

AGED MOTHER FEARS PUBLIC OPINION CASE

Mrs. Bell Can See Only Dark Prospect in Store for Her Daughter-Slayer

Decrepit Product of Barren Hills Pessimistic Over Result of the Trial

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And austere through the ordeal. Her fingers tapped on the arm of her chair. She did not turn to comfort her daughter. She sat like some statue of dumb sorrow, while the girl by her side shed the first tears that have fallen in the county courtroom since Alma Bell went on trial for the murder of her lover.

The question put by Hamilton and the way he put it seemed cruel and remorseless. But there is ample ground, according to evidence in the hands of District Attorney C. A. Tuttle, to show that Alma Bell was not giving the favor of her friendship solely to Joe Armes, her reputed fiancé, during the period shortly before the murder.

The district attorney's office holds a number of letters received by the girl during the month immediately preceding the shooting from a correspondent named "Carl," which letters arranged, it is said, for a number of meetings between Alma Bell and Carl. The letters were introduced as evidence at the preliminary hearing and may be used at the trial.

The infirm old mother would not go to her sobbing daughter for several moments. She might have been exercising a stoic discipline over the girl, over whose future she entertains no illusions. She sat relaxed and went to the table and brought a glass of water to Alma. She drank it and braced herself. But the moment of trouble was over. Hamilton had finished and the tedious routine of the trial was taken up and the girl turned again toward the courtroom listlessly to watch the proceedings.

The aged mother of Alma came in during the morning session of the trial. She is not so tall as her daughter, she gives the idea of being larger. She is heavier and has evidently been a woman of formidable strength.

There were no forebodings about the old woman from Rock Creek. Her dress had the plainness of the bare mountains. She walked slowly and heavily, for she has been chronic heart trouble. A person with a weak heart is out of place in a room where her daughter is on trial for murder.

GIRL GREETED MOTHER Alma sat still while her mother advanced across the courtroom floor. The girl smiled feebly and when her mother came near she raised her hand and waved affectionately. Then they sat together with their fingers linked.

At intervals they exchanged a few words, until Hamilton's question broke the girl's indifference. "For 46 years Mrs. Bell has lived on a barren 160 acres located at Rock Creek, four miles from here.

There she has labored with her turkeys and her cows. And she has aged and her face is seamed with wrinkles and tanned and yellow from exposure. At the noon recess she talked of the trial. She has the pessimism of age, which is a dull and hopeless theory of life.

"I have had much trouble in my life," she said, "but it has all come since the death of my husband. I buried six children, four of them within a few weeks. They lie buried up there on the hill."

The woman pointed a yellow hand toward the window in the direction of the cemetery. "My husband is buried there, too."

"What are your plans for Alma after she is acquitted?" the mother was asked.

"She might not be acquitted," said the old woman, her voice weak and her eyes watering.

"Don't you think she will be?"

"No, I am not sure of that," reiterated the woman. "I fear that she will be convicted. I know, because I have troubles with Joe until after the shooting. I fear she will be convicted."

Mrs. Bell came to California from Missouri in 1859, "on the first through train" she said. "There is a mine on it from which \$150,000 has been taken. My husband made that much out of it."

Mrs. Bell was not at the afternoon session of the case. Her chronic complaint had attacked her again and she returned to the barren home ranch, where she was happy until her husband died.

WOMEN SPECTATORS INCREASE There were more women in court when the Bell trial started this morning than on any day since its inception. The mother of the slain important evidence was in court with Mrs. Foster, mother of pretty Minnie Foster, the reputed rival of Alma. Minnie was also in court with Mrs. Armes, and there were several other women friends. Women residents of Auburn, who for the most part, have kept away from the courtroom, appeared today in considerable number.

Two jurors were passed at the morning session subject to peremptory challenge. They were J. J. Phillips of Roseville and William Donald. For the most part the jurors were favorable to the girl, C. H. Brainerd being the most decided in expressing his sympathy. He was excused. A. E. Sonnevill of Roseville, who was a member of the Modoc county jury which tried the lynching case three or four years ago, was drawn on a panel today, but was excused for cause. He had an opinion favorable to the defendant.

The afternoon was wasted, as there were no witnesses to present and the absence of the witnesses. The opening for the prosecution it is believed will be formal. The fact of the death of Joe Armes and the material point that she was shot by Alma Bell will be established. The most important evidence will be the admission of the statements Alma Bell made to Sheriff McAulay at the time of her arrest, in which she declared that she had premeditated the death of Armes and that she was glad he was dead.

Only two jurors appeared at the night session and they were promptly disqualified. There have been 106 witnesses examined, six sworn and five temporarily passed.

The prosecution will not ask that capital punishment be inflicted. "I would not live in a state where women could be hanged," declared Special Prosecutor Hamilton today.

ROBERTO Zelaya Nicaragua Rebels Lose Town Steinheil Prosecution Ends

ZELAYA REPORTS SUCCESS OF ARMY (Greytown Is Recovered From Rebels by Government Troops in Nicaragua)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 12.—A cable message from President Zelaya of Nicaragua, received by Consul General Altech here tonight, states that the government forces recovered San Juan del Norte, or Greytown, Thursday. No mention was made in the message of a battle in connection with the occupation of the town.

RAINFALL IN AMERICAN SAMOA BELOW NORMAL Cruiser Annapolis Will Go to Auckland for Repairs

TUTUILA, Oct. 14, via San Francisco, Nov. 12.—This year has proved the driest ever known in American Samoa. The total rainfall will not exceed 120 inches.

The United States cruiser Annapolis will probably visit Auckland, New Zealand, late this year for docking and repairs and to afford a change of climate for the crew and the officers of the vessel.

Prof. Henry E. Crampton of Columbia University, accompanied by his family, are returning to the United States via Suva, Fiji.

ALL IN ROOSEVELT PARTY IN GOOD HEALTH Courier Brings Word From the Hunting Expedition

NAKURU, Nalvasia Province, British East Africa, Nov. 12.—A courier who arrived here today from Gaus Ingishu plateau reported that all members of the American hunting expedition now in the plateau were well. A careful scrutiny of cable dispatches sent out from here during the last several days proves that the rumor that the expedition had been killed by an accident did not originate here.

FRENCH CLERGY REFUSE TO ABSOLVE CHILDREN Penalty for Using Text Books Under Ban of Church

NANTES, France, Nov. 12.—The Catholic clergy here today refused absolution to Catholic children in the public schools who are using the text books interdicted by the church. This is in fulfillment of a warning sounded when the church put its ban upon certain books used in the public schools which were held to be offensive to Catholicism.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN DECORATES KITCHENER TOKYO, Nov. 12.—Field Marshal Lord Kitchener has received from the emperor the grand cordon of the rising sun. Lord Kitchener has been entertained on a grand scale during his stay here and upon his visit to Nikko where he witnessed the maneuvers of the Japanese army.

CHILE PLANS WARSHIPS TO COST \$14,000,000 SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 12.—The naval building program decided upon by the Chilean government, provided for the construction of one battleship, four torpedo boat destroyers and two submarines at a total cost of \$14,000,000.

DEMANDS ACCOUNTING OF REFUGEE'S ESTATE Trust Company Sues for Rentals From Alameda Property

OAKLAND, Nov. 12.—The Union trust company of San Francisco filed action today to recover possession of residence property in Alameda, valued at \$7,000, and for an accounting of rents, against Emily, Helen M. and Catherine E. Stuparich. The trust company is trustee of the estate of Joseph Gassman, who was last seen traveling eastward with refugees after the San Francisco fire. The defendants are heirs of Gassman's wife, who died in November of last year, leaving a will which attempted to devise their community property. The entire value was \$60,000.

Judge Coffey of San Francisco refused to admit her will to probate on the ground that proof of the death of her husband was lacking and that if he were alive he would inherit the estate. The Union trust company was appointed trustee.

The complaint recited that the defendants, with Hammond & Hammond, real estate agents, had taken possession of houses built by Mrs. Gassman and had failed to account for rentals.

AGED MAN IS ACCUSED OF HYPNOTIZING GIRL Parents Say Candy Store Patron Caused Her Insanity

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDDING, Nov. 12.—A startling explanation as to the cause for insanity of Miss Alice Carson, aged 19, who was today sent to the Napa hospital, is told by the girl's parents and friends. It is claimed that her mind was affected by being hypnotized by an old man, whose name is not given.

Miss Carson is a graduate of the Shasta high school and has always been considered an exceptionally bright girl. She has been employed at a local candy store, and it was here that she met the man who, it is alleged, hypnotized her.

She made two or three attempts to kill her mother recently and has since disowned her mother entirely, insisting that she does not know her.

WRESTLER ITO THROWS BRAUN SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—Prof. Tokogoro Ito, a Japanese of Seattle, made short work of George Braun of San Francisco in a Jiu Jitsu match here tonight. The Japanese defeated his white antagonist in two straight falls, taking the first in 2 minutes 22 seconds, and the second in 43 seconds flat. In both instances the struggle held was used. The services of three physicians were required to revive Braun after the second fall.

KILLED BY WOMAN—Detroit, Mich., Nov. 12.—Samuel F. Moran, farm manager of a large estate in Bloomfield hills near here, died today from being shot, according to his dring statement by Miss Bertha Litvay. The woman wanted to marry him, Moran said, and shot him because he refused her. Miss Litvay, who was the cook at the farm, is in jail.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN COLEAT TROOP MEET

Auditorium Packed When Young Athletes Appear in Final League Contests

John Swett School Wins and Eight Records Are Broken by Youngsters

John Swett, 27 Horace Mann, 5 Pacific Heights, 18 Irving M. Scott, 5 Crocker, 11 Laguna Honda, 5 Hamilton, 3 Henry, 4 Bernal, 3 James Lick, 3 Spring Valley, 3 Washington, 3 Bay View, 1 Richmond, 1 Bergeret.

The speedy young athletes from the John Swett grammar school walked off with first honors last night at the final indoor meet of the Public Schools athletic league at the Auditorium, and for first time in the history of grammar school athletics in this city the Crocker school met defeat at the hands of their opponents, John Swett and Pacific Heights.

The Auditorium was packed to its limit with a mass of howling young enthusiasts, and from start to finish the roar was deafening. The rooting of the three leading schools being the most prominent. Each one had its yell leaders whose work would have done credit to their older college brothers. Eight records were smashed and most of the boys were new to the sport.

The 95 pound high jump 1 1/2 inches, Jensen of Crocker added 8 inches to the 115 pound broad jump class, Marsh of Pacific Heights added 4 inches to his own record in the unlimited high jump and took 4-5 of a second off his quarter record, Gavigan of Bergeret clipped 1-8 seconds off the 220 yard 115 pound class record, held by Nounart, of the Hamilton school, took 2-1-5 seconds from his own record in the 95 pound relay, Bergeret lowered Crocker's 115 pound relay 2-3-5 seconds and the wonderful 880 relay team of John Swett cut its own record 6-1-5 seconds.

The meet was well handled by the league officials. T. R. Bannerman of the board of education presented the medals to the winners.

Standing broad jump, 80 pound class—Won by E. Kurlin, S. V. J. Sims, Franklin, second; H. Koester, J. S., third. Distance, 7 feet 3 inches.

Running high jump, 95 pound class—Won by Green, H. M., donaldson, second; Maloy, R., third. Distance, 2 feet 11 1/2 inches.

Standing broad jump, 115 pound class—Won by A. Jensen, C. L. Hansen, B. V., second; G. Stafford, Franklin, third. Distance, 8 feet 2 inches.

Running high jump, unlimited class—Won by H. Marsh, P. H., McKittick, J. S., second; Maloy, R., third. Distance, 4 feet 9 1/2 inches.

50 yard dash, 80 pound class, trials—First heat won by R. Davis, B. V. Douglass, C. second. Time, 6-2-5. Second heat—Won by S. J. S. Brugge, Ber., second. Time, 6-3-5.

100 yard dash unlimited class, trials—First heat won by S. J. S. Brugge, second. Time, 1-11-5. Second heat—Won by Alvarado J. S., Peterson, B., second. Time, 1-11-5.

40 yard relay, 80 pound class, trials—First heat won by Crocker; Bergeret, second. Time, 1-11-5. Second heat—Won by John Swett; Columbia, second. Time, 1-11-5.

80 yard relay, 95 pound class, trials—First heat won by Laguna Honda; Columbia, second. Time, 1-11-5. Second heat—Won by Irving M. Scott; Washington, second. Time, 1-11-5. Third heat—Won by John Swett; Pacific Heights, second. Time, 1-11-5.

150 yard relay, 115 pound class, trials—First heat—Won by Bergeret; John Swett, second. Time, 2-02-5. Second heat—Won by Hays; James Lick, second. Time, 2-02-5.

220 yard dash, 95 pound class, trials—First heat—Won by Vallette, C. B., Billanos, W. S., second. Time, 3-04-5. Second heat—Won by Young, H., Gavigan, Bergeret, second. Time, 2-25-5.

50 yard dash, 80 pound class, final—Won by Laist, J. S., Davis, B. V., second; Brugge, Bergeret, third. Time, 6-2-5 seconds.

40 yard relay, 80 pound class, final—Won by Laguna Honda; Columbia, second. Time, 1-09-5. Second heat—Won by Irving M. Scott; Washington, second. Time, 1-09-5.

880 yard relay, unlimited class, final—Won by John Swett; Crocker, second; Spring Valley, third. Time, 1-56.

FIRST TROUSERS AROUSE AMBITION

Lad Discards Knickerbockers and Thereupon Determines to Make His Way Alone

Police Think They Have Explanation for Disappearance of 14 Year Old Boy

Has the mystery of the disappearance of 14 year old George Roberts of 4046 Twentieth street, who was missed from his home Sunday, been solved? The police believe it has, though the whereabouts of the lad are still unknown.

The answer is, according to the police theory, that the boy has run away, under the stimulus of a very worthy but mistaken desire to make a place of his own in the busy world, in order to assist financially his aunt and guardian, Mrs. Fannie Underwood, without realizing in the joy of his resolve, the anxiety that his action has caused his aunt.

At the time of his disappearance George Roberts was the proud wearer of his first suit of long trousers. He had served in the choir at St. John's Episcopal church Sunday morning, and had planned to join his aunt at a residence in Green street near Fillmore, where she was nursing. He went home to his mother's care, carrying a coat and pair of trousers, and that he had said he was working for a cleaning establishment. Despite their efforts, however, the police and juvenile court officers have been unable to find the lad.

"I do not fear that any harm has befallen George," said Mrs. Underwood yesterday. "He hated school, and had but he is not a bad boy. He has often told me that when he could go to work he would help me, and I would not have to go out so much to nurse. I insisted that he stay in school, and I think he has run away just so he could go to work."

"He had on his first pair of long trousers, and was very proud of them, and I believe he must have felt the time had come for him to strike out. I feel that I shall hear from him eventually, but the anxiety is distressing me greatly, and I must find him soon."

"The missing boy was dressed in a new blue suit, with an invisible stripe, a soft, black, round hat and a new pair of shoes. He is bright, speaks with a slight English accent and is polite in his address. His teeth are in bad condition and are noticeable in this respect.

George Roberts, Missing From Home



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PROMPT ACTION SAVES FLATS FROM DESTRUCTION

Fire Discovered in Time to Prevent a Serious Loss

Prompt action on the part of pedestrians and efficient work by the members of the fire department prevented serious loss by fire in the home of Charles F. Kane, 2321 Fifteenth street, shortly after 6 o'clock last night. As it was damage to the Kane household was sustained to the amount of nearly \$1,000.

The fire, the origin of which has not been ascertained, broke out in the kitchen of the Kane residence, when the Kanes were away from home. It had eaten its way into the dining room and was smoldering beneath the floor of the kitchen when it was noticed by Mrs. N. M. Chadwick, tenant of the lower flat.

Mrs. Chadwick and her family were at supper, but she rushed to the street and called "fire." Several people passing the house had also noticed the blaze, and by the time Mrs. Chadwick had discovered the fire the department was on the scene.

WANT A FUND FOR WORK OF LEAGUE

Good Government Club Leaders and Sympathizers Plan Statewide Work

Plans for a state wide organization of good government clubs and bodies and for a thorough reorganization of the local league, were discussed at a meeting of about 30 prominent sympathizers with league principles yesterday afternoon at the good government league headquarters. The meeting was not confined to league members, but was attended by several republicans and a few democrats, representing the independent wings of each party.

Frank W. Marvin, president, was authorized to appoint a committee to consider means of establishing a permanent fund to be used for good government work. It was suggested that a central body be organized along lines already successfully tried in Los Angeles, where a board of trustees maintains a permanent subscription fund upon which the various organizations interested in good government work are privileged to draw. To effect such an end, the advisability of bringing a number of local clubs and bodies into one general organization, was discussed.

The plan for a state organization of good government leagues was also considered, but definite action in this direction will depend upon the results achieved by the state convention of good government representatives, which will be held here November 28. The trend of the entire discussion was in relation to the subject of riding the state of machine politics by the perfection of a strong nonpartisan organization. A suggested method of attack which met with considerable enthusiasm was the elimination of all but two candidates for office would prevent three cornered fights.

Change of Time The Northwestern Pacific railroad company will change time on Monday, November 15. The Willits train will leave at 7:40 a. m. and connect with Sebastopol, Guerneville and Duncan Mills trains. Santa Rosa local will leave at 11 o'clock. Glen Ellen at 8:20. Ukiah, Guerneville and Duncan Mills train at 3 p. m. Glen Ellen at 4:40 p. m. Santa Rosa local will leave at 9 o'clock for Cloverdale.

The suburban electric trains will run on 40 minute schedule early morning and late afternoon, and on even hours during the day.

Advertisement for Wedgewood stoves. Features a large illustration of a stove and text: "Wedgewood", "\$25.00", "The new price for WEDGEWOOD", "A Wedgewood is a standard range. For years the price has remained at almost a fixed figure—around thirty dollars. \$25.00 is the new price and it is safe to say you have never been offered a better range for \$25.00. Even is eighteen inches wide instead of sixteen (the usual size). All nickel parts are removable (a new Wedgewood feature). It is a number seven range—six 7-inch covers. Castings are smooth and of good weight. Low price and all, you are welcome to the easiest terms. PAY \$1.00 WEEKLY."

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Advertisement for oil heaters. Text: "OIL HEATERS \$3.75", "A special that is timely, as these cold mornings have probably reminded you. 'Brightest and Best' is the name given them, and it fits. They radiate heat instantly on lighting, and it is astonishing the amount of heat they throw out. 28 inches in height. The drum is made of polished steel; aluminum and nickel trimmings. They are fully guaranteed not to smoke or give an offensive odor."

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WIDOW'S HOMESTEAD IS EXEMPT FROM JUDGMENT [Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Ellen Hohn, a widow of Plumas county, won out in the appellate court today in her suit brought against her by O. H. Pelly, who tried to get judgment on property that had been homesteaded. The court, sustaining the Plumas court, held that a genuine homestead is not necessarily created by the head of a family.

REAR ADMIRAL LEUTZ TO BE RETIRED—Washington, Nov. 12.—Rear Admiral Eugene Leutz of Alaska, a prominent member of the Washington navy yard, will be relieved November 16 on account of age. He will remain in command of the office until his successor is selected.

RALPH WILLIAMS ACQUITTED—Valdez, Alaska, Nov. 12.—Ralph Williams, a prominent mining man of Alaska, was acquitted today of the murder of Frank Dunn, formerly a roadhouse keeper at Sitka. Williams pleaded self-defense. The tragedy took place last winter.

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