

RELEASING THE INSANE A MYSTERY

Sensation Threatens in the Dell Incompetency Case in the Contra Costa Court and Judge Investigates

OUTSIDE ATTORNEY IS VERY ACTIVE

Judge Wells Orders the Old Man Before Him and Starts a Thorough Examination of Odd Appearing Methods

OAKLAND, Oct. 22.—A case is on trial before Judge Wells in the Superior Court of Contra Costa County which is expected to develop a sensation that may reach to other parts of the State than the quiet town of Martinez.

The case is over the competency of Walter K. Dell, an old-time and aged resident of Contra Costa County, but behind the technical legal proceedings there is said to be a scheme to get control of the estates of a large number of people who have been committed to asylums in this State.

Dell has lived near the town of Pacheco for many years. Some time ago he was declared insane by the Superior Court of Contra Costa County and sent to the Stockton Asylum. L. C. Whittamper was appointed the guardian of his estate. Whittamper died some time since and Mrs. Isabelle Dell, the wife, was appointed guardian and managed the property very successfully.

Suddenly an application was made by C. W. Eastin, a San Francisco attorney, in the Superior Court of San Joaquin County for a writ of habeas corpus for Dell. The application was not made upon behalf of any member of the family or any of the friends of the man in the asylum. Eastin demanded that another examination be given the old man and the court at Stockton adjudged him sane.

Then Eastin began proceedings in Contra Costa county before Judge Wells to set aside the Stockton proceedings and to have the old man restored to the management of his property. The hearing upon this came up before Judge Wells on Monday last.

Judge Wells wanted to know something of the reason for the interest of Eastin in the matter, and he questioned the San Francisco attorney very carefully.

"Where is Dell now?" demanded the judge.

"Under my care in San Francisco," replied Eastin.

"I order you to produce him in court for a further examination," said Judge Wells.

Eastin has been stated in connection with this case that a list has been made in San Francisco of all the inmates of the different asylums in the State who are not violently insane and who have property, and that proceedings like those in the Dell case will be commenced in each of these other cases. Habeas corpus proceedings will be resorted to and the control of the property will be secured through guardianship proceedings.

The friends of Mrs. Dell assert that she is the proper person to have control of the estate, and there is no reason why he should be under the control of any stranger in San Francisco. They also say that Dell has worked as a gardener with strangers who have secured a control over him by persuading him that they were responsible for securing his release from the asylum.

Judge Wells is going to make an investigation into this case and will have Dell before him, together with the wife, who is still her husband's guardian. The interest that has been shown by Eastin in the case of a stranger will be inquired into.

The case has only reached a stage of legal technicalities up to the present time, but the next hearing is likely to develop something more. Eastin has merely made a motion to have the insanity and guardianship proceedings set aside upon the ground that the petition upon which Dell was declared incompetent was not verified. But the rumor that this is but one of a great many cases of a similar nature that will be taken up all over the State is under the surface of the proceeding and is likely to come out at any time.

ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN ENTERTAINED IN ROME

San Francisco Prelate the Guest of the American College at Luncheon.

ORGAN OF THE VATICAN PRAISES THE PRESIDENT

Devotes Leading Editorial to His Speeches in the Southern States.

ROME, Oct. 22.—The Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, devotes a leading editorial to the speeches made by President Roosevelt on his journey through the South. The editorial says:

All selfish politeness and read with pleasure his healthy and strong words, extraneous to competing violent presumptions, expressed before the whole world.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE PACIFIC

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SHOOT SPOUSE AND BROTHER

Jealousy Brings About a Tragedy in the Home of a Constable in Soledad

SHERIFF IS NOTIFIED

Bullet Strikes Woman in the Thigh and Man Is Wounded in Neck and Shoulder

SALINAS, Oct. 22.—Sheriff Nesbitt was notified by telephone to-night that William McPhie, Constable of Soledad, twenty-eight miles south of this city, had late last night shot his wife in the right thigh and hand and his brother John in the shoulder and neck. The Sheriff believes jealousy caused the shooting. John McPhie, the man who was shot, is an ex-convict and has been causing trouble. It is stated, in his brother's family. It is not known how badly the man and woman are injured.

NO ODOR OF OIL AT UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Chicago's Great Institution of Learning Declares Dolliver Errs

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—That there is no taint of moral in the teachings of the University of Chicago professor and that Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa is altogether wild in his statements was the general opinion expressed to-day by midday faculty members. This reply came in answer to the attack made on the university by the Senator in speeches delivered last night at Sedan, Kansas, in which he said that the influence of John D. Rockefeller's millions permeated the teachings of the university until the campus smelled like a "Kansas oil town."

The university professors also deny that a man who comes to the university to teach ever has to change his views to correspond with the so-called Rockefeller influence.

Senator Dolliver, who based his charge on a book written by Professor Myers of the University of Wisconsin, favoring the regulation of railway rates, claims that the professor was forced to change his views when he took a position as instructor at the University of Chicago, as shown by his last book in opposition to the regulation of rates.

The mistake lies with Senator Dolliver, say the University professors, for the Professor Myers he mentions never held any position on the midday faculty. It was Balthasar H. Myers, they say, who wrote the book at Wisconsin University favoring rate regulation; but it was Hugo R. Meyer of Harvard, who spent a few years in the city in research, who wrote the book in opposition to rate regulation. This Professor Meyer was instructor at the university for six months last year, but has not been in residence since that time.

CITY OF ANTWERP TO BE FORTIFIED

Twenty-One Millions May Be Spent to Make It Impregnable.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 22.—The autumn session of Parliament, which opened Wednesday last, promises to be an eventful one. The question of fortifying Antwerp and making that city practically impregnable against a hostile fleet is the first important matter to be considered. The plan of the Government for a new advanced line of fortifications will entail an expenditure of \$21,600,000, and in conjunction with the building of these fortifications, it is proposed to enlarge the Antwerp docks to about twice their present size. The Government bill probably will pass, notwithstanding the opposition to the heavy expense involved.

The question of the definite status of the Congo Independent State will also be considered. The impression prevails in diplomatic circles that the Governments of Great Britain and Germany wish to terminate the reign of King Leopold as absolute sovereign of the Congo Independent State and to oblige Belgium to definitely annex the state. It is probable that if asked to take final action, both houses of Parliament will give substantial majorities to the annexation of the Congo as an integral part of the kingdom of Belgium.

SETTLERS FROM MINNESOTA REACH TOWN OF GRIDLEY

Eight Families, With Twenty Children, to Establish New Homes in the County.

GRIDLEY, Oct. 22.—The influx of settlers to this place seemed to have reached the limit to-night, when a carload of settlers from Minneapolis arrived. The party consists of eight families, in which there are twenty children. They will establish homes here.

Accused a Witness of Error.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 22.—In behalf of John Jacob Astor and Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose names were mentioned in testimony given at a hearing in New York on Friday on proceedings instituted by William E. Franklin and George L. Scott against Joseph H. Lewis and others to recover \$65,500, Lewis Cass Ledyard issued a statement here to-night in which it was denied that either Vanderbilt or Astor ever owned stock of the International Power Company, as stated by a witness.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BURN WAREHOUSE

Vigilance of Watchman Foils the Plan of Gilroy Incendiary.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 22.—An attempt to set fire to the big fruit warehouse of H. D. Curtis at Los Gatos, in which 125 tons of fruit is stored, was frustrated by a watchman Saturday night after a fight with the would-be incendiary. The warehouse, situated in the center of the business section of the town, adjoins the Los Gatos cannery and had the attempt been successful a most disastrous conflagration would have resulted.

In the Curtis warehouse four cans of coal oil, punctured so that the sun-drying fruit sacks, excelsior and flooring were saturated with the fluid, were discovered by the watchman early Saturday night.

At midnight a man was seen approaching the warehouse, and the watchman attempted to capture him without using their guns. The man put up a hard fight and finally managed to escape in the darkness.

JESUIT FATHER GIVES RESULTS OF OBSERVATIONS Tells of Size of Sunspots and Announces Increased Solar Activity.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 22.—Rev. Father Joseph Ricard, S. J., of the Santa Clara college astronomer, announced this evening the result of his observations of a group of sunspots, the discovery of which was announced several weeks ago. Father Ricard calculates the length of the entire group at 144,415 miles, with a width of 115,532 miles. The astronomer announces increased solar activity, with a probability that two new spots, first noted last Friday, will exceed in size any hitherto observed.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE IN CITY OF ROSES.

Grand Officers and Members of Catholic Order Exemplify Its New Ritual.



SANTA ROSA, Oct. 22.—Rev. Father J. M. Cassin, rector of the Church of St. Rose in this city, addressed the visiting grand officers and many members of the Young Men's Institute, who attended high mass this morning. The visitors were here to initiate a large class into the order, and include some two hundred or more members of the order from San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, San Rafael, Petaluma and Sonoma and the surrounding country as well as the grand officers.

The visitors arrived on a special train at 10:30 and were met at the depot by Santa Rosa Council, No. 308, with a band. There was a parade through the principal streets of the city, after which all went to the church for the service. There was special music of a high order provided by the choir, consisting of Mrs. J. P. Berry, leader, and Mrs. A. T. Woodward, Mrs. A. S. Rodgers, Mrs. D. R. Gale, Mrs. J. D. Davis, Frank Carroll Giffen, Paul Clary, W. E. Woodward and J. C. O'Donnell.

Father Cassin in his address spoke of the peculiar circumstances and unusualness of his facing a strange audience in his own church, but declared that wherever one went of the Catholic faith he was sure to find the same religion and modes of worship. The same was true, he said, regarding the time, whether 500 years ago, to-day, or 500 years hence. "This is the age," said he, "when the church needs energetic laymen. This gives you young men a great field of labor. Some think the priest should do all the work of the church. This is not so. There is a place for every layman in his sphere. Your society was organized for the purpose of training the young men for the work of the church and its spread all over this country and to Alaska and the islands of the sea. It proves how much it was needed and how well it is doing its work."

This afternoon the grand officers and the visiting degree team initiated a class into the membership of the order, using the work of the new third-degree ritual for the first time in this part of the State. The grand officers present included Past Grand President Judge A. F. St. Sure, James J. Fitzgerald, Grand President Charles J. Willey, Grand First Vice President John Burke, Grand Secretary George A. Stanley and Grand Directors John E. Richards and Dr. Morris.

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BANDITS STEAL RAILROAD'S COIN

Two Masked Men Bind and Gag Employes of Line and Make Away With Cash

ABOUT \$500 IS TAKEN

Thieves Break Open Box Into Which the Conductors Put the Receipts of the Day

SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—Two masked bandits at 4 o'clock this morning entered the Madison-street power-house of the Seattle Electric Company, bound and gagged Michael Boyle, a lamp-cleaner, and E. J. Cole, a fireman, the only persons in that part of the building, and then broke into and robbed the deposit box of the company of \$500. They made their escape.

Boyle was alone in the carhouse when the highwaymen entered quietly. Before he was aware of their presence they had presented guns at his head and commanded him to keep quiet. While one man still covered him the other secured a rope and bound him hand and foot. A gag was then placed in his mouth and he was thrown on the floor of a car. At this time Cole entered from the engine-room and was put through the same programme, with the exception that he was bound to another car. The robbers then secured tools from the chest and wrecked the deposit box, where conductors, on going off duty at midnight, drop their money, tied up in sacks. The bandits secured about twenty sacks.

TWO-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS BURNED TO DEATH

Tot Plays With Matches and Her Clothes Become Ignited.

TACOMA, Oct. 22.—Cambria Hardin, aged two years, was burned to death yesterday near Marletta. The little girl was alone, having gone into the yard to play before breakfast. She had secured some matches and, in playing with them, ignited her clothes. Her screams brought her parents, but their assistance was too late.

SHOTS HERSELF IN THE HEAD AFTER FIGHTING WITH SPOUSE

Suicide of Young Wife Follows a Quarrel Between a Petaluma Couple.

PETALUMA, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Lulu Truelove, wife of C. L. Truelove, a clerk in Hale Bros. employ, committed suicide at her home here early this morning. Jealousy prompted the deed. With her husband she returned home from a party. They quarreled and the wife shot herself in the head, dying two hours later. The deceased's father, William H. Hyde, lives at Pueblo, Colo., and her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Hopping, lives at Santa Rosa. Mrs. Truelove was 25 years of age and a native of Colorado.

SAILORS SCARCE IN THE NORTH

Mariners and Railroad Laborers Are Badly Needed in Sound Ports and Alaska

TACOMA, Oct. 22.—Both sailors and railroad laborers are very scarce in Washington and Oregon. This is the natural result of the great amount of railroad building now in progress, together with the employment of the maximum number of sailing vessels to carry away the grain and lumber products of the Pacific Northwest. Frank Kelley, employment agent of the Alaska Central Railroad, has arrived from Seward to engage 300 workmen, who will be sent north as fast as possible. They are to replace 300 laborers who have left railroad work to stampee to the Yentna gold diggings, recently discovered south of Mount Foraker in Seward Valley. The exodus to Yentna started in September, when one miner arrived at Seward with \$400 in gold as the result of five weeks' work.

Sailors are so scarce on Puget Sound as to cause difficulty in securing crews for every departing vessel. The ship John Currier, sailing yesterday, spent nearly two weeks at Port Townsend obtaining a crew. The ships Gienalvon and Helensburg have had difficulty in obtaining crews in Tacoma. Sailor boarding-house keepers offer no hope of improvement, since incoming fleets comprise tramp steamships, whose crews will not leave for sailing vessels.

FLYING CABLE STRIKES MAN AND HURLS HIM TO DEATH

Foreman of a Washington Logging Camp Is Killed While Hauling Logs.

TACOMA, Oct. 22.—Joseph Garrison, foreman of a logging camp at Thordyke, Hood's Canal, was killed yesterday by the breaking of the gearing by which logs are hauled by a donkey engine. The flying cable escaped from high tension, wrapped itself around Garrison and hurled him against a log three feet away. His left temple was crushed in against a sharp knot. He leaves a widow and two children.

FATAL QUARREL BETWEEN TWO MINERS WAITING FOR THEIR PAY

Fight Over Position in Line and One Sends Bullet into Groin of the Other.

TACOMA, Oct. 22.—At Cleelum last night John Heinszeling and Erostasta Regazzi, Roslyn miners, quarreled over their place in line while receiving pay checks. Regazzi whipped out a pistol and shot Heinszeling in the abdomen near the groin. The injured man died in thirty minutes. Regazzi was jailed.

DESPONDENT BREWER TRIES TO END LIFE WITH A KNIFE Terminates a Protracted Spree by Cutting a Gash in His Throat.

GILROY, Oct. 22.—Christopher Ehrli, a brewer, attempted suicide to-day by cutting his throat with a pocket-knife. He was taken to the County Hospital. He probably will recover. Ehrli had been on a protracted spree and was dependent on account of lack of employment.

BIG FIRE DUE TO CIGARETTES

Town of Sparks in Nevada Visited by Conflagration That Causes \$40,000 Loss

AID ASKED FROM RENO

Blaze Starts in Two-Story Building and the Structure Is Totally Destroyed

RENO, Oct. 22.—Sparks, the thriving railroad city located four miles east of here, was visited by the most disastrous fire in its history this morning. The two-story brick building owned by George Robinson was completely destroyed, causing a loss of more than \$40,000, only slightly insured. It is believed that the fire was caused by a cigarette dropped among a pile of rubbish in a dressing-room on the second floor the previous night. This was fanned into a blaze by a draft through an open window. It was 9 o'clock when the fire was discovered.

Reno was asked to send engines, but through a misunderstanding with the railroad company no means of taking the fire apparatus to the town was provided and the big building burned while the people looked helplessly on.

TOO MUCH RED WINE BREAKS UP A PARTY

Blows Are Exchanged and Shots Fired in San Luis Obispo Home.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, October 22.—Home made wine caused a row in the Spanish quarter at an early hour this morning. The scene of the row was at the residence of Simon Cota, who was entertaining his friends at a dance. Frank Olivera started the ball rolling by knocking down John O'Neal. He then knocked down Ignatio Cordova, and the latter opened fire with a revolver and poured a perfect fusillade of bullets into the crowd which assembled. The members of the weaker sex fled in fear and the police were notified. City Marshal William G. Johnson discovered that Cordova and J. Ruise had miraculously escaped death. The shots penetrated their shoes without injuring them.

SALINAS POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE CAUGHT INCENDIARY

Attempt of Old Offender to Smuggle Whisky Into Jail Leads to His Arrest.

SALINAS, Oct. 22.—A man giving the name of Stewart, who was recognized as an old offender, called at the jail last night and made an attempt to smuggle whisky inside. Constable Robinson recognized him from a description as the fellow wanted for trying to burn the new passenger depot here, and placed him under arrest.

Two brakemen who had attempted to arrest the man at the time of the fire have fully identified the prisoner as the incendiary.

TO-DAY IS THE DAY

Clark Wise & Co. Open Their Piano Clubs.

A New Life Begins in the Home With a Good Piano.

As announced in yesterday's Call, Chronicle and Examiner, our piano clubs open this morning. We have every reason to expect that many pianos will be selected in the different clubs to-day, and why not? Can you make money easier than by saving it? True, we have a large number of pianos to sell, but if those who contemplate the purchase of a piano could only appreciate just what our offer means to them, there certainly would be a big hole made in our stock before ten o'clock to-night. This is the first time the purchase of a piano has been made possible by means of clubs conducted along the broad, liberal lines on which our clubs have been outlined.

CLUB "W." \$302.00. This club includes pianos built by some of the most progressive piano-makers of the United States, the regular prices of which have never been less than \$300.00. Club members can obtain them for \$302.00, \$15.00 down and \$1.50 weekly.

CLUB "L." \$255.00. Consists of pianos that when purchased in the ordinary way retail at \$250.00; club members get them for \$255.00, \$20.00 down and \$2.00 weekly.

CLUB "S." \$310.00. Our price has always been \$400.00, which is a vast difference between \$450.00 and \$300.00. You can take your choice of these instruments in beautiful burr walnut, San Domingo mahogany, golden oak or weathered oak for \$310.00, paying \$25.00 down and \$2.50 each week.

CLUB "E." SAVES \$100.00. These instruments represent the finest creations of the piano-maker's art, and are no doubt as beautiful a lot of instruments as were ever shown on any dealer's floor. They retail ordinarily at prices ranging from \$500.00 to \$750.00. By joining a club you save \$100.00; pay \$40.00 down and \$2.00 per week.

GUARANTEE. Do not think because the pianos are low in price that they are cheap pianos. There is a vast difference between "cheap pianos" and "pianos cheap." If you buy a piano of us and it does not prove satisfactory to the last degree we ask you to come in and choose another in its place. There isn't any string attached to that statement. We are as anxious as you can possibly be to have you possess a piano that will be a credit to your home and the store that sold it. No matter how little you pay, you get a GOOD piano; no matter how much you pay, you get your money's worth. We won't let you pay more than is just nor less than is safe.

DELIVERY. Will be made at once upon selection of piano. You do not have to wait for "strum," we pay cost of delivery to all points around the bay.

OLD PIANOS. Will be accepted in part payment and credited at their full commercial value.

DON'T DELAY. Call at once, this morning or this afternoon, but if you cannot come either of these times bring the family notes to-night. We will be glad to see you, and this is a matter to which you must attend at once.

CLARK WISE & CO., 126 Geary St., Opp. City of Paris Dry Goods Co. Store open evenings this week.

SNEAK THIEVES AT WORK.—Carl Walter, 240 Ritch street, reported to the police yesterday that some one opened his kitchen door on Saturday night and stole pillow cases, towels and other articles of the value of \$1. Nicholas Trouvas, 1186 Market street, and E. Nevill, 213 Sutter street, reported that their bicycles were stolen on Saturday afternoon.

Suits to Order \$15

A Special Lot of Fall Woolens Reduced in Price for This Occasion

Owing to the unexpected trade a short time ago in our \$15 made-to-order suits we found that the line of patterns became somewhat reduced.

Previous to the arrival of new patterns which we expect soon we are selling several of our regular \$17.50 goods for \$15.00.

These circumstances should serve as a means of getting us many new customers attracted by the extra inducement. So in order to offer an out-of-the-ordinary value we decided to give the customers for all \$15 suits the same workmanship and material we regularly put in our \$17.50 garments.

In ordering now you thus get a special value: a \$17.50 suit for \$15 and the suit is made up in our usual \$17.50 way.

Come in to-day and be measured. Our cutters and tailors will start the suit at once. By the end of the week you will have a good fitting, stylish fall suit made to your measure for \$15.00.

These suits can be ordered by out-of-town customers;—write for self-measuring blank and sample. Write to-day, as the suit must be ordered this week.

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