

TRY TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF AN ASSAULT Mrs. Mentel's Defense Is Outlined.



BRUISES ON HER LEFT ARM CASE AGAINST HER IS LACKING IN STRENGTH.

Prosecution Fails to Develop Any Convincing Proof of Premeditated Murder—Will Close Friday.

The preliminary examination of Mrs. Anna Mentel was continued before Justice of the Peace Morris in Alameda yesterday morning, and the last but one of the witnesses for the prosecution heard.

The remaining witness, John M. Dickson of 106 Powell street, San Francisco, failed to put in an appearance, and when court adjourned at 3:30 p. m. the judge issued an order for him to appear at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

One witness for the defense was on the stand yesterday. Dr. W. S. Porter, the physician at the Receiving Hospital in Oakland, testified that he examined Mrs. Mentel the morning after the shooting and found black and blue marks on her left arm and an abrasion of the left elbow.

Sergeant John Conrad of the Alameda Police Department testified that he arrived on the scene of the murder a few minutes after the shooting. Mentel lay stretched upon the sidewalk, with his right hand in his trousers pocket.

Other witnesses had testified that the hand was buried in the pocket, and this has been regarded as proof that Mentel had been stricken down before he had time to defend himself.

"I asked her," he said, "why she shot her husband, and she answered: 'If you were a woman and a man struck you, you would shoot and threaten to choke you, wouldn't you shoot?'"

"I defense claims that this reply, given before the woman had an opportunity to concoct a story and while she was laboring under the nervous strain caused by the tragic event, is the only preceding, goes far to prove that she had been assaulted. Conrad also testified that in response to his questions as to what her husband said or did to cause the shooting, she said it was 'too horrible to mention.'"

Detective Herbert of Oakland also testified that he asked about the cause of the shooting. She said her husband could tell him all about it. She thought at the time Mentel was alive.

Drs. Luback and Keys of Alameda, who attended the woman, and the autopsy on the body of the deceased, received similar answers from her. The physicians also described the wounds. The fatal bullet entered near the left temple and came out about two inches above the ear on the right side of the head. The other bullet entered the left breast near the breastbone and ranging upward passed out near the point of the left shoulder, causing a deep, jagged wound. The skull was fractured in four or five places, evidently caused by a fall after the man was shot.

Defendant's attorney endeavored to show in the course of his cross-examination of witnesses who had recovered the body that the body had been dropped while being put into the Morgue wagon, but Deputy Coroner Fowler and those who assisted him were positive that nothing of the kind occurred.

Among other witnesses examined were F. W. Loomer, William Helmken, W. L. Smith and J. N. Ansel, the latter a brother-in-law of the deceased, but their testimony was unimportant except as corroborating that of witnesses who had preceded them in regard to seeing the dying man lying on the sidewalk. The case will be continued Friday at 10 a. m.

New Beet-Sugar Factory.

Clarence A. Granger, general superintendent of construction and operation of the new beet sugar factory at La Grande, Oregon, is in this city for a brief visit. The factory was built last summer by

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Witnesses at the Mental Hearing

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WALTER ROSSER'S TRIAL. The Slayer of Henry Hildebrand Does Not Remember the Tragedy.

The trial of Walter Rosser, the youthful soldier who killed Henry Hildebrand on September 12, will probably conclude today. When the case was again taken up yesterday morning Rosser was called to the witness chair. He told in substance the same story as upon the former trial. He said that after he left the Pine street dive he remembered nothing of his actions and of the tragedy he had not the slightest recollection. He did not recover from the effects of some poison he believed was administered to him until the next day. After the prisoner left the stand several witnesses corroborated his story, and then witnesses were called by the prosecution in rebuttal.

Louis Levy, a newspaper man who interviewed Rosser on the night of the killing, testified that Hildebrand's slayer was apparently dazed as well as intoxicated shortly after the tragedy. Levy's testimony to the effect that the prisoner was dazed pleased the defense, while his statement that he was also apparently intoxicated strengthened the contention of the prosecution, so both forces were pleased. Levy's testimony was corroborated by several other witnesses, and the case went over till this morning.

FAIR NATIVES WILL HAVE A NEW HOME

The famous old JESSE MOORE WHISKY is recommended by physicians for family and medicinal use because it is pure.

Turned on the Gas.

Owen O'Neill, a rancher from Chico, had a narrow escape from death in his room in Hackmeier's Hotel, Eddy street. When he retired Tuesday night he turned on the gas, but accidentally turned it on again. He was discovered yesterday morning in an unconscious condition, and Drs. Calvin and Baldwin were also summoned, but it was decided not to remove him. He will probably recover.

No one will use a fountain pen after trying a "Koh-I-Noor" copying pencil.

Pleasant Place Where They Can Go.

Valley Road's Vegetable Tariff.

The Railroad Commissioners held their first meeting yesterday. The most important thing done by the board was to adopt the special fresh fruit and fresh vegetables tariff No. 1 of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad, which was submitted by that road. This new schedule of rates is lower than that for grain shipped by the Southern Pacific. It is for all points between Bakersfield and San Francisco, and gives a rate of 20 cents on the hundred. Similar rates are also given between Bakersfield and Stockton.

DEDICATION NEXT MONTH

IT IS A SMALL BEGINNING, BUT IT WILL GROW.

Hopes and Plans of the Order Explained by One of the Prominent Officers.

For many months a number of the members of the order of Native Daughters of the Golden West have worked on the lines of establishing a home for the members of the organization in which such as desire may, when away from their own homes, find the comforts of home in the fullest sense of the phrase.

In the carrying out of this idea the Board of Relief of the Grand Parlor appointed a committee of five, said committee to have full power to plan for the project in the manner they deemed best, of which the following named ladies are the officers and directors: Mrs. Tiny O'Kane, the senior past grand president, who by reason of the fact that she was the first president of the Grand Parlor was given the post of honor, that of president, Miss Mae B. Wilkins, past grand president, vice president; Miss Clara K. Wittenmeyer, past grand president, secretary; and Mrs. Carrie R. Durham, past grand president, treasurer. Mrs. W. S. Leake of California Parlor, Mrs. H. M. Green of Buena Vista Parlor, Mrs. J. A. Steinbach of Alta Parlor, Miss Minnie Collier of Santa Rosa Parlor and Miss Joelle B. Johnson of California Parlor, are directors.

That step having been taken, the ladies named occupied themselves in the matter of interesting the parlor, not only of this city but of the entire State, and by personal visits to such parlor as they could reach, and by correspondence, they laid their proposition before the membership. Their labors were rewarded by assurance of assistance. Buena Vista Parlor voted \$50 from its treasury, and Alta Parlor contributed \$100, the Oro Fino Parlor gave \$50, the parlor at Buena Vista contributed \$10 and the Parlor do not \$10 and Forrest \$20. Subsequently Buena Vista added to its donation in the shape of an offer to fit up one room in a building to be selected, as a hospital.

Then there came offers of assistance from a great number of other parlor, and other artisans had vacated. If you have your home in operation by the 1st of January, 1899, and there is a prospect that it will be a success, then we will assist you in your energetic efforts. This was so encouraging that the energetic officers held a meeting on the 10th of September and arranged for the building to be selected, and Steinbach and Misses Wittenmeyer and Wilkins a committee to secure suitable quarters in which to establish the home. A protracted search, house hunting on a grand scale, the committee decided to take a ten-room house at 225 O'Farrell street, a pleasant, quiet neighborhood. This was not, however, until the latter part of the month of October, when the building was ready for occupancy. The landlady kindly offered to put it in good order, and the house was ready for occupancy. It is a pleasant, quiet neighborhood. This was not, however, until the latter part of the month of October, when the building was ready for occupancy. The landlady kindly offered to put it in good order, and the house was ready for occupancy.

After the painters, the carpenters, and other artisans had vacated, Mrs. D. T. Wilkins, the mother of the vice president, was appointed matron with instruction to take charge of the place and see that it was put in proper condition for the reception of guests. There came in the first place, in the name of the parlor, a donation by Mrs. Leake of carpets and furniture—almost enough to furnish five rooms. This lady taken an unusual interest in this matter, and has done and is still doing much to make the home the grand success that it is, in every respect. The Buena Vista Parlor also gave furnishing for a hall bedroom on the upper floor, with the understanding that in case of need of a hall bedroom, the furniture and the contribution of furniture and at this time the ten rooms are very neatly and comfortably furnished. There is on the half basement floor a dining room, kitchen, pantry and servants' room. On the first floor there is a pretty, well-lighted double parlor and a music room. On the upper floor are four bedrooms, one of which will be the hospital, and a bathroom. There are, in addition, a number of closets, and a room to adorn the walls, in the line of pictures and fancy articles that go to make up the home. The parlor is a beautiful room, and is a beautiful room, and is a beautiful room.

What we propose to do," said Miss Wilkins, the vice president, "is to give notice to all members of the order that

any member of a parlor in good standing who desires to come to the home and there find such accommodations as they can find in their own home and that at a small cost. Such will be able to arrange with the matron, and so desired, to take meals at the home or take them wherever desired. Take, for instance, members of the order who come to this city alone and do not wish to be a burden on friends or acquaintances or do not desire to go to a hotel or lodging-house; such can come to the home and there will have all the privileges they would enjoy in their own home. The parlor will be open to all members, and occasionally there will be home gatherings for social entertainment. We feel much gratified at the encouragement we have received and we hope that the time is not far distant when we shall be able to hold regular quarters and we look forward to the time when we can own our own home and have the pleasure of seeing the Native Daughters of the Golden West in their own institutions of the State. We expect that we will receive contributions of books and articles from the most prominent institutions of the State. We expect that we will receive contributions of books and articles from the most prominent institutions of the State. We expect that we will receive contributions of books and articles from the most prominent institutions of the State.

TO WALK SIX DAYS FOR CHARITY'S SAKE

BIG CONTEST TO START IN THE PAVILION TO-DAY.

The attendance at the charity bazaar has been gradually but steadily increasing, and last night, in spite of the threatening weather, the attendance was as large as any night since the opening. The great six-day walking contest in the gallery of the Pavilion will start at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. There were fifty entries, but C. W. Doyle, who is looking special attractions, cut them down to twenty, selecting only the best men. A five-foot tan bark track has been laid around the gallery, and refreshment booths will be put at each end for the benefit of the contestants. The track is seven laps to the mile, and each contestant will be given a 15-minute rest at the hour's rest any time he sees fit to drop out. The race opens at 1:30 o'clock each day and continues until 11:30, a total of ten hours in twenty-four hours. Music is now being furnished by bands from the various Native Sons parlors, which have entered into the musical contest.

RATES APPROVED.

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The consideration of the right of the board to investigate the affairs of the Pullman Palace Car Company went over until the next meeting, the board deeming it best to await the advice of the Attorney General, who has the matter under consideration. The report of L. H. Polk, expert to the board, who, pursuant to a resolution passed by the board on April 22, has been investigating the subject of the regulation of the rates of charges for transportation of freight and passengers on lines in the jurisdiction, was read and filed. The Southern, Central and South Pacific Railway companies were the ones dealt with in the report. Mr. Polk. After reviewing the case, which has been pending for a long time before the board, Mr. Polk says he wishes to say that in this railroad case we have gradually accumulated and are accumulating a mass of facts, which, when properly analyzed and tabulated, will, in my opinion, prove of incalculable value not only to your honorable board in the pending and future inquiries into the methods of this great labyrinth of corporations but also to all other boards and officers of this State whose duties bring them into contact with railroad companies.

CAPTAIN DE LA MAR IS HERE.

Made Famous by the Divorce Granted Him From His Wife.

Captain J. R. de La Mar and T. M. Clement are registered at the Palace. The former is the owner of many profitable mines and is well known here, while his companion is also a man of mining fame. They are en route to Mexico to look after some of their mining interests, and are accompanied by Guy Anderson, an assayer of Salt Lake. Captain de La Mar is prominent of the world over not only on account of his wealth but because of the recent divorce proceedings that he instituted in Paris against his wife. She was a poor girl of Parkersburg, W. Va., when he married her, and was said to have been, in the language of the Parisian critics, "a goddess of divine beauty and grace. He took her to Europe, where her beauty and form attracted much attention. They visited Egypt, it is said, that Mrs. de La Mar was the recipient of marked attention from the Khedive.

The wife, however, of the end, and Captain de La Mar instituted divorce proceedings. It is said that he found in his wife's possession letters from the Khedive of a compromising nature. He was granted a divorce. This was five years ago, and those who know the captain say that he will never again take into himself a wife. Mr. Clement, who is the general manager of Captain de La Mar's mines, became famous through his connection with John Hays Hammond, with whom he was associated in the Jamison raid in South Africa. He was captured by the forces of Oom Paul and only escaped with his life through the interference of the British Government.

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