

BEATEN BY ASSAULTERS  
BEATEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT  
HE IS CONFINED TO HIS ROOMS AT THE PALACE.

The Affair Has Caused Considerable Excitement in Local Club Circles, Where Martin Is Well Known.

William H. Martin, the millionaire mine owner and prominent local citizen, was assaulted yesterday afternoon by two men who ran up Post street, making their escape before the police arrived.

The aged mine owner was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and assisted into a saloon, where stimulants were given to him. His face was badly beaten and blood flowed freely from his nose. Mr. Martin might have been beaten to death by his assailants were it not for the interference of two gentlemen, who saw the men assaulting Mr. Martin and rushed to his assistance. When the thugs saw the men approaching they took a parting kick at their prostrate victim and ran away.

I am positive that these men were hired to assault and beat mine owner, while willing hands were washing the blood from his face and applying lotions to his bruised flesh. "I was on my way to the Pacific Union Club when the men accosted me. I don't remember the names of them before, but I could identify them easily if they were brought before me. One of the men stood in front of me and the other struck me from behind. Then they both rained blows on me and knocked me down."

Much excitement has been caused in club circles over the affair, and friends of the mine owner have been extremely anxious to keep the details from the public. Martin is a partner in the famous Rawhide mine, which has been instrumental in the past in causing all sorts of ill feeling and lawsuits among those interested in it. For some time a bitter quarrel has been raging between Martin and W. A. Nevills, his partner, and when Martin was attacked yesterday his club friends believed that it was the climax of the row with Nevills. The intimate friends of the latter resent this insubordination very much, and for some time past the two millionaires have been on bad terms, but they declare that under no circumstances would Nevills stoop to hiring thugs to attack his enemy.

After the assault Martin was removed to his apartments at the Palace, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to leave them for several days. When a reporter called at the Martin apartments last evening the old gentleman was too ill to be seen. His son expressed regret that the affair had become public and was unable to throw any light on the subject.

"My father was brutally assaulted," he said, "and the matter is now in the hands of the police. His assailants were both big strong men, and my father believes from their appearance that they were hired to do the thing about his quarrel with Mr. Nevills."

COLEMAN ON TRIAL BY COURT-MARTIAL

THE WOULD-BE SUICIDE HAS HIS FIRST HEARING.

Erring Ensign of the Iowa Will Be Called to Account for a High Old Time.

WRECKED A RESTAURANT.

Two Soldiers Clean Out a Grant-Avenue Chophouse.

John Campbell, a soldier, charged with battery and disturbing the peace, failed to appear when his name was called in Judge Morgan's court yesterday, and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. He was found last evening at the Presidio by Policemen Cole and Nelson and taken to the city jail.

Slate Writing Necromancy.

Professor Henry, the conjurer, says that the supernatural powers slate writing necromancers claim to possess is but the art of a magician, and that on Sunday at Glen Park he will prove this fact to his audience. Professor Henry is billed to expose fortune tellers who reveal secrets of the future by means of slate writing.

Disgusted With Life.

Mrs. Mary Jane Cranford, 18 Dale place, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by swallowing a dose of laudanum. She will recover through the efforts of the attaches at the Receiving Hospital. She was some years ago deserted by her husband, who was a gambler, who ran the billiard rooms at Eddy and Powell streets, and who went

RED MEN JOURNEY HERE TO HOLD THEIR SUPREME LODGE SESSION



PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER.

TOMORROW will arrive the representatives to the Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Red Men, which is to hold its session in the Turn Verein Hall, on Turk street.

GATEMALA NEW EXPERIENCING A HOT OLD TIME

Cabrera Runs Things to Suit Himself.

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Letters That Tell of the Havoc Caused by One Man in Less Than a Year's Time.

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Arrest of Two Pretty Girls Who Left Their Homes.

In the Divorce Court.

Cake-Walking at the Chutes.

Town Talk.

Helping Youths' Directory Fair.

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GREAT GERMAN OPERA COMING NEXT SEASON

GADSKI, SEMBRICH, RESZKE AND OTHER STARS TO APPEAR.

Eames, Brema, Dipple and the New York Symphony With Pauro and Damrosch Billed.

When the friends of C. W. Strine, the clever Philadelphia impresario, discovered that he had arrived as a member of the Pennsylvania reception committee, they immediately knew that he had other plans than those of a patriot. Soon these suppositions were verified, for it is now known that he is making arrangements for a German opera season to take place at the end of next March or the beginning of April.

Mr. Strine speaks very highly of San Francisco as a musical town, especially regarding grand opera. He proposes to have three weeks' season, during which there are to be given fifteen performances to be given. These are to include the following operas: "Walkure," "Siegfried," "Goetterdammerung," "Tristan and Isolde," "Meister-singer," "Sonnabend," "Lohengrin," "Mosses de Figaro."

Among the artists are to be: Mme. Gadski, Marcella Sembrich, Schumann-Heink, Mary Brema, Mattfeld, Oltzka. The tenor will be Dippe, who has had a very successful career in Europe and is now in the city with a contract for the season.

President J. B. Crockett of the gas combine, C. O. G. Miller, secretary of the San Francisco Gas Improvement Company, and Attorney Big appeared before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday afternoon to plead for an increase in the gas appropriation fixed by the city in the gas fund.

W. C. Deffen, Out of Money and Employment, Turned on the Gas and Died.

W. C. Deffen, aged 59 years, committed suicide last Thursday night by turning on the gas in his room at 245 Seventh street. He had stopped up all the crevices in the door and window with bits of paper and cloth, in order that the gas might not escape. Deffen had been out of work for a long time and owed two months' room rent. He first overtook his condition and had been very despondent for a week.

The body was found yesterday morning by Mrs. Bueckert, his landlady, and was taken to the Morgue.

Helping Youths' Directory Fair.

The ladies of the Youths' Directory bazaar are doing some very good work in the way of securing valuable prizes to be raffled during the coming year.

The most taking article will be the grand \$50 Curtz piano, donated by the manufacturer. Over a thousand tickets are out on this prize alone.

The popular Coast range from Sieder & Co. is a handsome silver set from Musgrave, the jeweler, are among the latest donations.

It is hoped that other benefactors will give as generously, and thus help this worthy cause along.

Melbourne, now the seventh city of the British Empire, consisted at the time of Queen Victoria's accession of thirteen huts.

San Francisco is waxing wealthy in assessments.

The Auditor Submits His Annual Statement to State Controller Colgan.

Auditor Wells yesterday completed his statement of taxable property and its assessment in the city and county of San Francisco and mailed it to Controller Colgan at Sacramento. The total assessment foots up \$465,111,615, divided as follows:

Value of real estate other than city and town lots \$322,480.

Value of city and town lots \$135,912,220.

Value of all the above real estate, \$458,392,700.

Value of improvements on real estate other than city and town lots, \$785,500.

Value of improvements on city and town lots, \$56,110,200.

Value of improvements on real estate assessed to persons other than the owners or lessees, \$900.

Total value of improvements, \$842,500.

Total value of real estate, lots and improvements, \$540,892,700.

Value of personal property other than money and solvent credits, \$78,000,000.

Value of money and solvent credits, \$41,210,305.

Total value of all the above property, \$660,111,615.

Bunked a Stranger.

Robert Anderson arrived in the city from Stockton Thursday and while walking along Market street was approached by William Russell, a bunco steerer. Anderson was taken to a saloon at 445 East street and was introduced to the top and bottom dice game and speedily parted with \$100. He notified the police, and Detectives Crockett and Graham arrested Russell yesterday and charged him with grand larceny.

Pictures of Pennsylvanians.

The return of the Pennsylvania volunteers is illustrated in the Wasp this week in a series of fine photo-engravings for which the Wasp is noted. The funeral of Colonel Hawkins is particularly well depicted. The Wasp treats of the recent primary election in a humorous cartoon, showing the change of bosses in the Democratic party and the present state of affairs.

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