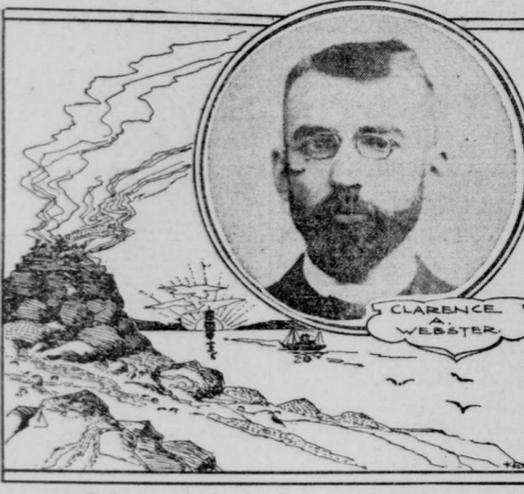


CLARENCE A. WEBSTER, THE ARTIST WHO DIED



ALAMEDA, March 14.—In his lifetime Clarence A. Webster, the well-known artist, whose death occurred to-day, often expressed a desire to be buried in a quiet spot near the home of Joaquin Miller on the heights above Laundry farm. He was an intimate friend of the poet and frequently his guest, and upon these visits the artist's eye caught the beauties of the panorama spread before him, and it was his ambition to transfer it to canvas.

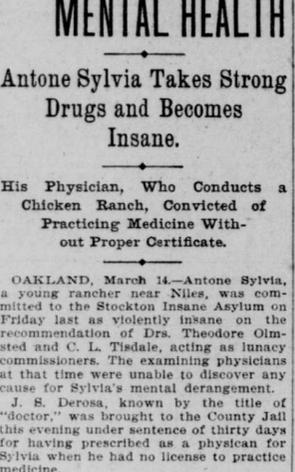
Mr. Webster's health of late had been poor. He anticipated that death would soon overtake him, and talked about his fears with his poet friend, telling him of his wish to be buried on the heights. Mr. Miller acquiesced, and to-morrow the remains will be taken there for interment. The funeral will be held from the late residence, 3277 Central avenue, at 2 o'clock. Rev. George R. Dodson of the Unitarian church will officiate.

The remains of two of Joaquin Miller's friends are already interred on his place, and he has prepared a monument for his own grave. It consists of a number of large boulders piled several feet in height and flattened upon the top.

Mr. Webster had been engaged in newspaper work all his life. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He early developed talent as a writer and was successively employed with the St. Paul Free Press, Detroit Times, Pittsburg Dispatch and Chicago Inter Ocean. His literary career commenced with the Pittsburg Dispatch. In 1894 he came to California and located in San Francisco, and was connected with the Post until his death.

Deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Evelyn Webster; an aged mother, Mrs. Josephine Webster and three children—Clarence, Josephine and Osborn. He was a native of New York, 41 years of age.

SHIPS TRACTION ENGINES OF SIBERIA



SAN LEANDRO, March 14.—One of the largest and certainly the most important shipment that has left San Leandro since the start of the season for the wilds of Siberia. The shipment consisted of two of the largest traction engines in the world and eight steel carriages for use in the mining district of that country, made by the Daniel Best Manufacturing Company of this place.

Not the least remarkable feature of this shipment is that it will be sent over 20,000 miles in order to reach a point that is but 5000 miles from here if the most direct route was taken. The point where the engines will be used is Reval, in Eastern Siberia. With the most direct route to be sent across the Pacific Ocean, but owing to the desert and rocky character of the country they will be shipped first to New York, by steamer to Paris, thence to St. Petersburg and then by the great trans-Siberian Railway to Reval.

The machines were ordered from the Daniel Best Manufacturing Company by James Detrick, who has some valuable mining concessions in that far-distant land. Each engine is fifty horsepower, and the capacity of each wagon is twelve tons. Henry Cappelier, an expert machinist, goes with the shipment in order to set them up and superintend their operation.

It has been found very difficult to maintain stock in Siberia. The cost is great and the climatic conditions are unfavorable. In order to do away with the great expense attached to hauling by animal power Mr. Detrick determined to resort to traction engines and placed his first order with the Best Company. This is only the first shipment of a large number that will be sent to that region. The people of San Leandro consider that it is a great compliment to their town that Siberian operators should send here and be willing to ship the engines four-fifths of the way around the world in order to get them.

BLOODHOUND FERRETS OUT A MAN'S CRIME

WEALTHY HAYWARDS RANCHER IS HELD FOR GRAND LARCENY.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, March 14.—Chris Spreen, a well-to-do rancher near Haywards, has been bound over to the superior court to answer to a charge of grand larceny on the strength of evidence discovered by a bloodhound belonging to his accuser, Louis May.

The two men own adjoining farms and had bloodhounds existing between them for some months. About three weeks ago May missed an eight-month-old calf from his herd. He immediately suspected his wealthy neighbor, who, he claims, had previously poisoned one of his cows and one of his most valuable dogs. May searched everywhere within a radius of half a mile, even to the wooded foothills, but all to no avail.

Such a final resource May put one of his thoroughbred bloodhounds out on the trail to ferret out the mysterious disappearance of the calf. The hound proved vastly more successful than his master, for within an hour the detailed canine returned, clenching between its teeth the hoofs and jaw bone of the missing calf. The hound had unearthed them from a small mound scarcely two hundred feet distant from Spreen's ranch.

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CONTEST OPENS OVER A LARGE DEED OF TRUST

FRAUD CHARGED IN THE AFFAIRS OF A BANKRUPT FIRM OF BUILDERS.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, March 14.—Contest has been begun over the business affairs of Marcuse & Remmel, the Alameda contracting firm, which was declared bankrupt a month ago, with debts of nearly \$150,000. Attack has been made upon a deed of trust given to the Puget Sound Lumber Company for \$36,728, and William F. Kroll, the trustee appointed by the United States District Court, has asked permission from the court to sue the company and George W. Fisher, manager of the firm, to prevent the deed from being used to prevent the validity of the deed as determined.

The petition charges fraud on the part of the alleged insolvent firm and recites that the deed of trust was made when the firm showed a net profit in insolventcy that it owed \$132,850 and that the estimated value of securities pledged on the deed was \$150,000. The unsecured debts of the firm are \$67,972.

The Puget Sound Lumber Company's claim is \$27,000. This is secured by a deed of trust, which is dated October 25, 1898, but which was not recorded until December 27, 1899, or less than six days before the firm went into insolventcy.

The trustee says: "If the trust deed is to be given effect, the deed is an unlawful preference. The deed also declares that the claim of the Puget Sound Lumber Company is not \$27,000, but that the indebtedness is a much smaller amount."

Trustee Kroll also asks for an injunction against all the secured creditors, numbering four or five, to prevent them from foreclosing any mortgages until the bankruptcy proceedings have been closed. The attorneys for the trustee are Beed & Nusbaum and B. H. Griffin of Oakland.

Antone Sylvia Takes Strong Drugs and Becomes Insane.

His Physician, Who Conducts a Chicken Ranch, Convicted of Practicing Medicine Without Proper Certificate.

OAKLAND, March 14.—Antone Sylvia, a young rancher near Niles, was committed to the Stockton Insane Asylum on Friday last as violently insane on the recommendation of Drs. Theodore Olmsted and C. L. Tisdale, two medical commissioners. The examining physicians at that time were unable to discover any cause for Sylvia's mental derangement.

J. S. Derosa, known by the title of "doctor," was brought to the County Jail this evening under sentence of thirty days for having practiced medicine without a proper certificate.

"Dr." Derosa pleaded guilty in Center-ville to-day to a charge of having violated the State law which prohibits persons practicing medicine in this county unless they first obtain a certificate from the Board of Medical Examiners.

From Dr. Derosa's own statement it is learned that on Sunday, March 4, Sylvia called on him at his home in Decoto, complaining of some ailment of the stomach and trouble. Derosa diagnosed his case as leprosy and gave him several prescriptions of the most violent emetics and purgatives, including arsenic and opium. The druggist who filled these prescriptions asked Sylvia what they were intended for, and he replied they were to be used as "horse medicine."

Exact information as to what was contained in these prescriptions is so indefinite that the court will not be based upon it until the prescriptions themselves can be seen.

Derosa asks about drugs, but with little idea as to their names or action. He is a Portuguese, 41 years old, and when questioned by the court frankly admitted that he had practiced without a license, but feigned total ignorance as to what had become of his patient.

"I had been prescribing for the Portuguese in Decoto and Niles for the past few years," he said in very broken English, "and Sunday a week ago Sylvia called at my chicken ranch saying he had some skin disease and asked me to cure it as one of the first stages of leprosy. I gave him several prescriptions, a cathartic, emetic, some purgatives, some pills for the blood, and after three days he described two ounces of aloes powder to be put in a bottle of white or port wine, to be drunk."

"I did not know anything except that I was arrested, and when the Judge asked me if I practiced, I showed him \$50 or so to jail thirty days. I don't know what became of Sylvia."

TURNED ON GAS AND GOT INTO A BATH TUB

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE, but Fails.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, March 14.—While suffering from a fit of extreme hysteria, Erna Rohrbacher, nineteen years old, residing at 1024 Seventh street, turned on the gas in the bathroom and threw herself into the tub this afternoon, and when found by members of the family she was unconscious. The suicidal deed was the result of a sudden impulse following a quarrel with her mother.

Physicians were hastily summoned and by prompt treatment the young woman's life was saved. Dr. H. S. Kerrigan and W. W. Kegan attended Miss Rohrbacher, and she was reported to-night as out of danger.

During the day the young woman had some differences with her mother over what were said to be merely trivial family matters. But the dispute worked the girl into a very nervous condition, and while wrought up to a high pitch of mental excitement she suddenly made up her mind to end her life.

Without warning the girl went to the bathroom and after turning on the gas got into the tub and prepared to die. She was not deliberate in her plans as the gas had not been turned on, and she attempted to close any apertures or crevices in the room. The gas was flowing for some time before she was discovered. Attention from those in other parts of the house. She did not even take the precaution to lock the bathroom door.

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After she had been restored to herself the physicians gave her treatment for hysteria, from which she was suffering seriously. Members of the family refused to discuss the causes of the quarrel which led the young woman's attempt on her life, but she says she was subject to severe nervous spells at times.

HIGHWAYMAN SAID HE WAS ONLY JOKING

When Recognized by the Driver He Unmasked and Let the Stage Proceed on Its Way.

SAN ANDREAS, March 14.—An attempt was made on Monday to hold up the San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill stage, carrying the United States mails, between Escondido and San Andreas. The driver was William Colton and there are some peculiar circumstances surrounding the incident. The attempt was made in broad daylight, just as the driver was ascending a hill and had nearly reached the top. The highwayman, who was masked, stepped out of the bushes and pointed a revolver at the driver. The driver, however, did not stop, but drove on, and the highwayman, who was only joking, returned to the bushes.

FOUND SENSELESS ON THE ROADSIDE

MARIN COUNTY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE JOE ROUX WAS A VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY.

Sausalito, March 14.—A cloud of mystery surrounds the discovery of the senseless body of Joe Roux, a French cook, on the road near Sausalito, and whether Roux is the victim of a cowardly assault or if his condition is the result of a fall from a cliff. The body was found on the train at Waldo Point last Thursday afternoon. Some hours later a Portuguese man, who was driving a car, found the body on the road between the depot and the Villa des Rosters, unable to move it, and called the police.

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PREPARING FOR THE FAIR. Exhibitions of Belgian Hares and Dogs Will Be New Features.

SACRAMENTO, March 14.—The State Board of Agriculture met to-day and attended to various matters bearing upon the State Fair of September next. Secretaries of the board met to-day and arranged for a show of fine bred dogs at the Pavilion. Similar action was taken with respect to Belgian hares.

The State Dairy convention will be held in Sacramento during the fair and it is expected that ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin will address the convention. He will judge the dairy products. Samuel E. Watson was selected as superintendent of the exhibition and the board of directors as expert cattle judge. The subject of reclassifying the Agricultural Park was referred to a committee. A bid for the work had been presented by James T. Healy of Sacramento, for \$240, and a recommendation had been made that it be accepted.

ABJOHN HOUSE FIRED BY AN INCENDIARY

ALAMEDA, March 14.—The old house formerly occupied by the Abjohn family at 1225 Broadway, was fired by an incendiary last night. It has not been occupied for more than a month and is isolated. Chief Krauth of the Fire Department is of the opinion that some miscreant maliciously set fire to a lot of bedding in the basement, for the fun of seeing a blaze and the escape, having passed through the fire, but she could not identify them.

LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON

Mme. GADSKI, Mr. BISPHAM and Mr. DAMROSCH.

The last concert given by Mme. Gadski, Mr. Bispham and Mr. Damosch was listened to and applauded yesterday by a large and fashionable audience, such an audience as should have been turned out for the other and more important concerts of the season.

The programme was miscellaneous and the items about equally divided between Mme. Gadski and Mr. Bispham. The latter sang "The Song of the Andra" from "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Creation's Hymn" of Beethoven with all the gift and culture that is his, and so magical was his rendering of the latter number that he responded to appropriate applause with "When I Was a Page" from "Faust."

Mme. Gadski was heard to the best advantage in her first number, Agatha's Aria from "Fidelio," a beautiful song which nowadays we are not often permitted to hear sung by such a great artist as Gadski. In the "Spinning Chorus" of "The Marriage of Figaro" and "The Song of the Andra" she was equally successful.

Mme. Gadski's voice is of the purest soprano quality. She is the true type of the dramatic soprano, a classification that has come to have a dishonest significance in the ears of some of our musical critics. Her voice is of a more than ordinary range, and she has more than one ear of her singing the more one enjoys it.

DUBLIN'S RELUCTANT WELCOME TO VICTORIA

DUBLIN, March 14.—At a meeting of the Corporation this afternoon the Lord Mayor moved that an address be presented to the Queen welcoming her to the capital city of her kingdom of Ireland. His speech was frequently interrupted by the occupants of the public gallery.

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