VETTER'S VICTIM GENTLY REARED

Tramp Killed by the Conductor a Rich Man's Son.

Salt Lake Capitalist Will Supply Funds to Prosecute the Trainman.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 8.—William Trezise, the tramp who was shot in the head on June 30 by Conductor Frank Vetter near Ogilby, a station on the Southern Pacific between Indio and Yuma, and who died two days later at the Sisters' Hospital in Los Angeles, proves to have been the son of a capitalist in Salt Lake City. At the time of the shooting a comrade of the wounded man, in speaking of him to a member of the freight crew, said that "his old man was fixed proper in Salt Lake and had all kinds of money," but no attention was paid to the assertion. At the hospital an attendant gave the information that the dying man had once referred to a relative in the Utah capital. After Trezise's death an investigation was made by the undertaker. The body of the unfortunate man was about to be interred at the expense of Los Angeles County when orders reached there to hold it until further notice.

The dead tramp is said to have been a member of one of the best known and most influential families in Salt Lake City. He was about 30 years of age and apparently possessed of a good education, though he preferred the life of a tramp.

Young Trezise met death because of his determination to steal a ride on an eastbound freight train. In company with five other tramps he boarded the train at a point east of Indio in an effort to reach Yuma. Their ultimate destination was New Orleans. Conductor Vetter ordered them to get off and they reluctantly obeyed. When the train started up the tramps again got aboard.

Three times they were put off. The last time Vetter came upon Trezise in an empty car. When ordered out of the car Trezise drew a knife and a fight ensued. The conductor used the butt end of his revolver on Trezise, but in so doing the weapon was accidentally discharged. The bullet entered Trezise's head, back of the left ear.

The wounded man was soon placed on the westbound overland and taken to Los Angeles for medical treatment. At first he was not believed to be seriously wounded and the train crew proceeded on its way to Yuma.

The comrades of Trezise had aided him in the fight, but the head brakeman and several others of the train crew by an indiscriminate use of clubs caused them to beat a hasty retreat. Vetter is a man weighing about 115 pounds, while his adversary tipped the scales at the 200-pound mark.

It is said that criminal proceedings will be instituted against Vetter at an early date, and that the father of his victim will supply funds for the prosecution. According to the statements of the railroad employes, the conductor acted in self-defense, and as the friends of the dead man have disappeared it is doubtful if a conviction will ever be had.

SHOOTS BEAR AND CUBS WITHIN SEATTLE LIMITS

Hunter Finds Big Game in a Suburb of the Puget Sound Metropolis.

SEATTLE, July 8.—Within the limits of Seattle Lawrence Lindsley killed three bears yesterday. He was riding along an old road when he came upon an old bear and two cubs eating salall buds. The cubs climbed a tree, but the mother disappeared in the bush. Lindsley shot the cubs, and this morning, with a companion, again visited the spot. They discovered the mother wandering around the foot of the tree, in a vain endeavor to find her young. At the first shot she turned on the hunters, but a second bullet broke her neck.

YOUNGEST NATIVE SON AT HEAD OF A PARLOR

Twenty-Year-Old Walter Metzner President of the Order in St. Helena.

ST. HELENA, July 8.—St. Helena Parlor No. 53, Native Sons of the Golden West, has the distinction of having the youngest president in the order. At its last meeting Walter Metzner, who is but 20 years of age, was installed in that office. Mr. Metzner was born near St Helena and has lived here all his life.

Pauline Hoffman Divorced.

SEATTLE, July 8.—Judge Griffin to-day granted a divorce to Pauline Hoffman, the wife of Barney Hoffman, a San Francisco "fence." Hoffman was arrested with his father-in-law, Paznanski, two years ago on a charge of receiving stolen goods. He was sentenced to serve a term in the State penitentiary, and on this account the wife was divorced from him. Directly after his release she remarried him and lived with him until lately, when, she claims, he mistreated her and beat her. Her father was her chief witness, swearing that Hoffman treated his wife cruelly. Judge Griffin granted the decree and ordered Hoffman to pay $12 50 a week alimony, giving Mrs. Hoffman custody of her child.

Horse Kills a Nonagenarian.

WATSONVILLE, July 8.—W. S. Neal, more than 90 years of age and a pioneer of Watsonville, was found dead in his barn early this morning with his neck broken. He had been kicked to death by his horse. Neal was an historical character. He was on the pension list as a veteran in the Mexican War. Until eighteen years ago he was City Marshal of Watsonville, since which time he has been poundmaster. Neal was a bachelor and lived alone in an old cabin on the outskirts of the town.

Excursion to Mare Island.

VALLEJO, July 8.—The steamer General Frisbie will on July 24 bring to Vallejo and Mare Island an excursion party of 200 wholesale merchants and business men of San Francisco. C. W. Edgecumbe is arranging the San Francisco end of the affair and the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce will prepare for the entertainment of the visitors.

Earthquake Jars Santa Ana.

SANTA ANA, July 8.—Santa Ana was jarred by a slight earthquake at 1:45 o'clock this morning. The vibrations were from north to south. The people were awakened from their slumbers, but no damage was done.

Poisoned by Spider's Bite.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 8.—J. H. Cox of Terrace was bitten by a poisonous black spider yesterday. Doctors consider his life in peril.

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POWDER MILLS ARE BLOWN UP

One Man Killed and Several Injured Near Santa Cruz.

Three Explosions Occur at the California Company's Works.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA CRUZ, July 8.—William R. Darling lost his life and Joseph Maynard was badly injured in a series of explosions at the California Powder Works near this city this morning. The first explosion occurred in the corning mill, in which Darling was employed, and the concussion caused the blowing up of two other mills nearly 400 yards away. Several other employes of the works received injuries, but escaped serious harm.

The mills that went up were the corning mill and what are known as the number 6 and number 7 single-wheel mills, where the black sporting powder is manufactured. As has been the case in every explosion at these works, the cause will never be known.

The first building destroyed was the corning mill. It was here that Darling was employed. The report was terrific, as thirty barrels of powder exploded. The mill was a three-sided affair, the walls of concrete and the roof of galvanized iron. The roof was lifted and scattered over the works, and of the building hardly a stick of wood was left. The heavy machinery was twisted and broken and was thrown against the concrete walls. It will take several thousand dollars to replace this machinery.

Darling was hurled about seventy-five feet and was thrown against the bank. He was scarcely recognizable, as he was so badly burned and mangled.

The wheel mills are within 400 feet of the corning mill and the explosion there was caused by the concussion. These mills are similarly built and are three-sided. They were completely wrecked. Joseph Maynard is foreman of them. He was just leaving No. 6 and was badly shaken, bruised and cut, but not seriously injured. He was thrown quite a distance.

In each of these mills there were about two and a half barrels of powder. John Geyer, George Robinson and John Farrell are employed in them, but luckily they were some distance from the mills at the time of the explosions.

Each of these mills has been blown up before, and in the corning mill J. Steiner and C. Larsen met death only a short time ago. The mills are situated in a redwood forest, and it was soon ablaze. Within a short time a forest fire was making its way up the mountain. The powder works were closed and all of the employes began fighting the conflagration. In an hour they had it under control.

William Darling, who was killed to-day, has been employed at the works for about forty years. After an absence of several years he returned a year ago to resume his old position. He is survived by a widow and family. Darling was a native of Massachusetts and was 64 years of age. His brother is Rev. C. H. Darling, a leading Methodist minister.

TELLS OF BABY FARM'S HORRORS

Petition Results in Citation of John Biter and Wife.

SAN RAFAEL, July 8.—Steps were taken to-day by Secretary M. J. White of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to rescue the seventeen children now held by John Biter and his wife at their baby farm near Sausalito. Purcell Rowe, attorney for the society, applied to Superior Judge Angellotti for letters of guardianship for eleven boys and six girls. The true names being unknown, the children were given fictitious ones.

In the petition it is alleged that the little ones are in the custody of John Biter and his wife Catherine, that they are the victims of extreme neglect and that their health and lives are in peril. It is further alleged that the children are compelled to sleep in a dilapidated and decrepit shack, the ceiling of which is only five feet high, the shanty proper being only nine by sixteen feet in dimensions. Great cracks and knotholes allow the night winds to blow killing draughts over the little ones as they try to sleep in the hovel.

The harrowing story as told in the papers filed to-day loses nothing of its brutality when the petition further states that an insane brother of John Biter is allowed to mingle with the children, and even occupy the same hut. The petition declares that unless some one intervene all of the children are liable to die from exposure and neglect.

Judge Angellotti issued a citation directing John Biter and his wife to appear before him next Monday at 2 o'clock and show cause why the children should not be taken from their custody. They are further directed to bring the seventeen little ones into court on that day.

Mrs. Lydia A. Prescott, secretary of the Children's Protective Association, was here to-day and said that the action taken by Mr. White was unjustified; that many of the children who were with the Biters were sent by her society and were well cared for. She seemed to believe that it was jealousy that prompted the action of the other society. The children range from 1 year to 8 years of age.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Captain Wholley, Stationed at Presidio, Ordered to Join His Company at Fort Thomas.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The following postoffices will be discontinued July 15: California—Stone Hill, Placer County, mail to Westville; Todd, Placer County, mail to Forest Hill.

Postmasters appointed: Oregon—L. M. Thornburg, Grant, Sherman County, vice M. A. Wilkinson, resigned.

Washington—Frank Weatherwax, Valley, Stevens County, vice J. D. Slocum, removed.

Rural free delivery established September 2, additional—Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, two carriers; Silverton, Marion County, Oregon, two carriers.

These pensions were granted to-day: California: Original—John L. Bohannon, San Francisco, $6; Simeon Fawcett, Santa Rosa, $6; Jesse C. Beck, Pomona, $8. Increase—Sebastian Merkel, San Francisco, $14; Adolph Bergman, San Francisco, $8; George A. Armstrong, Fresno, $12; George A. Purdy, Kaweah, $8; Charles A. Witham, Veterans' Home, Napa, $10; Samuel McBane, Lompoc, $12. Original widow, Mary McCormick, San Francisco, $8.

Oregon: Original—Eli O. Mills, Beaver, $8; Alexander Ginty, Portland, $6; Alfred F. Sears, Portland, $12. Increase—Isaac J. Stacey, Sams Valley, $10. Original widow—Anne R. Titus (mother), University Park, $12. Increase—Willis G. Hubbard, Green Lake, $8; Osgood Bullock, Sightly, $12. War with Spain, original—Chester E. Hunter, Port Blakeley, $8.

Army orders: Captain John H. Wholley, Second Infantry, now in San Francisco, will join his company at Fort Thomas, Ky.

First Lieutenant James A. Shipton, Artillery Company, now at San Francisco, will join his company at Fort Columbus, N. Y.

End of the Encampment.

SANTA CRUZ, July 8.—The California Veterans' Association broke camp at Camp Wallace Reynolds at 10 o'clock this morning.

SHORTER WORK DAY IS WANTED

Drug Clerks Take Action Which Is Heartily Indorsed.

Reports From Eastern Iron Marts Very Pleasing to Machinists.

A proposition emanating from the Retail Drug Clerks' Association, circulated among the various labor unions and organizations of the city, is meeting hearty encouragement. Union after union is indorsing the plan, and the retail drug store proprietors are heartily in accord. Drug clerks ask that customers make their purchases before 9 p.m. Some other small details as to hours, covering the downtown stores that remain open all night, are involved. But as there is a universal feeling both on the part of the proprietors and the clerks as to shortening of hours, an agreement may soon be reached.

Local Union No. 148 of the Journeymen Barbers has put on war paint against a Fourth-street barber, who has cut the price of shaving from fifteen to ten cents. The executive committee of the union has the matter in hand, and will decide early to-day what disciplinary measures to pursue. At the meeting last night a strong determination was expressed to maintain the rates at present in force, and resist any attempt to reduce them. The members of the union are determined to give the people good work, and only ask, they say, fair pay for their work.

The Retail Grocery Clerks' Association met at B'nai B'rith Hall and had a most enthusiastic session. Efforts are being made toward an early closing movement, and the wish of the retail clerks in this direction was heartily indorsed. A large number of applications was received and favorably decided upon.

Good Reports for Machinists.

Encouraging reports of the condition of the ironworkers' strike were received yesterday at the headquarters of the Iron Trades Council and at the office of Secretary Wisler, of the local Machinists' Union. These were embraced in dispatches from the East, sanctioned by President O'Connell, and which read as follows:

WASHINGTON, July 8.—James O'Connell: On Friday and Saturday last we made settlements with the Goss Printing Press Company of Chicago, employing 250 machinists, the company granting the nine-hour day with 10 per cent increase in wages. The Potter Printing Press Company of Plainfield, N. J., settled on Saturday, affecting 200 men, on the same basis. The Buffalo Forge Company signed the regular agreement, nine hours and 10 per cent increase, with all other clauses added. Samuel L. Wood & Co. of Elizabeth, N. J., made a settlement yesterday with the nine-hour day and 10 per cent increase, establishing a 25-cent minimum rate and affecting 150 machinists. The Scott Printing Press Company of Plainfield, N. J., and the J. L. Moore Engineering Company of Elizabeth, N. J., accepted the minimum rate. The Case Engineering Company of Mattoon, Ill., settled on Friday, granting nine hours with increase of wages, affecting sixty men. The National Cash Register Company of Dayton, O., signed the agreement Monday, with increase of wages and a strictly union shop, affecting 1800 people, 200 machinists being among the number. The officials of this company, who have been in conference with us for several days, made a settlement, accepted by the men, which includes the nine-hour day, wages adjusted agreeably to our members, and no machinist is to receive less for the minimum scale for nine hours than he formerly received for ten hours. The shop is to be a strictly union shop. This is considered a great victory, as the National Cash Register Company is a member of the National Metal Trades Association, and was also a leader of the Manufacturers' Association of Dayton. The Gould Pump Company, Seneca Falls, N. Y., has granted the nine-hour day and the increase of wages, and the reinstatement of all men.

While reports received from the Eastern centers of the ironworkers' strike indicate a change in the situation, the local situation remains practically unchanged. It is admitted at the various headquarters that although the men have been out for seven weeks no appreciable gain has been made. In other words, the facts indicate that at least one of the leading shops has secured a number of men, but what their ability to handle the work may be is a mooted question. In this particular shop work is going ahead on a small scale, about one-quarter of the men previously engaged being now employed.

Oakland May Be Strike Center.

Considerable activity is being manifested in Oakland. Secretary Wisler and Fourth Vice President Wilson of the American Federation of Labor were over there last night, and discussed the situation with the executive members of the local unions. Oakland is the only city on the coast likely to be affected by the strike of the steel workers. The conditions there are considerably different from those obtaining in the East, it being more a matter of personal arrangement, based on annual contracts, than of unionism.

The Federation of Improvement Clubs will meet to-night at Saratoga Hall to discuss the strike question. It is expected that a delegation from the Municipal League will be present and exploit the views of that organization as to the best methods of settling the labor controversy. A number of extraneous matters will also be discussed.

The Longshore Lumbermen's Protective Association, Local No. 224, elected the following officers:

President, J. C. Christensen; vice president, H. Skinner; recording secretary, J. E. Riordan; financial secretary, J. C. Williams, treasurer, Ed Jones; sergeant at arms, Thomas Cummings, outside sentinel and janitor, Michael Dalton; board of trustees—James Jordan, J. W. Sulivan, Charles Devlin, Ed Skelly, A. H. Corliss, George A. Hansen, Thomas Murphy; business agent, J. C. Williams.

The Union Printers' Mutual Aid Society has elected the following officers:

President, James F. Kelsey; first vice president, J. W. Kelly; second vice president, Edgar Apperson; recording secretary, Howard J. Lawlor; financial secretary, George H. Branch; treasurer, William J. White; marshal, Louis P. Ward; guardian, Daniel Connell; board of directors—Theodore C. Carr, Edward P. Devine, S. H. Jenner, Philip Johnson, R. S. Daly.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Suits for divorce have been filed by Rose Sparber against Harry Sparber for cruelty, Minnie M. Thompson against Albert J. Thompson for failure to provide and Martha Boyd against Herbert Boyd for cruelty.

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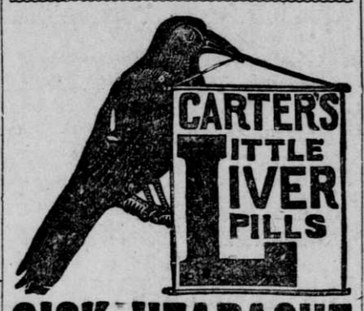

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