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### Marriage License Refused.

Ben Santos, aged 20 years, of 982 Jackson street, applied yesterday for a marriage license to wed Leah F. Weatherill, who was 13 years old last May. The mother of the girl, who lives at 521½ Green street, accompanied the couple and was willing to give her consent to the marriage of her daughter. The parents of Santos are not in this country and their consent could not be secured. "Cupid" Danforth refused to issue the license because the law only allows the parents' consent when the daughter is between the ages of 15 and 18 years.

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# FALSE THEORY IS SHATTERED

## Prying Can With Pickhandle Causes Freak Explosion and Two Men Are Burned

The rock worker vouches for safety in prying open a dynamite can with the wooden handle of his pick, because that is the method that experience has taught to be free of danger. But this sane, safe and conservative method that the miner lays down with such stress as the pickhandle law of powder went awry yesterday with workmen engaged in the reconstruction of the Cliff House line, and the innocent pickhandle set off the explosion that blew up a whirlwind of sand and painfully burned two of the railroad builders.

Rock is being blasted away for a wider roadbed around Land's End, and the workmen were preparing a blast when the unusual accident occurred. Michael Coakley, James Laity and Robert Neil were engaged in charging a hole, Coakley being busy at tamping and Neil standing near him. Laity was off a short distance opening a powder can, and to enlarge the opening he had made with a knife was industriously using the pickhandle.

Suddenly the can exploded and Coakley and Laity were enveloped in flames and their clothing took fire. A great cloud of sand and dust was raised high into the air. The two men rolled on the damp sand, but did not succeed in extinguishing the flames before they had been burned severely about the arms, legs and face. Their fellow workmen came quickly to their aid and they were conveyed to the Park Emergency Hospital, where Drs. Glover and Millar treated them.

The men are all experienced blasters, and they cannot account for the explosion. Theories of atmospheric pressure and the like are discussed, but one conclusion is certain, and that is that the assurance of safety in opening a can of blasting powder with a pickhandle has been shattered, so far as these rock workers are concerned.

Coakley lives at Fourth and Harrison streets, Laity at 1516 Devisadero and Neil at 1912 Fillmore.

### Steffens Will Soon Know Fate.

The evidence for the defense at the trial of Adolph Steffens, charged with fraudulently voting at the last primary election, was heard by the jury in Judge Lawlor's court yesterday. The defendant took the stand and denied that he voted as "C. A. Crew" as alleged. In cross-examination he admitted that he was to be a delegate to the Union Labor convention and distributed pasters for that party, but he voted Republican. On other things his memory was faulty. Theodore Kytka was recalled and again showed from specimens of handwriting admitted by the defendant as his that the signature "C. A. Crew" was written by Steffens. Arguments of counsel will begin at 10 o'clock this morning and the case will go to the jury in the afternoon.

# POWDER FIGHT SHIFTED AGAIN

## Circuit Judge Morrow Issues Restraining Order on Peyton Chemical Company

## CONSPIRACY CHARGED

## Sharp Practice Alleged at Recent Sale of Delinquent Stock in Mills Building

The fierce battle in the DuPont powder case, which began several months ago in the United States Circuit Court and then shifted to the State courts, has again shifted to the Circuit Court. Papers were filed yesterday, and on motion of Garret McEnerney Judge Morrow issued an order commanding William C. Peyton, the Peyton Chemical Company and others named in the bill to appear this morning at 9 o'clock and show cause why they should not be restrained from acting as officers or directors, and why a receiver should not be appointed. The order also prohibits all persons concerned from proceeding with the annual election of directors. The complainant, the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Company, filed an undertaking in the sum of $10,000.

In support of the suit and the petition for the restraining order affidavits of Frank Turner, R. S. Penniman, F. D. Madison and others were filed.

Turner deposes that on December 27, at 10:30 a. m., Turner, Penniman and Madison, each carrying a sack containing $10,000 in gold, and Penniman with an additional sack of $500, went into the office of the Peyton Chemical Company, on the fourth floor of the Mills building, where the sale of delinquent stock was to take place. There J. P. Wallace read the published notice of the sale and said he would sell the least number of shares to the person who would pay the assessments and costs due, stating the costs to be $98 42 for each certificate or lot of 1000 shares. Thereupon Wallace offered certificate No. 27 for 1000 shares for sale. The respondent, Peyton, offered to pay the assessment and costs for the entire lot of 1000 shares, and immediately, Mr. Turner deposes, Wallace said "Sold!" Penniman offered to pay the assessments and costs, but Wallace refused to give deponent, or any other person in the room, an opportunity to bid for said stock, and declared the stock sold to Peyton without repeating the bid of Penniman or calling for other bids. Turner swears that the actual time consumed from the moment that Wallace offered certificate 27 for sale until he declared the same sold to Peyton was between two and three seconds. The other deponents corroborated the affidavit of Turner.

The bill recites, among other matters, that on January 16 of this year the respondents believed that it was the intention of the complainant to vote 2975 shares for either Penniman and Turner or Penniman and Oscar Sutro at the annual meeting of February 16, and for the fraudulent and wicked purpose of preventing complainant from voting for any but the five respondents named as directors they amended the by-laws on that date so as to require a stockholder to be the owner of at least 100 shares of stock of the respondent corporation in order to be eligible to the office of director. It is also alleged that the respondents, with malicious and wicked intent, sent their minute book to New York for the purpose of surprising the complainant with said amendment at the annual election on February 16.

It is alleged also that on January 3 of this year William C. Peyton pretended to transfer to Bernard Peyton 100 shares and to A. M. Hunt a like number for an equally fraudulent purpose.

### RIVAL PLANT TO MAKE ACID.

**New Enterprise Outcome of Battle Between Trust and Peyton Company.**

A new phase in the alleged effort of the powder trust to ruin the business of the Peyton Chemical Company is set forth in an answer filed by the latter yesterday to the suit of Frank Turner for a writ of mandate to permit him to inspect the books and records of the chemical concern. Turner became the owner of four shares of the Peyton stock at the time the DuPont shares in the company were sold for assessment. The Peytons declare that he is not the real owner of the shares, but that they still belong to the trust. Furthermore it is declared that Turner is an accountant in the employ of the California Powder Company, which is in the control of the DuPonts.

The Peytons say that they are informed and believe that the California Powder Company is preparing to expend $500,000 for the purpose of establishing an acid business as a rival of the Peyton company, and that this is a part of the scheme of the trust to wreck the local corporation. The purpose of Turner in seeking an inspection of the books, it is charged, is to acquire information of the Peyton methods in the manufacture of strong acids, prices charged for the product, the source of supply of raw materials and other secrets of the business in order that the California Powder Works will be in a better position to construct its acid plant properly.

In addition it is alleged that information is sought that will assist the powder company in defending the suit brought by the Peyton company for $552,000 damages for breach of contract.

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# OPPOSES RATE MAKING POWER

## Board of Trade Declares Interests of State Are Very Largely Concerned

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED

## California Congressional Delegation Is Requested to Exercise Influence

The California State Board of Trade adopted resolutions yesterday opposing the conferring of power on the Interstate Commerce Commissioners to regulate rates of transportation on interstate commerce, and declared itself to be in "unqualified opposition." For reasons the board set forth the following:

The conferring of such power would, in the opinion of this body, convert the Interstate Commerce Commission into a board of traffic managers for all the railroads carrying interstate traffic—a policy which would be the equivalent of a merger of such railroads and the extinguishment of every element of competition.

It would contravene the national policy crystallized in what is known as the anti-trust law, the provisions of which were so successfully invoked in resisting the merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads.

It would vest the Interstate Commerce Commission with the power to regulate the earning capacity of the $1,400,000,000 invested in the railroads of the country, and by thus constituting that commission a potent factor in the transportation business of the country would confer upon the railroads the moral right to enter the arena of politics in their corporate capacity as a measure of defense against the possible arbitrary and confiscatory exercise of this power.

It would engender at once sectional strife between the different portions of the country as to the measure of protection which this power of regulation might be invoked to confer upon the various sections—a contest in which the newer and more sparsely settled regions of the United States would suffer by reason of the overmastering political power of the populous centers, and from this source of danger the products of California are especially menaced.

The export commerce, in the green citrus and deciduous fruits, the dried and cured fruits, the vegetables, the wine and the lumber products of California, must be carried an average distance of over two thousand five hundred miles to reach their center of distribution in the United States. These products compete with like Eastern products which are carried an average distance of less than two hundred and fifty miles. Owing to the disparity in volume between the eastbound and westbound traffic the railroads have heretofore carried the products of California the distance noted and delivered them in Eastern markets at a rate that has enabled them to successfully compete with like products in the freight movement of which but one-tenth of the distance has been covered.

That this fostering policy, referrable to the existing condition of traffic, would be continued under a political control and direction of freight distribution in the United States is not even probable. In view of these objections, be it

Resolved by this board, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of California be requested to exercise their influence and cast their votes against the policy of conferring upon the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to fix the rates of transportation on the interstate commerce of this country.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the California State Board of Trade that the paragraph in the river and harbor bill before Congress providing for the appointment of a commission of three United States army engineers to investigate the problem connected with the navigation of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the reclamation of the land subject to overflow therefrom, be approved and indorsed; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this board that no appropriation should be made by the State of California, nor its credit in any way be pledged for the purpose of the reclamation of said lands, until such time as the board of engineers provided in the foregoing resolution have had time to make their investigations and have made their report.

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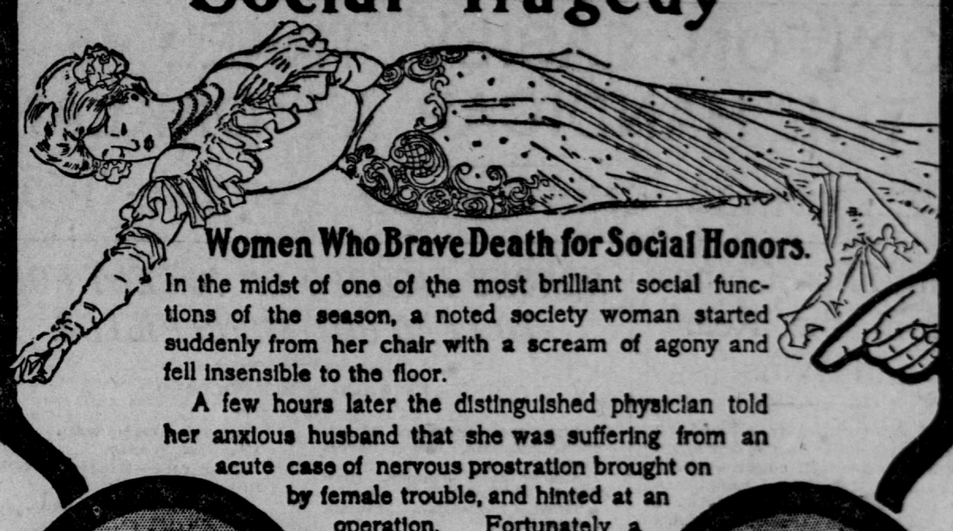

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