DANIELS AND DALTON ISSUE FIAT AND STEDMAN'S HEAD COMES OFF

Man Who Made Trouble for Editor and the Assessor Over Unmade Books That Were Paid for by the County Feels Weight of Their Power---J. J. Hanifin Jr. Is to Be Appointed Under Sheriff

ASSESSOR OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, THE MANAGER OF THE ENQUIRER AND THE FORMER EMPLOYE OF THAT PAPER, WHO HAS BEEN MADE TO SUFFER FOR CAUSING THEIR ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOOK SCANDAL SIX MONTHS AGO.

OAKLAND, Dec. 25.—Russel Stedman has felt the weight of the political influence of County Assessor Henry P. Dalton and Editor G. B. Daniels of the Enquirer and as a Christmas present yesterday he was handed his discharge as an employe of the street department of the city of Oakland, that discharge having been secured by the Assessor and the editor by the threat that the Enquirer would oppose City Attorney Johnson and City Engineer Turner for re-election next March. As these two officials constitute a majority of the Board of Public Works, which body has the appointment of all of the street department employes, it took but a very short time to land Stedman's head in the Dalton-Daniels basket, and Stedman is discovering that Dalton and Daniels have not forgotten that he was the chief witness that caused the indictment of Dalton over the unmade Assessor's books and that he swore to the warrant upon which Editor Daniels was arrested and charged with a felony.

Dalton and Oakes have both been acquitted in the Superior Court, while Daniels was dismissed upon preliminary hearing in the Police Court. Dalton has paid back into the county treasury the money that was obtained on the book order, and the Enquirer has delivered to the county the books that it claims were made under a substitute order for the one that caused the indictments and the trouble. Dalton has been re-elected Assessor and says the people have vindicated him at the polls.

SAID STEDMAN MUST GO.

Stedman was never discharged from the Enquirer and never resigned, but after he swore to the complaints against Editor Daniels he decided it was best for him to remain away from the office and he has done so to this day, without having been sent for by the management.

Some time ago it was decided that Stedman should be placed. Emil Nusbaumer, who was Stedman's attorney and to whom Stedman's confession was made that precipitated the book trouble, interested himself in his client's material welfare. It was through the instrumentality of Nusbaumer and his friends that Stedman was given a position in the street department, which he has held for some weeks.

Suddenly Assessor Dalton and Editor Daniels discovered that Stedman was holding a position under the city government. They determined that the man who had one of them indicted and swore to a complaint against the other should not draw a salary from the municipal treasury if they had any influence and Stedman's dismissal was determined upon.

The campaign for the approaching municipal election is already on and James A. Johnson wants to succeed himself as City Attorney and F. C. Turner is again a candidate for City Engineer. These gentlemen were notified that they must dismiss Stedman or subject themselves to the weight of the political displeasure of Mr. Dalton, Mr. Daniels and the Enquirer.

Stedman is not now drawing a salary from the city of Oakland, so the effect of the threat was speedy and efficacious.

WILL SUCCEED HARLOW.

Christmas presents in the shape of new deputyships are being given out by the new county officials elect, but of all of the appointments that will be made on the first of the year none is as important as the position of Under Sheriff of Alameda County. This position is of double importance this year, because for the first time in more than twenty years there is to be a change in that office. W. S. Harlow, who has been the incumbent for nearly a quarter of a century, will retire and give place to J. J. Hanifin Jr., who will be appointed by Sheriff-elect John N. Bishop. Both men are very well known in Oakland and both are very popular.

The change will come as a surprise to many who have regarded Mr. Harlow as a fixture in the office, but for some time there has been a growing suspicion in the minds of some that Mr. Harlow would not be retained by the new Sheriff. The identity of his successor, however, has been a complete mystery.

J. J. Hanifin Jr. is a member of the younger set of Oakland politicians. He has held many different positions about the courthouse for years. He has served as deputy in the County Clerk's office, in the Tax Collector's office, is now deputy in the Auditor's office and has been county expert. He is thoroughly acquainted with all of the county offices. "Jed" Hanifin has many friends and few enemies.

ST. SURE FOR ATTORNEY.

W. S. Harlow, the retiring Under Sheriff, belongs to the older school of Oakland politicians, and it can be said with equal justice of him that he has many friends and few enemies. Mr. Harlow was originally a newspaper man and was on the Oakland Transcript and the Oakland News, now the Times and the Tribune, respectively, in the days when journalism was very young in California. He was more than a simple news writer, and had some considerable ability as a producer of light fiction. He was one of the few literary spirits who organized the Athenian Club many years ago.

Then Mr. Harlow drifted into politics and became Under Sheriff, a position which he held for many consecutive years, covering nearly a quarter of a century. He is deemed one of the best posted men upon Sheriff's law, and is the author of a standard work upon the duties of Sheriffs and Constables.

The other most important member of Sheriff Bishop's family will be his attorney, who will be A. F. St. Sure of Alameda. Judge St. Sure is now conducting Mr. Bishop's side of the recount that was demanded by Oscar L. Rogers, and is doing it most succesfully.

THUGS BUSY IN THE SOUTH

Tramps Continue Their Reign of Terror in Los Angeles.

Four Robberies and One Vain Attempt Is the Record for Christmas Eve.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Four hold-ups and one unsuccessful attempt at robbery was the Christmas eve record of crime in Los Angeles, but it was not until to-day that the police were notified of any but one of the crimes.

R. L. Watson, one of the best-known ranchers in Los Angeles County and a member of the famous Dominguez family, was the heaviest loser as a result of the operations of the highwaymen. He was walking along Wilmington street late last night when he was set upon by five men, seemingly hobos. He knocked one of them down, but the others held him and robbed him of $43. He could give no description of his assailants.

J. B. Canders reported that he had been enticed into an alley in the rear of the Angelus Hotel and as soon as he got into a dark place several men seized him and relieved him of all his money, less than $10.

Mrs. C. C. Gabbert was going to a meat store on Boyle Heights when a roughly dressed man slipped up behind her, and seizing her chatelaine bag tore it from its fastenings and ran. The bag was found later, but the $20 which it had contained had been stolen.

Miss May Floyd was accosted at Fourth and Broadway by a party of young men early this morning. One of them struck her a violent blow on the mouth and another grabbed her purse containing $15. The police have arrested six bell boys on suspicion and two of them are being held to await identification.

All the jobs except the last was the work of hobos, of whom there is now a greater number in this part of the State than ever before.

SEATTLE WOMAN KILLS HERSELF AT TUCSON

Registers at the Hotel as Mrs. E. M. Allen and Shoots Herself Through the Head.

TUCSON, A. T., Dec. 25.—A well-appearing woman, aged about 30 years, registered at the Windsor Hotel yesterday afternoon as Mrs. E. M. Allen of Seattle. This morning the chambermaid went to Mrs. Allen's room, but was unable to effect an entrance. She returned several hours later and found the door still locked.

The clerk was then called and the door forced. The woman was found on the bed propped up by two pillows, holding a small mirror in one hand and a 32-caliber revolver in the other. There was a bullet hole in her right temple and near by was a box out of which the revolver had been taken. On the bottom of the box was written: "Am tired of the old game. Bury me here." The remains are now in the morgue awaiting advices from Seattle.

Eastern Bookmakers Hard Hit.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—George E. Smith ("Pittsburg Phil") sent his friends in Pittsburg a hot tip on Wednesday. The rank and file of bettors had plenty of Christmas money, while the bookmakers who do a handbook business, as well as the poolroom men on the outskirts of the city, are to-day sparring for wind. "Athlana" was the word which sped over the wires Wednesday from Smith to a few of his friends. It seemed every one who had ever known Pittsburg Phil had a hint to go the limit on Athlana and the poolroom at McKees Rocks, just outside of the city, was filled with bettors. Some had but a dollar up, although bets of $500 were made. The odds were 10 to 1. The bookmakers were never hit so hard. It is estimated they lost $50,000 on the race.

McLeod Is Wrestling Champion.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 25.—Dan McLeod won the championship at catch-as-catch-can wrestling and the $1500 end of a $2000 purse in Mechanics' Hall before 1100 people this afternoon by defeating Tom Jenkins. Jenkins had an injured leg, caused by blood poisoning, and added pain caused by the points of a brass buckle entering the foot made him quit in the third bout.

Football Game Ends in a Tie.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 25.—Teams composed of residents of this city and Sausalito played football here this afternoon. A large crowd witnessed the game, which was one of the best contested ever seen here. Neither side scored. In the first half San Rafael succeeded in reaching their opponents' ten-yard line. In the second half Sausalito twice nearly gained a touchdown. The officials were: Referee—Dinsmore; umpire—Kerfoot.

Joe Cotton Defeats Ed Cuff.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 25.—Ed Cuff of Spokane and Joe Cotton (colored) of Denver fought twenty-one rounds at Sumpter this afternoon. The battle was a fierce one. Cuff had the better of it, when he fouled Cotton in the twenty-first round and the contest was awarded to the negro.

Suicide's Body Found on Beach.

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 25.—The body of an unknown man was found to-day under the bluff between the city limits and the outer breakwater. In the right hand was a revolver and a bullet hole in the right temple indicated that it was a case of suicide. The man appeared to be about 48 years of age and weighed about 150 pounds. The appearance of the body indicated that the man was a laborer. No man answering the description of the deceased has been reported missing.

Christmas Shopper Freezes to Death.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 25.—George Plydell, aged 55 years, with his arms full of Christmas presents for friends and relatives, fell from exhaustion when within five feet of his home and froze to death. Plydell lived all alone in a little house near the harbor front, where he conducted a confectionery and cigar store. The thermometer has registered 30 degrees below zero for twenty-four hours.

Late Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVED.

Thursday, December 25.

Stmr Nevadan, Weeden, 7 days 8 hours from Honolulu.

Ship Henry B Hyde, McLeod, 221 days from Baltimore, via Cape Town 82 days.

Ger ship Alsternixe, Auhagen, 116 days from Glasgow.

Schr Ida A, Campbell, 5 hours from Point Reyes.

SPOKEN.

Per stmr Nevadan—Dec 22, lat 31 21 N, long 140 03 W, Jap stmr Nippon Maru, hence Dec 19 for Hongkong via Honolulu.

Per Ger ship Alsternixe—No date, lot 46 05 S, long 84 W, Ger ship Eilbek, 106 days out from Hamburg for Santa Rosalia.

Per ship Henry B Hyde—Dec 22, lat 30 22 N, long 131 29 W, schr Mary Dodge, from Eureka for Hilo. Wished to be reported all well.

MEMORANDUM.

Per ship Henry B Hyde—Put in to Cape Town and discharged 1000 tons heated coal; left on board 2500 tons. June 29—F Seta, steward, died of heart disease. Aug 14—Seaman Victor Rotral fell overboard and was drowned.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND WEDDING MARCHES BLEND IN GLAD HARMONY

Miss Edna Robinson Becomes the Bride of William A. Sheldon, Principal of Azusa High School---Nicholas S. Thomas, Napa's City Marshal, and Miss Catherine Brown Made Husband and Wife

VENTURA, Dec. 25.—One of the most brilliant weddings ever celebrated in this county occurred at Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock this evening. The contracting parties were Miss Edna Robinson and William A. Sheldon. It was a most formal affair, and the hall was crowded with many friends of the couple. Over 600 were invited.

Rev. C. B. Rogers, assisted by Rev. E. N. Queen, officiated, with the Episcopal service. The bride was given away by her father. The matron of honor was Mrs. William Petit of Oxnard. The bridesmaids were: Miss Lydia Colliver of San Bernardino, Miss Blanche Wineman of Oxnard and Misses Helen Nidever and Minnie Daly of this city.

Howard Rivers of Los Angeles acted as best man, and the ushers were George Baker, George L. Daly, George P. Dennis and J. Ray Gabbert.

A reception was held, followed by a banquet. The rooms and banquet hall were elaborately decorated in pink and green. In the main room festoons of smilax were strung from the chandeliers to the walls. Banks of papyrus were in the corners. The reception and banquet halls were covered with holly berries and flaming poinsettias.

The bride wore a gown of lisse over white satin embroidered with fleur de lis, en train. The tulle veil was fastened to the hair with lilies of the valley. The bride carried a shower bouquet of hyacinths and mist fern.

The bride has been prominent in social, lodge and church circles in Ventura. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Robinson. She is a graduate of the Ventura High School, and is well known as an accomplished elocutionist.

The groom is principal of the Azusa High School and a graduate of the University of California. He formerly was instructor of science in the local high school and for a couple of years was assistant professor of physics at Berkeley. The couple will leave to-morrow morning for San Diego and Coronado.

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NAPA, Cal., Dec. 25.—Nicholas S. Thomas, Napa's City Marshal, to-day wedded Miss Catharine Brown, vice principal of the Napa Grammar School. The marriage was celebrated at high noon at the Church of St. John the Baptist by the Rev. Father J. J. Conway. Miss Ella Brown, sister of the bride, and Joseph Brown, her brother, were maid of honor and best man. The honeymoon will be spent in the southern part of the State.

Both bride and groom have lived in Napa since early childhood and have a high place in the estimation of the people of this community.

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SAN DIEGO, Dec. 25.—At noon to-day at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gephart, Professor J. J. West of the San Diego State Normal School and Miss Ethel Gephart were united in marriage, Rev. W. B. Hinson officiating. The rooms, in Christmas garb, festooned with poinsettias and holly berries, presented a very handsome appearance. The ceremony was followed by a wedding breakfast, after which Mr. and Mrs. West took the noon train for San Francisco for a short honeymoon trip. The groom has been connected with the normal school for the past three years and is one of the most popular educators of the institution. Mrs. West is a charming young lady and is prominent in social circles of this city.

TWO GROOMS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BRIDES, WHO WERE UNITED IN MARRIAGE ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THE WEDDING OF ONE COUPLE BEING SOLEMNIZED AT VENTURA AND THAT OF THE OTHER IN THE CITY OF NAPA.

INQUEST INTO RAILROAD DISASTER BEGINS TO-DAY

Investigation by Coroner Leland Into Cause of Wreck to Be Most Rigid.

Coroner Leland will begin the inquest into the cause of the unfortunate railroad disaster near Byron December 20 this morning. The crews of the Owl and the Stockton Flyer and as many of the injured passengers as will be in a condition to attend the investigation have been subpenaed.

A jury has been impaneled and a searching and thorough inquiry into all the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the disaster is intended by the Coroner.

Engineer Maguire has been subpenaed and will be subjected to a rigid examination. The witnesses to be examined are so many that the investigation may last three or four days.

Coroner Curry of Contra Costa County has also impaneled a jury to make investigation into the cause leading up to the disaster and has notified the jury to be ready to take the train that leaves Martinez at 10:30 this morning to go to the scene of the wreck. The inquest at Martinez will begin to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Schoolgirl Severely Injured.

Miss Annie Buckman, a schoolgirl, aged 15 years, residing at 2941 Howard street, was knocked down and severely injured yesterday afternoon at the crossing of Shotwell and Army streets by George Pope, who was riding a bicycle. The collision rendered the girl unconscious, in which condition she was removed to her home, where she was attended by her family physician. Pope, who resides at 246 Harriet street, was arrested and charged with battery.

Dies of His Injuries.

Peter Phelan, an aged man, died at St. Luke's Hospital yesterday from injuries received by being knocked down by an electric car at Twenty-fourth and Mission streets Tuesday night. The body was removed to the Morgue. David F. Lewis, motorman of the car, was arrested and charged with manslaughter. He was released on bonds.

Cut With a Razor.

A. H. Brown and John C. Fallon, stablemen, got mixed up in a fight in a Fourth-street saloon last night and as a result Brown was badly cut in the abdomen with a razor wielded by Fallon. Fallon was booked on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

MANY FIGHTS OCCUR ON PACIFIC STREET

One Man Found in Saloon With Skull Badly Fractured and Two Others Stabbed.

There were lively times on Pacific street last night and the officers on the beat were kept busy all night arresting drunken men and looking into fights that occurred at short intervals. Three men were badly injured as a result of a few lively brawls.

Babolicia Rodridue was found lying on the floor of a saloon at 631 Pacific street with his skull fractured. It appears that he went into the place with a friend and when served with drinks, the pair refused to pay for them. Officer Joy arrested David McCarthy, the bartender, and placed him on the detinue book. McCarthy is supposed to know something about the trouble, but he refuses to talk. The injured man was removed to the Emergency Hospital and is in a critical condition.

Frank Rialli was stabbed in the back in a saloon at 314 Pacific street, and Charles Maguire, a piano player, was arrested and placed on the small book to await developments.

Charles Williams and John Morgan, colored cooks, got into a fight in a saloon at 439 Pacific street and Morgan was cut by Williams during the mix-up. Williams was booked at the Central station on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED BY A FALLING WALL

Cooperage Plant of Arbuckle Bros. Destroyed and Loss Is Heavy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Fire which broke out early this morning destroyed the cooperage plant of the Arbuckle Bros. Sugar Refinery, located near the East River front in Brooklyn. The large force of engineers and firemen which was summoned succeeded in confining the flames to the cooperage shops. No estimate of the loss has yet been given out.

During the progress of the fire one of the walls of the building fell, burying the members of one of the fire companies beneath the mass of brick and other wreckage. When the other fireman had arrived at the pile they found Michael O'Toole was dead and Thomas Coppinger, a battalion chief, and Thomas McCarthy seriously hurt. At 1:45 a. m. the fire was under control.

Battalion Chief Coppinger died after being taken to a hospital, and the dead body of Assistant Fireman Thomas Jeffries was found in the ruins of the fallen wall. Estimates of the loss run from $100,000 up.

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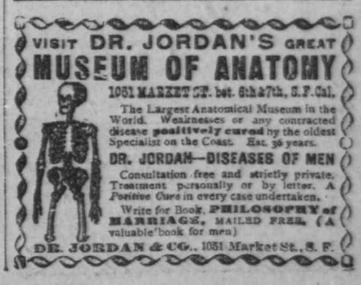

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JEALOUS SUITOR SHOOTS THE WOMAN HE LOVES

Daughter of a Wealthy Oregon Rancher Is Mortally Wounded by a Farmhand.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 25.—Minnie Ensminger, the handsome daughter of Jacob Ensminger, a wealthy pioneer rancher living near Haines, was shot and mortally wounded this morning at 3 o'clock by Plez Armstrong, a farmhand, who afterward attempted suicide. Armstrong is of Spanish descent, 35 years of age, and for a year or more has been paying attention to the young lady, who is the teacher of the Muddy Creek school. Her family objected to his suit and made her break off the engagement.

Christmas eve there was a dance at Redding's ranch, near North Powder. The girl went in company with another man. Armstrong was there and became insanely jealous. At 3 o'clock this morning, when the dance broke up, Armstrong lay in wait at the gate of a neighboring ranch, where Miss Ensminger was to sleep. As she entered the gate Armstrong shot her in the back with a revolver, and as she fell he sent a second shot into her left breast. He then shot himself, the bullet barely grazing his left temple. He was soon arrested and taken in charge by the town marshal. A mob watched over him ready to lynch him as soon as the girl died. Sheriff Brown brought Armstrong here this afternoon and locked him in the county jail. The young woman is still alive, but cannot recover. It is said a mob will yet attempt to lynch him here if she dies.

CHILDREN AND ADULTS JOIN IN CELEBRATION

Hundreds of Guests at Hotel Del Coronado Enjoy Huge Christmas Tree.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 25.—Over 230 children and 600 adult guests participated in the Christmas celebration last night at Hotel Coronado. The tree was the largest ever erected in the famous hostelry and with its mass of tinsel and decorations, the hundreds of dolls, swords, guns and with its snow lighted up by six lights in the dome, made a gorgeous scene.

There was a present for every child. Refreshments were served to the little folk in the children's dining room.

CHRISTMAS TREE IS SET ABLAZE

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—The regular Christmas disaster to Santa Claus occurred in this city to-night and as a result Thomas Pellow is at the Alameda Sanitarium, seriously burned about the head and neck and two women are nursing badly burned hands.

A Christmas tree celebration was being held at the residence of Mr. Pellow on Blanding avenue, near Everett street. He had invited a number of friends to his little celebration and agreed to play the part of Santa Claus, in order to make the evening more pleasant for the children. There was a big tree, covered with a multitude of candles, and Mr. Pellow dressed himself up in the most approved picture book style, with fur suit and immense white whiskers.

In the middle of the celebration some of the candles upon the tree flared up, setting fire to a part of the tree. Mr. Pellow made an effort to extinguish the blaze, which was already mounting to a lot of paper and tinsel ornaments. In so doing the tree was overturned and Mr. Pellow's blonde beard caught from some of the candles.

For a moment it seemed as if not only the house but Mr. Pellow would be consumed, but Mrs. Pellow and Mrs. Cook, the wife of Police Sergeant Cook of San Francisco, who was a guest at the celebration, managed to tear the burning whiskers and garments from Mr. Pellow and then extinguished the fire in the overturned tree. But this was not done until both women had been badly burned about the hands.

Mr. Pellow was so badly burned that he was taken to the hospital and all are under medical treatment.

ALLEGED PICKPOCKET CAUGHT.—George Forbes, a painter, was arrested by Park Policemen Cennier and O'Shea at the ocean beach yesterday afternoon and charged with grand larceny. He is accused of picking the pocket of Smith Breuer of a gold watch.

RACETRACK FOLLOWER MURDERS A DETECTIVE

When Shot by a Boy He Puts Bullet Into His Own Head.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 25.—Chief of Detectives Jack Donohue was shot and killed on the street by Frank Dougherty, a race track follower, here to-day at 4 o'clock. Dougherty, it is said, struck a woman with an ax and as Donohue came up and attempted to arrest him, Dougherty shot the detective over the eye, killing him instantly. He then started to run up the street, but had only run a short distance when a boy who was in a buggy got out a shotgun and shot Dougherty in the face and breast. Dougherty then fired a shot into his own head. The doctors say he cannot live. He was then taken to the police station and crowds soon began forming and there was talk of lynching, but on the assurance that Dougherty cannot survive his wounds the crowd dispersed.

MURDERS HIS WIFE AND COMMITS SUICIDE

Jealousy of Husband Culminates in a Double Tragedy at Eugene, Oregon.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—W. H. Carter shot and killed his wife and then himself this afternoon. The woman died instantly, but Carter lived for half an hour or more. Jealousy was undoubtedly the cause, as the two have been having frequent quarrels for several days, which culminated in a separation yesterday. To-day, however, Carter went back to the house and met his wife in the yard, where the tragedy occurred.

ITALY SAYS ALL POINTS MUST BE ARBITRATED

ROME, Dec. 25.—The only conditions which Italy has attached to her acceptance of the Venezuelan difficulty are that all points in the dispute are to be submitted to arbitrators so that no question shall be left undecided and that Italian claims must be considered on an equality with those of other powers.