MISS ADAMS IS VERY SICK

Dr. Rowell Says She Cannot Appear at the Inquest.

Will Not Testify Regarding Shooting of Dr. Jessup by Her Father.

BERKELEY, June 20.—Dr. H. N. Rowell, the attending physician, declares that under no circumstances shall Miss Agnes Adams testify to-morrow at the inquest in the case of Dr. John G. Jessup, who was shot by her father while he was drink-crazed. The medico's fiat was delivered this evening when inquiry was made concerning the condition of the young woman whose appeal for assistance brought death to her friend and accusation of murder against her wretched father.

The physician explained his emphatic stand by declaring that his patient, tortured by the awful recollection of the scene at the Adams residence and prostrated by the mental and nervous shock, was in no condition to undergo the ordeal of a public examination such as the law enforced as a duty upon the Coroner.

"No, sir," insisted the medical man, "Miss Adams cannot go to the inquest, and I shall under no condition think of permitting such a course. She is hysterical and distraught, ill mentally and physically, and it would be a crime to send her out of her room at this time."

The Coroner has left the subpenaing of witnesses in the hands of Deputy Coroner Streightiff. Dr. Rowell maintains that he will not permit Miss Adams to be subpenaed. Coroner Mehrmann has set the inquest for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and it will go on at that hour. Miss Adams' testimony will be required by the Coroner, as she was the only person who saw any of the occurrences immediately attending the shooting of Dr. Jessup.

Coroner Mehrmann said to-night that he had no doubt Miss Adams could give her deposition before him and that he would be prepared to take it at her present stopping place if she were unable to be present at the Coroner's office.

Arrangements for the funeral of Dr. Jessup to-morrow afternoon have about been completed. There will be addresses by representatives of the organizations of which the deceased dentist was a member. F. G. Betts will speak for the Junior Order of American Mechanics and F. L. Wharff for the Cherokee Tribe of Red Men. Other eulogists have yet to be selected. The funeral will take place from Odd Fellows' Hall at 2 o'clock.

SCORES WIFE IN WILL AND DISINHERITS SONS

Livermore Suicide in Devising Legacies Foreshadowed Quarrel Which Caused Rash Act.

OAKLAND, June 20.—The will of Almon Weymouth, the Livermore planing-mill proprietor who committed suicide last week on account of a disagreement with his wife, cuts off two of his sons with $1 each and evidences the ill feeling that existed between himself and Mrs. Weymouth at the time the will was drawn. It is as follows:

LIVERMORE, October 1, 1899.—To whom it may concern: This day I make my first and only will, which I hope will be carried out to the letter. I bequeath one-half of my United Workmen policy of $1000 to my daughter, Jennie A. Weymouth, to hold and use as she sees fit, and she will receipt for the same. I also give to my son, Willie T. Weymouth, all my right, title and interest in the Livermore Planing Mill in the town of Livermore, Alameda County, California, and all my carpenter tools, jewelry and personal effects.

To my son Arthur, $1; and to my son Romelo, $1; also, as to my wife Tillie, one-half of the planing mill, vineyard, and one-half of the United Workmen policy of $1000; and this is all she deserves and more. As to my residence in the town of Livermore, Alameda County, California, I give and bequeath to my son Willie T. and Jennie M. Weymouth, jointly, to hold and use as they see fit. This property is in their deceased mother's name. It is property that was bought entirely with my money, and I have a right to dispose of it as I see fit. In witness I set my hand and seal this 2d day of October, 1899. ALMON WEYMOUTH.

MANDAMUS SUIT BEGUN BY CONTRA COSTA FALLS

Demurrer of Auditor Breed Will Necessitate Filing of New or Amended Complaint.

OAKLAND, June 20.—The attorneys for the Contra Costa Water Company retreated from the position assumed in beginning mandamus proceedings against Auditor Breed to compel him to pay the city's water bills for the current year, when the case was called before Judge Ellsworth to-day.

The matter was continued till Monday to allow the company to begin anew.

Auditor Breed in his demurrer called attention to the provision of the charter requiring applicants whose warrants are rejected by the Auditor to have them repassed by the Board of Public Works and signed by the Mayor before collection can be forced.

The water company's attorneys admitted the justice of this contention by the defense and notified the court that if a continuance were granted the present complaint would be withdrawn.

Engineer Stanley's Funeral.

OAKLAND, June 20.—The funeral of the late James Stanley, the Southern Pacific engineer who died from injuries sustained in a wreck near Felton, was held this morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where a solemn requiem high mass was celebrated. The Rev. M. King, the Rev. Dr. Morrison and the Rev. Father Nolan officiated. The pallbearers were Asa French, James Rigney, William O'Connell, W. T. Baker, J. A. Barry and A. Wilkinson. The interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Many hundreds of railroad employes and friends of the pioneer engineer attended the services.

Must Leave Children Behind.

OAKLAND, June 20.—Mrs. Adeline Raum, who since her divorce from J. M. Raum a year ago has been supporting herself and two children, was this morning denied permission to take them out of the State by Judge Ellsworth because their father objected. Mrs. Raum said that she was making from $75 to $100 a month at canvassing, but could obtain a better position in Denver. The court decided that the removal was not necessary and that he would therefore be compelled to defer to the father's wish.

Cadets to Parade in Oakland.

OAKLAND, June 20.—The League of the Cross Cadets, 1000 strong, with full band and drum corps, has accepted the invitation of the Fourth of July committee to parade in this city on the celebration of the national holiday. The parade committee has also been assured of a large representation from the trades unions, as well as from civic and military organizations. The committee proposes to make the parade one of the attractive features of the day.

Retail Clerks Elect Officers.

OAKLAND, June 20.—The Retail Clerks' Association has elected the following named officers: President, Louis Scheeline; first vice president, C. L. O'Rourke; second vice president, Archie Newhard; financial secretary, Harry Roesner; recording secretary, Charles A. Sinclair; treasurer, Paul Carroll; guide, William Martin; guardian, Edward Lewis; trustees—J. Brennan, C. R. Robinson and J. Kirkwood; delegates to Federated Trades—J. B. Reboli, C. J. Twomey and Lawrence Hyde.

Three Daily Mail Deliveries.

BERKELEY, June 20.—Business men in Berkeley have received a favorable answer to their petition for three postal deliveries a day instead of two. The new arrangement goes into effect on August 16. Four collections as well as three deliveries will be made daily. The increase of business necessitates the employment of an additional carrier.

BERKELEY'S TOWN CLERK BECOMES A BENEDICT

Charles E. Thomas Claims Miss May Buckbee of Menlo Park as His Bride and the Friends of Both Are Much Surprised

YOUNG COUPLE WHO WERE QUIETLY MARRIED IN OAKLAND YESTERDAY.

The groom is one of the most prominent and popular young men of Berkeley. He graduated from the university in 1899 with the degree of B. L. During his college days he was the recipient of many student honors, holding the offices of speaker of the Students' Congress, editor in chief of the Daily Californian, and president of the Associated Students. He also made a reputation as a student of unusual brilliancy and promise. Since his graduation he has been admitted to the bar, but has not practiced. He has been connected with several business enterprises, which he has conducted with marked success. In the last municipal election he was elected Town Clerk by an overwhelming majority.

BERKELEY, June 20.—Charles E. Thomas, Town Clerk of Berkeley, and Miss May Buckbee of Menlo Park were quietly married this evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. W. S. Urmy, the uncle of the groom and the pastor of the Thirty-fourth-street Methodist Episcopal Church, Oakland. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the minister, 683 Thirty-sixth street. Only the relatives and most intimate friends of the couple were present.

Immediately after the wedding the pair left for a two weeks' tour of the pleasure resorts in the northern part of the State.

The marriage comes as a complete surprise to the large circle of friends of the bride and groom. The engagement has never been announced and was hardly suspected by the majority of acquaintances. After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will reside with the mother of the groom, Mrs. Flora Thomas, at 2008 University avenue, this city.

The bride is the daughter of John H. Buckbee of Menlo Park. The young lady is a handsome blonde and is very popular among the younger set of Berkeley.

CHURCH HOLDS JUBILEE PICNIC

St. Peter's Parishioners Enjoy Outing in Sunset Park.

The jubilee picnic of St. Peter's parish was held yesterday amid the shady glens and densely wooded hills of Sunset Park, in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Three special trains were required to convey the immense crowd to the grounds and it was estimated that 3500 people attended the outing. In all respects it was one of the most successful parochial picnics that was ever sent out from this city.

From the moment the picnickers reached the park until their reluctant departure late in the afternoon the mirth and jollity never abated for an instant. Dancing, games and races were in continual progress. Of all the contests, however, the jig dancing probably excited the most interest. Each contestant was required to dance a reel and jig to the accompaniment of a fiddle. For the ladies Mrs. Margaret Sicotte and Mrs. M. Sullivan carried off the laurels, while for the men Captain Philgate and Ed Barry were adjudged the victors.

The picnic this year was surrounded with a particular interest on account of its following so close upon the Rev. Father P. S. Casey's silver jubilee. Twenty-five years ago this month he was ordained a priest and since that time he has almost continually been the beloved pastor of St. Peter's parish. The money derived from the picnic will be devoted to the construction of a new parochial residence.

The priesthood of the city was well represented at the picnic. Among those present were Fathers Casey, Larkin, Yorke, Lyons, Looney, Keane, Sullivan, Colleppy, Quinn, O'Hara, Ryan, O'Ryan, Heslin, Powers, Heveran, Grant, Stokes and Collins.

The winners of the races were as follows:

Race for boys under 12—First, James Debney; second, George Creeley.

Race for boys between the ages of 12 and 16—First, John Murphy; second, Charles Grellman.

Race for girls under 12—First, Annie Donavan; second, May Kerrigan.

Race for girls between the ages of 12 and 16—First, Kitty Walsh; second, Aileen Murphy.

Race for altar boys under 12—First, Willie Fitzgerald; second, Rey Mitchell.

Race for young men—First, James Waters; second, Ben Crawford.

Race for married men—First, James A. Wagner; second, C. M. Brown.

Race for young ladies—First, Madaline Castle; second, Rose McQuade.

Race for members of Company I, League of the Cross—First, James Waters; second Ben Crawford.

Three-legged race—First, James Waters and Ben Crawford; second, Thomas O'Brien and H. Lauterwasser.

Race for fat men—First, P. R. Ward; second, P. O'Connor.

Race for members of the Young Ladies' Sodality—First, Miss Lydia Burns; second, Miss N. Coleman.

Race for altar boys between the ages of 12 and 16—First, J. J. Collaghan; second, John E. Fitzgerald.

Race for married ladies—First, Mrs. C. J. Ward; second, Mrs. P. M. Connelly.

Companionship race—First, J. J. May and P. Raymon; second, Tom Gorman and Ben Crawford.

Sack race—First, W. P. Riordan; second, G. McDonald.

Each of the winners was presented with an appropriate prize.

Oakland Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, June 20.—Marriage licenses were issued at the County Clerk's office to-day to the following persons:

Charles E. Thomas of Berkeley, aged 26, and May A. Buckber of Berkeley, aged 22; Morgan Brennan of San Francisco, aged 36, and Ellen E. Uphoff of San Francisco, aged 28; Thomas Fallon of Boston, aged 28, and Julia Sweeney of San Francisco, aged 25; George H. Le Roy of Oakdale, aged 37, and Ruby Hahn of Oakdale, aged 29; Raymond R. Riego of San Francisco, aged 52, and Sarah D. Campbell of San Francisco, aged 36.

Humane Society Meets.

At the meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held yesterday Secretary Holbrook's report showed that measures had been taken to better the condition of more than 800 animals during the months of April and May.

Louis P. Howe, Alfred Seyden, Edward A. Buck, W. E. Bridge and Captain Louis Bagletto were appointed officers of the society. The new members elected to the society are W. B. Ahlstrand, C. Besthorn, Mrs. D. B. Collins, M. E. Van Meter, W. J. White, E. Carosio and August Joanon.

PLAN A SCHEME OF IRRIGATION

Representatives of Western States Meet in Cheyenne.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 20.—State engineers and Representatives and Senators from Western States met in Cheyenne today to discuss irrigation. Government aid and the best methods of reclaiming arid lands. State Engineer Fred Bond of Wyoming presided over the engineers' meeting, and Hon. H. E. Burkett of Lincoln, Neb., was elected chairman of the Congressional meeting. George E. Tobey of Lincoln acted as secretary. Both meetings were more or less informal, but some energetic discussions were had, principally on irrigation and the position of the Federal Government toward the same. Resolutions were presented and a plan outlined for action at the next session of Congress.

An effort will be made at Friday's meeting to agree upon some law or plan broad enough to cover the demand in the arid States.

At a joint meeting of engineers and Congressmen to-night an exhaustive bill was drafted covering all the points involved in the irrigation question in its relation to Congress. The proposed measure, in part, is as follows:

A bill to provide for the settlement of the arid public lands and to authorize the construction of reservoirs for the storage of water and other necessary irrigation works for arid lands reclamation.

That all moneys received from the sale or disposal of public lands in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, excepting money set aside by law for educational purposes and excepting also the salaries of registers and receivers of the United States land offices, located within said States and territories, shall be and are hereby reserved for the benefit of the State or Territory in which said lands are sold, to be kept as a special fund to be known as the "Arid Land Reclamation Fund," and shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the examination, survey and construction of reservoirs and other irrigation works.

Any of the States or Territories desiring to avail themselves of the provisions of the act shall enact laws accepting the conditions of this act and organize and maintain a State engineer's office with authority to plan and make estimates for reservoirs to be paid for out of the reclamation fund. The office shall also arrange for the establishment of rights to water from same.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to examine plans and surveys submitted by the State engineers for proposed reservoirs and irrigation works and approve or reject the same. Having the approval of plans, the Secretary shall cause to be set aside sufficient money from the reclamation fund and already credited to the State, in which the irrigation works are to be built to perform the work.

Provision is also made in the bill for the segregation from entry of all lands upon which storage reservoirs or other irrigation works are to be built as soon as the application is filed with the Secretary of the Interior. One of the vital provisions of the proposed bill is that any State accepting the provisions of the act may sell the completed works to the actual consumers of the water only, the proceeds of such sale to be accredited to the arid land reclamation funds of the State or Territory constructing such works.

A banquet was given at the Inter Ocean to-night in honor of the visiting Congressmen and State Engineers.

Deeds Passed in Compromise.

OAKLAND, June 20.—Pursuant to the terms of the Volney D. Moody will contest compromise, deeds were filed with the County Recorder to-day conveying to Mrs. Mary Moody, the widow, Oakland and Berkeley realty valued at $100,000. A quit claim from the other heirs accompanies the instrument.

Will Investigate Charges.

ALAMEDA, June 20.—Charges of using obscene language and unofficer-like conduct preferred against Police Officer Charles E. Keyes by Mrs. H. D. Witte will be investigated by the City Trustees to-morrow night.

Death of a Well Known Clergyman.

MONTEREY, June 20.—Benjamin F. Finney, for many years pastor of the Christian church in Santa Cruz and a veteran of the Civil War, died here yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Notley. He was born in Plymouth, Mass., and was 67 years of age.

SECOND BRANDES TRIAL IS ENDED

Argument in Case Will Begin Monday and End Wednesday.

Defendant Does Not Take the Stand to Testify in His Own Behalf.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 20.

The defense in the case of William A. Brandes on the charge of murdering his daughter Lillian closed to-day with the testimony of Attorney F. W. Sawyer, who identified a knife as one that was introduced at the former trial as the weapon with which the girl attacked her stepmother shortly before the day of her death.

This evidence completes the chain of evidence upon which Brandes relies to divert suspicion from himself, the other links being the son's testimony that Mrs. Brandes severely beat Lillian on the occasion of the alleged attack, and Mrs. Brandes' own statement that her testimony, if given, would tend to incriminate her.

The defense explained the noises of supposed beating heard by Brandes' neighbors on the night before the girl died as caused by the slamming of doors in the search for the money which Lillian was accused of stealing.

In rebuttal of this theory the prosecution put witnesses on the stand to testify that the noises were apparently made by a soft body being thrown against the walls of the house rather than by slamming doors. This testimony closed the case.

It was expected that Brandes would go upon the stand in his own behalf. He has repeatedly told his jailers that he should insist upon doing so. When the other witnesses for the defense had been examined the accused called his attorney to consult with him. After some minutes' animated conversation Attorney Frick announced that the defense rested. Frick opposed the introduction of Brandes' testimony at the former trial when it was offered by the prosecution earlier in the trial, but Judge Ogden decided to allow the transcript to be read to the jury on the ground that it was an admission of the prisoner touching the question of his guilt or innocence.

When the case closed Deputy District Attorney Walsh told the court he was ready to proceed with the argument for the prosecution, but Judge Frick asked for a continuance until Monday to look over the evidence.

The attorneys finally agreed to the continuance.

Mr. Walsh said that he could finish in one day and Judge Frick thought that the same amount of time would suffice for his argument. The State will close on Wednesday, so that on that day the case will probably go to the jury.

TAFT TO GOVERN THE PHILIPPINES

Civil Rule Will Begin on the Fourth of July.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Civil government will be established in the Philippines on July 4. Judge William H. Taft will be designated as Civil Governor. He will remain at the head of the Philippine Commission, which is to be continued. The order creating him Civil Governor will be issued by the President through the Secretary of War.

Further details regarding the new government are yet to be worked out. The 4th of July is not selected with a view of having an extraordinary inauguration of the new government but simply because the day is deemed by the administration a good day upon which to locate what is believed to be an auspicious event in the history of the Philippines. It is probable that members of the Philippine Commission will have charge of the different departments of the government.

MANILA, June 20.—The provost marshal has decided to accept an ordinary bond for the release of D. M. Carman, the Californian arrested last February on charges of having furnished the insurgents with arms, ammunition and supplies. He has been held under a bond of $10,000, but it was decided last month not to prosecute him at present, and he applied for a reduction of bail prior to returning to the United States.

Carman has received permission to leave the islands for an indefinite period, subject, however, to the call of the Government. The action of the provost marshal tends to confirm the report already cabled of the probability of Carman's ultimate dismissal.

EVENTS IN SOCIETY

A most enjoyable afternoon tea was given by Miss Grace Wright at her residence on Buchanan street Saturday, June 16, from 2 to 5 p. m., to a few of her late companions of the high school. The time was spent in the rendition of choice vocal and instrumental selections. A pleasant feature of the occasion was dainty souvenir cards tied with lavender ribbon, on which was written the "fortune" of the recipient. Among those present were: Misses Marie L. Chesworth, Helen Boyer, Gwendoline Boyer, Rena Douglass, Alma Harumberg, Grace Wright and Mrs. Wright.

On Tuesday afternoon last at Sts. Peter and Paul Church Julius P. Glazer and Miss Marie C. Rossi were united in marriage by the Rev. Father Paperni. The bride was attended by Miss Grace Allen. A. J. Rossi acted as best man. The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Glazer have left for an extended tour of the south.

Captain Thomas of the battleship Oregon entertained a party on the ship recently, which included Charles C. Sullivan, Rev. Father Giles, Mr. Gildea and a score of young boys. The occasion was a very pleasant one.

The engagement of Miss Ida Bittmore and William R. Chambers is announced.

Mrs. Harry Schwartz left Saturday for Los Angeles and Catalina for a stay of six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cohn have left for Skaggs Springs, to be gone for several weeks.

Mrs. Alfred M. Meyer and daughter, Miss Helen, are at Highlands for a short stay.

Mrs. I. Simon of 1308 Hayes street has discontinued her day at home for the months of June and July.

Mrs. A. Rothberg and daughter have gone to Camp Taylor to spend the summer.

Sixteen Warrants for Knowlton.

James H. Doolittle of the St. Nicholas Hotel swore to sixteen warrants before Judge Mogan yesterday charging Major Joseph Knowlton, his brother-in-law and ex-manager, with misdemeanor embezzlement. The original case against Knowlton for felony embezzlement is not yet concluded before Judge Mogan, but Doolittle alleges that since that warrant was issued other defalcations have been discovered. At that time the shortage was alleged to be $21,000. Knowlton had a search warrant case before Judge Fritz yesterday for the recovery of his clothing and personal effects from the St. Nicholas and it was continued till to-day.

Of the 4110 varieties of flowers known and cultivated in Europe, scarcely 400 have any odor, and of these nearly 50 have an odor which is, if anything, disagreeable.

About the only new things to be seen at a circus are the children who laugh at the clown's jokes.

SEEKS LEGAL SEPARATION FROM WAYWARD SPOUSE

Final Chapter in the Romance of Mrs. Margaret Olcese-Borlini to Be Inscribed in the Records of the Divorce Court

OAKLAND, June 20.—Upon the ground that he has deserted and failed to provide for her Mrs. Margaret Olcese-Borlini to-day began, through her attorney, Garret McEnerney, suit for divorce from her husband, Alfred A. Borlini. The suit is the result of the discovery by the plaintiff immediately after her marriage a year ago that her young husband was a defaulter. The wife does not ask for anything from her erring husband, simply desiring that she shall be freed from him for all time.

WIFE WHO SEEKS DIVORCE AND HUSBAND WHOM SHE LEFT ON WEDDING TOUR.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Olcese and Alfred Borlini took place a little more than a year ago. While the young couple were enjoying their wedding tour in the southland Borlini confided to his wife that he had embezzled from his employers, the American Bank and Trust Company, a large sum of money, hoping that she would come to his rescue with her wealth and shield him from disgrace and the penitentiary.

But the bride was made of sterner stuff. She realized that she had been duped, that Borlini had married her not for love but to get her to assist him out of his trouble. She did not hesitate as to which course to take. She left her husband immediately, coming home alone and leaving him to follow.

There was nothing else for Borlini to do then than to confess his peculations to his employers. This he did, with the result that he suffered arrest and his downfall was told broadcast. It was in vain that Borlini's employers searched for a clew to the cause of his peculations. He was not addicted to drink and he did not gamble. The only explanation apparently was that his expensive habits led him into temptation. Borlini himself would not tell what it was that brought ruin upon him.

It was only through the efforts of influential friends that Borlini escaped the penitentiary. They came to his rescue at the critical time and made good the amount of his stealings, upon the understanding that he would not be prosecuted. The American Bank and Trust Company kept its promise and Borlini was afterward allowed to go free. He was never placed under arrest, but was detained under the surveillance of detectives for two weeks.

Borlini made several attempts toward reconciliation with his wife, but she remained obdurate, refusing to entertain any proposals from him. The whereabouts of Borlini is at present unknown to the wife.

The plaintiff is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Olcese of 1030 Sixteenth street. She is a handsome young woman, and before her marriage was quite prominent in society circles. The Olcese-Borlini wedding was one of the events of Oakland society a year ago.

OVERCHARGES IN HIS BILLS

Army Contractor Wass Accused of Serious Frauds.

A warrant was issued yesterday by United States Court Commissioner Heacock for the arrest of D. D. Wass on a charge of defrauding the Government.

The complaint, drawn by United States Attorney Woodworth, sets forth that in November, 1899, Wass defrauded the Government by drawing $863 on false vouchers for work alleged to have been done on the army transports Senator and the City of Peking; that the bills were sent to the Government, charging pay for twelve hours' labor per day, when the men worked only nine hours per day. The charges were brought by an ex-employe named Chester.

Wass is a contractor and electrician, and had several men in his charge on electrical work on the transports, and it was for this work that the alleged fraudulent vouchers were filed. Wass, when asked about the charges, said that he had simply charged for overtime and had doubled the hours of overtime instead of doubling the pay, which amounted to the same thing.

It has been reported to the United States District Attorney that Wass sent two of his workmen to the residence of Captain John Barneson to do some electrical repairs and that Wass had the account made out as for the transports Senator and Peking, after having collected $17 50 from Captain Barneson. Wass' bail has been set at $1000, and he will be taken before United States Court Commissioner Heacock this morning to have a day set for his examination.

DIED ALONE WITHOUT RELATIVES' KNOWLEDGE

Pioneer German Comes to His End Among Strangers and His Property Disappears.

OAKLAND, June 20.—Captain B. D. Pelt, the well known navigator and pioneer San Franciscan, died at Marysville, Monday, under circumstances which have excited the suspicions of his relatives that he was not fairly dealt with by the people among whom his last days were spent.

E. D. Van Pelt, the captain's eldest son, came down to-day with the body to Fruitvale, where the deceased had his residence for many years. He went to Marysville about four years ago to live on a ranch for the benefit of his health. He had some blooded horses on the ranch and devoted his time to their care.

Mr. Van Pelt declares that the ranch people did not notify any members of the family of his father's illness and that a few days before his death the captain was sent to a hospital to die alone. He further states that his father's gold watch was missing and that the people on the ranch claimed to know nothing about his horses. An investigation will follow.

Reminds Them of Yore.

Noting the fact that many country bred men in the large cities take the local paper in their old home, the Philadelphia Record says: "The head of a large Market street wholesale business house, a man now advanced in years, has been a regular subscriber to one of the Bucks County papers for fifty years. 'He wouldn't give it up for anything,' said this man's son yesterday. 'He gets more real enjoyment from it than from anything he reads. A daily edition has been started within the last ten years, but he doesn't want that. He only gets the weekly edition, which prints gossip of a personal nature from the various towns throughout the county. He will pore over this by the hour, and his comments on the various items of news are often amusing. Scarcely a name is mentioned that he doesn't say, "Why, I used to go to school with his father," or "I once licked his Uncle Jim for tying my clothes up when we used to go swimming in the Neshaminy."'"

SIX MEN ESCAPE INSTANT DEATH

Steel Vault Falls Into Pit as Workmen Ascend.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 20.

Six workmen on the Central Bank vault job owe their lives to an accidental call which took them from the pit into which an eleven-ton steel vault was being lowered last evening an instant before the tackle broke and let the mass of metal fall with a crash to the bottom.

The vault had been raised upon skids just before the accident and was being slowly lowered into the pit, where the men were waiting to guide it into place, when a hitch occurred which required their assistance above. The last man was clambering over the edge of the excavation as the big hook by which the ponderous object was held snapped under the strain.

The tackle flew backward, narrowly missing Vice President W. G. Palmanteer of the bank, who was standing with Contractor Bock watching the work of placing the new vault. Bock ran to where his men were standing and hurriedly counted them over to see whether any of them had been caught in the pit. All were safe.

Contractor Bock said that while the Central Bank vaults are the heaviest ever put out by his company he supposed the apparatus with which he has been handling them was amply strong to do the work. No defect was found in the broken hook, which was made of one-inch steel.

SAYS PROMISE WAS NOT KEPT

Ruth Martyn Says She Has Been Cruelly Jilted.

Frank McLaughlin, Who Wedded Edith Henry, Is the Accused.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 20.

There is a sequel to the wedding of Miss Edith Henry, daughter of ex-Mayor A. C. Henry, and Frank W. McLaughlin, second officer of the transport Hancock, which occurred Monday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 1221 Harrison street. It is the declaration by Miss Ruth Martyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Martyn, residing at 1030 Fifty-eighth street, that she had a prior claim on McLaughlin's heart, and that he cast her aside without the formality of breaking the engagement. Miss Martyn has a batch of correspondence, which she uses as a basis for her claims that the transport officer was betrothed to her and she intimates that she may bring a suit for breach of promise.

Miss Martyn says her acquaintance with McLaughlin began in 1899, when she was introduced to him while he was in the transport service. They became engaged and matters ran along smoothly enough until she discovered a letter in his stateroom one day that had been written by Miss Henry in very endearing style.

"I demanded an explanation," said Miss Martyn, "and was assured that there was no thought on Mr. McLaughlin's part of a marriage with Miss Henry. I last saw Mr. McLaughlin a week ago Sunday. He spent the night with my folks and left Monday, promising to come the following night, but instead of coming I got his excuses that he had to work. Then I heard he was engaged to Miss Henry, but I would not believe it. My sister, who sang in the First Presbyterian Church choir with Miss Henry, also heard the story.

"I never believed that Mr. McLaughlin was paying attention to any other girl, and I couldn't after his protestations to me on the ship, so you can imagine my surprise when I read in the papers Tuesday morning of the marriage of McLaughlin and Miss Henry. I gave him an opportunity to break the engagement, but he would not have it. I have given the story to the world because I wanted a little revenge. It is the only balm I have for my injured feelings. I have nothing against the girl he married and I feel sorry for her, for the prospect she faces is not a bright one. I am sure I feel glad that I am rid of such a man. All I wanted to do was to show him up."

McLaughlin admits an engagement existed, but that it was terminated at Miss Martyn's option. After this had occurred, according to McLaughlin, he remained on friendly terms with the family, visiting them as he had done before. He and the Henrys agree that Miss Henry was fully advised concerning the relations that had existed.

POLICEMEN ARE OPPOSED TO THE NINE-HOUR RULE

The recent order of the Police Commissioners compelling all patrolmen to work nine hours a day and fifteen hours every forty days has caused dissatisfaction among the members of the department. Many of them claim that the new order will have the effect of driving some of the older men out of the business.

Learning that the "coppers" were opposed to the nine-hour-a-day system, Chief of Police Sullivan yesterday issued orders to the various captains to have the men vote on the proposition, to determine how many were opposed to having the number of working hours changed. After the votes are counted the Chief will ask the Commissioners, provided that the majority is against it, to repeal the order.

The exact day on which the voting is to take place will be agreed upon to-morrow. It is needless to say, considering the adverse criticism of the new order, that the majority will vote against it. Chief Sullivan is satisfied that the proposition will be hopelessly beaten, and he will then ask the Commissioners to stand by the present system of working the men.

"It would be a great injustice to the members of the force if the new order was enforced," remarked one of the oldest men in the business yesterday.

"If it were put into operation we would not be able to have our evening meal until after 9 o'clock, which, under the present system, is about the hour we retire to get some needed rest.

"I am satisfied that about nine-tenths of the men will vote against the new order."

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