ROBS PEACOCK OF PLUMES FOR COVETOUS WOMAN.

Chauffeur Violates Park Law and Is Deserted by Couple for Whom He Did It.

With Imprisonment Facing Him He Swears Complaint Against J. W. Laymance.

BY JAMES C. CRAWFORD.

"That said J. Walter Laymance did willfully and unlawfully chase, catch, injure and destroy, and cause to be chased, caught, injured and destroyed a certain bird, to-wit, a peacock."

Such was the offense written in the complaint sworn to before Police Judge Cabaniss by Floyd Free, a youthful chauffeur, who had just been pronounced guilty of the same misdemeanor and given the alternative of spending fifty days in jail or paying a fine of $200. He was arrested early one morning in Golden Gate Park by Patrolmen Dow and Hicks, who caught him in the act of plucking some tail

feathers from a peacock perched on a lofty tree branch. Near by was an automobile, in which sat a man and woman, both of whom were orally encouraging the climber, but they dashed away in the machine and left him to his fate when the policemen appeared. The prisoner stoutly declined to disclose their identity, and not until imprisonment stared him in the face did he yield to the advice of Park Commissioner Reuben H. Lloyd, who had prosecuted the case, and tell who they were. Nor is it likely that he would have done so even then if Laymance had made good his pledge to promptly pay whatever fine might be imposed. So after swearing to the complaint against Laymance the youth was allowed to go free on his promise to appear in court when wanted.

The woman in the auto was Lillian Winters of the underworld, and it was her love of fine feathers that led to the plucking of the peacock. When she saw the bird of gaudy plumage roosting on the tree limb she expressed yearning to possess a portion of its caudal appendage, and her gallant escort commanded the chauffeur to satify her desire. The boy said he had been engaged to steer the machine, not to denude peacocks of their only charm, whereupon Mr. Laymance declared that he would cheerfully pay the prevailing market price for whatever feathers his fair companion might receive. Then and not till then did the chauffeur consent to climb the tree.

Mr. Laymance is at Howard Springs, of which he is the owner, and if he declines to return to this city and face the chauffeur's charge an effort will be made to effect his arrest where he is. Not very long ago he posed as complainant in Judge Mogan's court against a tenderloin siren, who was charged with having pilfered some valuables belonging to him.

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Patrolman T. J. Kavanagh handed to Judge Mogan a small paper parcel, and when his Honor unwrapped it there lay disclosed to his view the first joint of a woman's little finger. The grewsome exhibit had been detached from Liberta Aguillar's left hand while she was resisting S. K. Lehmann's attempt to enter her "crib" on Pinckney alley at 11:45 o'clock last Thursday night. The sudden and unexpected withdrawal of his pressure caused the door to shut with such force as to slice off the portion of her finger there presented in evidence.

"Take it away," shouted the Judge, thrusting the package into the hand from which he had unsuspectingly received it.

Mr. Lehmann, who is a baker at 1153 Market street, was charged with mayhem, but the woman's testimony sufficed to satisfy the court that she was as much to blame as he for the amputation of her finger joint, so the case was dismissed.

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Sixteen-year-old Josie Miller, who eloped from Tennessee with sixty-year-old William Stubbs and then transferred her affection to a young private soldier, has asserted her feminine prerogative to undergo a change of mind, and this afternoon she will be married to her aged admirer by Judge Cabaniss. She was en route to a reformatory institution via Judge Conlan's court when she decided to wed, but his Honor Conlan declined to unite May and December, and Judge Cabaniss gallantly promised to tie the knot. As the girl is under the age which permits a female to become a wife without the consent of parent or guardian, one of the court attaches will be sworn to act in the latter capacity and give away the bride. It was suggested that the jilted son of mars be enlisted to give her away, but the court spurned the suggestion.

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Mrs. Ellen O'Neill of 1812 Harrison street, objecting to one of her two stalwart sons, a policeman, bringing his bride into the family, manifested her displeasure by battering the young woman, and to Judge Cabaniss it was explained that the assault was inspired by maternal jealousy purely. The old lady's sons said they were willing to do anything within their power that might contribute to her happiness, but feeling it was impossible for their respective wives to dwell in amity with her, they suggested she be sent to a home for aged ladies and kept there at their expense. Then it was disclosed that Mrs. O'Neill could get along comfortably without their pecuniary aid, as she had $700 in bank. The Judge, after advising her to do as her big boys desired, continued the case thirty days.

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Judge Mogan released, on her own recognizance, Mrs. Annie Smith of 12½ Tehama street, against whom a charge of attempt to do great bodily harm has been pending ever since she thrust Mrs. Moore through the window of a house on Third street. Mrs. Smith has spent the interim in jail, and so emaciated did she become that the Judge feared continued incarceration would terminate her life. Mrs. Moore, whose thigh was broken by the fall from the window, remains in hospital, and her survival of the injury is doubtful. The women are of advanced age, and they had been drinking together prior to the quarrel which resulted so disastrously to both of them.

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Mrs. Letha Jost 121½ Oak street, appeared before Judge Cabaniss as complainant against G. G. Unsworth, whom she accused of disturbing the peace by attempting to remove doors and windows of her dwelling, of which he is the lessee. Incidentally she informed the court that he had stolen some of her table cutlery, but she would be satisfied if he were punished for peace disturbance alone. It was hinted by the prosecution that Mr. Unsworth's act was prompted by desire to oust Mrs. Jost from the house, she being irregular in her payments of rental, but the defense intimated that he was simply starting to make some needed improvements on the property, which he had a perfect right to do, when she interfered and had him arrested.

It was at 7:10 o'clock last Monday morning that the alleged invasion of the domicile occurred. Mrs. Jost averred that Mr. Unsworth's entry was forceful, and that after throwing her furniture around he detached an interior door from its hinges and chucked it out o' window. He was still disaranging things when she hastened to inform the police.

John H. Rayborn, father of the complainant, heard Mr. Unsworth say to her: "Have you got your rent?" and then declared that he did not have to show her the authority under which he had undertaken to wreck her home. "He also said," Mr. Rayborn testified, "that he would throw the whole d—d push out, and he did throw out the safe, four doors and one window." Mr. Rayborn also went for police aid, and when he returned with Sergeant Green and Patrolman O'Connor the outer doors were locked, so he clambered through a window to admit the peace preservers.

Mrs. Ida Manning of 123 Oak street visited the Jost residence at 11 o'clock that same morning and saw "everything upset" and the floors covered with plaster that had been knocked from the walls, presumably by Mr. Unsworth.

The defense will be given its inning next Monday. Mr. Unsworth resides at 538 McAllister street.

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When a member of the vigilant Chinatown squad captured Wong Kee a great

sigh of relief went up from Waverly place, and when Judge Mogan sentenced Wong Kee to six months' imprisonment there was talk among the pig-tailed bench-warmers of celebrating the event with pyrotechnics. So intense was the satisfaction conveyed by the sentence to one full-skirted Celestial that he handed a cigar to Clerk "Pat" Grey, who said he appreciated the gift so highly that he would never smoke it, but preserve it as a souvenir of the joyous occasion.

Wong Kee had long been a nocturnal annoyance to the residents of Waverly place ere his arrest was effected. It was his wont to travel over house roofs and drop through skylights and scare harem inmates nigh to death and pilfer such articles as he could safely get away with. So elusive was he that a hundred traps set for him were unproductive of desired result. His agility was phenomenal, for report had it that he experienced no more difficulty in making his exit through a lofty skylight than in dropping through it, and rumor oft depicted him clambering up steep walls and along ceilings as if he were a fly. Thus it came that the women regarded him as a "devil," and the men hesitated to regard him as anything else.

His undoing was brought about by the temerity and nimbleness of a Caucasian peace guardian, who trailed him into a seraglio chamber which proved to be a cul de sac.

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A jury of ten in Judge Mogan's court could not agree on a verdict in the case of A. C. Hensen, Attlee F. Hunt and Jackson Hatch Jr., accused of permanently crippling Albert de Rome, their fellow art student at the Hopkins Institute, by "hazing" him. Nine of the jurors stood for acquittal. Another trial will be set next Monday.

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William R. Flynn and Albert C. Forst were accompanied by several pots of house paint of various colors when they boarded a car at Sixteenth and Bryant streets, and when the motoneer and conductor requested them to unload the freight they declined to do so, so a fight ensued in which all the participants as well as the car were liberally besprinked with paint. Judge Mogan will hear more about it next Monday.

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I. G. Betts, manager of the Mills Novelty Company, must appear before Judge Mogan next Monday and show cause why he should not pay license for nickel-in-the-slot machines which he left in the stores of various grocers, one of whom, Henry Dasking, was arrested because he could not show the requisite permit.

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Leo Shourds, accused of trying to steal a watch and a hat from a newspaper pressman at the Russ House, will get a hearing next Monday in Judge Mogan's court.

Half an Hour

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EDITORS MAKE BRIEF VISIT

National Association Party Arrives for Forty-Eight Hour Stay in This City

ON WAY TO PORTLAND

Large Aggregation of Newspaper Men Making a Tour of West in Special Train

A special train bearing the members of the National Editorial Association, who are on their way to the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon. The party, including the families of the editors, numbers about 325, and is one of the most representative bodies of its kind that has ever visited California. The visitors during their stay in the city will be the guests of the California Promotion Committee, which received them at the depot yesterday and escorted them to the St. Francis Hotel, where the majority of them will make their headquarters while here.

After a dinner at the St. Francis last evening the editors and their wives and friends were taken through Chinatown under the guidance of members of the police force. This morning the party will be given a trolley ride through the city to Golden Gate Park and the Cliff House, and in the afternoon they will go to Berkeley and to Oakland, where arrangements have been made for their entertainment by the Board of Trade of the latter city.

To-morrow the editors will proceed on their journey to Portland. The members of the association have divided themselves into eight parties, each of which is assigned to a special car, in which the entire Western trip through Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas, California, Oregon, Utah and Colorado is being made.

The members of the touring party are the following:

B. F. Lauthain, captain; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lauthain, Daily Pharos, Logansport, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thomas, Vidette, Pond Creek, Or.; Harriet Conologue and mother, Standard Sun, Kendalville, Ind.; Mrs. Anna B. Jenks, Republican, Henry, Ill.; M. F. Greenleaf, Journal, Savannah, Ill.; Miss Betty Duke, Herald, Kemper, Miss.; W. H. Craig, Daily Ledger, Noblesville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin, Weekly News, Lenoir, N. C.; Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Courier, Asheboro, N. C.; W. K. Jacobson, The Progress, Washington, N. C.; Clarence H. Poe, Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Cobb, Enterprise, Emerson, Neb.; F. O. Edgecombe and wife, Signal, Geneva, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray, Times, Pender, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crampton and daughter, Citizen-Times, Delphi, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Purcell and daughter, The Chief, Broken Bow, Neb.; C. H. Green and son, Standard, Marion, Ala.; L. P. Cashman, Democrat, Vicksburg, Miss.; Miss Kate Cashman, Bernard Cashman, The Post, Vicksburg, Miss.; L. H. Hines, Daily Times, Union City, Ind.; Miss Georgia Raby, Dawn, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Kathleen Garrison, Miss Lulu Garrison, Times-Journal, Oklahoma City, Okla.; C. H. Thomas, Democrat, Corydon, Ind.; E. O. Rose, Magnet, Angola, Ind.

C. D. Hellen, captain; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Medary, Democrat, Waukon, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Noble, Graphic, Glidden, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kamrar, Daily Journal, Webster City, Iowa; George M. Barron, Reporter, Floxboro, Mass.; G. S. Turrill, Bee, Jefferson, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, Daily Messenger, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mrs. Harvey Ingham, Daily Register and Leader, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowell, Advocate, Artesian, S. D.; Irving Todd and daughter, Louise, Gazette, Hastings, Minn.; Miss Ann Herrick, Daily Capital, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Harriett Moberg, Advocate, Amherst, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cole, News, Baraboo, Wis.; J. C. Palmer, son and daughter, Wave, White Lake, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Milne, Guardian, Mitchell, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Parrott, Reporter, Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Matt Parrott, Daily Reporter, Waterloo, Iowa; C. Berghlms, Herald, Clara City, Minn.; P. T. McCutcheon, News, Newnman, Ga.; J. A. Richardson and Dr. J. W. Lucas, Tocsin, Indianolo, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Helle and Miss Bessie Counts, Daily Journal, Webster Clyt, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Coe, News, Bryant, S. D.

J. H. Hard, captain; Miss Blanche Grant, Renfrew Record, Alva, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Renfrew, Renfrew Record, Alva, Okla.; C. H. Greer and son, Standard, Marion, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. William Meeks, Times-News, Gadsden, Ala.; Miss Lilia Thomas, Grant County Vidette, Pond Creek, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thomas, Grant County Vidette, Pond Creek, Okla.; Miss Gail Sipes, School Herald, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Sipes, School Herald, Oklahoma City, Okla.; J. C. Lawrence, Bullock County Breeze, Union Spring, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Northrup, Farm Journal, Oklahoma City, Okla.; A. W. Holston, Sun, Lafayette, Ala.; Misses Bessie and Maude Holston, Sun, Lafayette, Ala.; Miss Fannie Read, Herald, Ensen, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Read, Herald, Ensen, Ala.; Ed Clark, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stafford, Oklahoma City, Okla.; H. B. Gilstrap, wife and child, News, Chandler, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burke and wife, Transcript, Norman, Okla.; Edward Flick, Peruvian, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Martha Flick, Peruvian, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Bert McFadden, Peruvian, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bradford, Southwestern School Journal, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hard and wife, Journal, Bessemer, Ala.; Mrs. M. D. Chandler, Journal, Bessemer, Ala.

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VISITING EDITORS ENJOY MEAL UNDER BIG TREES

Writers Guests of Santa Cruz Board of Trade and Beach City Improvement Society.

SANTA CRUZ, June 23.—The National Editorial Association delegates, who spent yesterday afternoon and evening on the beach, were driven to the Big Trees in carriages this morning and given a barbecued breakfast by the Board of Trade and the Santa Cruz Improvement Society. The guests were waited on by prominent young society women. While the guests were at the grove women of the improvement society decorated their ten Pullman cars at the depot with flowers.

MORE SUBSTITUTE CARRIERS ARE APPOINTED BY FISK

Postmaster Adheres Strictly to Civil Service System in the Selection of His Additional Employes.

Postmaster Fisk yesterday appointed from the civil service eligible list the following named twelve to act as substitute letter carriers, beginning June 23:

John E. O'Neill, Thomas F. O'Connor, Henry H. Freiermuth, Theodor Christiansen, Rudolph Schwab, William P. O'Connor, Alfred A. Kays, Alonzo Berhns, Chris Thomsen, James R. Curtin, Maurice Katz, Frank F. Soule.

The salary is $1 per annum and the pro rata pay of carriers whose places they may take. An additional batch will be appointed in a day or two to begin their duties on July 1. The twenty-one additional regular carriers authorized by the Postmaster General have not yet been appointed, but in all likelihood they will be taken from the sub-carriers' list.

MAY CARRY CASE TO COURTS.—It is probable that the Judges of the new Court of Appeal will not be content with the Attorney General's opinion that they cannot collect a salary of $8000 a year until re-elected. It is expected that a conference of those affected by the ruling will be called and that the matter will be taken into the courts. Controller Colgan will not cash their salary warrants for more than the $6000 a year rate.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR THE FOURTH

Committee on Celebration Announces the Programme for the Day's Observance

PARADE IN FORENOON

Exercises at Alhambra in Afternoon, Band Concerts and Fireworks at Night

The various sub-committees of the Fourth of July committee met yesterday afternoon at the Lick House and perfected the programmes for the celebration of the nation's natal day. The parade committee has scheduled the parade to start at 10:30 a. m. from Geary and Powell streets, the column moving down Geary to Kearny, thence to Bush and over Bush to Montgomery, and then into Market to Van Ness avenue. The column will proceed up Van Ness to the reviewing stand near Turk street. Headed by a battalion of police, the parade will comprise Federal and State troops, rifle and drill teams, military companies, bands and carriages.

The music committee has arranged for band concerts in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock in Columbia Square, Bernal Park and South Park, and at night in Washington Square Park. The fireworks committee has arranged for fireworks at Washington Park in connection with the band concert and for night pyrotechnic displays at Columbia square and at the Market-street cut.

The result of the literary committee's work is the following elaborate programme to be held at the Alhambra Theater at 2 o'clock in the afternoon:

Overture, "America" .....Orchestra
Invocation .....Rev. Dr. B. M. Kaplan
Introductory remarks.....Rev. J. P. McQuaide (President of the day.)
Music, "American Patrol" .....Orchestra
Song, "Stars and Stripes Forever" ..... Knickerbocker Quartet.
Reading the Declaration of Independence.. Mayor E. E. Schmitz.
Barytone solo, "Bunker Hill" ...A. von Tilzer E. T. M. Eckert. W. Fletcher, accompanist.
Recitation, "The Unknown Speaker"..... Miss S. Binney de Forest.
Vocal solo, "Star-Spangled Banner..... Miss Ray Delvalle. Miss Emma Kahn, accompanist.
Oration .....Hon. J. L. Gallagher (Orator of the day.)
Song, "The Old Flag Forever"..... Knickerbocker Quartet.
Declamation, "The Declaration" ..J. Q. Adams Miss Rena Bender.
Song, "Red, White and Blue"..... Miss Annie Roney. (The audience will please rise and sing.)
Benediction .....Rev. L. J. Sawyer
Music, "Uncle Sammy" .....Orchestra

General R. H. Warfield, chairman Fourth of July committee; Eugene Fitzgerald, secretary; Colonel Thomas F. O'Neil, grand marshal.

Literary committee—Rev. Joseph P. McQuaide, Rev. George E. White, Rev. B. M. Kaplan, Theodore Lundstedt, F. H. McCarthy.

PAXTON'S PLEA WITHOUT EFFECT

Court Announces That He Must Support His Blind Son and Invalid Daughter

GIVEN TIME TO FIGURE

Graham Allows Him Until September to Determine How Much He Can Pay

Though yet "in the breast of the court," to be uttered in the future, judgment stands against Blitz W. Paxton, the Sonoma capitalist, who sought on a plea of poverty to evade a decree compelling him to maintain his blind son and invalid daughter. In obedience to an order of court Paxton appeared before Judge Graham yesterday to show cause why he should not maintain his offspring. Toward him were turned the sightless eyes of his son, and holding the lad by the hand was his mother, ever watchful of his interests; by her side was her frail and pretty daughter, Roma.

Paxton was ordered to the stand and was interrogated at length as to the condition of his estate.

"Why," he said, "if I was to be sold out to-day I wouldn't have a dollar left in the world. The stock I own in the Puget Sound Iron Company and the stock my wife purchased with her own money in the California Jockey Club have been deposited with the Wickersham Banking Company as security for a loan of $30,000."

"That will do for this time," interrupted Judge Graham. "The point I want to determine is whether or not you are willing to support your children."

"I certainly am," answered Paxton.

"How much are you willing to pay; can you continue to pay $100 a month?"

"Well I would first have to look fully into my affairs. They are in such bad shape that I cannot tell at this time what I will be able to do in the future. It is alleged here that I am worth $100,000, but this is not true. If I were sold out to-day I wouldn't be worth a cent."

At this point the witness was released from the stand and his brother, Charles Paxton, was called forward.

Charles Paxton testified that his brother, Blitz, had been left $185,000 in his mother's will and was of the opinion that Blitz's unincumbered share in the Madrona Knoll Ranch, Sonoma County, was worth easily $40,000. Stock claimed by Blitz in the Sonoma County Bank, valued at $32,535, was claimed by the heirs of the late Mrs. Hannah Paxton, mother of the witness, but Charles was of the opinion that Blitz was fully solvent.

"Well," said Judge Graham in conclusion, "I will continue this hearing until September 22. At that time the agreement under which Mrs. Paxton is receiving $100 a month for the maintenance of her children will expire. Until then Mr. Paxton can look into his affairs and while assuring the plaintiffs here that an allowance will be granted them I do not care at this time to fix the amount. It will be better that it be fixed at the time named."

During the hearing Mrs. Paxton watched every move of her former husband. He did not look at her, but glanced once or twice at his children. His glance was one of curiosity, that's all.

SCHOOL BOARD COMPLETES EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS

List of Successful Applicants Will Be Tabulated in the Course of Two or Three Weeks.

The Board of Education last night completed the oral examinations of applicants for positions as teachers in the School Department. Applicants to the number of 256 have been examined and the list of the successful ones will be tabulated in two or three weeks.

Only the High School pupils will be excused from attending school next Thursday and Friday to give the teachers and principals an opportunity to prepare their programmes and reports.

A circular was issued by the Board of Education yesterday, calling the attention of the pupils to the ordinance regulating the discharge of fireworks, and the State law prohibiting the snaring, trapping or killing of any useful songbird.

The circular also thanks principals and teachers for their efficient co-operation and wishes them a pleasant vacation.

Chiquita at Chutes Again.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Woeckner of Erie, Pa., arrived on the noon overland yesterday and registered at a downtown hotel. Mrs. Woeckner in the glare of the footlights is known as Chiquita and stands but twenty-eight inches in height and weighs but eighteen pounds, although she acknowledges thirty-two summers. She has not visited this city since 1899, when she was managed by Frank Bostock, "the animal king," who afterward took her to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, where she met and married Mr. Woeckner. Since that time they have been living quietly at Erie, but the "living doll," as she has been called, has been longing to appear in public for a long time. She came out here under engagement to the management of the Chutes, where she will appear in the theater, beginning to-morrow afternoon.

SAY MOTHER IS INHUMAN

Children of L. D. Batchelor Recite Story of the Abuse Inflicted Upon Them

GET READY TO RUN AWAY

Little Girl Saves Dollar and a Half Upon Which to Fly From Her Home

A pitiful condition existing in the household of L. D. Batchelor, a prominent farmer of Sonoma County, was revealed yesterday when he filed several affidavits in support of his petition for a divorce from Susie Batchelor. In one affidavit the little daughter of the couple, Alvina, testifies that her mother frequently entertained men at their home, and was cruel to her and to her little brother.

"My mother frequently choked me and knocked my head on the floor," says the daughter, "and one day after she had beaten me my father, who is good to me, gave me $1 50. I put the money on a rafter out in an old house, and I intended to take it should my mother beat me any more and pay my fare and that of my brother to some other town."

The boy, Wayne, also testified in another affidavit that his mother frequently beat him and often entertains Mike Cummings, a butcher, at her home, at which times she locks him and his little sister out of the house. In another affidavit it is set forth that Mrs. Batchelor admitted that she was intimate with many married men of her neighborhood, and compelled each of them to pay her a monthly allowance under threats of exposure.

BUYS WIFE STOCKINGS.

"Well, just to show my good faith and to prove that I will give my wife all I can," said Jesse Russell, bell boy at the Lick House, in Judge Graham's court yesterday, "I will tell you a story. A little while ago I met May on the street and she told me she needed some money. I only had $1 20 with me, but I slit it and gave her 60 cents to buy stockings with. There, that shows my good intentions."

The foregoing was Russell's defense to an order to show cause why he refused to pay his wife alimony as ordered by the court. After he had told this story the court concluded that it at least entitled him to a short respite, and continued the case for a week to enable Russell to rustle up a little money.

"Yes, I did buy some beer and took it home, but, upon my word, I didn't drink a bit of it," said John Kleiner, who was before Judge Graham on an order to show cause why he refused to pay his wife, Minnie, alimony as ordered. Mrs. Kleiner testified that her husband refused to work, and was a frequenter of saloons in their neighborhood. His protestation of innocence concluded with the statement regarding the beer. Judge Graham also gave him a week in which to mend his ways.

JOHANNA GORMAN DESPAIRS.

Edwin Sweeney was ordered to pay Henrietta Sweeney $35 a month alimony. Johanna Gorman abandoned her attempt to get some money out of her former husband, Thomas F. Gorman. "Let the case go, Judge," she said. "You can't get blood out of a turnip. Every time I come here to try to collect from him I lose time, and time is money to me. Let him go." The order to show cause was dismissed.

Thomas B. Eagen is in the Broadway jail for refusing to pay his wife alimony, as ordered by Judge Kerrigan. His wife, Mary, had him in court, and when she had concluded her story Judge Kerrigan ordered Eagen to pay her $35 forthwith.

"Well, she will wait a long time before she gets it," replied Eagen impudently.

"Mr. Clerk, raise that to $50," said Judge Kerrigan, "and, Mr. Bailiff, take Mr. Eagen into custody and deliver him to the Sheriff for confinement until such time as this order is obeyed." So Eagen went forth to jail.

Decrees of divorces were granted yesterday to Katie from Angelo Bertola for cruelty, Charles W. from Bertha Phillips for desertion and Lucia from Domingo Gally for failure to provide. Suits for divorce were filed by Anna L. against William J. Fogarty for desertion, Adelaide G. against Gustav Nelson for habitual intemperance and A. M. against Mrs. M. M. Johnson for desertion.

SEEKS WRIT OF PROHIBITION.—Attorney George D. Collins filed a petition in the Supreme Court yesterday for a writ of prohibition restraining Judge Lawlor from trying him on the charge of bigamy. It is alleged in the petition that if an offense was committed it took place outside the State and would not therefore be within the jurisdiction of the local courts. It is also alleged that the Grand Jury is an illegal body on the ground that one member is not on the assessment roll and that five members did not hear the evidence upon which the indictment was returned against Collins. The court will probably consider the matter to-day.

SNEAK THIEVES AT WORK.—William Davis, George Miller and Arthur Robbie, painters employed at a building at 1666 Washington street, reported to the police yesterday that while they were at work a thief had gone through the pockets of their coats and vests in the basement and had stolen $3 85, a bunch of keys and a knife. Max Shirper, 42 Third street, reported that three bundles of post cards had been stolen from his show case. A. Ruff, 1404 Market street, reported that some nickel watches, pairs of scissors, flashlights, corkscrews and pocket knives had been stolen from his showcase.

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Singer Stores

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210 Stockton St.
1818 Devisadero St.
1217 Stockton St.
576 Valencia St.

ALAMEDA
1321 Park St.
BERKELE