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With Marvelous Coolness He Recites Dried Details of the Plot to Obtain the Aged Man's Fortune.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Charles F. Jones, who was the valet-secretary to William Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, who, according to the general opinion, was murdered by the use of chloroform in September last, finished his testimony to-day on direct examination in the proceedings before Justice Jerome charging Albert Patrick with murder.

The story of the murder and conspiracy which Jones outlined on Tuesday he today filled in with a wealth of detail and with a coolness and nerve which, under the circumstances, was almost overwhelming.

According to the story of the valet-secretary he and Patrick had drawn up the bogus will and were waiting with what Jones called "a certain amount of anxiety" when a mill burned down in Texas.

Rice's connections there desired to rebuild the building, and Jones, who had received \$25,000 required to replace the burned property.

Patrick told me to use all my influence with Rice, said Jones today, "not to rebuild the mill, as this would take out all the ready cash in the estate."

But Rice insisted on advancing the money and authorized a draft for \$25,000 from the next check of the estate in Texas.

Word of the draft arrived in New York on Friday and Jones, in accordance with Rice's instructions, telegraphed to Patrick, who told him to get the money, and to get it as soon as possible.

Patrick felt that he could not spare even so much out of the millions that he was already counting on to turn over to him.

"He then said," testified Jones "that he would have to do something to get Rice out of the way before Monday, when the draft would arrive."

Even more illustrative of the caution and thoroughness of the plot conceived and carried out by these two men, than any other instance related by Jones, the manager of Rice's estate in Texas—a man named Cohen—advised Jones to send to Rice monthly a check made out in his name for his salary.

Rice paid him by signing the check and making it payable to him. When one of these checks came along and after Rice had signed it and given it to Jones, he turned it over to Patrick in order that the latter might practice on the signature.

The next check that came from Cohen was signed with the forgery of Rice's name and sent along in order, by its passage through the bank, to turn it over to them and give confidence in the greater forgeries yet to come.

There was one point to-day at which it was considered that the plot was about to be broken, and that Jones would give some sign of emotion. It was even anticipated that he might break down and confess the truth.

But the effort he had made at the Tomb, and his expectation was again disappointed.

Valet's Extraordinary Nerve. It was a cross examination that Jones really demonstrated in this case. He was cross-examined by the attorney for the prosecution, Mr. Moore, who went about the cross-examination in a spirit of thoroughness that would have dismayed most men.

Gradually he felt along the outlines of Jones' story until he satisfied himself that Jones was not only calm and quiet, but as if the thing was merely a matter of routine to him.

It was impossible to get the testimony out of him, and he kept the electric chair in the mind of the man on the witness stand, who never wavered in his calm and quiet, and as if the thing was merely a matter of routine to him.

Patrick even appeared to shake the man who was considered the most cunning of the men who were in the case when he testified that he had seen Jones when he was in the city.

Patrick's defense will be general denial. It will not be revealed in detail until the actual murder trial takes place, which will probably be in the next few days, according to the defense.

Patrick was the arch-conspirator, and Jones was only the innocent tool of the valet.

OCCIDENTAL MISSION BOARD HOLDS MEETING. PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT IS GIVEN BY PUPILS AND MISSIONARIES MAKE ADDRESSES.

The ladies of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions held the first day's exercises of their twenty-first annual three days' meeting at the Presbyterian Mission-house, 929 Sacramento street, yesterday afternoon.

The very entertaining address on "China and the Missions" was made by Mrs. Dr. Da Silva, who has spent many years in religious work in that country.

Rev. George B. Smyth, D. D., president of the Anglo-Chinese College, Foo Chow, China, spoke on the "Missions among the native Chinese toward the missionaries. Mr. Smyth told many amusing stories of his experiences with the natives of Southern China and showed the difficulties which his work had to combat.

GRASS VALLEY LIGHTS SEEKS BOLT CUTS A MASSIVE TREE IN TWIN AND SEVERAL PERSONS ARE TEMPORARILY PROSTRATED BY THE SHOCK.

GRASS VALLEY, April 3.—This section of Nevada County, as it is called, this evening between 6 and 7 o'clock by a heavy thunderstorm, with an accompaniment of lightning. Electric bolts toyed with the wires of the electric light and telephone companies and in the Grass Valley and Nevada City offices of the Sunset Company hundreds of fuses were burned out.

For about an hour telephonic communication with Marysville was off, and for the same length of time the incandescent lights here and in Nevada City burned so dimly that kerosene lamps had to be brought into play in business houses and residences.

In Nevada City lightning struck a tree 100 feet high. The tree was cut in two, when a mill burned down in Texas. The halves folded like a pair of shears. The branches of the tree were embedded in the ground several feet by the force of the fall, with the result that the two sections sunk side by side together by only a few splinters at the top.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, living in a house 100 feet from the tree, were struck by the shock. They were considerably shaken, but soon recovered from the effects. The lightning struck the top of the tree at the time the bolt descended, and was hurled violently to the ground and scattered in all directions.

Others in the vicinity had similar experiences. The cold north wind of yesterday and to-day, with the frosty mornings of the past week, has slightly retarded the fruit crop, particularly apples. In the orchards the yield will be light; in other parts of the county from fair to heavy.

The rainfall for this season, as of the first of this season, a new barometer in town to-day that the cold snap will do any material damage, the cropping of fruit is being done away with the necessity of later thinning. Generally speaking, the outlook for fruit in the valley this season is never more promising.

The rainfall for the storm to date is .45 of an inch; for the season 2.53 inches. S. A. CRUZ, April 3.—Sitting on the hill here to-day. There is snow on Loma Prieta Mountain.

TENDER A RECEPTION TO THE GRAND OFFICERS LADIES OF THE AUXILIARY DANISH SOCIETY VALBORG ARE HOSTESSES AT HAYWARDS OPERA-HOUSE.

OAKLAND, April 3.—The ladies of the Society Valborg, the auxiliary to the Society Danica, were the hostesses this evening at a reception given at the opera-house, Haywards, to the grand officers and delegates to the Grand Lodge and the members of Thyra Lodge of Haywards.

The ladies' committee of arrangements for the evening consisted of Mrs. H. P. Johnson, president, Mrs. M. S. Madsen, vice president, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, secretary, Mrs. M. S. Madsen, treasurer, Mrs. N. P. Nielsen, marshal, Miss M. Madsen, guard, Miss P. Madsen, trustees, Mrs. P. Johnson, P. Johnson, Mrs. P. Johnson, committee on arrangements and reception, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, Mrs. G. J. Jensen, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, Mrs. M. S. Madsen, Mrs. S. Sorenson and Miss E. Sandholt.

At this afternoon's session of the Danica Grand Lodge, President Sanclary made his annual report, which showed a constantly increasing membership and a steadily increasing income.

During the year 1898 was paid out in sick benefits and \$1200 for funeral benefits. The membership is 156 in sixteen lodges in California and two in Nevada.

The following committees were appointed: Auditing, J. C. Hansen, Martin Hansen, C. W. Hornum; financial, Salomon A. Nielsen, H. P. Mathiesen; constitutional amendments, J. P. Torgensen, C. W. Hansen and J. Molgaard.

"An Eastern Easter" is the title of one of the quaintest conceits in the way of a short story that that well-known author, Charles Batten Loomis, has ever written. Out in the special edition of The Call next Sunday.

Oakland Marriage Licenses. OAKLAND, April 3.—The following marriage licenses were issued at the County Clerk's office today: Walter J. Hamilton of San Francisco, aged 32, to marry Alice Adams of San Francisco, aged 20; Leverage Pearl of Mount Vernon, aged 25, to marry John Kendrick of San Francisco, aged 21; Wentworth H. Wall of Oakland, aged 23, to marry Laura H. Fusch of Oakland, aged 21; Frank B. Clayton of San Francisco, aged 32, to marry Laura A. Harris of San Francisco, aged 21; Fusch of Oakland, aged 23, to marry Josie Sears of Oakland, aged 23; William W. Bruner of Oakland, aged 36, to marry Jessie B. Crow of Oakland, aged 21.

Salmon Nets Confiscated. DENVER, Feb. 2.—Commissioner John H. Davis and a number of assistants captured two valuable nets belonging to salmon fishermen, who, contrary to law, had them spread out in Suisun Bay between sunrise and sunset on Saturday evening. One of the nets was 200 feet long and is valued at \$600. If the fish were caught and sold, the net would be the property of the Fish Commissioners who will enter proceedings in the Superior Court of Contra Costa to have the nets adjudged the property forfeited and order the nets destroyed. In the event the nets are not destroyed, the Fish Commissioners will prosecute him for illegal fishing and if convicted the culprit will be fined \$200 for the offense, which is the minimum penalty.

Ends Life With Acid. GRACIE MORRIS, a woman 35 years of age, swallowed a dose of carolic acid last night in a saloon at 75 1/2 Broadway street and died a few hours after being taken to the Rockville Hospital. She was the property of a small cigar stand on Howard street.

Kidder Is Fast Sinking. GRASS VALLEY, April 3.—The life of John F. Kidder, State Deputy Commissioner, is fast drawing to a close. Each sinking spell leaves him weaker than the one that preceded it. His death is now only a question of hours.

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THE BARTON WHO WILL SING AT THE TIVOLI NEXT WEEK.

Next Saturday evening, with the first performance of "The Idol's Eye" this season, a new baritone will make his appearance at the Tivoli Opera-house in the person of Arthur Cunningham, who is cast as Don Pablo Tobacco, the Cuban planter.

Mr. Cunningham will be remembered as the Father O'Flynn in "Shamus O'Brien," which was produced some years ago at the Tivoli. The said occasion was Mr. Cunningham's first appearance on the operatic stage, by the way, and he had the honor of being chosen for his part by the composer of the opera, Dr. Stanford.

The Tivoli's latest acquisition received his musical education in England and the trend of his musical taste seemed at first in the direction of concert and oratorio work. He sang in most of the large cities of England in oratorio and was the solo baritone for some time in Holy Trinity Church, London. He afterward sang the name part of "Shamus O'Brien" in Ireland and in the States.

After coming to this country Mr. Cunningham joined the Castle Square company in New York, playing "Carmen," such as the Escamillo in "Carmen," Mephistopheles in "Faust," and also lighter parts, in all of which he was well heard. He has also sung under the Hammerstein direction, with De Wolf Hopper in "The Charlatan," with "The Runaway Girl" company and also with Lillian Russell in "Erminie." The singer, besides his fine voice, is a clever actor and has a picturesque physique, which makes him a valuable addition to the Tivoli forces.

"The Idol's Eye" will be given first on Saturday evening, and will be followed by an elaborate production of "The Idol's Eye" on Saturday night, and a grand matinee of the week's bill, "The Wedding Day."

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Roscoe and Sims, Clinton Montgomery, the Kockers and Quetta Vincent are at the Olympia this week.

Barnes' dog and pig show and Leah May, the giantess, still remain popular attractions at the Chutes and Zoo. Tonight the amateurs will appear in specialities.

Next Saturday afternoon a benefit concert to Miss Oriska M. Green will be given at Sherman-Clay Hall by the following artists:

Ritzau's American Ladies' Orchestra—Miss Cobelia Hill, violin; Miss Ruthie Rayne, trombone; Miss Forde, contralto; Miss Lily Brown, soprano; Miss Lillian, soprano; Maurice Montague, tenor; Mr. Ellis, tenor; and Mr. Wuerstch, cello.

The affair will be in charge of Louis Ritzau.

A concert will be given this evening at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art at the closing ceremonies of the spring exhibition. The program will include the following: Henry Heyman, and the following musicians will take part in the program:

Miss Marie Tarnant, soprano; Miss Stella R. Schwabacher, soprano; Miss Arden, contralto; Herbert Williams, tenor; Miss Gladys Grant, soprano; Miss J. R. Tharp, vocal accompanist; Emil Cruella, organist and accompanist.

The Grand Opera-house is closed for the week, but will open a new season on Saturday.

AUTHOR OF OBJECTIONABLE LETTER GOES SCOT FREE

John Johnson, a seafaring man, was on trial yesterday in the United States District Court on a charge of having mailed an indecent letter addressed to Miss Louisa Janson at 775 Polson street.

Paul Wiegand testified that at Johnson's request he had written the letter, copying it from one that Johnson had furnished him. Johnson wishing to have the letter written in a more legible hand.

Miss Janson testified that she knew Johnson only casually, having seen him around the boarding house and saloon kept by her father, and that she had never kept company with him. She said also that she had never had any trouble with Johnson.

BOTHA SHOOT PEACE ENVOY

President de Kock of the Burgher Committee Is Reported Executed.

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BLOEMFONTEIN, April 3.—A story is printed by the Bloemfontein Post asserting that President de Kock of the Burgher Peace Committee and one of the founders of that organization took a message from the British at Belfast, under a white flag, to General Botha in January. When he arrived at General Botha's camp he was arrested and tried on a charge of treason at Roossenekal. He was found guilty, sentenced to death and shot on February 12.

BOSTON, April 3.—Dr. Fraser, a special commissioner of the British Government, was in this city to-day making inquiries as to the facilities for shipping from this port a consignment of 800 Canadian horses for the British army on the South African front.

VICTIMS OF THE PLAGUE FOUND IN THE STREET

Cape Town Residents Conceal the Fact That They Come in Contact With Sufferers.