D. D. Dudley, John Maze, Oscar Schulze and J. W. McElwaine testified to having known Belew for many years and that he had borne a good character. The court then adjourned until Wednesday morning.

WEDDED TO ONE WHO IS NEAR TO DEATH. Hanford Young Lady Marries in Order That She May Nurser an Injured Man.

HANFORD, April 5.—Andrew Anderson, who was seriously injured through the breaking of timbers while working on the new cannery on Saturday, was married to-day to Miss Ambrosia Morton of Traver. The wedding had been set for the 12th inst. but the bride and groom decided that she might attend him. Rev. Mr. Miller officiated. Anderson is confined to his couch.

Presbyterians in Session. SAN LUIS OBISPO, April 5.—The Presbytery of San Jose convened here to-night. Dr. R. G. MacLaren of San Jose delivered the opening sermon. It will remain in session until Thursday evening.

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DREYFUS SAID TO HAVE DIED IN HIS CAGE

Rumor Current in Paris That the Devils Island Exile Is No More.

PARIS, April 5.—A rumor was current here to-day that Alfred Dreyfus, the former captain of artillery, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for betraying important military secrets to a foreign power, was undergoing imprisonment on Devils Island, off the coast of French Guiana. The Colonial Office has no information on the subject.

SENATORS ARE NOT IN ACCORD

Debate in Executive Session Develops Two Strong Factions.

Not Prepared to Yield to the President in the Maine Matter.

If Cuban Resolutions Are Not Strong Enough They Will Be Made Stronger.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—A debate which occurred in the executive session of the Senate late this afternoon would indicate that no matter what the character of the resolution to come from the Committee on Foreign Relations the resolution would cause a serious and perhaps prolonged discussion. It emphasized the fact that there are two elements in the Senate—one for independence with intervention and another for intervention alone, and these two factions will fight vigorously for their ideas.

The relations of the United States with Spain were the uppermost topic in the executive session and constituted the subject of many conferences among Senators.

The activity was due to the announcement that the President's message would recommend the adoption of a policy looking to intervention in Cuba on the part of the executive branch of the Government rather than the recognition of independence, and to an effort to make smooth the way for the reception of such a report.

The executive session developed the fact that much opposition would be made to the acceptance of a policy in line with the President's desires. The question was raised by Senator Allen, who made a long speech predicting much dissatisfaction in the country at large with a policy on the part of the executive that did not go to the extent of giving the Cubans their independence of the mother country.

Senator Allen was followed by other speakers in the same line and the fact was made evident that if the committee on Foreign Relations should bring in a resolution merely complying with the President's request and stopping short of a declaration for independence, there would be an effort in the Senate to amend it so as to accomplish this end.

Indeed the announcement was made by more than one Senator that he would offer such an amendment, and by many more that they would support an effort in the direction of adding the independence declaration to a resolution providing simply for intervention. The committee was therefore urged not to yield to the wishes of the President, but to stand out strongly for complete action. The policy of the President for executive intervention only was criticized as one which would place the entire question in the hands of the President and thus leave the matter there it now is, except that it would be a voluntary relinquishment of the rights of Congress in the premises—the right among others to declare war.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this board that the employment of Chinese labor in richards, canneries and driers of this county, to the detriment of white labor, is at all times to be condemned and deplored, and that this fact is particularly manifest in the case of the Milpitas cannery, where the general conditions prevailing in the commercial world are such that an unusual proportion of our people, anxious and willing work, are unable to find employment.

It is a well recognized fact that hundreds of men, women and children in this county are largely dependent upon their small earnings derived from these sources and to deprive them of this opportunity would mean to them hardship and deprivation in succeeding winter months.

PREFERS WHITE LABOR. Statement From the Oakland Preserving Company's President.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—To the Editor of The Call—Dear Sir: Referring to your article in this morning's paper on the trouble at the Milpitas cannery, I beg leave to point out that, while the surface facts were fully and accurately reported, certain circumstances which materially change the "hue of the horse" have apparently not been brought to your notice.

Principal among these is the fact that the employment of Chinese is not a matter of sordid economy, but of positive (though we hope of temporary) necessity. The Oakland Preserving Company has always been in the vanguard of the promoters of pure and high-class food products. They have not only persistently refused to employ Chinese labor, but have always secured the very best character of white labor. It was for this very reason that their first true canneries, were located in Oakland, where the character of white help to be obtained is considerably above the average. No Chinese have ever been employed there. The Milpitas cannery is operated solely for the purpose of supplying the market with a vegetable product which is the center of an important asparagus-raising district, where this vegetable attains an unusually high degree of excellence. This vegetable is of fine quality, must be put up while crisp and fresh and it is therefore necessary that it be taken direct from the fields to the cannery and that each day's supply be disposed of the very same day.

This was the source of the trouble with the employees of the Milpitas cannery. Although it was necessary for the work to generally continue beyond regular hours and sometimes far into the night in order to finish with the day's supply, the employees insisted on quitting when they saw fit. They have not only refused to work the required number of hours during the short season, but they should have the choice of either sustaining a certain and serious loss or giving up the business. We are always willing to adapt ourselves to necessity and will work the required number of hours during the short season, but we have been willing and anxious to employ only white labor at higher wages, but we have been unable to do so because of the interests because employees refuse to work with an inconvenience which cannot be obviated. Yours truly, F. TILLMANN JR., President Oakland Preserving Company.

ARTHUR IS GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER. Slayer of Mrs. Ransom at Los Angeles Will Spend His Life in Prison.

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—The jury in the case of C. H. Arthur, charged with the murder of Mrs. Ransom, to-night brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment. Arthur is a blacksmith who, about two months ago, shot and killed Mrs. Ransom. She had been living with him, but had abandoned him and he shot her on a crowded street of this city one afternoon.

Fire at Cypress Lawn. MILL VALLEY, April 5.—The residence of Mrs. H. Boyle at Cypress Lawn was destroyed by fire this evening. The loss is \$1000. Adjoining buildings were saved by a bucket brigade.

Steamships Withdrawn. NEW YORK, April 5.—At the offices of the Lone Star Steamship Company it was said to-day that owing to the unsettled condition of affairs between this country and Spain, it had been definitely determined to withdraw the steamships Miami, Menemeha, Mattevan and Merrimack from the Southern trade.

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FACES DEATH LIKE A STOIC SUPPLYING SURVIVORS WITH FOOD

Benjamin L. Hill at San Quentin Will Hang To-Day.

The Oakland Wife Murderer Spends His Last Hours Reading the Bible.

Shows Not a Trace of Fear While the Gallows Stands Ready to Receive Him.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, April 5.—Governor Budd has refused to interfere in the case of Benjamin L. Hill, sentenced to be hanged at San Quentin to-morrow. A gallant fight was made by the condemned man's friends to save him from the gallows. Personal appeals in his behalf were made by men prominent in California; but the Governor, after carefully reviewing all the evidence placed before him, came to the conclusion that it was not sufficient to warrant executive clemency, and resolved to let the law take its course.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, April 5.—Up in the wooden cage in the death chamber Benjamin L. Hill, the Oakland wife murderer, is passing the few remaining hours of his life. Only once has he alluded to his case in any of his conversations with the death watch, Guards Jones and Abrogast, and then it was to express his sorrow at not having pleaded guilty in the first place and gone out of the world long before this time.

These few words were the only ones that have passed his lips in regard to the awful crime of which he is guilty. Most of his time is spent in reading the Bible and talking upon religious subjects. He says that death has no terrors for him; that he believes in a hereafter and a God, and he maintains that he will mount the gallows without a sign of fear.

Still he has hopes that the Governor will relieve him before it is too late. He sleeps well and eats everything that is placed before him. The approach of death has in no manner affected him in these respects, and he looks the picture of health. He weighs almost 200 pounds and his face is round and pleasant in its expression. There is no appearance of the criminal in his features. Since Hill has been confined in the San Quentin Penitentiary he has been a model prisoner. He organized a Bible class among the murderers condemned to death. He preached the gospel in the prison yard and the strange audience listened to his words with rapt attention. Chaplain Dhrams of the prison has visited the condemned man in the cage in no meanly affected manner and the two have knelt in prayer. None who knows the prisoner believes he will show fear on the gallows.

Warden Hale has sent out about thirty invitations to the execution. Everything is in readiness. The rope was tested to-day. At 11:30 to-morrow the trap will be sprung unless a stay of execution arrives at the last minute.

Hill had no visitors to-day. His sister-in-law was here a few days ago and bade him good-bye.

Amos Lunt, the hangman, took a final survey of the gallows to-night and pronounced everything in readiness.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR MISAPPLIES FUNDS. Shortage in the Accounts of an Ormsby County Official at Carson.

CARSON, April 5.—It was discovered this morning that Public Administrator Frank Helm was short \$760 in his accounts. He had taken this sum from the Ormsby County fund and placed it in his father, Alfred Helm, in charge of the office, with the understanding that he would turn over \$250 a month to them. Helm's downfall was due to gambling. When deputy recorder some years ago he created a shortage of \$400.

Grand Lodge Delegates. SAN LUIS OBISPO, April 5.—Chorro No. 168, I. O. O. F., elected George W. McCabe and David Thaler delegates to the Grand Lodge.

Advertisements.

MRS. PINKHAM'S WARNING TO WOMEN.

Neglect is the Forerunner of Misery and Suffering—A Grateful Husband Writes of His Wife's Recovery.

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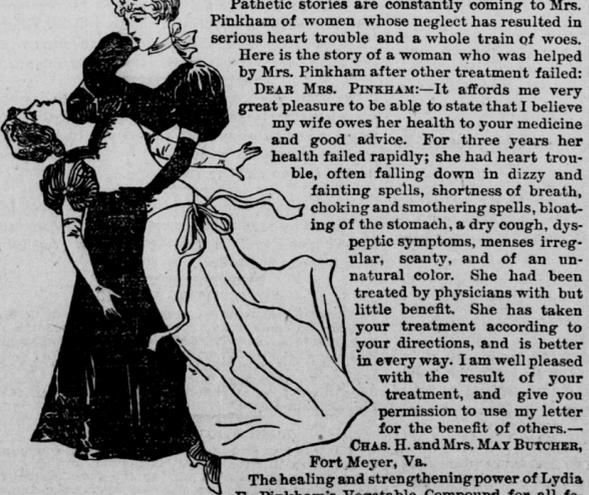
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ter were both drowned, had a narrow escape from death. The two ladies reached the roof. Mr. Phalen, being close behind them. The rope broke as he was about to emerge, pinning him in the scuttle hole. Being a slight man he was unable to extricate himself, and to this fact he owes his life. His wife and daughter were washed from the roof and drowned. Mr. Phalen was carried about a quarter of a mile before he was picked up. He is now in a critical condition and it is feared he will not recover.

The break in the dam widened to-day a gap of 150 yards. It is said by those who witnessed its first giving away that the disaster was caused by quicksand upon which its foundations rested. The first sign of the disaster was a sudden whirlpool about fifteen feet north of the dam, as though the bottom had fallen out of the river. The water rushing into the hole proved too much for the quicksand under the dam and it sank downward. All witnesses agree that the dam sank toward the bottom of the river and was not carried inward by the rush of the water.

Charles Carroll, chairman of the relief committee, said to-day that the things most needed were blankets, meat, bread, meal and bacon. There was enough food in the town to-day and known to be on the road to feed the hungry until Wednesday noon. It is said that by that time all actual suffering will have been relieved. Contributions will be necessary for two weeks until the people are able to enter their stores and resume business once more.

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