



THE WEATHER.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, Aug. 23: San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Wednesday, with fog in the morning; fresh west wind. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

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SAN FRANCISCO, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1905.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

DISAPPEARANCE CASES ENGAGE THE POLICE

James Archer, a guest at the St. Francis Hotel, after sending his wife a note conveying the information that he contemplated suicide, disappeared Saturday and efforts of the police to locate him have failed. A suspicion, however, exists that his threatening letter was part of a plan to leave his wife.

Mrs. J. V. Longmore is in this city looking for her husband, who mysteriously disappeared from the New Western Hotel, Kearny street, on August 10 and has not been heard of since. After a diligent search the grieving wife reported to the police that she suspects her husband has been the victim of foul play.

Wife Thinks Husband the Victim of Foul Play.

James Archer Writes of Suicide in Hasty Note.

Mrs. Longmore Asks the Police to Assist Her.

Leaves Hotel After a Quarrel With His Son.

Mystery Surrounding Santa Cruz Man Unsolved.

Detectives Think He Has Taken to Flight.

Mrs. T. V. Longmore came up from Santa Cruz Monday in search of her husband, who has been missing since August 10, and yesterday she reported to the police that she suspected he had been the victim of foul play.

The members of the family and friends of James Archer, until recently a guest at the St. Francis Hotel, believe that he has committed suicide. The local detectives, who have been asked to solve whatever mystery surrounds Archer's strange disappearance, do not take kindly to the theory of suicide, but believe that Archer had fled the city, after a quarrel with his wife. The missing man was formerly engaged in the railroad business in Arizona and recently came to San Francisco with his wife and son and took apartments at the St. Francis Hotel.

Longmore and his wife owned a restaurant in Santa Cruz, and a short while ago he received a good offer and sold out. He was not a man to remain idle, so he and his wife decided to come to San Francisco to find a location. At the last minute, however, Mrs. Longmore decided she could not take her children from school, so he came without her. He arrived here the afternoon of the 9th and registered at the New Western Hotel on Kearny street. The next day he wrote to his wife that he was not feeling well, and if she did not hear from him the next day she would know that he was on his way home. He also telephoned to his niece here, Miss Hughes, but as she had company she did not see him.

That Archer's inclination to enjoy himself about town with old and newly made friends was not pleasing to his wife is freely admitted by Mrs. Archer and her son. In fact it is said that an attempt to induce Archer to abandon convivial friends and pay more attention to his family during their sojourn at the St. Francis led to a quarrel and his leaving-taking possibly his suicide.

Longmore expected to sell his home in Santa Cruz, and when he left he gave his wife a power of attorney with the remark that if the people were not satisfied with the power of attorney to telegraph to him and he would return and sign the deed. A telegram was sent to him on August 11 and returned to Mrs. Longmore with word that he had left the city. She then called up the New Western Hotel on the telephone, but with the same result, and on Thursday she made up her mind to come to the city.

According to the story told by young Archer to the police and the detectives of Morse's Agency, who have been engaged in trying to find some trace of the missing man, Archer Sr., spent the better part of Saturday about town with several friends, including a member of the police department he had known for many years. Returning to the hotel a trifle under the influence of liquor, Archer was asked by his son to go to their apartments, where the latter upbraided his father for his conduct.

Accompanied by her three little children—Marguerite, aged eight years; Carl, aged six, and Victor, who is only twenty months old—she reached this city and was told that her husband had paid his bill and had left. She then called upon several friends, none of whom had seen her husband later than Thursday night, August 10. Charles Laumer of Holbrook, Merrill & Stewart was the last man who saw him. He left him on Market street Thursday night about 10 o'clock.

Immediately afterward Archer returned to the hotel bar, where he addressed a note to his wife, in which he said he was going to commit suicide, and dispatching the message to Mrs. Archer's rooms, he left the hotel. At first Mrs. Archer and her son were disposed to regard the threats in the note in the light of a joke, but when Archer failed to return to the hotel at a late hour, the mother and son became alarmed and notified the detectives.

Longmore is 28 years of age, five feet nine inches in height, of light complexion and smooth shaven. The thumb on his right hand has been amputated at the first joint. When last seen he wore a gray mixed sack coat and striped trousers.

The more the officers have investigated the Archer case, the more firm have they become in their belief that the missing man has not taken his life, but has found congenial company and has quietly slipped out of town on a southbound train. Archer is fifty-five years of age, short in stature, weighs 215 pounds, is of light complexion, has a smooth-shaven face and when last seen wore a black suit of clothes and a Panama hat.

Before leaving home and in the presence of his wife he wrote in a small book, which he carried in his vest pocket, "In case of sickness or accident please notify my wife, Mrs. T. V. Longmore, Santa Cruz, Cal."

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RICH WOMAN MURDERED BY FOOTPAD

Shot to Death on a Street of Chicago.

Crime Committed Near Fashionable Del Prado Hotel.

Robber Seizes Victim's Purse and Escapes From the Scene.

Special Dispatch to The Call

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—When attempting to protect herself against the attack of an armed robber, Mrs. S. E. Mize, a wealthy New York woman, was shot and killed to-night by the footpad, who fled with her purse. Mrs. E. F. Wilson of Las Cruces, N. M., who was with Mrs. Mize when the robber accosted her, fled to the Del Prado Hotel, a short distance away, where both women had been living, and gave the alarm.

Guests of the hotel, seated on the broad verandas and in open windows, already had heard the shot and the screams of the women and within a few minutes scores of men were searching the neighborhood for the murderer. Up to a late hour he had not been apprehended. Mrs. Mize and Mrs. Wilson had left the hotel for a stroll and were near the corner of Fifty-eighth street and Washington avenue when a young man stepped in front of them, and holding a revolver threateningly, accosted Mrs. Mize.

"I want your pocketbook," he said. Instead of complying, the woman struck at the raised weapon. At the same time she called for help. Mrs. Wilson, terrified, had turned to flee back to the hotel when a shot was fired. She saw Mrs. Mize fall.

"Get away," cried the wounded woman. "He has shot me." The robber paused only long enough to snatch a purse from Mrs. Mize's hand and then fled into an alley.

Running to the entrance of the Del Prado, Mrs. Wilson called out to the group on the veranda that her companion had been killed and then collapsed. The police were informed at once and it was not until after their arrival that the body of Mrs. Mize was removed.

Mrs. Wilson did not recover consciousness for some time after her removal to her room, and was so hysterical that the police could obtain from her no good description of the man who committed the murder.

STEALS AND GAMBLERS FUNDS OF COUNTY Clerk Makes a Winning and Returns Coin He Had Stolen.

Special Dispatch to The Call

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—Courtroom circles were much wrought up over a well defined report that a well-known clerk in the employ of the county gambled \$200 of public funds, and it is stated semi-officially is \$600 ahead of the game, even though his official head must come off. On account of the prominence of his family, his name is refused by the county officials, who announce there will be no prosecution as the sum taken has been returned.

According to the story, the clerk received the amount in one transaction and managed in some way to secrete the receipt. Armed with the financial ammunition, he sought out a faro banker and risked the county funds on his "system" play.

He won and lost the entire amount several times, but was stricken with remorse when about the game and hurried the next day to return the total sum "borrowed." It was then the venture in frenzied finance was discovered and detectives were employed to look up the details. No other sums are missing.

FRANCE DEMANDS INDEMNITY OF THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO Ready to Enforce Satisfaction for the Recent Arrest of an Algerian.

TANGIER, Morocco, Aug. 22.—The French Minister has presented to the Sultan an energetic demand for an indemnity of \$2000 for the recent arrest of a Franco-Algerian citizen. The Minister also demands the punishment of the official responsible for the arrest and an additional indemnity of \$100 daily until the prisoner is released.

It is believed that the Sultan will promptly grant the demands of the Minister, as it is definitely known that the French Government is determined to adopt forcible means to bring the Sultan to terms should satisfaction not be given.

Four Frenchmen while on a promenade about the town to-day were assaulted and robbed by a band of Moors.

KANSAS JUDGE TAKES POISON FOR MEDICINE A. L. Redden, Leading Member of Topeka Bar, Makes Mistake Which Costs His Life.

TOPEKA, Kans., Aug. 22.—Judge A. L. Redden, one of the leading members of the Topeka bar, dropped dead at his home here to-day. On the shelf near where he kept some medicine and in a similar bottle was silver polish containing cyanide of potassium. Or this he took a generous swallow, thinking it the medicine. Death followed instantly.

DODGE DEFENDS FIGURES BEFORE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Los Angeles Supervisors appeared before the State Board of Equalization yesterday and asked that its assessment be reduced. Assessor Dodge objected to any comparisons between Los Angeles and San Francisco. He said property in the south was assessed at 35 per cent of its selling value, while San Francisco property was assessed at 65 per cent.



ALIEN RACES TAKING PLACE OF AMERICANS

Startling Birth Statistics for City of New York.

Special Dispatch to The Call

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Official statistics as to the births in New York in the past year supply some startling figures. Out of a total of 59,196 births only 11,903 were of American parentage. The total, by nationalities, is shown in the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Nationality and No. Includes: Austrian-Hebrew (6,922), Polish and Russian-Hebrew (9,988), Bosnian (322), Canadian (81), English (184), French (121), German (2,396), Irish (2,880), Italian (11,398), Scotch (65), Swiss (46), Swedish (309), American (11,903), Mixed nationality (11,781).

Total 59,196. Of these 29,843 were boys and 29,353 girls. A melancholy fact obtrudes itself into the vital statistics. Of the 56,196 infants born within the year in Manhattan 12,000 are doomed to return within twelve months to the unknown whence they came and 14,500 will never live to reach their fifth birthday.

No better illustration of the cosmopolitan character of New York's population can be afforded than by the tale of the statistics.

MYSTERIOUS POWER CLAIMED BY WOMAN

Asserts It Has Enabled Her to Find Riches in Nevada.

RENO, Aug. 22.—A woman giving her name as Mrs. Mabel Jackson and claiming Chicago as her home arrived at the little town of Mill City yesterday, announcing that she had found a number of rich gold and silver ledges in Humboldt County. She declares that their location had been revealed to her through an occult power possessed only by her self and those who are converted to her religion—a strange sect, the code of which she does not reveal.

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GOLD TOOTH FOR ELEPHANT IN NEW YORK Pound of Chloroform and \$43 Worth of Metal Required.

Special Dispatch to The Call

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Lena, the biggest elephant of the Hippodrome herd, had her tooth filled to-day. She roared and bellowed until those watching thought the building would fall down, and at intervals she sent a small army of men with hooks and ropes sprawling all over the stage of the place, but eventually a liberal dose of chloroform had its effect and she lay quiescent until \$48 worth of gold had been pounded into her defective molar. It required one pound of chloroform to subdue her.

Lena knew something painful was going to happen. She paced the stage like a human being with a toothache, tossing her trunk and letting out bellows that could be heard blocks away. She fought vigorously. After a time, however, her keeper contrived to make her lie down and half a dozen workmen with stout ropes and pulley fastened her to the floor. Then skilled veterinarians framed a funnel of pasteboard covered with absorbent cotton and through this administered chloroform. Lena fought desperately. Although seemingly tied down securely, she wriggled out of the ropes with ease and rose to her feet, carrying the physicians up with her on her back. Another half hour was needed to get her prostrate again and then the doctors pumped the anesthetic into her as fast as they could. Dr. Potter then, with huge instruments, pounded gold into the tooth.

Whitehead Torpedo Adrift. SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—The destroyer Perry lost a Whitehead torpedo while at practice to-day in the bay. After leaving the tube the torpedo traveled about 500 yards. It then sank. A piece of floating driftwood is supposed to have been responsible for its sinking. The war head had been removed, thus rendering it harmless.

FARMER'S BOYS AND GIRLS OF GREAT HEIGHT Tallest Son Stretches Up Seven Feet One Inch.

Special Dispatch to The Call

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 22.—The family of Jans Murra, residing in Winnebago county, is the tallest in Illinois. The father has a farm near Adaline. The combined height of the family of seven persons is forty-five feet, or an average of about six feet five inches.

The father, born in Germany, emigrated to this country and has resided near Adaline since 1868. The oldest daughter, Mrs. John K. Roll, living near Titonka, Iowa, is six feet three inches tall. Jim Murra, aged thirty, who is principal of the school at St. Anne, Ill., is six feet four inches in height.

Richard Murra, aged twenty-eight, teacher of a large district school south of Polo, is the pride of the family. He measures six feet four inches and is well developed, physically and mentally. Everet Murra, aged twenty-six, is the prize-winner as regards height, measuring seven feet one inch. He is a teamster.

Tennie, the youngest daughter, is the wife of Charles Mullin. She is six feet one inch in height. John, the youngest, is only twenty-two years of age. The youngest has not yet attained his growth, being only six feet eight inches tall. He is very slender and it is believed that he will reach the height of his tallest brother.

Big Fire in Portland. PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Fire which started in a restaurant on the north side of East Stark street, about 100 feet east of Union avenue, completely destroyed four blocks in what was the business center of Old East Portland early to-day. The loss is approximately \$150,000. The insurance will probably cover a third of the loss.

With but few exceptions the twenty buildings destroyed were shacks, mostly occupied by Chinese laundries and second-hand stores.

Objects to Comparisons With Los Angeles.

City of Angels Is Seeking a Reduction.

Wants Ten Million Cut From Assessment.

Special Dispatch to The Call

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 22.—The State Board of Equalization consumed the entire session to-day in hearing the application of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County for a reduction of that county's assessment. The Supervisors were represented by O. W. Longden, chairman of the board, and Supervisor J. O. Lowe, a real estate broker. Dr. Washington Dodge, Assessor of San Francisco, was present and engaged in a lively discussion relative to the comparative assessment of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Dodge had come to Sacramento to be present at the hearing to-morrow asked for by the real estate board of San Francisco for the purpose of defending the valuations he had placed on property in the metropolis against criticism by the real estate men.

Chairman Longden of the Board of Supervisors asked for a horizontal reduction of 25 per cent in the Los Angeles assessment as returned by Assessor Ward. Ward gave the total valuation of Los Angeles County as \$237,000,000 and asked that \$10,000,000 of this valuation be taken off. He asserted that the assessment of Los Angeles, on a comparative basis, was far above that of San Francisco.

Supervisor Lowe claimed that from 1898 to 1905, as shown by the assessment returns, improvement in Alameda County have increased \$12,000,000 and improvements in San Francisco \$4,000,000, while the improvements in Los Angeles County have increased \$35,000,000. He said that in 1904 Los Angeles issued \$12,000,000 in building permits and San Francisco \$15,000,000.

Dodge objected to the comparisons made with San Francisco, declaring that Lowe's figures took in the twenty-two incorporated cities and towns included in Los Angeles County, while the San Francisco figures stood for that city alone. Supervisor Lowe said Assessor Ward had made an assessment which was higher than conditions justified. Dodge said the Los Angeles Assessor had failed to assess local service corporations, which in San Francisco he (Dodge) had assessed \$20,000,000. Dodge said he had not brought evidence against Los Angeles, but was prepared to combat any unjust comparisons.

Dodge said when he heard Los Angeles representatives were in San Francisco securing data on assessments he went to Los Angeles for a similar purpose. He had applied various tests and discovered that in Los Angeles property was assessed only at 35 per cent of its selling value, while in San Francisco the assessment is 65 per cent. On Market street, San Francisco, the assessment of the Blythe block is \$530 a front foot, as against \$1400 a foot on Spring street, Los Angeles.

While no action was taken before adjournment this evening, it is believed the board will sustain Assessor Ward's figures. San Francisco will be heard to-morrow.

COWBOY MINER REACHES THIS CITY UNHERALDED

Walter Scott of Death Valley Brings Reputation, Dog and Money to Incarnadine Town.

"Scotty" has arrived in San Francisco. He came in last night on the coast train and took himself and dog and money to the city. He intends to "rest up a bit" before daubing the crimson on the town. From the cold reception given him by the Eastern press during his whirlwind tour of the big cities he was loath to make known a schedule of his fun here, lest some of the other mining aristocracy outside his alleged spectacular show of wealth.

Walter Scott, the mystery from Death Valley, came unheralded and but for the reputation he made in not spending the money he talked of in Chicago he would have received no notice from the curious public that scans the register for "notables."

"I got mine here to see the town," he said last night, "and want to rest up before there is something done. My health has been bad since I made that fast trip from Los Angeles to Chicago, but I will do a little of this part of the State in which I made the rocks before leaving here."

THREE PERSONS KILLED IN A WRECK IN KANSAS

TOPEKA, Kans., Aug. 22.—Three persons were killed shortly after 1 o'clock this morning in a head-on collision between two Union Pacific freight trains one and half miles west of Topeka.

The dead: William H. Gibson, engineer, Kansas City, Kans.; J. Olsson, fireman, Clarence, Kan. The three men killed were members of the crew of an extra eastbound freight train, which crashed into the second section of a regular westbound train at a sharp curve.