

WEALTHY MAN TRIES SUICIDE

Oregon Pioneer, Worth Half a Million Dollars, Slashes His Throat With a Razor

FAILS IN HIS EFFORTS Attempt at Self-Destruction Said to Have Been Prompted by His Failing Health

Special Dispatch to The Call. PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—At the age of 85 years and owning property valued at \$500,000, William King attempted suicide by cutting his throat early this morning. When he felt the sharp edge of the razor biting into his flesh he involuntarily threw back his head so that a gash was made, the flow of blood was stopped and the old man is resting easily in a hospital.

WANTS THE POLICE TO RETURN STOLEN PROPERTY

Charles L. Pierce Attempts to Regain Jewelry That Was Taken From His Residence. Charles L. Pierce, agent for the National Cash Register Company, has had trouble with Captain of Detectives Martin and Chief Wittman over his effort to regain jewelry valued at \$300 that was stolen from his residence, On January 3 last Pierce's residence in Oakland was burglarized. The stolen goods were sold to L. Goodman, a pawnbroker at 623 Washington street, a few days later. The police were notified and Goodman turned over the jewelry to the police that they might deliver the same to Pierce on the payment of \$25, which was the price Goodman advanced on the jewelry.

Pierce is alleged to have promised to pay the money and take his jewelry, but he failed to do so. Yesterday he wanted Captain Martin to return the goods to him without any payment. Martin refused and Pierce now claims that the police are illegally holding his property.

LIEUTENANT F. B. NELSON'S TRIAL WILL CLOSE TO-DAY

Court-Martial to Conclude Today Evidence Against Officer Accused of Duplicating His Accounts. The trial of Lieutenant Frederick B. Nelson, U. S. A., accused of duplicating his pay accounts, will be continued to-day at 2 p. m. before the court-martial at the Presidio specially convened to try his case.

J. Boas, the money lender, will again be called to the stand and documentary evidence from Philadelphia will also be introduced. It is the intention of the court if possible to wind up the case to-day and come to a verdict before adjournment. David Lewis, the attorney that came out from Philadelphia to act for Lieutenant Nelson, has returned, so the case will be handled by H. D. Pillsbury, who has been associated with the defense since the trial began.

Captain Robert Field, Fifth Infantry, and Captain Joseph E. Cusack, Twelfth Cavalry, reported at headquarters yesterday. Major Bigelow and his troops will give a final problem exercise to-day on the golf links at 8:30 a. m. It will be an interesting event.

JNO. J. FULTON CO.

Troy, N. Y., Reports

Sends Word to This City of Three Recoveries in Bright's Disease and Diabetes Made by the Fulton Compounds.

C. H. WIBERLEY, the agent of the Fulton Compounds in Troy, N. Y., writes: "My wife suffered for many years with various kidney complaints and particularly diabetes. She was treated by physicians and tried many advertised remedies faithfully without benefit until Fulton's Compound was recommended. It has surely removed the cause of the trouble in this case." O. McLaughlin of 648 8th ave., Troy: "Several months ago a relative calling on me was surprised to note how poorly I looked. In answer to his inquiry as to the trouble, I told him my kidneys were in bad shape. He told me of Fulton's Compound. I laughed at him. I did not believe in it. He, however, bought a bottle and I began taking it. The morning following I was gratified to note less pain. I had never believed up to that time that medicine would do much good. I continued to take it and grew gradually well. I now consider myself cured and have stopped the treatment." James Doherty, 70 Jay St., Troy: "My kidney trouble was due to a bicycle injury. Medical treatment never reached it till I started on Fulton's Compound. For the benefit of the afflicted I want to say it has almost if not quite cured me." Diabetes, Bright's Disease and Chronic Kidney diseases are now curable by the Fulton Compounds. Send for literature and list of agents to Jno. J. Fulton Co., 465 Washington St., San Francisco. Compounds at all first-class druggists in this city.

REDS GAMBLE FOR PROPERTY

Indian Tribes in the Northwest Complete Festival and Exchange Possessions

NISSQUALLYS WINNERS Many of the Losers Retain Scarcely Enough Blankets to Keep Them Warm

TACOMA, Wash., April 12.—After a week's exciting sport the first big gamble that the Indian tribes in this locality have had for years came to a close yesterday. The tribes participating were the Nisquallys, Puyallups, the Muddays, the Squaxon Islanders, the Skokomishas and the Indians from Hood Canal.

MEN DRAW STRAWS FOR POLICE STAR

Applicants for Profitable Beat End Dispute by Resorting to the Use of a Broom. Two men drew straws for a special policeman's star at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners last evening. William D. Burns and Joseph Sturm sought the same beat—a profitable one—in the commercial section of the city. Each had an even chance when he appeared to plead his cause, two Commissioners favoring one and two favoring the other. Finally one of the Commissioners suggested that the applicants draw straws, whereupon the rivals repaired to the ante-room with Sergeant John O'Meara. Sturm got the longest straw and was given the appointment. Burns slapped him on the back, congratulated him and the two passed out smiling.

Patrolman Thomas Naylor was acquitted on a charge of being absent from his beat, but was fined \$25 for being insolent to Corporal Philip Praver, his commanding officer. Patrolmen Clancy and Mylar, who were found in a saloon in the Park district by Captain Moore and Sergeant Helms, each fined \$50. Patrolman Frank L. Kenville, who was found intoxicated on his beat by Sergeant O'Connor, admitted his guilt, but advanced extenuating circumstances and was fined a nominal amount. He was commended for his frankness.

Corporal George S. Eastman was promoted to the rank of sergeant and Patrolman William Callinan was raised to the rank of corporal. Arno Robert Dietel of 12 Day street, Joseph Clifford Field of 667 Ellis street, William Edward Dowle of 2008 Union street, Bernard Maloney of 323 Grant avenue, Charles Goff of 1423 Sanchez street, Harold Walter Levy of 1233 Geary street, Joseph Harry Gorham of 31 Sanchez street, Thomas F. Reagan of 1350 Folsom street and James H. Kennedy were appointed members of the department.

DAIRYMEN OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED MILK STANDARD

Say That Purer Article is Shipped to This City Than Any Other in United States. The Board of Health, represented by Deputy Health Officer Louis Levy, and the Board of Supervisors held a meeting with several prominent bay county ranchers yesterday afternoon for the purpose of settling upon a standard quality of milk shipped into this city.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. d'Ancona. This is the second effort of the Health Department to have the Supervisors adopt an amendment to the present ordinance, making it obligatory that the butter fat in milk shipped to this city be at least 3.5 per cent instead of the previous 3.2 per cent.

The milkmen on this side of the bay favor 3.30 for four months of the year and 3.50 per cent for eight months. They claim that at certain times in the year it is impossible, owing to the condition of feed, to get 3.50 per cent butter fat.

Martin Johnson, director in the Bay County Commercial Company, maintained that in many cases ten gallons of cream had to be added to ninety gallons of unskimmed milk in order to bring it up to the standard. He further stated that purer milk is shipped into this city than to any other city in the United States.

Missing Since Saturday. The wife of H. T. Walker, a waiter formerly employed in a Geary street restaurant, has reported to the police that he has been missing since last Saturday and she is afraid he has met with foul play. According to her story, her husband was last seen by her at 10 o'clock on the morning of Saturday at their home, 596 Leavenworth street. He then had \$200 on his person. Mrs. Walker says their home has been a happy one during their eight years of married life and that her husband has never before during that time absented himself over night.

Camera Club Elects Officers. The annual election of officers for the California Camera Club was held last evening and resulted in the choice of the following, all of whom except the librarian were re-elected: President, A. L. Coombs; first vice president, H. B. Hosmer; second vice president, J. R. Gwynn; secretary, W. E. Palmer; treasurer, J. J. Leomen; corresponding secretary, C. A. Goe; librarian, G. Knight White; directors, F. C. Bangs, H. L. Byrne, E. G. Eisen, J. W. Erwin.

CITIZENS SHY AT QUESTIONS

Impanelment of a Jury at Madera Is Fruitless of the Desired Result

TEN MEN ARE EXAMINED Second Trial of a Suit Against Newspaper Promises to Take Some Time

Special Dispatch to The Call. MADERA, April 12.—The second trial of the suit of J. G. Roberts against the Fresno Democrat Publishing Company for \$75,000 began to-day in the Superior Court, Judge Fulkert of Stanislaus County presiding. The defendant company was represented by J. G. Maguire of San Francisco, Vets & Ewing of Fresno and G. J. Hely of Madera. The plaintiff is represented by Ostrander & Smith of Fresno and F. A. Fee of Madera.

The work of impaneling a jury was tedious, as the case is pretty well known in the county, and few of the men examined to-day were found who could qualify. But ten men were examined and not one juror has yet been secured. It is believed it will take all day to-morrow to get a jury.

PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Stone of Napa are at the Palace. N. E. Dittmar, a publisher of Redding, is at the Grand. G. E. Babcock of Coronado and wife are at the St. Francis. Dr. W. S. Hoen of the United States navy is at the Palace. Attorney Frank H. Short of Fresno is staying at the Palace. W. W. Shannon, State Printer, and his wife are at the Lack. J. Craig, proprietor of Highland Springs, is at the Grand. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Oxner of Memphis are at the Occidental. G. E. Barnard, a business man of Boston, is at the St. Francis. A. J. Bledsoe, a real estate man of Ukiah, is a guest at the Grand. W. W. Peterson, a candy merchant of Sacramento, is at the Grand. Charles Kellus, the well known clothier, leaves to-day for the East. Fred A. Hines, a prominent insurance man of Los Angeles, is at the Palace. S. G. Skelton, agent for the Gould lines in Sacramento, is in the city on business. Dr. and Mrs. J. Underwood Hill of San Jose registered at the St. Francis yesterday. F. E. Giddings and wife registered at the Palace yesterday from Great Barrington, Mass. D. H. Smith and J. V. Creighton, well known business men of Seattle, are staying at the Palace. R. M. Brereton, a capitalist of Portland, who is interested in mining in Alaska, is at the Occidental. A. W. Strauss, a member of one of the leading commercial firms of Boston, is at the St. Francis. E. B. Grandine, a wealthy resident of Washington, and members of his family are at the St. Francis. W. H. Davenport, general agent of the Colorado Midland road, has been very ill at his home for a week. John Read, a gun manufacturer of Boston, and his family arrived from Southern California yesterday and registered at the St. Francis. L. T. Hatfield, father of Victor Hatfield, former secretary to the Mayor of Sacramento and a well known lawyer of that city, is at the Occidental.

Californians in New York

NEW YORK, April 12.—The following Californians are registered here: From San Francisco—J. D. Johnson, at the St. Denis; N. W. Marston and wife, at the Wolcott; J. T. Thompson, at the Marlborough; J. Zellerbach, at the Hotel Imperial; Mrs. F. Levy, at the Marlborough; A. B. Lewis, at the Broadway Central. From Los Angeles—T. H. Oxham, at the Broadway Central.

THROWS ROCK THROUGH PLATE GLASS WINDOW

William Cox, an Aged Mendicant, Placed Under Arrest on a Charge of Malicious Mischief. An old man entered the office of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, California and Montgomery streets, about the noon hour yesterday and demanded something to eat or money with which to buy food. He was told that he had called at the wrong place and was ordered out.

The mendicant coolly walked out, picked up a rock from the street and deliberately threw it through one of the plate glass windows. A crowd quickly gathered and the man started to run away. Policeman T. P. Walsh soon overtook him and charged him at the City Prison with malicious mischief.

At the prison he gave the name of William Cox and his age at 65 years. He said he was a machinist by trade; that he came here about eighteen months ago from Philadelphia, but could find no work and his money was exhausted.

New Railroad Incorporated. The Ione and Eastern Railroad Company was incorporated yesterday with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which \$14,000 is subscribed. The purpose of the company is to build a road fourteen miles in length from Ione to a point on Sutter Creek. The directors and the amount of stock they have subscribed are Jackson Dennis, \$3500; Wilford Dennis, \$2500; J. J. Fagan, \$1000; William Parry, \$1000; R. E. Wallace, \$2500; H. H. Ferns, \$2500; and S. C. Scheeline, \$1000.

Changes in Postoffice. George S. I. man, money order clerk of Station K postoffice, has resigned and Louis Debray has been appointed a distributing clerk. Salaries of the following have been increased: Walter J. Thompson, \$600 to \$700; James W. Warford, \$700 to \$800; Albert C. Pait, \$900 to \$1200.

SPRING ME WEDDING AT WHEATLAND



SOCIETY FAVORITES AT WHEATLAND WHO WERE MARRIED THERE YESTERDAY.

Favorites in Society in Yuba County Married.

Special Dispatch to The Call. WHEATLAND, April 12.—A fitting climax to the first week of spring sunshine was the wedding of Earl E. Monson and Miss Lottie E. Niemeyer. This young couple was foremost in the social life of Wheatland, and their union makes a tie which binds together a very large circle of relatives who will make well wishes for them. The groom, a nephew of T. H. Thomas, president of the Farmers' Bank, is a promising young business man and associated with the Stagner hardware business. The bride, the only daughter of W. H. Niemeyer of the Rochdale Company, is a talented young lady, prominent in musical circles and in church work.

The ceremony was performed in the parlors of the bride's home at 9 o'clock by J. B. Askek of the Christian church under a bower of evergreens. They were unattended, and made a picture that will be a pleasure to the witnesses to recall. The wedding presents were rich and numerous and were tokens from relatives and friends from all sections of the State.

RIVAL FACTIONS BEFORE BOARD

Battle Between Warring Republicans for Control of a Congressional District. With much oratory the contending factions of the Republican party in the Fourth Congressional District occupied the attention of the Election Commission last night, and the battle will be continued this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Following the reading of certified copies of the rival petitions filed with the Secretary of State, Maurice L. Asher, representing the Riordan committee, addressed the board. He said that as another petition had been filed, he was prepared to demonstrate that those whom he represented were the only regularly constituted body empowered to name delegates for a convention in the Fourth Congressional District. He quoted from the Supreme Court decision in the 114th California Reports, McDonald versus Hinton. Mr. Asher then dwelt upon the fact that he was a delegate to the State convention at Sacramento and that the same delegates represented the Fourth Congressional District. The subsequent meetings were then gone into by the speaker, and mention was made of that memorable meeting at Golden Gate Hall in 1902, when there was so much commotion caused by the opposition that an adjournment became necessary before the transaction of any business of importance.

Mr. Asher stated that all of the minutes of the various meetings would not be accessible until to-day, as they had been shipped from Paradise Springs by express. At this juncture he produced the names of the delegates present at the Golden Gate Hall meeting, and also the committee of fifteen appointed to represent the Fourth Congressional district. Asher declared that the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 1904, would show that the committee of which he was the chairman had power to file all petitions.

Martin Kelly declared that it was a question of law as well as fact. Colonel Eddy, in reply to a question, said that for the purpose of expediting the hearing he would be willing to admit that Messrs. Haskins and Brown, who were present, would corroborate Asher.

Colonel Eddy, flanked by Lewis H. Anderson, chairman, and Martin Kelly, secretary of the opposition committee of the Republican party in the Fourth Congressional District, presented his views. He maintained that the Election Commissioners have no jurisdiction to take any action in relation to which committee is the genuine one. "The question is not a local one," said Eddy, "notwithstanding that the Fourth Congressional District is within the limits of this city, and it was

SHERIFF HOLDS EX-TREASURER

McGeoghegan of San Jose Arrested on a Charge of Falsifying City Records

BONDSMEN ARE LACKING Interesting Developments in the Investigation of Former City Official's Books

Special Dispatch to The Call. SAN JOSE, April 12.—Ex-City Treasurer T. J. McGeoghegan was arrested this evening on a charge of falsifying the city records in the Treasurer's office. The complaint upon the felony charge was sworn to before Justice Wallace by R. T. Farran, a private detective.

McGeoghegan is charged with falsifying the records in relation to a \$50 license collected from the San Jose Railroad Company, which conducts the First street electric railway. The Treasurer failed to account for the \$50 in rendering his report to the city. Justice Wallace placed McGeoghegan's bail at \$10,000.

About 5 o'clock this evening McGeoghegan was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Starbird. He was given an opportunity to secure bondsmen, but up to a late hour to-night was in the custody of the Sheriff. He said he thought he would have no trouble securing bail and expected friends to secure his release at any moment.

It is just a month since McGeoghegan's defalcation was discovered in the treasury. Experts found his shortage to be nearly \$9000. For a couple of weeks the bond companies who were on his bond for \$100,000 had him constantly under the surveillance of a detective, but for the last two weeks McGeoghegan has had his freedom.

The Grand Jury, which is now in session, will probably indict McGeoghegan. The complaint made to-day is said to have been sworn to at the instance of the bond companies.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR OLD BOY KILLED BY A NEGRO

Kansas City Tragedy May Result in Lynching and Police Guard the Prisoner. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—Roy Martin, 17 years of age, a member of the freshman class of the Kansas City, Kans. High School, was shot and killed at Kerr Park to-day by a negro believed to be Louis Gregory. Gregory was arrested and taken to the Wyandotte County, Kans. jail. Negro riflemen guarded the jail to-night, fearing an attempt at lynching, but there was no outbreak.

The duty of the Secretary of State, if judicial action was to be taken, to have determined which was the proper petition. If Curry failed to do what the law contemplates it should not be passed up to this board for adjudication. This board has no right to reject one petition and accept another.

Eddy cited the decision in the case of Spelling vs. Brown, 122 California Reports, as an analogous case. Lewis Anderson and Attorney Coghlan were also heard.

Upon invitation of the board all of the Justices of the Peace were on hand to express their views on the proposed action of placing the office of Justice on the ballot at the coming election. Judge Isidore Golden acted as spokesman and maintained that the Justices are a part of the judicial system of the State and that they were created the same as superior or supreme courts by the constitution. "The Justices do not want to be placed in the position," said Golden, "of beginning affirmative proceedings to lengthen their tenure of office."

The matter will be taken under advisement until some future meeting. The bids of J. M. Walsh, John Kitchen, A. Carlisle and William R. Phillips for binders and dividers were all rejected upon motion of Commissioner Leffingwell, chairman of the Printing Committee, upon the ground of being exorbitant.

HOPES TO LAND JUDGE IN JAIL

Adjutant General Bell of Colorado Will Send Jurist to the Military Prison

THUS TELLS A FRIEND Head of State Militia Pays No Attention to Warrant Citing Him for Contempt

COURAY, Colo., April 12.—No attempt has yet been made by Adjutant General Bell, commanding the military at Telluride, to have Judge Theron Stevens of Ouray arrested for his criticisms of Governor Peabody and the heads of the State military in connection with the Moyer habeas corpus case. However, it is reported here that General Bell in a telephone conversation with a resident of the place gave it as his intention to take Judge Stevens into custody and place him in the military prison at Telluride if the opportunity afforded itself.

Sheriff Corbett of this county will make no attempt for the present to serve the warrants at Telluride on Adjutant General Bell and Captain Wells, adjudged yesterday to be guilty of contempt of court for disobeying the habeas corpus order of Judge Stevens and refusing to bring President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners into court. Judge Stevens has gone to Gunnison, where he will hold court for two weeks, and the Sheriff will await his return here at the end of the Gunnison session, before he takes any steps in the direction of serving his warrants.

THE DAY'S DEAD.

OAKLAND, April 12.—Miss Roselle Emlay, daughter of Louis A. Emlay and a granddaughter of J. F. W. Sobel, a well-known member of the Merchants' Exchange, died to-day at East Bay Sanitarium, after an operation for appendicitis. The deceased was 17 years of age and was a student at the Polytechnic High School. Mrs. Eliza W. Kurtz, an old resident of this city, died yesterday at the age of 80 years. The deceased was the mother of L. R. and J. W. Kurtz and Mrs. Louise Thomas and the grandmother of Mrs. J. J. Warner and Mrs. N. K. Dunning. Mrs. Catherine Rathjen, aged 70 years, died to-day at her home at Fifth and Jackson streets. Mrs. Rathjen leaves two sons. She had been a resident of this city for more than twenty-five years.

John Wall, a well known and popular race horse man, died to-day at East Bay Sanitarium after a very short illness. The deceased was 50 years of age, and was a member of Oakland Lodge of Foresters No. 218. The funeral will be held next Thursday under the auspices of that lodge.

Death Claims Prominent Merchant. SAN JOSE, April 12.—Leopold Hart, one of the oldest and most prominent merchants of this city, died suddenly this morning at his residence at 40 North Eighth street. Last night he was taken with severe pains in the region of his heart and suffered greatly until 2 o'clock this morning, when he expired. He was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and 75 years of age. Deceased had been in California nearly fifty years. For twenty years Hart conducted a dry goods store in the town of Santa Clara and twenty-five years ago he removed to this city. During his residence here he had conducted the Corner Cash Store at the corner of Santa Clara and Market streets. A short time ago the firm was incorporated as L. Hart & Son and since then Alex. Hart, his only son, has been managing the business. Five grown daughters also survive him.

Arrested for Embezzlement. Joseph T. McEvoy was arrested on a warrant last night by Detective Ross Whitaker. McEvoy is accused by Otto F. Huber of embezzling the sum of \$150 from him a few weeks ago.

Weather Change Causes Suicide. DAYTON, Ore., April 12.—His mind unhinged by the sudden change from cool, moist days to the intense heat of a summer sun, Martin Bower committed suicide by hanging himself at the Nichols hopyard, about two miles from here, early this morning. Bower was a farmhand.

The Bell Amendment. The Army and Navy Republican League of California, M. D. Hyde, commander, yesterday sent by wire the following message to Washington: SAN FRANCISCO, April 12, 1904. To California Delegation, Care George C. Perkins, U. S. S. Washington, D. C. The Army and Navy Republican League of California indorses the Grand Army resolutions passed at the Los Angeles encampment regarding maintaining canteens at the Soldiers' homes and asks the rejection of the Bell amendment. MARCUS D. HYDE, Commander in Chief.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

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