YOELL MAKES SHARP RETORTS

Witness in Will Contest Is Nettled by Questions Regarding Old Transactions

FATHER'S LETTERS READ

One Epistle Contains the Old Man's Humorous Opinions Regarding Summer Girls

The reading of letters written by J. Alexander Yoell consumed most of the time in Judge Kerrigan's court yesterday. Late in the afternoon John H. Yoell, son of the dead Santa Clara pioneer, was called to the stand, where he gave sharp answers to a shower of questions poured upon him by Attorney D. M. Delmas. Attorneys Hoefler and Rix will cross-examine the son today.

When young Yoell was being pressed relentlessly by Delmas he suddenly exclaimed: "I don't see what this has to do with the disinheritance of my sister, Mrs. Dunn. It does not matter how black you may think I am or what you may think I have done."

Delmas, questioning the witness as to the settlement of the estate of Catherine Howlett, asked if Yoell knew the difference between an heir and a devisee.

"I am not being examined for the bar," retorted Yoell.

In reply to a question regarding his disposal of the estate Yoell reminded Delmas of a simple point in law. "I thank you," said Delmas; "I am humble and willing to learn."

When the attorney demanded receipts in the transaction Yoell promised to have them by next Monday, saying that it would be some trouble to get them. Delmas' questions as to the trouble that would be found caused Attorney Hoefler to say: "There is no need for this sarcasm. We will have the receipts."

Only a few of the letters written by the dead pioneer suggest that the old man was erratic. Extracts from one written to his daughter, Mrs. Theobald, from Highland Springs in January, 1901, caused tittering in the courtroom. "My Sweet Hettie," it begins, "no more nonsense. I say come and come quickly. I am pleased at the prospect of having you a good deal this week and if it will increase your visits I shall use my influence to have terrapin quite often. My holy water shall be used liberally to sanctify the occasions of your visits."

Then follows a brief essay by Yoell defending the use of the word "dandy" to his daughter who had evidently objected to it.

"If I have need of a chaperon," continues the letter, "which I am not disposed to contest, I think it is a potential reason for your coming, for I know of no one better qualified for the position. So far as the 'summer girls' are concerned—as the nigger minstrel sings, 'All birds are chickens to me.'"

In a letter to Mrs. Levy the old pioneer wrote, "The big fat woman is here with the flower-garden hat."

One letter to Mrs. Theobald combines a touch of pathos with a groggy metaphor: "Although I am rapidly passing down the last current of my life's sunset, you will find at last that I have not forgotten my duty to all."

A letter to Mrs. Evaline Levy is full of bitter complaints. It reads in part: "I do not expect to be free from trouble or to have peace of mind while I live. It seems to me that some of my children are bound to cause me nothing but unhappiness. In fact they seem to take a delight in it."

An account book kept by the old pioneer was introduced, but only extracts from it were read. The case will go on this morning.

JAPANESE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE A NOVEL SHOW

Benefit for the Red Cross Society at Alhambra Will Be Well Worth Seeing.

An entertainment to be given next Saturday evening at the Alhambra Theater for the benefit of the Japanese Red Cross Society bids fair to be an event of unusual interest. Those in charge have arranged a programme of novel features to be produced by Japanese talent of this city. It will contain national dances and music, jiujitsu, fencing and an act of a drama of old Japan. The stage settings and the costumes will remind the audience of a performance in the Mikado's land.

The affair is under the patronage of the following women: Mrs. I. Lowenberg, Mrs. John F. Merrill, Mrs. Willard B. Harrington, Miss Anna Beaver, Mrs. John H. Boalt, Mrs. Charles S. Wheeler, Mrs. Helen Hecht, Mrs. K. Uyeno, Mrs. Ralph Harrison, Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Mrs. David Starr Jordan, Mrs. Julius Kahn, Mrs. George F. Bowman, Miss Helen Hitchcock, Miss K. M. Atkinson and others.

Tickets will be on sale at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s commencing Thursday.

Fifteen Years for Mitchell.

John Purvis Mitchell, convicted by a jury in Judge Lawlor's court on a charge of robbery, was sentenced yesterday to fifteen years in San Quentin. He held up F. J. Flynn, cashier of the Central Grain and Stock Exchange, 20 Leidesdorff street, on September 23 and took from him a suit case containing $4374 in coin, with bonds, checks and jewelry of the value of $2200. Part of the stolen coin was recovered in the cellar of a house on Octavia street, where Mitchell and his wife roomed.

LEGAL FIGHT IS PROBABLE

Methodist Book Concern May Be Involved in a Battle Before the Courts

CANCELS TRANSACTION

Disposal of Local Property to Louis Friedman May Be Bone of Hot Contention

A hot legal fight is likely to result from the recent attempted sale of the Methodist Book Concern property at 1037 Market street. News received here yesterday indicates that the contract of sale executed by direction of Eaton & Mains, the Book Concern agents in New York, has been repudiated by the higher authorities of the church, who have ordered the sale canceled. On the other hand, the purchaser, Louis Friedman of this city, who has paid a deposit on the purchase price, $125,000, and claims ownership in the event the title proves clear, declares he will not give up his contract unless well paid to do so. Leading local Methodists assert that this contract was invalid from the beginning, Eaton & Mains having no authority to make it.

The Call has already published the facts of the sale and the resulting differences of opinion among Methodists regarding it, but a telegram received yesterday from C. B. Perkins, secretary to the Book Concern commission in this city, who is at present in New York, has placed a new complexion on the whole transaction. It was at a meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Association that the telegram was read, and its receipt and contents caused the liveliest interest, not to say joy, among those who strenuously oppose the sale of the present premises.

Perkins sent the telegram to Dr. E. R. Dille and it was read as follows:

"Committee ordered sale of property canceled. Transfer to Western agents."

The Eastern agents of the Book Concern are Eaton & Mains of New York City, and the Western agents are Jennings & Graham of Cincinnati.

Immediately after the sale was announced Mr. Perkins, accompanied by Dr. Fred Bovard, editor of the Methodist Christian Advocate, hastened to New York in order to attend a meeting of the general conference book committee, which represents the whole church and supervises its publishing interests in all parts of the country. The telegram from Perkins therefore indicates that the book committee has ordered the Eastern agents, Eaton & Mains, to cancel the sale to Louis Friedman and make the transfer of the property to Jennings & Graham.

To a Call representative Louis Friedman said:

I have nothing to do with the matter beyond having bought the property from Eaton & Mains, the Book Concern agents at New York. The deed is in the bank in San Francisco, and just as soon as my lawyer, Milton S. Eisner, passes on the title, the balance of the purchase price, which is $125,000, agreed on between myself and Eaton & Mains, will be paid.

In answer to a question whether he would be willing to forego any claim to the property should the Book Concern ask him to do so, Friedman said:

There has been nothing mentioned questioning my right to the property. I would not relinquish it unless paid what I consider I ought to make on the transaction, as I disposed of a piece of property on Stockton street, near Vallejo, in order to purchase this. I would not have done so if I had not considered the buying of the Book Concern building an absolute certainty.

William Abbott of the local Book Concern said that no further details had been received and he could therefore make no explanation of the cancellation.

Further news received from the East was the resignation of Rolla V. Watt from the local Book Concern commission, which looks after the San Francisco house. His place has been filled by J. F. Forderer, president of the Board of Trustees of Alameda. Watt has gone on a six months' trip to Europe, hence his resignation.

CLERGY HEAR ADDRESSES.

Professor Dixon, Formerly of Imperial University, Tokio, Reads Paper.

Professor James Main Dixon, formerly of the Imperial University at Tokio, Japan, read a paper before the Methodist Ministers' Association yesterday morning on the "Poets of the Renaissance." Professor Dixon was the predecessor of the late Lafcadio Hearn in the chair of English literature in the Imperial University.

The Rev. J. P. Dargitz reported to a largely attended meeting of the Christian church ministers that as soon as the financial condition was sufficiently favorable the Tenth-avenue Christian Church would be dedicated. There were numerous excellent reports from the ministers of the Christian body from San Francisco and the bay cities.

Professor W. H. Allison spoke before the Congregational Ministers' Association yesterday on "The Oxford Movement." The Presbyterian Ministers' Association, the Rev. J. J. Sitton in the chair, listened to a discussion on the "Union of the Cumberland and Presbyterian churches.

SUIT FOR VILE EARNINGS.—Trial was begun yesterday in Judge Seawell's court of the suit of Margaret McLaughlin against John F. Wheelan, well known in sporting circles, for the recovery of $7000. The plaintiff says that the money was given by her to Wheelan and represents her earnings in the dives on Bacon place. Her evidence and that of her sister Kate, together with that of another member of the under world, had to do with the financial and other relations of the pair. The plaintiff's case was rested and the defense will go on this morning.

COCKNEY'S MISPLACED CONFIDENCE LEADS HIM FAR FROM HOME.

TRAVELER FROM "LUNNON" IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Lives on Compatriots' Aid

BY JAMES C. CRAWFORD.

William Robb, a diminutive cockney, accused of obtaining $1 50 by false pretense from A. P. Kellogg of 296 Second street, pleaded not guilty and volubly rattled off a chapter of his life history for the enlightenment of Police Judge Mogan.

"In me yer see a wictim of mispliced cawnfidence, sir," he said. "If I 'adn't b'lieved wot the noospaipers seyed I'd be 'appy at me 'ome in Geneva plaice,

Brixton, Lunnon. A hunscrup'lous an' hextravagant press hindooced me to emigrate to Canada by siyin' that a bloke wot knoo nothin' wotsumever abeout farmin' could mike thirty or forty dollars a month. W'en I goes to the commissioner in Quecbec, sir, 'e siys 'e can get me a job at $5 a month, an', of course, I siys, 'Nawnsense,' 'cos I can do better than that at 'ome. But 'twas the best 'e would do for me, sir, an' after many hups an' downs I finds meself 'ere. But I 'aven't hembezzled nobuddy's money, sir; plaise b'lieve me."

It was pretty clearly proven, however, that since his arrival here last September Mr. Robb has been living on the charity of sympathetic compatriots. The British consulate has given him many meal tickets, and Mr. Kellogg took him to a brass foundry and obtained for him a situation. He was told to begin work the following morning, and on the evening of that day he visited Mr. Kellogg and by representing that he had just ceased labor obtained $1 50 from that gentleman, whereas the truth was that he had not appeared at the foundry at all.

"I mide the faital mistaike of waitin' till I could join the union before I went to work," he informed the Judge.

"But why haven't you tried to get away from this country and vagabondage?" his Honor asked.

"I've tried to get hopportoonity to work me passage to Haustralia," was the answer, "but every captain I hawsked to ship me said 'Prepawstrus.' I ain't a sailor, sir, an' the skippers sied I'd be more in the wiy than a 'elp to them."

He is held until the British Vice Consul can be consulted as to character.

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In an affidavit filed in Judge Fritz's court by Mrs. Augusta M. Rogers she cheerfully acknowledges that she had her husband, James, arrested for battery "more to deter him and frighten him than for the purpose of punishing him." The document avers further that on the evening of February 4 the affiant and her husband "had words in a slight difficulty over family matters," and that her testimony when she appeared as prosecutrix was in substance as follows:

He said to me, "You drive me to drink," and I said, "Nothing of the kind," and we had an argument over another woman. It is not necessary to repeat every word of the conversation. I hit him on the arm and said, "You can't deny about that woman." After that we both got angry and excited and he grabbed me by the hands and hit me. I raised the front window and called for the police, but there was no one to be seen. Then I slipped out on the back porch and then I called, and he locked the door and went away.

The affiant continues that she would like to change her testimony with relation to her husband striking her. She adds:

I do not think he would have touched me had it not been that I struck him first, and then he grabbed me and in the difficulty I was either struck with his open hand or pushed. It caused a little swelling, but no marks at all. It is not true that my face was discolored, for my skin does not discolor at all when I am struck or bruised in any way. It might cause a swelling, but never discolors.

I want also to state that I was the start of it all, for if I had not said anything or opened argument when he came in nothing whatever would have happened.

My husband never struck me before or raised his hand to me and I would request the court in this matter to be as lenient as possible and withdraw the charge, as I think he has been sufficiently punished, because I feel that I am more to blame than he is.

Is it necessary to say that Mr. Rogers is assured of acquittal?

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George A. Smith, who stole a watch from an auditor of a political spellbinder on Grant avenue, got six months from Judge Conlan.

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Special Policeman Delmar's eleventh rib on the left side was fractured as a result of his brief interview with Martin Jóyce last Sunday afternoon at Oak and Devisadero streets, and Mr. Joyce is in custody as the author of the injury. Suspecting that Mr. Joyce was implicated in a recent highway robbery, the policeman started to question him on the subject, when he was suddenly seized with jiu-jitsu deftness and hoisted over a water trough, describing a parabola ere he alighted upon the asphaltum roadway with one of his ribs broken. So unrepentant was Mr. Joyce that he was drunk when he appeared before Judge Mogan to answer for the assault, and now he is in custody, while the police are trying to confirm the suspicion whose expression by Delmar resulted in the temporary putting of that officer out of commission.

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William Toy, with a half-consumed cigarette behind one ear and a match behind the other, stared wildly at Judge Fritz and attempted to prove an alibi by asserting that on Sunday evening he saved the town of Fresno from demolition by earthquake by utilizing a patented device of his invention, where as the prosecuting policeman had sworn that on Saturday night he arrested the defendant in this city for opium-smoking. The court took the officer's word in preference to that of Mr. Toy and sentenced the latter to six months' imprisonment.

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Miss Virginia Westcode also ran afoul of the law in Chinatown. She was hilarious to the point of peace disturbance when two policemen started her prisonward from Washington and Kearny streets Saturday evening.

"I was watching the Chinks at their New Year foolery," she informed Judge Mogan, "and one of them gave me a drink of samshu, which I was just idiot enough to take. After that any old thing might have happened, you know, and I guess these two cops are all right when they say I was making a free show of myself."

She readily paid a $5 fine.

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Wah Ying deplored the incident for reasons other than either the pecuniary loss or physical agony to which he had been subjected. While the wrecking of his chop suey establishment at 925 Stockton street and the smiting of his nose were regrettable he was more deeply pained by the routing from his soul of the love of species which had nestled there ever since the Chinese New Year festival began. When the three youthful defendants entered his shop he received them with kowtows and expressions of good will, despite their Caucasian blood, and as they sat and consumed 70 cents' worth of his choicest viands he waited on them in person and did everything that a spirit of amiability could suggest to make their feast a memorable one, even going so far as to augment gratuitously the regular fare with certain delicacies which he had reserved for his very best customers and most esteemed friends. He tickled their palates with morsels of fricasseed lizard and gave them nibbles of shark's fin and sips of birds' nest soup such as a mandarin would be thankful for. What was his grief, therefore, to be rewarded by having $2 50 worth of dishes irreparably shattered, some of his daintiest food hurled against the walls and ceiling and his nose violently struck by the clenched fist of one of the ingrates, he could not positively say which of them. But his bespattered walls and

his bleeding nasal organ were trifles as compared to the consequent angering of his heart. He could forgive and forget all else but that—provided his monetary loss were made good.

Harry Green, Harry Devania and Antone Lopez were the names under which the defendants faced Judge Mogan and none of them could explain himself guiltless. So they were found guilty of peace disturbance and remanded for sentence, which will probably be measured in accordance with the material compensation which each or all of them furnishes Wah Ying for his broken crockery and facial damages. As for the injury to his soul, it never can be paid for.

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Sam Alopi and Peter Raia will answer a charge of perjury in the Superior Court. Judge Conlan found them guilty of having willfully trifled with truth while testifying at the inquest on an Italian killed by a compatriot and their bail was fixed at $1000 apiece.

WITHHOLDS VALUABLE SECURITIES.—Henry F. Wagner, as administrator of the estate of Jeanette Wagner, who died in April of last year, yesterday sued George Wagner for $5000 damages and the recovery of $25,000 worth of securities, which it is alleged the defendant took at the time of Mrs. Wagner's death and wrongfully withholds from the estate. The property includes 200 shares in the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company and fifteen shares in the Spring Valley Water Company. An injunction is asked restraining the corporations from transferring the stock on their books.

SAY CHILDREN WALK TOO FAR

Parents Protest Against Exchange of Classes in Lick and Noe Valley Schools

APPEAL TO SUPERVISORS

Committee Asks Board of Education to Restore Conditions as They Existed

The Supervisors' Educational Committee yesterday again heard the protests of the West of Castro Club and 209 residents against the transfer of primary classes from the James Lick School to the Noe Valley School and the transfer of the grammar classes of the latter to the former school. The interchange of classes was the result of the extraordinary appeal of the teachers of the James Lick School made to the Board of Education that either they or their principal, Albert Lyser, be transferred to some other school.

A number of parents of pupils was present and voiced opposition to the action of the Board of Education, which they said has resulted in compelling small children to cross two car lines and travel a long distance to either of the two schools. They represented that when the Noe Valley School was built they were given to understand that a complete or mixed course would be installed therein, but instead the grammar classes had been withdrawn. The board now declines to establish a sixth grade.

One mother said her child was forced to walk five blocks to the James Lick School. Another parent said his child had to stay at home for one week owing to the long distance to be traveled in the rain. He said it was not right that a petty squabble among the teachers should be the cause of working a hardship on the pupils.

"The Board of Education is practically keeping us out of our own school," said another parent, "and pretty soon we will not be allowed to go into our own houses."

Principal Lyser denied a statement that a pupil was compelled to pass the James Lick School and go to the Noe Valley School.

M. Lemaine said that the change had been made for the accommodation of the teachers and not the pupils owing to dissensions and lack of discipline in the James Lick School. Chairman Lunstedt ruled the remarks out of order, saying the only question at issue was the arriving at an amicable adjustment of the matter.

School Director Boyle said the change was a question purely of education and not of finance, it being the policy of the board to establish separate primary and grammar schools. Superintendent Langdon said the board wished to give the people in the Noe Valley district the best school service. Only 20 per cent of the pupils, he said, had to walk five blocks. The committee admitted that it had no jurisdiction and referred the protests to the Board of Education to take up with the West of Castro Club and recommending if possible the restoring of the old conditions at the two schools.

WIDOW OF THOMAS BELL WINS LARGE ARREARAGES

Judge Coffey Decides She Is Entitled to Allowance Not Paid by Executors of Estate.

Teresa Bell, widow of Thomas Bell, has made good her claim for arrearages in family allowances from the estate. Judge Coffey yesterday ordered the executors to pay her $32,665 80 due for the period from June 17, 1898, the date the inventory of the estate was filed, to August 14, 1895, when an order of court reduced the allowance. Mrs. Bell, before filing the inventory, was receiving $2000 a month.

In February, 1894, a petition by the executors was filed asking the reduction of the allowance. Later the petition was dropped from the calendar and the order was entered, but by mistake or inadvertence the clerk neglected to enter an order made at the same time directing that the allowance be continued at $2000 a month. After January of that year the executors did not pay the full amount, representing that the income of the estate was not sufficient to pay interest and assessments, which had to be paid to prevent the forced sale of valuable securities. Mrs. Bell consented to this use of the money, but, believing that the arrearages would be paid later, she borrowed $20,000 and used $17,000 from the sale of her separate property to make up the difference needed by the family. During the period of her waiting the executors paid her $39,334, and when she petitioned for the balance due she was met with the opposition of nearly all the creditors and trustees of the estate.

Steffens' Trial Closing.

The trial of Adolph Steffens, charged with fraudulently voting at the last primary election, went on in Judge Lawlor's court yesterday. The most important witness examined was Theodore Kytka, handwriting expert, who identified Steffens' writing as the same as that in the signature of "C. A. Crew," the name under which Steffens is accused of fraudulently voting. Secretary McCarthy of the Board of Fire Commissioners testified that Steffens was appointed a member of the department on September 23 and that on September 30, the day on which the indictment was filed against him, Steffens asked for and obtained leave of absence. Detective Taylor testified to Steffens' arrest in Los Angeles, where he had been living under an assumed name.

FATHER APPEARS TO DEFEND SON

Unusual Spectacle Is Witnessed at Arraignment of Allen Goucher for Murder

TRIAL SET FOR MARCH 1

Defendant Stands Accused of Complicity in the Killing of Policeman Robinson

The unusual spectacle of a father appearing in court to defend his son on a charge of murder was witnessed in Judge Cook's courtroom yesterday morning. The father was Attorney George A. Goucher of Madera, ex-State Senator, and the defendant was his son, Allen H. Goucher, known as "Kid" Goucher, charged with complicity in the murder of Policeman Eugene C. Robinson at Sixteenth and Valencia streets on the morning of January 21, 1902.

The defendant appeared for arraignment yesterday and when the case was called ex-State Senator Goucher rose and in a voice which betrayed emotion he said: "This man standing before you accused of complicity in the murder of Policeman Eugene C. Robinson is my son, Allen Goucher. I am an attorney at law and propose to conduct his defense. As an attorney I am also an officer of the court and as such I propose that full justice shall be done. Up to March 1 I shall be engaged in legal matters in Madera and I now ask that this case go over until that time."

No objection was raised by Assistant District Attorney Ashe and the Judge continued the case for trial till that date.

Of the six persons implicated in the murder five were speedily arrested. Frank Woods, alias "St. Louis Frank," was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged, but the case is on appeal; Louis Kauffmann, alias "St. Louis Fat," was sentenced to twenty-five years in San Quentin; John Coulter, alias "Leadville Jimmie," was sentenced to six years in San Quentin, and William Kennedy, alias "Yellow," was tried but finally acquitted, owing to the lack of evidence. William Henderson, who turned State's evidence, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, but has not been sentenced as he has yet to testify at the Goucher trial.

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