BABY REED'S MOTHER IS PRAYING FOR DEATH

Preferred Child's Disinheritance Rather Than Exposure.

Little Heiress Christened in Accordance With the Father's Wishes and Has the Vidals for Godparents.

OUT in a modest little flat on Buchanan street, ill in health and broken in spirit, staggering under the crushing burden of the exposure of her youthful folly and shame, the mother of Elvira Alice Reed is praying for death. If she had been consulted, this woman, who knows what privation and poverty mean, would have begged the Marin County capitalist to disinherit their child rather than let the shameful secret of her birth be known to the world.

"I want to die," she moaned again and again, yesterday. "I am praying for death. My child, too, whom I love so deeply and tenderly—I would rather mourn her dead than have her face the shame of this awful exposure. If I had stood beside Reed when he was about to sign that will that makes our little daughter rich and independent I would have snatched the pen from his hand. 'Don't do it,' I would have implored him. 'I'll work for her, only don't let the world know that they may cast a stone at her.'"

Mrs. Wood, the unhappy mother of the late Marin County capitalist's little daughter, is a frail little woman, pale and haggard, showing plainly the struggle existence during the past few years has meant for her. Her surroundings are shabby. Her clothes are shabby. Her face is more deeply lined than her thirty-two years warrant. Her hands show she knows what toil means, and there is that indefinable something about her that lets her statement, "We have known what privation means," go unchallenged. The story of her liaison with Reed and subsequent birth of the child, who figures so prominently in the capitalist's will, was told yesterday for the first time by the heartbroken woman. The recital was a simple one. Only once did the unfortunate mother attempt to make her fault less conspicuous. "I loved him," she said, "and he promised, as soon as it would be possible, to make the one and only reparation a man can make in such a case."

Mrs. Wood's story of her love and subsequent downfall dated back to many years ago, when at the age of 11 she first entered the home of Reed's sister. "I grew up with Reed continually about me," she said. "He was kind and good to me and later attentive. I learned to love him and I knew my love was returned. Six months previous to the birth of our child I left Mr. Reed's sister's home. She never said that she knew of the relations that existed between her brother and myself, but I have reason to believe that she suspected us."

"On the 23d of December, 1893, our little daughter was born. After I left the home of my childhood the relationship between Reed and myself ceased. He came continually, though, to see the child. She knew him as her father and loved him, and he loved her. He provided for her wants; but the allowance he made was a small one, and it was with difficulty that we managed to subsist on it. At Reed's request, our little girl was christened Elvira Alice Reed. Justo Vidal, who is named as the executor of Reed's will, is her godfather, and Mrs. Vidal is her godmother.

"On the 1st of July, 1896," Mrs. Wood continued, "I was married to J. C. Wood. I confessed to him the story of little Vera's birth. He was kind to the child and often took her out with him. When she was finally old enough to attend public school she was enrolled as Elvira Alice Wood. During my married life with Wood Reed only came twice to see our daughter. For three years he never came near the child. Then he came to see her on the 27th of last October. On the 1st of December he died."

The nervous dread and terrible fear of the mother that some one might do away with the tiny heiress abated somewhat yesterday, and she had her little one come home to her. "When I read in the will that clause providing how the money should be distributed should my child die a terrible fear took possession of me. Previous to that such an awful thing as my darling passing away had never presented itself to my mind. The very thought of death in connection with my little one maddened me and all sorts of wild fancies took possession of me. I put her from me. On Sunday I went to see her. She looked upon our separation as a punishment. 'What have I done, mamma, that I cannot live with you?' she said.

Mrs. Wood has no great comfort in the midst of all her trouble. She had thought the experience of the indiscretion of her youth would make her few friends turn from her. She miscalculated the depth of the friendship of those who knew and loved her. Her misfortune has made closer the ties that bound her to friends and neighbors. Her place of refuge now is the home of a friend who for more than five years learned to know and respect her as a neighbor.

DANIELS REPUDIATED.

December 13, 1899.

To the Editor of The San Francisco Call—Sir: In your issue of the 12th inst. you publish a purported interview with one S. G. Daniels, in which Mr. Daniels makes various assertions about the manner in which Mr. Reed acquired possession of the property of which he died possessed. Mr. Daniels has talked with considerable assurance of matters of which he is profoundly ignorant. He says: "Mr. Reed in his declining years realized that in his earlier days when Spanish grantees knew not the prospective value of their lands he had taken advantage of innocence. Being unable to make restitution directly to those with whom he dealt, he wiped out the wrong of former years by restoring part of his property to the little heiress. * * * When Reed laid the foundation of his fortune much of the territory where he settled was held by the Mexicans, and the knavery of Horace Carpentier, who impersonated a priest in order to induce old Don Peralta to deed away his heritage in Alameda County, was not unknown on the other side of the bay. Among those who are credited with taking similar advantages was John J. Reed, but, unlike Carpentier, the San Rafael capitalist in the evening of his life listened to his conscience. * * * I have heard that Reed was not altogether satisfied with the manner in which he acquired some of his property."

The above statements are the results of a very vivid and mischievous imagination. Where Mr. Daniels obtained the information which he discloses with such an air of assurance the family of the late Mr. Reed are unaware. Every one of the above statements of Mr. Daniels is false. As a matter of truth, the late John J. Reed inherited every inch of his land from his father, who acquired it by grant from the Mexican Government. Juan Reed, the father of the late John J. Reed, was an early settler in California, and all his property was acquired through legitimate and honorable methods. In 1885 the title to the Reed lands was perfected by a patent issued by the United States Government. Mr. Daniels is a stranger to every member of the Reed family, none of them know who this wiseacre is, and they take this means of denying his statements and correcting the false impressions they may have created. Mr. Reed never in all his long life deprived any person unjustly or through deceitful methods of any property, but in all his business and private transactions did justice to his fellow men.

Yours respectfully, THOS. P. BOYD.

BONDS ARE NECESSARY TO COMMERCIAL LIFE

INDORSED AT BANQUET OF MERCHANTS' CLUB.

Progress, civic pride and the necessity of carrying all the improvements for which bonds must be issued were the burden of the speeches made last night at the annual banquet of the Merchants' Club. The attendance was large and at the table was seated a fair representation of the men who direct and control the commerce of San Francisco.

Toastmaster Watkins compiled his toast list as the banquet proceeded and arranged it so as to happily include the various professions, the men of trade and the press.

Director Cuvellier of Oakland opened the oratory with a speech supposed to contain a moral. It was decidedly clever and personal and justified the toastmaster's comment that "it was just such a speech as an Oakland politician might be expected to make."

W. H. Metson, responding for the lawyers, spoke of the great advertisement the purchase of the panhandle would give to the world of the spirit of progress in this city. He said he hoped General de Young would stand in with the leaders of improvement and would give his support and that of his paper to making the panhandle an assured fact. He said that San Francisco had got her great park for nothing, because it now represented many times the value of the cost, and said that the panhandle could not fail to prove a similarly profitable investment.

In response to "The Press" Mr. de Young spoke. He disposed of the bond question by saying that it is one over which there might be a difference of nonest opinion. He said that San Francisco merchants need more than all else a branch of the Commercial Museum of Philadelphia, which has grown till it now occupies a hundred rooms. He gave a brief outline of its working and recommended it as something worthy of the serious consideration of the merchants.

Gavin McNab paid a compliment to the new charter and said that it should go hand in hand with the improvements for which bonds are proposed. "Anybody who votes against any of the bond propositions," said McNab, "stamps himself as being an enemy to progress and confesses his lack of confidence in the future of his city."

Director Cutter, Mr. Lougee, President Tay and Director Carrigan also made brief speeches.

SHOULD HAVE A GUARDIAN.

William H. Kruse's Case Taken Up by Judge Coffey.

The application of Edward Kruse for letters of guardianship over the person of his brother, William H. Kruse, was taken up by Judge Coffey yesterday. Testimony was offered to show that William H. was weak in mind and body through prolonged carousals and that it was necessary that a guardian be appointed. Judge Coffey said that in his opinion he should have a guardian and that he was willing to appoint the petitioner, but could not do so until the residence of the ward had been established. William H. has been living on a farm in Sonoma County for some time, and if he has a legal residence there Judge Coffey would have no jurisdiction over either his person or estate. In consequence the case went over until such time as the petitioner can present proofs that William H. is a legal resident of this city and simply went to live on the farm at the suggestion of his brother for his health and to avoid temptation.

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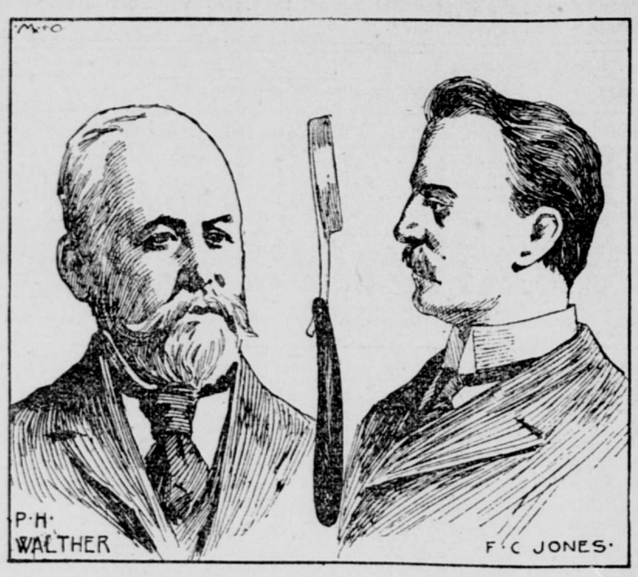
TWO MEN USED RAZORS TO CUT LIFE'S THREAD



TWO men, unfortunate and despairing, went out on the bloody and unhallowed tide of suicide yesterday. Both used the razor as the means of their taking off.

The first reported to the Coroner was P. H. Walther, an old citizen. He went to the Harbor View Baths about 1 o'clock yesterday and severed the spinal cord by drawing a razor across the back of his neck.

The second unfortunate took a room at the Berkeley lodging-house at 18 Mason street on the evening previous, and was found yesterday afternoon with his throat cut and a razor in his hand.

Mr. Walther was a barber by trade, but up to eighteen months ago was associated in the saloon business at 207 Grant avenue with J. Rumetsch. He sold his interest to his partner, Mr. Rumetsch, and since that time did not appear to be doing anything.

It was ascertained by the condition of the body that the deceased took a bath, then partly dressed himself and smoked a cigar. Then he spread the towels carefully alongside the bathtub on the floor and drew the edge of a razor across the nape of his neck, severing the spinal cord and killing him instantly. A bather in an adjoining room saw something red oozing under the partition, and on closer examination found that it was blood. He informed the bathhouse people, who broke in the door and found Walther dead.

On the person of the dead man was found among other things a letter in German, written by him to his partner. The letter was in a despondent vein and to the effect that he had got tired of looking for something to do and that he had determined to end his life by suicide. The further statement was made that he had intended to be cremated, but that he was then ready to go to the grave.

The deceased was a member of Herman Stamm, U. O. R. M. He was a native of Hesse-Darmstadt and 64 years old. His wife died many years ago and he had no relatives except a niece in this city.

The deputies had just reached the Morgue with Walthers' body when a telephone message from the Berkeley House, 18 Mason street, was received notifying them that an unknown man had been found dead in one of the rooms with his throat cut. On reaching the scene the deputies found the body of a man partly dressed lying on a bed in a pool of blood with a razor tightly clutched in the right hand. From the proprietor of the hotel, E. J. Haggerty, it was learned that the deceased had applied to him on Monday night for a lodging, saying that he was without money and offering his overcoat as security for the payment of the room at some future time.

The proprietor told the man that he could have a room for the night without security and pay for it later on. The stranger occupied the room that night and late the next day called at the office for his overcoat, which he had forgotten, and was told to get it from the room. Yesterday afternoon the bedmaker found the door locked from the inside and notified the clerk, Paul Manning, who, after repeated attempts to arouse the occupant, forced the transom and found the body as described.

In the pockets of the clothes of deceased were found several receipts in the name of F. C. Jones, a memorandum-book, in which was stamped "F. C. Jones, Gen'l. Agent, and a receipt from the Commercial Transfer Company, dated December 10, 1899, for checks for baggage from Sacramento.

From notes jotted down in the memorandum-book it appears that deceased has been employed in a railroad freight office and had at times been a drummer throughout the State. He was about 35 years of age.

ATTACKED HIS SICK MOTHER WITH A RAZOR

The Murderous Act of James Webster.

WAS CRAZED FROM DRINK

ARRESTED AFTER A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

James Webster, a bartender living at 133 O'Farrell street, went home drunk last night and taking a razor out of his pocket threatened to carve his aged mother, who was lying sick in bed. The latter's screams attracted the attention of her sister, who lives in the same house, and as she entered the room she was met by Webster, who slashed at her with the razor.

The thoroughly frightened woman lost no time in escaping from the house, and meeting Policemen Sylvester and Mulcahy, she begged them to arrest Webster as she feared that he would kill his mother. The officers quickly repaired to the scene, and finding the door locked they promptly forced an entrance. Webster, who was in his shirt sleeves, was standing over his mother, flourishing the razor and threatening to cut her throat. Sylvester, realizing that the man was temporarily deranged from the effects of liquor, seized him by the arm, after telling him he was under arrest. With an oath Webster turned on him and desperately endeavored to cut him with the razor. Mulcahy rushed to the assistance of his fellow officer, and after a short struggle they succeeded in placing Webster hors de combat. He was then handcuffed and taken down stairs. On the way to the patrol-box Webster again attacked the officers and it required their combined efforts to subdue him. At the City Prison he gave his name as J. F. Smith. He was charged with disturbing the peace and drunkenness.

Webster has been on a protracted spree and his mother thinks that his mind is tottering through the excessive use of liquor. Unless his condition improves it is the intention of his relatives to have him taken before the Commissioners of Lunacy to be examined as to his sanity.

Useful Christmas Presents.

Traveling sets, valises, bags, pocketbooks, billbooks and card cases are nice presents for either gentleman or lady. Lettered in gold free of charge when bought from Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market street.

FRENNA'S DEFENSE CLOSED.

Evidence in Rebuttal Will Occupy a Brief Time and Then Arguments Will Begin.

The Frenna trial made but little progress yesterday. The defense introduced a few witnesses in the forenoon and then, at 10:30 o'clock, announced that the case was closed so far as Frenna was concerned. District Attorney Murphy desired time to look over the testimony before calling witnesses in rebuttal, and at his request, to which the defense made no opposition, the case was continued until 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Rebuttal testimony will hardly occupy more than two hours, and Assistant District Attorney Salomon will begin the opening address for the people at the opening of the afternoon session. He will be followed by Attorneys J. H. Hosmer and W. S. Barnes for the defense and the District Attorney will close. The attorneys have promised to get through so that the case may be given to the jury on Friday afternoon.

Dr. George Adams, Frenna's family physician; P. J. Sullivan, a notary public; John T. Green, property clerk of the Police Department; Attorney H. C. Dibble and the defendant himself were the witnesses examined yesterday. The only thing new that was brought out by them was the fact that Judge Dibble testified that Officer Riordan told him that on a certain occasion when he arrested Turner the latter attempted to draw a revolver.

For more than fifty years the famous Jesse Moore whiskey has been the standard brand.

HIS MONEY AND DIAMONDS TAKEN BY A STRANGER

The Bold Robbery of Frederick Dennis.

SAYS HE WAS DRUGGED

THE THIEF ASSISTED BY TWO WOMEN.

Fred Dennis, an employe of the Southern Pacific Company, was robbed of a purse containing $102 and two valuable diamond rings early yesterday morning. Shortly before midnight Dennis, who was out for a "good time," as he expressed it to the police, was walking along Market street, when he met a well-dressed stranger, who asked him to join him in a drink. They visited several saloons and when about to leave his new-found friend Dennis was hailed by two young women, who cajoled him into buying a drink for them. After leaving the women Dennis' companion insisted that he should accompany him to his room on Folsom street, near Sixth. After reaching the stranger's room Dennis fell asleep, and when he awakened several hours later his money and diamonds were gone. A plain gold ring, which he had on his left index finger, was also missing. Dennis lost no time in notifying Captain Bohen, who detailed Detectives Crockett and Dillon on the case.

From his statement the detectives are satisfied that he was drugged by the stranger and then relieved of his money and jewelry. Dennis described the thief as being about 24 years of age, well dressed and wearing a small dark mustache. One of the rings contained twenty-one diamonds, and was recently purchased by Dennis.

The police are inclined to believe that the two women whom Dennis met were pals of the man who was with him. They called him "Jack" and seemed to on very friendly terms with him. It is thought by the detectives that the women assisted the stranger in relieving Dennis of his cash and jewelry.

Dr. Parker's Cough Cure. One dose will stop a cough. Never fails. Try it. All druggists.

MRS. O'SULLIVAN'S WILL.

Testatrix Makes Bequests to Relatives, Friends and Various Charities.

The will of Mrs. C. D. O'Sullivan, who died in this city on the 8th inst., was filed for probate yesterday. The value of decedent's estate is said not to exceed $20,000. In the will, which bears date of March 26, 1895, the following bequests are made: To Mrs. Honora Donovan, a sister-in-law, $1000; to Ellen Donovan, $1000; Mrs. Mary McArundle, $1000; to Mrs. Mary Hurley, $500; to Miss Jane Bowland, $1500; to J. J. Prendergast, $250; to Archbishop Riordan, $2000, in trust for the following uses: For the use and benefit of the Sisters of the Holy Family, $500; for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, $500; for the Youths' Directory, $500; for the Convent of the Presentation Sisters, $500. Decedent also bequeaths $500 to Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald and $500 to the superioress of the Presentation Convent at Bandon, County Cork, Ireland. The residue of the estate is devised in equal shares among the six children of the testatrix, Annie Boland, Mollie, Cornelius Denis, Joseph O., John and Nellie O'Sullivan. Patrick Boland and Hugh Dimond are appointed executors of the will.

Ladies' tailor-made suits, fur capes, cloaks. Credit. M. Rothschild, 334 Post st.

TANNER TELLS HIS STORY.

Says He Shot James Brown in Order to Save His Own Life.

George L. Tanner was on the stand in Judge Dunne's court yesterday and told his reasons for killing James Brown and Fannie Barnes a few months ago. He said that he was attacked by them and thrown on the floor. While Brown was holding him by the throat on the floor he began to shoot through his pocket and killed them both. He said that he acted in defense of his own life and had he not shot his assailants he certainly would have been killed. A verdict in the case will probably be reached to-day.

KEMP CALLS BERGEROT A LITTLE CUR

Disgraceful Scene at Board's Meeting.

AFTERMATH OF THE TROUBLE

PLAN TO PAY TEACHERS TWO MONTHS' UNPAID SALARIES.

The aftermath of the differences existing between Chairman Bergerot and School Director Kemp over the latter's attempt to pave the way for electing a batch of new teachers into the department by amending sections 165-9 of the rules came at last night's meeting of the Board of Education, and a disgraceful scene marked the close of the proceedings. The trouble was precipitated when Bergerot called up for consideration Kemp's notice to amend. Director Head, who was absent at the previous meeting, desired to have read that portion of the minutes referring to the subject. After it was done Chairman Bergerot started to put the question to a vote, when he was interrupted by Kemp, who angrily said:

"No, you don't. You played to the gallery last meeting night and I'll play to the gallery next meeting night."

"You gave notice of consideration at the last meeting," said Bergerot, "and we will take it up now. Mr. Kemp, you are out of order. I told you once before that I would oppose your scheme of foisting teachers in the department when they are not needed."

Kemp, recognizing in this an evident desire of Bergerot to humiliate him again before the board by voting down his proposition, as he knew Kemp did not have the necessary seven votes, retorted:

"I've got the floor and I propose to keep it. You're all right, I don't think. You're not half a man."

"I will not stoop to your level, sir," retorted the chairman, at the same time loudly rapping with his gavel.

"You are a little cur," said Kemp, and amid a great deal of confusion Director Stow moved to adjourn and the incident came to an end.

Mrs. Garrett was appointed janitress of Garfield Primary School, vice Mrs. Kimball, resigned. Mrs. Kelly failed to get Mrs. Black's position as janitress of the Everett Grammar School, and Mrs. M. E. McClellan did not have sufficient strength in the board to take the place made vacant by Mrs. Garrett's transfer from Golden Gate School. A motion to appoint Mrs. Shields to the latter position was lost, but she was temporarily appointed by Chairman Bergerot.

Chairman Bergerot suggested that the Finance Committee confer with the Auditor regarding the salaries of school teachers for November and December, 1898, which are yet unpaid.

"It is not legal to pay these salaries as such, but now that there are sufficient funds it may be possible to increase the monthly salaries for the next six months at the rate of two-twelfths of the total amount due the teachers each month."

The Finance Committee will investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. R. Grennan, who was formerly principal of the Sunnyvale School, requested that she be assigned to a place in some school without waiving her rights to a principalship in the department. Director Gedge's motion that the matter be referred to Superintendent Webster was lost and it will now go to the Elementary Committee.

The South San Francisco Improvement Club by resolution petitioned the board for a new school building of sixteen rooms to take the place of the twelve-room school now ordered. The latter will not be large enough, as there are at the present time 635 names on the roll and every day there are new applicants. It will be necessary to hire outside rooms, as that number will more than fill the twelve rooms.

It was resolved and ordered that the following assignment of teachers made by the Superintendent of Schools be confirmed: Miss L. B. Harrigan to the Moulder Primary School, new class; Miss Elizabeth McDonald from the day substitute list to the Noe Valley Primary School, new class; Miss J. Miles from the day substitute list to the Franklin Grammar School, fourth grade, new class; Miss L. Radford to the South End School, vice Miss Gillmore; Miss M. Barrett from the day substitute list to the Hawthorne Primary School, vice Miss E. Smith; Miss Bertha Dworzazek from the John Swett Grammar School to the Redding Primary School.

It was resolved that ninth grade pupils who have been in said grade for twelve months or more and who have completed the course of study for said grade may be examined for graduation by principals in the following subjects, to wit: Spelling, 50 credits; word analysis, 25 credits; defining, 25 credits; arithmetic, 100 credits; grammar, 100 credits; geography, 100 credits; history, 100 credits, a maximum of 70 per cent and a minimum percentage of 50 in each subject being required for graduation; questions, papers written by pupils and tabulated results to be forwarded to the office of the Superintendent of Schools for inspection on or before Friday, the 5th day of January, 1900.

The Sunset District Improvement Club petitioned the board to furnish window shades in the Laguna Honda School.

Leaves of absence were granted to Miss M. E. Maguire, Miss E. M. Stafford, D. Lambert, E. R. Elder and Alice Derrick.

RATE WAR THREATENED.

E. O. McCormick, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Company, left last evening on the overland for Chicago. He will be gone a little over a month and will probably run on as far as New York and Boston before he returns.

The principal object of Mr. McCormick's trip is to attend a meeting of the different transcontinental passenger agents, scheduled to take place in Chicago on the 19th of this month.

The meeting has been called to see if the dispute concerning differentials, which originated a short time ago among the different Massachusetts lines and which resulted in rate cutting on the westbound transcontinental passenger business, cannot be so adjusted as to restore confidence and harmony between the different lines that are now at outs and whose differences threaten to sooner or later involve all their big connections in a first-class rate war.

It is thought that the trouble is merely a litle flurry, which the meeting will have small difficulty in settling, after which it will devote some time to a general discussion of the many different matters pertaining to passenger traffic.

From Chicago Mr. McCormick will journey on to several other Eastern cities on business of his own as well as that connected with his position.

He will not return to San Francisco until the holidays are well over. In the meantime his office will be left in the charge of his assistant, Mr. Lund.

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for young gardeners

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handkerchiefs by the half dozen

not slightly soiled ones, but brand new ones that arrived from the manufacturer yesterday; we bought them in plenty of time, but the factory could not turn them out fast enough; that's why they came late; all must go before Xmas; all sheer linen, both colored embroidery and white, open work, others with tinted borders—the latest.....50c, 75c and $1

new games

the fascinating game of "Catch the Hare," enjoyed by the hour by the young and old alike; only 50 left; while they last.....13c

two specials for the baby

the yellow kid that jumps and claps its hands only.....7c

the yellow kid that tips its hat only.....15c

infants' caps

cream white embroidered China silk; full lace ruche and ribbon pompons, silk strings, sateen lined.....75c each

child's faille silk bonnet

silk embroidered crown and back, finished around front with white swansdown and lace; very pretty.....$1

two specials for Thursday night at 7 o'clock

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