

BURGLARS FAIL TO OPEN SAFE

Pay Visit to Grocery on Ninth Street but Get No Booty.

Apparently Frightened Away, They Leave Tools Behind.

A bold attempt was made early yesterday morning by burglars to blow open the safe in the grocery of Neumann Brothers, 117 Ninth street, and the supposition is that they were scared off before finishing the job, as they left several of their implements behind them.

Policeman R. A. Curtin happened to be standing at the corner of Ninth and Minna streets shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday morning when the store was opened. He was notified that the safe had been tampered with and on reaching the scene he found that the combination had been changed and an attempt made to blow the safe open.

Close to the safe, which is near the partition dividing the grocery from the bar, on the left side, there were found a piece of fuse ten inches long with giant powder cap attached, a piece four inches long with cap attached and another piece half an inch long with cap attached which had been burned and twisted off before exploding, two small pieces of giant powder and some giant powder dust, a piece of burned soap, a steel chisel, a "Jimmy," small punch, hammer punch with wooden handle and a piece of copper wire.

Entrance had been effected through a rear door on the south side of the bar-room leading into the back yard. Entrance to the yard could be obtained through Giuseppe's lodging-house, next door to the bar, the entrance to the lodging house leads to the top floor and from there down to the door in the back yard leading into the barroom.

A light is kept burning all night in the barroom, but a portion of the safe is concealed from view by the grocery counter, and there is ample room for watercrackers to work without fear of detection. The burglars had opened two boxes of safes and had partaken of lunch on the counter before starting in on the job of blowing open the safe.

CLAIMS PEDERSEN SOLD HIM INTEREST IN VESSEL

V. Contardi Sues M. C. Harrison for Share in the Schooner W. H. Garms.

Still another suit growing out of the financial actions of Captain John Pedersen, who disappeared some time ago leaving behind him two women claiming to be his wife and a number of anxious creditors, was filed yesterday. The plaintiff is V. Contardi and the defendant M. C. Harrison, a broker, and the suit is to recover a thirty-second interest in the vessel W. H. Garms. Contardi alleges that in February, 1901, while the Garms was still on the stocks, he purchased from Pedersen half of his twenty-fourths interest in the vessel. He alleges that Harrison well knew that he had purchased the interest and that therefore he was guilty of fraud when, in December last year, he caused to be filed at the custom-house a pretended bill of sale of Pedersen's entire interest in the Garms to him, Harrison.

The plaintiff asks that the bill of sale be declared null and void and that the court decree that he is the owner of an interest in the vessel.

Contract for City Printing.

The Judiciary and Printing Committee referred the proposed bill awarding the contract for official printing to the Evening Post to the City Attorney for his opinion as to whether the newspaper must have a bona fide circulation of 5000 in the city and county of San Francisco and whether an agreement and bond filed by the Printing and Engineering Review to deliver to the Journal of Commerce Company, the lowest bidder of the contract, 5000 copies of the paper constitutes a daily circulation within the meaning of the charter.

Transom Burglars Held.

James Powers, George A. Williams and Edward Morris were held to answer before the Superior Court by Police Judge Cabanis yesterday on a charge of burglary in \$200 bonds each. They entered the premises of the Standard Shirt Company, 1698 Market street, through the transom and stole a large quantity of silk handkerchiefs and silk umbrellas, which were found in their possession when arrested.

WOODLAND MARCH 20.—In a cross-country run four miles through the hills there were nine high school athletes entered. George Gray won and was awarded a handsome loving cup.

DR. PIERCE'S REMEDIES.

The powder puff may help to hide the ravages of time but it avails little to hide the ravages of disease. When the face is disfigured by eruptions, the treatment must go below the surface to the blood, which is corrupt and impure.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures disfiguring eruptions which are caused by impure blood. It cures scrofulous sores, erysipelas, boils, pimples, eczema, salt-rheum and other eruptive diseases which impure blood breeds and feeds.

It was troubled with eczema from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet," writes Mrs. M. A. Quirk, of Cass City, Tuscumbia, O., Mich. "Could not walk at times nor wear my shoes. Thought there was no help for me—at least the doctor said there was none. I went to see friends at Christmas time and there heard of the good that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery had done for them, and was advised to try it at once. For fear that I might neglect it, my friend sent me a bottle, and I was cured. I had been getting worse all the time. I took thirteen bottles of the Golden Medical Discovery, and ten vials of Dr. Pierce's Sarsaparilla, and used 'All-Healing Salve,' which made a complete cure. It was slow, but sure. I was taking the medicine about eight months."

"I would say to all who read this; try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery before wasting time and money."

The sole motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to make the little more profit paid by the sale of less meritorious medicines. He gains; you lose. Therefore accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cleanse the clogged system from accumulated impurities.

EARLY MORNING TRAGEDY FURNISHES BAFFLING MYSTERY FOR THE POLICE

Detectives Are Confident That Poison Wrought the End of James McKinney and Endangered the Life of Patrick Doyle, Though They Are at a Loss to Uncover a Clew Pointing to the Guilty



JAMES MCKINNEY LIES DEAD IN THE MORNING

James McKinney lies dead in the morning, his friend and companion for many years, is seriously ill, both victims of some drug so deadly in its nature as to cause complete unconsciousness in a few moments and death within an hour, and another baffling mystery has been furnished to the police for solution. Doyle is being detained by the police in the hope that as soon as he collects his scattered senses he may be able to furnish some tangible clew that will lead to the apprehension of the guilty persons.

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DOYLE IS DESERTED.

The trio walked up the street and Doyle becoming suddenly unconscious he was placed in a doorway by the two men, who left the scene. In the interim, however, the bartenders at the saloon, noticing the condition of McKinney, notified Patrolmen Smith and Morris, who called the place with the intention, according to the statement of Bachman, of securing a room for Doyle and returning later for McKinney.

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DEAD RAILROAD LABORER, HIS FRIEND AND MAN HELD BY THE POLICE AS A WITNESS.

DOYLE'S STATEMENT.

After leaving the restaurant we went into the saloon at 737 Market street and had several glasses of beer. Before taking my last drink I went to the lavatory and upon my return I had a peculiar taste, something like quinine. I started to drink the liquor, when I noticed that it had a peculiar taste, something like quinine. McKinney said that he had noticed the same thing. Immediately after emptying the contents of my glass I became sick at my stomach and went out the street and vomited by putting my finger down my throat. I then went into the saloon again and told McKinney to come along. We walked across the street and when by the big building opposite The Call building "Jimmy" could walk no farther and sank to the sidewalk. I was very dizzy and felt very peculiar. Two men came up to us and one of them I recognized as "Slim," a fellow with whom I had worked in Ogdun. He said: "Hello, Doyle, what is the trouble?" I said that something was wrong with McKinney and asked him to get a "gurney" to take him down to Sibb's saloon on the water front. That is the last I remember until I woke up in the hospital this morning.

BACHMAN SURRENDERS.

Claude Hirschley, a Chinatown guide, came along at this juncture and told them that Frank Gusto, a cabman at the corner of O'Farrell and Stockton streets, would haul them for a reasonable sum. Bachman says that he went after the cab, while "Slim" stayed with his friend. Upon his return with the hack the four entered the vehicle after "Slim" had taken \$2 from McKinney's pocket to pay the hackman. The cabman drove to the water front was reached and McKinney was taken inside and placed on a chair and Doyle was taken up street toward a lodging-house. Becoming unmanageable, he was left in a doorway and they then went up Market street. Bachman says that he knew nothing about the death of McKinney until yesterday morning when he read the papers and he then determined to give himself up to the police.

GO OUT TOGETHER.

The other man drank his beer and then took hold of his friend's arm and said, "Come here, I want to see you." They went out together. I think that it was between midnight and 12:30 a. m., although I am not positive about the time. I was behind the bar all the time the two men were drinking, and it was absolutely impossible for any one to have put anything in their glasses without attracting my notice. They brought a soldier with them when they came in, but he only took one drink and then left the saloon. The soldier, a machist who resides at 117 Taylor street, and Joseph Williams, an old man who frequents the saloon, were in the place at the time.

The keg from which I drew the beer for the two men was almost empty and I think they received the last two glasses in the barrel, remember making a chalk mark on the keg immediately after to signify that it was empty.

Captain Martin inclines to the belief that McKinney died from natural causes, but Autopsy Surgeon Baicigalupi declares that all of the organs were in excellent condition and that death was undoubtedly due to poison, the nature of which only an examination of the stomach will determine. It is also suggested that the eggs in the restaurant were bad and may have caused ptomaine poisoning, or that inasmuch as the beer was the last in the keg it may have been poisonous.

Frank Gusto, the hackman, throws no additional light on the mysterious affair and corroborates the story of Bachman in every particular. The men who were in the Turf Club saloon tell the same story, and the bartender and the police have absolutely nothing tangible to work on until an analysis of the contents of the stomach show what poison, if any, caused death.

SAILORS ARE ARRESTED FOR INSUBORDINATION

Henry Dallemagne, French Consul General, Makes the Request of Chief Wittman.

Henry Dallemagne, Consul General of France, caused the arrest yesterday of Olivier Kergoat and Joseph A. Lebono, sailors on the French bark Eugene Pergeline, for conducting themselves in an improper and insubordinate manner. They will be detained in the City Prison pending the pleasure of the Consul General. The arrests were made in accordance with a letter received by Chief of Police Wittman from Consul General Dallemagne.

Petition in Insolvency.

George B. Ross, shipping clerk for the Southern Pacific Company at Sacramento, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District Court. He owes \$2745 and has \$9150 assets.

FORMER CASHIER TO BE INDICTED

Grand Jury to Return True Bill Against W. J. H. White.

Would Place Half-Interest Concerns Under Police Supervision.

The Grand Jury voted yesterday to return an indictment against William J. H. White, the former cashier of the Board of Public Works, who absconded several months ago after appropriating more than \$8000 of the city's money to his own use. The Grand Jury found a true bill against White on the specific charge of embezzlement. As the action to indict was taken long after the close of court it was decided to formally present the indictment next Friday afternoon before presiding Judge of the Superior Court Murasky.

Nothing has ever been heard of White since he decamped, although a rumor was at one time current that he was somewhere in Europe. The police have no knowledge of his whereabouts, and the indictment of the Grand Jury is brought at the request of the Supervisors' Finance Committee, which desires to take some action to secure a return of the money embezzled by White.

The Finance Committee employed an expert to go over White's accounts and it was ascertained that White had taken the city's money by a system of raising checks and appropriating differences between moneys actually received by him for certain permits and the sums deposited in the city treasury.

The Grand Jury also decided to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the passage of an ordinance placing firms who deal in half interest sales under the immediate supervision of the Police Department the same as pawnbrokers and junk dealers. Action was taken as the result of the verdict of the Coroner's jury in the killing of M. J. Morrison by R. J. Fritz, who afterwards committed suicide, to the effect that the case was one of justifiable homicide. Fritz had accused Morrison of swindling him in a half interest transaction. The Grand Jury believes that by putting the half interest dealers under control of the police it will prevent others from taking the law into their own hands.

CHURCH MEMBERS TRYING TO PREVENT A SCANDAL

Charge of Battery Against Mrs. Jane Morris May Not Be Prosecuted.

The case of Mrs. Jane Morris, charged with battery upon Miss Ethel Roberts in the Olivet Presbyterian Church, Nineteenth and Mississippi streets, at a prayer-meeting Wednesday night, was called in Police Judge Fritz's court yesterday morning and by consent was continued for a week.

The Judge said he had been notified that Rev. Robert Boyd, pastor of the church, was endeavoring to effect a reconciliation between Mrs. Morris and Miss Roberts to save a scandal in the church. Besides, many of the witnesses subpoenaed in the case had a horror of appearing in a Police Court.

Miss Roberts said that she had no desire to prosecute the case, but she wanted protection against another probable attack from Mrs. Morris, who had wrongfully accused her of having induced her son, James Morris, to leave his mother's house. It is likely that when the case is called next Friday it will be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

Turned the Tables on Kelso.

Edward Smith, a teamster for John Kelso, contractor, appeared before Police Judge Mogan yesterday on a charge of cruelty to animals. He was driving two mules with sore shoulders when arrested, limiting himself to the employment of the condition of the mules and he had suggested to him to put sacks on top of the sores, but Kelso had objected. Kelso did not deny knowing of the mules' condition and the Judge instructed Policeman Wenzler, who made the arrest, to swear to a complaint against Kelso, which was done and he was arrested. He was released on \$20 cash bail.

SANTA CRUZ PREPARES FOR PYTHIAN CELEBRATION

Numerous Interesting Features Already on the Programme for the Knights' Reception.

SANTA CRUZ, March 20.—The Knights of Pythias and the Rathbone Sisters are making great preparations for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Grand Temple of the Rathbone Sisters, which will soon be held in this city.

The programme is an elaborate one, a complimentary concert on Pacific avenue and a bull's head breakfast and barbecue at Dolphin Park and an afternoon of recreation on the beach. A grand ball at the armory, an elaborate banquet and an open-air concert on Pacific avenue and drills by the uniform rank will conclude the affair.

Healers Fail to Stay Death.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 20.—Mrs. Adelaide March died today at an Astoria hospital of bronchitis. Three weeks ago the attending physician was dismissed and since that time Christian Science healers had attended the sufferer. The healers were engaged by the woman's relatives.

THE FACULTY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HAS ADDED A COURSE IN AUTOMOBILE MECHANICS TO THE CURRICULUM.

SCOTT'S EMULSION. SCROFULA

Bad air, poor food, insufficient clothing, dark, damp or crowded apartments are frequent causes of scrofula. Perhaps this explains why the ailment is so common in the poorer sections of large cities. It is but a step from scrofula to consumption and herein lies the great danger. It is just as well to avoid the step.

Scott's Emulsion contains the very things that nature requires in curing scrofula. The pure Norwegian cod liver oil helps to build up the whole body and enables one to acquire new, healthy, solid flesh. The hypophosphites of lime and soda act as a tonic, replacing the waste and giving strength and new structure where it is most needed.

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Mormon Choir in Forests.

SANTA CRUZ, March 20.—The Mormon Tabernacle choir arrived this morning from Pacific Grove, about 500 being in the party. They left at 9 o'clock on a special train for the big tree grove, where more than an hour was spent viewing the monarchs of the forest. The party lunched in this city at noon and took the ride to the cliffs. At 2 o'clock they left for San Jose.

Demand Union Recognition.

UKIAH, March 20.—The strike at Fort Bragg still continues, but the mills are running short handed. All members of the union have been discharged by the Union Lumber Company. The strikers so far have been under complete control of their leaders and have attempted no violence. A mass meeting of the business men was held to-night to appoint committees to confer with the company and the strikers and it is thought that an amicable adjustment of matters will be made. There is no trouble over wages or hours, the only thing demanded by the men being the recognition of the union by the mill company.

California souvenirs—great variety and low prices at Sanborn & Vail's, 741 Market street.

On a round trip of the Deutschland of the Hamburg-American line \$200.00 was taken for passenger fares alone.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE PROVIDENT LIFE AND TRUST COMPANY

OF PHILADELPHIA, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, on the 31st day of December, 1902.

Amount of capital stock paid up in cash \$1,000,000 00

Amount of loans secured by bonds, stocks and other marketable securities as collateral \$1,460,372 40

Amount of cash deposits in any form taken in payment of premiums on policies in force \$2,854 66

Cash market value of all stocks and bonds owned by the company 18,997,554 00

Amount of cash on hand in company's office 60,624 35

Amount of cash deposited in banks 300,000 00

Interest due and accrued 21,447 31

Net amount of premiums in process of collection, and of deferred premiums 854,693 94

Cash loans to policy holders on the company's policies assigned as collateral 3,937,619 16

Total assets \$49,221,422 61

LIABILITIES.

Claims for death losses and matured endowments, due and unpaid \$19,249 27

Claims for death losses and matured endowments in process of adjustment, or due and unpaid 75,082 00

Net present value of all the outstanding policies computed according to the combined experience tables of mortality, with 4 per cent rate of interest 40,935,001 00

Amount of all unpaid dividends to policy holders 63,281 74

Present value of unpaid amounts on matured installment policies 231,286 09

All other liabilities 550,758 46

Total liabilities \$41,966,658 47

INCOME.

Cash received for premiums on policies during the year \$ 683,944 94

Cash received for renewal of premiums during the year 5,265,132 33

Cash received for interest 65,825 07

Cash received for rents 1,678,204 38

Cash received for other sources 106,610 56

Total income \$8,464,484 12

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for losses and matured endowments \$2,750,440 29

Salaries and traveling expenses of managers of agencies 10,728 82

Medical examiners' fees and salaries 29,962 32

Cash paid for taxes 89,065 28

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All other cash payments 164,945 53

Total expenditures during the year \$3,144,941 60

PREMIUM NOTE ACCOUNT.

Premium notes and other premium obligations at beginning of year \$10,942 29

Premium notes and other premium obligations received during the year 844 00

Total 11,786 29

Deductions during the year as follows:

Amount of notes and other premium obligations redeemed by maker in payment of dividends \$ 1,640 18

Total reduction of premium note account 3,501 93

Balance note assets at end of the year \$8,284 36

SAM R. SHIPLEY, President.

C. WALTER BORTON, Secretary.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me, this 21st day of February, 1903.

EVAN J. LESTER, Notary Public.

VAIL & ELDRIDGE,

General Agents for California, 801-824 Hayward Building, S. F.

OCEAN TRAVEL.

Steamers leave San Francisco as follows: For Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, etc., Alaska—11 a. m., Mar. 22, Apr. 1. Change to company's steamers at Seattle.

For Victoria, Vancouver, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Whatcom—11 a. m., Mar. 22. For Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Whatcom—11 a. m., Mar. 22. For Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Whatcom—11 a. m., Mar. 22.

For Los Angeles (via Port Los Angeles and Redondo), San Diego and Santa Barbara—Santa Rosa, Sunday, 9 a. m.

For Los Angeles (via San Pedro and East San Pedro), Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Simeon, Cayucos, Port Harford, (San Luis Obispo), Ventura and Buena Vista—Cross Bay, 9 a. m., Mar. 26, Apr. 2.

For Esmeraldas, Magdalena Bay, San Jose del Cabo, Mazatlan, Altata, La Paz, Santa Rosalia, Guaymas (Mex.)

For further information obtain folder. Right reserved to change steamers or sailing dates.

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