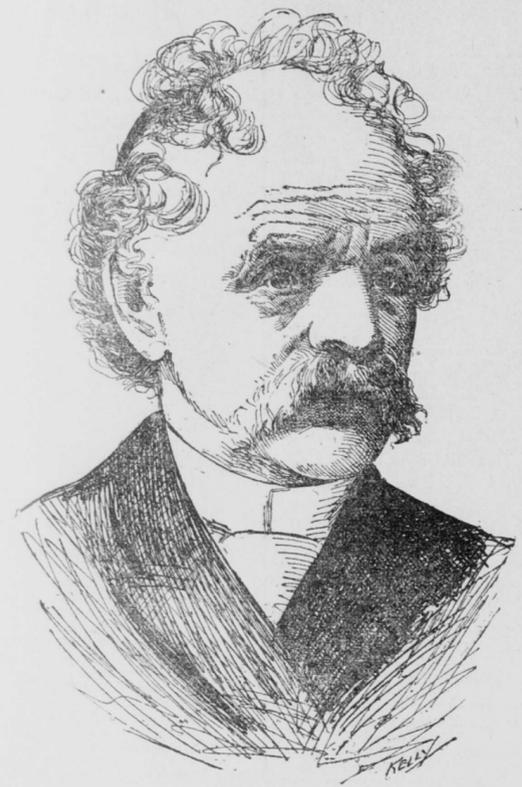


HIRAM J. M. TROUTT A VICTIM OF GAS



Father of the Superior Judge Found Dead in His Room Yesterday Morning.

HIRAM J. M. TROUTT, the aged father of Superior Judge J. M. Troutt, was found dead in his room at 519 Clayton street yesterday morning by members of his family and Judge Hunt. Escaping gas told the story for lighting, and it is supposed that he was accidentally turned on again after having been put out for the night. Mr. Troutt was an early riser, and when he did not make his appearance at the breakfast table suspicions arose. It was, however, resolved to allow him to sleep for a while, but when an hour or two had passed the suspicions of the family grew into fears, and they attempted to enter the old man's room. It was locked, but was finally broken into by Judge Hunt and his son, who happened to be visitors at the house. The body was not cold when discovered, and Dr. Ernest Johnson was sent for, but found that life was extinct. Judge Troutt, who was at Beresford, was telephoned to and apprised of the sad affair. He arrived in this city yesterday afternoon. Hiram Troutt was born in Virginia eighty-one years ago. He came to the coast about 1832 and engaged in business both in Portland and San Francisco. Six years ago his declining years forced him to retire to his residence with his son. Besides his son, he leaves two nieces, the Misses Burnham, who are well known in this city. A burned match was found on the floor near the bed. This gives strength to the conclusion that Mr. Troutt, finding the electric appliance out of gear, turned on the gas and ignited it with a match.

THE AUDITOR CLASHES WITH STENOGRAPHERS

Wants to Pass on Their Demands.

CITY NEEDS A SAFEGUARD

COURT PROCEEDINGS ARE NOW THREATENED.

Shorthand Men Declare Their Intention to Sue Out a Writ of Mandamus on Monday.

A merry war is in prospect between Auditor Wells and the court stenographers. The fight was inaugurated yesterday when Treasurer Truman refused to pay an order for stenographers' fees unless it was first audited by Mr. Wells. Now there is in prospect orders of courts, writs of mandate and political juggling without end.

Heretofore it has been the practice of each Judge of the Superior and Police courts to give to their stenographers an order of court directing the Treasurer to pay the per diem and transcript fees supposed to be properly due. These orders were presented direct to the Treasurer and were paid by that official. This order of things is to be changed, and because of the change the stenographers have declared war on the Auditor.

A few days ago Auditor Wells held a conference with Treasurer Truman and as a result the Treasurer agreed to refuse to pay any demands made by stenographers unless such demands were properly audited by the Auditor. It appears that a majority of the demands heretofore made by stenographers by order of court contained no further specifications than that of "attendances" in court. In individual cases these demands approximated as much as \$60 a week. The demands are paid out of the general fund.

The position taken by the Auditor is that the system now in vogue leaves no means of keeping a check on the amounts paid stenographers, and leaves the door open to the commission of frauds. Because of the manner in which the orders of court are made out, it is nothing to prevent the holders of the order from changing the amount named and thereby defrauding the city. The Auditor does not believe that any of the present stenographers have or will attempt to commit fraud in this manner, but he asserts his belief that the opportunity for doing so should not be afforded them when there is an adequate and sufficient method provided by law for the proper supervision of all demands on the Treasury. He therefore requested the Treasurer to hold up all demands bearing the signature of the Auditor. The Treasurer, being of the same mind, agreed to do so.

Stenographers' demands in the regular form of court orders were presented to Treasurer Truman for payment. The Auditor refused to sign the Auditor's signature payment was refused. The Auditor was appealed to, and he sustained the Treasurer. The result was that the holders of the demands threaten to have a writ of mandamus issued against the Treasurer on Monday compelling him to pay the demands in the form in which they have been presented to him.

Auditor Wells has told the stenographers that it is not his desire to delay the payment of any demands, and that he will audit them without delay immediately upon presentation. All that he wants is to establish a method of procedure that will insure the city against possible fraud. He says that other employees of the city are compelled to present their demands to the Auditor, and he sees no reason why court stenographers should be exempted from a procedure

that is recognized as a just and necessary safeguard.

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS.

An Immense Throng Enjoys Their Entertainment and Ball in Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Assembly Hall of the Odd Fellows' building was crowded as it never was crowded before by an audience that was present to enjoy an entertainment and ball given under the auspices of the city board of Foresters. Hundreds were unable to gain admission. The hall was unusually bright with bunting, flags, emblems of the order and mottoes.

During the evening, George A. McElfresh of Los Angeles, the high chief ranger of the High Court of California, delivered the address of the evening. The subject of the order, its growth and what it is doing in California. The programme presented had for its features: Baritone solo, A. Borini; high senior beadle, I. O. F. of California, accompanied by Professor F. Gilliam; recitation, Mrs. William M. Murray; soprano solo, "Paris," Mrs. Aeland Oronby-Roekel, accompanied by Mme. E. Courson-Roekel; instrumental selection, Mrs. Ed Howard; Baritone solo, E. G. MacBain; soprano solo, "For All Eternity," Mrs. Juliette E. Mathe; accompanied by Mrs. Ed Howard; Seymour of Alameda; recitation, Professor H. H. Tuller; mezzo-soprano solo, "Delight," Mrs. Grace Dodge of Oakland; accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Hoffetter; baritone solo, "The Bell-buoy," Charles D. Reid, accompanied by Professor H. W. Patrick. District Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger E. A. Mack was master of ceremonies, and Thomas P. Jarvis, floor manager, directed the dancing that followed. The following named are the district deputies who had charge of the address: Baritone solo, president, J. H. Wiley, W. I. Avery, L. A. Kern, E. N. Cameron, C. H. French, H. T. Moore, John H. Hansen, Thomas E. Jarvis, M. B. Schuler, Muller, I. S. Buckley, G. L. Withers, C. F. Stewart, James Hurry, H. Brunhofer, F. W. Gelger, J. A. Borne, M. D. O. C. Pratt.

PORTRAITS OF PIONEERS.

The California Society to Perpetuate the Memory of Its Members.

The Society of California Pioneers recently inaugurated in 1876 the perpetuation of the memory of its members by making a collection of their photographs and the autographs of those living, the same to be preserved in handsomely bound volumes, or to be absolutely correct, renewed as the originals were discontinued in 1888 after five volumes, each containing one hundred portraits, had been issued. From that time nothing was done until last fall, but since that time the sixth volume has been completed and is now well under way. In each of these portraits are all of members who have passed three score and ten. The eighth volume will complete the record and the entire work will contain handsome portraits of all the members of the society, living or dead, except in a few cases where they are absolutely unobtainable. The volumes are beautifully bound, suitably inscribed and indexed, and will form a valuable addition to the records of the society and will be of historic interest to future generations of Californians. The work is in charge of Edward E. Chever, chairman of the committee on photographs, to whose untiring efforts is due the success of the present undertaking.

Will Help Property Values.

The Market-street Railroad has about completed the construction of its tracks on Berkeley street, from Cheney to Glen Park. The new service over the San Mateo road to Glen Park was a great improvement last Sunday in handling the crowded excursion parties. The Tivoli Opera-house orchestra will be at Glen Park again to-day, and render a choice musical programme. The vaudeville performance will be high class and varied.

The Arts of Ancient Egypt.

A large audience gathered at Mechanics' Institute last evening to hear Professor H. T. Ardley of the California University on "Arts of Ancient Egypt." He illustrated his lecture with a number of charts and spoke entertainingly of the arts which flourished in Egypt in early days and of their recent discovery by scientists.

The Smallest on Record.

Custom-house officials were very much interested yesterday in a stalwart weather-beaten sailor who appeared on the floor of the Custom-house and made

inquiries for Surveyor of the Port Spear. The sailor was Captain Adolph Freitsch, the daring navigator who crossed the Atlantic in 1841 in an open boat, being the only man in history to accomplish the feat. When he met the Surveyor he made inquiries for a vessel, stating that he would like to make a voyage around the world, leaving in this city in a few days. Deputy Surveyor Chauncey St. John will measure the Coke next week, and Captain Freitsch will secure papers for the smallest ocean liner ever built. On Friday the Coke made its first voyage, being hauled from the shipyard by six teams to the Steeplechase at Center Park, where the captain will exhibit it for a limited period. It presents a picturesque appearance as it lies at anchor with all sails set and the captain on board.

JOHN H. DICKINSON IS MAJOR GENERAL

IMPORTANT OPINION RENDERED BY TIREY L. FORD.

Fifth and Seventh Regiments Are Almost Ready to Be Mustered In.

Ever since Governor Gage, who appointed General John H. Dickinson to the position of major general of the National Guard of California, withdrew that gentleman's name from the Senate, to which body it had been sent for confirmation, military people have been wondering what position if any he holds. Among those interested was General R. L. Peeler of the Adjutant-general's office, at Sacramento, who in order to be informed as to the legal status of the case wrote to the State Attorney, Tirey L. Ford, for an opinion. The substance of his letter is set forth in the reply of Mr. Ford, who says:

In your communication of the 5th inst. you say: "Major General J. H. Dickinson was appointed and commissioned general commanding the division, N. G. C., on February 12, 1898, by Governor James H. Budd, vice James H. Budd, resigned, under section 1415, Political Code, and on January 2, 1899, his name was sent in to the Senate for confirmation. He was not confirmed by the Senate. On February 15, 1899, Governor Henry T. Gage sent to the Senate the following message:

I herewith withdraw from the consideration of your honorable body the following appointments, submitted to your honorable body for approval on the 3d day of January, A. D. 1899, to-wit: John H. Dickinson, Major General, N. G. C., and John N. T. James, Major General, N. G. C., both of whom were appointed under and by virtue of said section 1415, Political Code. The term is used in said section in reference to appointments (if confirmed by the Senate) from date of commission. Is this correct, or do they hold at the pleasure of the Governor?"

Referring to your question as set forth in your letter of April 6, namely: "Is John H. Dickinson now a Major General, N. G. C., commanding and to be recognized officially as such by this department?" I have the honor to reply to you that upon the facts set forth in your communication and in view of the provisions of section 1415, Political Code, and following the rule laid down in the case of People vs. Tyrrell, 57 Cal. 414, I am of the opinion that General Dickinson was the lawful major general until the adjournment of the Legislature on the 15th day of January, 1899, after which he will continue to hold said office until the appointment and qualification of his successor as prescribed by law.

Referring to your question set forth in your communication of the 5th inst. to-wit: "Should this question be first presented to the courts?" I have the honor to reply to you that this question should be first presented to the courts.

TIREY L. FORD, Attorney General.

The reorganization of the National Guard of the State of California has been completed. The provisions of the Chynoweth bill passed at the last session of the Legislature for the purpose of defining and reorganizing the National Guard who did not volunteer during the war with Spain, and that of those who did not volunteer during the war with Mexico, were put into effect. The men and officers of the Seventh Regiment of Infantry are ready to be mustered in by the 1st of May.

Notwithstanding the fact that no one has been named as major general since the command was withdrawn, the name of John H. Dickinson, the general is still acting at division headquarters and is still in the command of the order relative to the organization, and sent out the muster rolls. In this order the following names are detailed to make up more than fifty men, the minimum number, ready to sign the muster roll, and it is expected that by next Thursday they will be ready to be sworn in.

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Do you suffer pain in your head, back, hips or joints? Are you neuralgic, dizzy, tired, worn-out, sleepless, hysterical, short of breath, irregular heart, generally weak?

Are you nervous, anxious, irritable, restless, fretful, melancholy, blue, or out of sorts? Whence all these symptoms?

From Kidney Poison in the Blood. How does the Poison get into your blood? When your kidneys are sick, poison and disease-breeding germs creep into your blood.

Well kidneys keep your blood free from poison and filter all the impurities out of the system. You can be well by keeping your kidneys well.

If your water when allowed to remain undisturbed in a glass or bottle for twenty-four hours, forms a sediment or settling or has a cloudy appearance, it is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need immediate attention.

What your kidneys need is a gentle, healing, tonic influence that will soothe their irritability and gently regulate them.

The only thing that will do this is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the ideal kidney restorative.

When your system is weakened and run down build up with Swamp-Root. Briefly, the way to be well is to pay attention to your kidneys.

To take Swamp-Root when you are suffering from weak, unhealthy kidneys. The great discovery Swamp-Root has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among

the helpless, too poor to purchase relief, and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of The Call who have not already tried it, may have a free sample bottle of Swamp-Root and test for themselves its wonderful curative properties.

If you will send your name and full address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., a sample bottle will be sent, absolutely free by mail postpaid, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and containing some of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women who owe their good health, in fact, their very lives, to the wonderful curative properties of Swamp-Root.

This great modern discovery is for sale at most drug stores in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. Don't make any mistake, but make a note of the name, SWAMP-ROOT, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

If you take advantage of this generous offer and write for a free sample bottle, be sure and mention The San Francisco Sunday Call when sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Officer Leonard. Grabbing him from behind he threw him on to the sidewalk, and then reached for Officer Finley. This was as far as he went, for Leonard and Finley yanked the bruiser off to the seventeenth-street station, locked him up on two charges, one of battery on an officer and the other of disturbing the peace.

Chinese Fantan Players. The cases of the thirty Chinese fantan players arrested by Lieutenant Beola and those at Washington street and Waverly place were again called before Judge Morgan yesterday and by consent continued to the seventeenth-street station, where they will be held until the time of the arrest should be returned to the owners.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.

Flemming Wanted Fight. Charles Flemming, who claims to have a good-sized "drag" about the Police Courts, undertook to gain admittance into Woodward's Pavilion on Friday night without the formality of purchasing a piece of cardboard for that purpose. In his attempt to force his way in he considered it a privilege to clear away the "cops" who obstructed his path. The first man he came across was

PORTLAND'S FIRE CHIEF.



DAVID CAMPBELL

DAVID CAMPBELL, chief engineer of the Portland (Or.) Fire Department, is in this city for a brief stay. While here he has been the guest of Chief Sullivan, who has shown him the improvements made in the local Fire Department and the workings of the apparatus now in use.

Mr. Campbell was made Chief of the Portland Fire Department by the Police Commissioners who were appointed by the Mayor under the new charter recently adopted by the Portland municipality. He had been Chief before that time, but resigned rather than to be made the tool of the politicians who controlled the city's affairs. He was again selected for the office without any solicitation on his part and on account of his recognized ability in the management of fires and the control of men under his supervision. He is about 35 years of age and was born in Pittsburg, Pa.

Since he has been here he has attended nearly all the fires that have occurred, notably the big blaze on Fremont street. He does this, he says, to get some "pointers" to use in Portland when fighting fires.

Early this morning Chief Sullivan will take him out to Seventeenth street, between Polson and Harrison, where some of the fire ladders will handle 100 feet of hose on the drilling tower seventy-five feet high. A engine drill will also be performed for Mr. Campbell's edification. At 9 o'clock he will see the water tower and the new water battery in operation at Kearny and Bay streets.

THREE DAYS' CONCLAVE OF CITY TEACHERS

SESSIONS WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY.

Many Interesting Features Included in the Programme to Be Presented.

Beginning on Wednesday the teachers of the city and county of San Francisco will hold their Institute meeting at the Mission High School, corner of Dolores and Eighteenth streets. The session will

continue for three days, and will occupy the mornings, afternoons and evenings. All school officers and friends of education are invited to attend the sessions of the Institute. Among the prominent speakers and participants will be the Hon. James D. Phelan, Mayor of San Francisco; J. Liberty Tadd, Philadelphia; Thomas J. Kirk, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Paul Berger, president Board of Education; Hart Wagner, editor Western Journal of Education; Henry Meade Bland, professor of education, University of Pacific; Miss Kate F. Banning, superintendent Liver-street Kindergarten; Miss Anna M. Stovall, principal Golden Gate Kindergarten Training School; Miss Anna M. Stovall, principal Golden Gate Kindergarten Training School; Superintendent J. W. McClymonds, Oakland; Miss Effie B. McLaughlin, department of nature study, Oakland; Superintendent F. E. Berham, Berkeley; David Starr Jordan, president Stanford University.

The more serious work of the meeting will be generously interspersed with music, vocal and instrumental, and there will be a number of highly entertaining illustrated lectures.

One of the features of the session will be section lectures, the object of which is to present to the teachers discussed subjects which are very important in their classroom exercises. Participants will not be allowed to occupy more than five minutes each.

USE "KNOCKOUT DROPS." Two Ex-Convicts Arrested While Having a Victim in Tow.

Ernest Fuhrman, alias Garschewer, and John Peters, alias Mitchell, ex-convicts and well known "knock-out drops" men, were arrested Friday night by Detectives Wren, Dinan, Reynolds and McMahon while having in tow a victim to whom they had administered the drops.

The victim was Nig Rusich, who arrived on the Mariposa from New Zealand Friday morning on his way to Idaho. He was accosted at Kearny and Clay streets Friday evening by Fuhrman and Peters, who presented to him a stranger in a suit and hat. They started up the alley, and had several drinks together. The detective went along Market street and noticed them going along Market street and noticed they were carrying a bottle, but Dinan snatched it from him. Four bottles were found upon them which contained a mixture of chloral, acetone, fusel oil and glycerine. The ingredients that comprise "knock-out drops."

Rusich was so much under the influence of the drops that when taken to the City Prison he sank into a stupor and could not be aroused. Yesterday morning he was still feeling the effects of them. Fuhrman and Peters were yesterday charged with vagrancy, and the police stated that they get the full limit, six months.

Will Shoot at Clay Birds. The Olympic Gun Club will meet today at its grounds near Ingleside and a pleasant afternoon's sport is promised. The feature of the day will be the regular monthly live-bird shoot.

The San Francisco Bluecock Club will meet at Alameda Point on Sunday and smash clay birds. The Empire Gun Club will also meet at Alameda and hold a handicap shoot.

Battered His Brother-in-Law. M. Ledy, a drug clerk at 152 Fourth street, swore to a complaint in Judge Morgan's court yesterday for the arrest of Frank Shinn, a barber, on the charge of battery. They are brothers-in-law. Shinn, having married Ledy's sister against the wishes of Ledy, Friday they met and Shinn gave Ledy an unmerciful beating.

Fines for Opium Smokers. Judge Morgan yesterday fined Ah Wah, the keeper of an opium "john," \$50 and six men who were caught smoking in the "john" \$50 each. They were arrested by Sergeant Helms and posse. He also fined four Chinese arrested by Lieutenant Price and posse \$50 each for the same offense.

Ocean Water Tub Baths. 261 Seventh st., corner Mission. Salt water, direct from ocean.

Started With Mrs. Gilchrist of Emerson Avenue. I had quite a time following Dr. Steinmann's directions, when he told me that he could not cure me of my nervous trouble until I quit drinking coffee, and upon my statement that I could not give up the habit, he told me to get the genuine Postum Food Coffee.

When I drank a mouthful of Postum made this way I thought I would never drink any more, for it was horrid flat and insipid. (I was living in Denver, Colo., at that time.) I spoke to Mrs. Gilchrist, a friend living on Emerson ave., about what the doctor had given me, "that horrid stuff called Postum," and she laughed out loud and said, "I know just what the matter with you. I have been using Postum for months, and it is delicious, but you have to boil it or it will not taste good."

I told her she was welcome to the rest of my package, as I was through with it, but she insisted on my trying it once more, and when we reached home, we were so much interested in it that she went to the kitchen and made some for our lunch.

I took only a little sip at first, for I was afraid of it, but when I tasted it as she had made it, what a difference there was! It was a beautiful deep brown color, had a lovely strong coffee taste, and that cup completely captured me.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. McGaffey, both living on Stout street, friends, have been induced to leave off coffee and use Postum, as they have been very greatly improved in health, and are now high in its praise.

While visiting Professor W. H. Chaney of Chicago I found his family using Postum.

No matter where I go I generally find Postum ahead of me. I went to Cincinnati, Ohio, a short time ago and visited with a friend, Mrs. Lyman, on Center avenue, and sure enough, for breakfast there was my favorite Postum, which she has been using for a long time.

I am so thoroughly well and happy in the enjoyment of my health since leaving off coffee and taking Postum that I cannot thank the Postum Company and Dr. Steinmann enough. Miss J. Wilson, 49 Thirty-second street, Chicago.