

Deputy Collector Wright Is Arrested

PRISONER PROMPTLY FURNISHES BOND

Declares His Innocence and Will Appear on Next Monday.



FORMER INTERNAL REVENUE DEPUTY COLLECTOR WHO SURRENDERED TO U. S. MARSHAL.

Lang as a special tax as a retail liquor dealer. The second count charges that on April 18, 1904, Wright embezzled \$100 which had been paid by Spruance, Stanley & Co. as a special tax. The remaining counts charge that the sums named were embezzled by Wright in his capacity as an assistant to Internal Revenue Collector John C. Lynch.

Wright was arrested by his father, E. T. Wright of Los Angeles, who has been for years an intimate friend of Collector Lynch. After the bond had been filed the prisoner was released from custody. He said he would have no difficulty in proving himself innocent of the charges.

CHINATOWN FREED FROM GRASP OF INJUNCTION

Police Start In to Raid Gambling and Lottery Resorts, but Their Success Is Slight. The preliminary injunction asked for by the Wee Ong Tong was denied by Judge Cook yesterday morning and the order restraining the police from entering gambling and lottery places in Chinatown was vacated, to take effect at the noon hour.

RESTAURANT MAN EASILY BUNKOED BY STRANGER

Arthur Mietrasch Parts With His Coin to an Alleged Friend of the Chief of Police. Arthur Mietrasch, proprietor of a restaurant at 408 Pacific street, got a warrant from Police Judge Fritz yesterday for the arrest of "John Doe" on a charge of grand larceny. He explained that on Saturday night a stranger called at his restaurant and inquired if George was there. He was informed that George was not there, but might call at any minute. The stranger went away, but returned in half an hour.

"Has George come yet?" he asked. Mietrasch said no, and his curiosity being aroused, he asked the stranger if anything was wrong. The stranger muttered that it was too bad and finally said: "Well, I'm a personal friend of the Chief of Police, who tells me that George has been gambling and lost \$50. The Chief has given him to midnight to make the loss good, otherwise George, poor fellow, will be arrested."

Mietrasch's sympathy was aroused and he opened his safe. He had nothing but \$20 gold pieces, so he gave the stranger three of them, telling him that George might need the other ten. Neither George nor the Chief's alleged friend has been heard of since.

VALENCIA FOUND GUILTY.—Placido G. Valencia was tried yesterday for the second time before a jury in Judge Lawlor's court on a charge of grand larceny and was convicted with a recommendation to the mercy of the court owing to his youth. At the former trial last week the jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. The defendant stole a watch from Fred J. Hurst on the street on September 6. He will be sentenced on Saturday.

DEFINES SCOPE OF AN INQUIRY

Finance Committee Agrees on Line of Questions for United Railroads to Answer

AIDS SMALL TAXPAYER

Collector Smith Adopts a Form of Protest Against Levy for the Bond Issue

The Supervisors' Finance Committee yesterday arranged for the holding of an inquiry by the Street Committee into the operations of the United Railroads relative to its franchises and the character of its service, upon which E. P. E. Troy has propounded a long list of questions to which he wants the corporation to reply. Troy wanted the inquiry to take in the alleged overcapitalization of the company's properties. Supervisor d'Ancona said the question of fares and finances would be a subject that would take a long time to look into, whether it would be justified or not.

"The point has been legitimately raised as to whether the United Railroads has forfeited any of its franchises by reason of nonuse," said Brandenstein. "The right to use curves at Post and Kearny streets and at Fulton street and Eighth avenue are subjects of legitimate inquiry, and the company should make reply on all of these points."

"The company should also answer as to what, if any, franchises they claim to hold under which they are not operating cars," said Troy. "Then it should be compelled to tell whether it claims any franchises on Post street from Taylor to Kearny, on Stockton and Bush streets and on Grant avenue, and also as to the number of cars operated."

The committee agreed to this line of inquiry, but refused to go into the system of accounting used by the company. The question of accommodations furnished by the company to the public the Finance Committee decided was within the province of the Street Committee, and the matter of sanitation was referred to the Health Committee. At this point Chairman Connor of the Street Committee agreed to take up all phases of the inquiry, and it was so ordered.

Tax Collector Edward J. Smith appeared before the Finance Committee and urged the printing of a form of protest against the payment of the tax levied for the redemption of the tax on the new bond issue. Smith stated that the legality of the tax was before the courts, and he thought the small taxpayer should be afforded every facility to file formal written protest against the tax in order that it might be returned in the event that the tax is declared illegal. The committee ordered that the forms be printed. Assessor Dodge will also furnish the legal form of protest.

Michael Casey, John E. McDougald and J. Copus urged that the dome of the City Hall be lighted for five nights during the convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in this city beginning November 14 next, and the committee acquiesced. The flagpoles will be erected on Market street Second to Sixth and decorated for the occasion.

The Geary Street Railway Company paid \$736 46 into the city treasury, being 5 per cent of its gross receipts for October. The committee began an inquiry into the question of whether or not the State or the city has the right to assess the San Mateo road, but desisted when informed by City Attorney Long that the matter would come up in court on November 14 next. The attorney for the road said he did not know whether the taxes would be paid under protest.

AGED MINING MAN SUES TO RECOVER HIS PROPERTY

Jacob Schrieber Wants J. L. Murphy to Surrender Deed for Lower California Mines. A suit to annul an agreement for the sale of mining property on the peninsula of Lower California and to recover the deed and patent to the claims deposited in the Western National Bank was begun yesterday by Jacob Schrieber against J. Luttrell Murphy and the La Reforma Mining Company. The complainant says Murphy was his attorney and represented that he had been engaged in practice with the late Robert G. Ingersoll in New York.

Schrieber, who is 75 years old, says he had so much faith in the lawyer that in March, 1902, they made an agreement whereby Schrieber was to sell his claims to Murphy for \$250,000—\$500 down and the balance out of 25 per cent of the proceeds of the mine. The plaintiff says Murphy agreed to raise \$25,000 to get the mine under operation, but has been unable to interest capital in the enterprise. He has not paid the \$500 and declined to give up the bargain, says Schrieber.

Juneau Bank Changes Officers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Changes in the officers of the First National Bank of Juneau, Alaska, are announced as follows: C. M. Summers, president, in place of W. T. Summers; S. G. Holt, acting cashier, in place of C. M. Summers, no assistant cashier in place of S. G. Holt.

EXHIBITION OF WATER COLORS. Miss Helen Hyde's work in Japan, Vickers Galleries, 236 Post st., closes Wednesday eve.

BROKEN TRYST MAKES BROKEN GLASS.

Miss Josie Murphy Smashes Pane In Resentment of Being Jilted

Her Love Has Changed to Scorn

BY J. C. CRAWFORD.

Miss Josie Murphy declared it was P. J. Murphy's failure to keep tryst that provoked her to smash a window of his wetgoods emporium at Eighth and Harrison streets last Saturday night. "If he hadn't broken his word," she informed Police Judge Mogan, "I wouldn't have broken his glass."

Despite the similarity of their surnames, the lady went on to explain, there is no blood tie between Mr. Murphy and herself. For some time prior to her arrest they were sweethearts, and she gauged his faithfulness by her fealty, which was tenacity itself. It was this unquestioning trust of her's that made his recreancy so bitter. He suggested that they foregather at a certain place after his day's work was finished and he could indulge in dalliance without sacrificing business. At the prescribed minute she was on the appointed spot. He was not there, however, nor did he appear after she had made more than reasonable allowance for his absence. Then she went to his store, hoping to find he was detained there by reluctance to refuse money. To her horror, the place was in darkness and the doors locked. Still declining to believe he had wilfully jilted her, she rapped the door panels until her knuckles were as sore as her heart.

When a belated passer-by told her that he whom she sought had departed an hour previously on a street car that was headed in a direction opposite to that in which she was to meet him, faith fled, patience succumbed and she was obsessed by the rage of a woman scorned. The window-smashing ensued. Her arrest was followed by restoration of reason, and she found that her love for P. J. Murphy had turned to loathing. No, indeed; she would never trouble him again. She was glad, in fact, that the man's character was revealed to her ere she became indissolubly attached to him. He would never cost her another thought—not even if she were to meet him face to face. The Judge could depend on her for that.

The Judge evidently did depend on her, for he issued an order of dismissal. Ella Myrtle Wilcox wore a crimson Tam O'Shanter hat and a military jacket heavily freighted with gilt buttons as she promised to return to Toledo, Ohio, and remain there till the close of her earthly career. "Just to think of it," she murmured, reflectively; "after living twenty-seven years, nine of them married, and never being 'pinched' till I struck Frisco. Goodness knows what my friends in Toledo will think of me when I tell them about it."

She was arrested for disorderly conduct on Kearny street last Saturday, and to the policeman she confessed that she had started out with her husband to see the town, but had lost him somewhere, and was seeking him when she was provoked to unladylike behavior by the jeers of some persons who apparently regarded her as a fit subject for coarse badinage. "That's right, Judge," was her endorsement of the officer's story. "This town of yours is too gay for me. After the trouble I got into, goodness knows what has become of my husband. I suppose he's murdered or something. But they'll find him a tougher proposition than I ever knew how to be. Why, he licked four policemen and three bartenders all in a bunch just before we left Toledo. When he's poked up there's things doing, sure."

She received the Judge's order of dismissal with less gratitude than might have been expected. "It has cost me two nights in jail and twenty dollars for a lawyer that was of no earthly use," she said, "but thank you just the same."

Peter Johnson beat his wife, was arrested, gave bail and failed to appear when his case was called in Department 1. A policeman reported that Mr. Johnson was drunk when he provoked arrest and had remained in that condition until yesterday morning, which led to the inference that he had forgotten his engagement in court. Bail was forfeited and bench warrant issued.

Neighbors testified that Bill O'Brien worked in coal yard six days a week and invariably celebrated the eve of his rest day by getting drunk and playing such pranks as to make him a creator of much entertainment as well as a source of considerable annoyance to the vicinage of Eighth and Brannan streets. Little boys especially look forward with pleasurable anticipation to Bill's weekly inebriety, and never fail to derive much amusement from his antics. "Here comes Bill O'Brien," they gleefully shout when he hoves in sight each Saturday evening, and as he tucks unsteadily toward his home, 8 Kate street, his comical bellowings and grotesque cavortings keep them in convulsions of laughter.

Bill was in the midst of his performance last Saturday evening when the policeman—a new one on that beat of course—shattered time-honored usage by escorting him to prison instead of to his domicile. Judge Mogan, however, dealt more considerately with the maker of innocent merriment for a neighborhood by dismissing him with a reprimand.

William Cooper and George Rooney, fourteen-year-olds, and Eugene Sarinquet, two years their senior, are accused by Patrolmen McGrane and Cottle of having waylaid a newspaper

carrier at Ninth and Market streets last Sunday morning and robbed him of \$7. The testimony will be heard next Thursday in Department 1.

Michael McCarthy, 23 years of age, who has earned for himself the title of "Terror of Bernal Heights," will have his reign interrupted next sentence day in Judge Mogan's court. He has been arrested several times for disorderly conduct and is complained of as a neighborhood pest.

For cruelly beating John Oleson's horse Mrs. Laura Becker will be sentenced to-day by Judge Fritz. Mr. Oleson testified that the woman hammered the animal's head with a heavy rake, inflicting several deep cuts. The defense claimed that the horse not only trespassed on Mrs. Becker's property, but also chased her little daughter. The court thought that the attack was not warranted by the alleged provocation.

Noah Flood, who once served this city and county as Assistant District Attorney, was arrested for sleeping in Union square at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. He pleaded that he went into the park in order to obtain an unobstructed view of the sunrise and while seated upon a bench awaiting the day orb's appearance he dropped into slumber. Patrolman J. Malone, who however testified that the distinguished jurist was drunk. Judge Mogan dismissed the case with a reprimand to the defendant.

R. P. Hale of 411 Minna street accused Miss Allene Hill of having purloined from him one diamond ring and presented it to a rival for her affection. She is charged with grand larceny, and the man to whom she gave the ring is also in prison, but the police do not know what to do with him, as he did not participate in the actual theft of the bauble, which, by the way, he is supposed to have hidden somewhere. The case will be heard to-morrow by Judge Mogan.

J. A. H. Umbach, accused with George Farmer of robbing G. A. Glockner at an early hour this other morning in the latter's apartment, waxed indignant when the prosecution moved for a postponement of the hearing. "I desire to be tried right now," said Mr. Umbach. Then, pointing a right index finger at the complainant, he exclaimed dramatically, "It is a shame that a rascal like that should be allowed to injure a man's reputation by having him brought into court."

Despite the protest the case was continued till to-morrow, when it will be tried in Department No. 1.

James V. Miller (colored) also pronounced his arrest an invasion of personal rights. He had a loaded pistol in his hand and was wandering in the ferry station when a policeman overhauled him. Asked what he meant by displaying the deadly weapon, he said he was seeking a Democrat.

"How about this charge, Mr. Miller?" Judge Mogan inquired. "Dis yah charge am fixtishous," was the answer, delivered with warmth. "Ise no assassinatun, sah, but a Pullman pothead, an carry de gun fo mah pussual proteckshun on de road."

"The policeman says you were drunk and seeking the life-blood of a Democrat."

"Ah! I confess dat I hed sumfin ter drink camin' obah on de boat, but I mus' kenterdick dat statement 'bout wantin' ter kill a Democrat. Some ob mah bes' friens am ob de Democratic parashion. No sah, Ise no assassinatun. De chawge am fixtishous."

Remanded for sentence to-day.

F. H. Huber, who manages a book store on Kearny street, could not prove that Edward Perry victimized him by working the "change trick," and Judge Cabanis dismissed the case. The prosecution tried to show that Mr. Perry's failure to obtain some dollars to which he was not entitled was entirely owing to Mr. Huber's vigilance and obduracy.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—First Lieutenant Virge E. Sweazey, assistant surgeon, is relieved from duty at the United States Army general hospital at the Presidio at San Francisco, and will proceed to Fort Mackenzie, Wyoming, relieving First Lieutenant Henry H. Rutherford, assistant surgeon, who upon being thus relieved will proceed to San Francisco for duty at the United States Army general hospital at the Presidio. Private Isaac J. Hopkins of troop E, Third cavalry, Boise Barracks, Idaho, is transferred to the hospital corps. He will be sent to the Presidio at San Francisco to be sent on the transport sailing from San Francisco about December 1, 1904, to Manila. Privates Lonnie M. Powers, George Leonhardt and William T. Kelley of the signal corps at Benicia Barracks will be sent to Seattle, Wash., reporting upon his arrival to the commanding officer of the cable ship Burnside with a view to service in the Philippine Islands.

Orders to naval officers: Commander C. B. T. Moore will be detached from the navy yard at Mare Island, Cal., on December 15 to Tutuila, Samoa, and upon the detachment of Commander Underwood, will assume the duties of commandant of the naval station at Tutuila and as commanding officer of the Adams. Commander E. B. Underwood will be detached from duty as commandant of the naval station at Tutuila, Samoa, and as commanding officer of the Adams on January 15, 1905, to his home, where he will await orders.

A woman's idea of a woman-hater is any man who doesn't admire her

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Majority of Supervisors Vote to Submit Charter Amendments Nov. 6, 1906

The Board of Supervisors yesterday declined to submit to the voters the six proposed charter amendments affecting the Public School Department at a special election on January 5, 1905, as requested by the Board of Education. Instead, the first named board adopted resolutions providing for the submission at the general election of November 6, 1906, the six school proposals in addition to the other twenty-two charter amendments which the Supreme Court decided could not be submitted at to-day's election because the time that must elapse between elections on charter amendments has not expired. Action was taken on the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Finance, Utilities and Amendments, which reported that it is against sound public policy to submit the amendments at a special election.

Roncovieri said the resolution reciting that it is "against sound public policy to submit the amendments at a special election" was equivalent to the Supervisors setting themselves above the State constitution, which makes mandatory the submission of the propositions in view of the fact that 20,000 electors had signed the petitions therefor.

"The argument that only a small number of voters turned out at the last special election is not a good one," said Roncovieri. "Give the voters a chance to express their preference on the proposals. The amendments will benefit the School Department, whose

buildings are the laughing stock of the world. The sanitary conditions are deplorable."

Mrs. J. L. Burnside and Miss E. Moore of the Civic League urged favorable action by the board.

Supervisor Braunhart argued that the alleged evasion of the constitution was raising a false issue. He thought the Supervisors could use their judgment.

Supervisor Lunstedt thought the people should be allowed to vote.

Supervisor Brandenstein rose to a defense of his colleagues. He said the real issue was whether the control of the schools should be taken from the Supervisors.

"If you consider this a blow," said Roncovieri, "why don't you take it now—and in the neck?"

"If that remark is meant as the precursor of attacks to come I welcome it," said Brandenstein, "and consider it the sincerest tribute that could be paid to me as a city official."

Lunstedt's motion to fix the date of election for the school amendments on January 10, 1905, was voted on thus: Ayes—Alpers, Bent, Boxton, Finn, Lunstedt, Rea—6; noes—Booth, Brandenstein, Braunhart, Connor, Combs, D'Ancona, Hooks, Eggers, McClellan, Rock, Sanderson—11; absent, Payot—1.

The board then adopted the resolution fixing the general election of November 6, 1906, as the date for submitting the amendments.

OAKLAND EDITOR MAY TAKE MELICK'S POSITION

A. J. Pillsbury of Oakland Is the Rumored Successor of Recently Deceased Secretary.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 7.—The statement has been made in this city that A. J. Pillsbury, editor of the Oakland Herald, will be appointed secretary of the State Board of Examiners by Governor Pardee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Walter S. Melick. Governor Pardee was interviewed upon the subject, but declines to have anything to say. The position is an important one, and pays \$3000 a year.

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The following telegram received by us yesterday tells its own story:

"PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7, 1904. "SHERMAN, CLAY & CO., San Francisco, Cal. "The Victor has been awarded the Grand Prize over all other Talking Machines at the St. Louis Exposition, which is the first prize and highest award given. "VICTOR TALKING MACHINE CO." This again proves and emphasizes the fact that the Victor Talking Machine is superior to all others in the fidelity and purity with which it reproduces the most delicate musical tones and all the variations of the human voice. Prices range from \$17.50 to \$65.00. Easy payments.

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