

SECRET REVEALED AFTER HIS DEATH

Real Estate Man Lived for Many Years Under an As- sumed Name

Identification has come out of the tomb in the instance of Amos Erickson, who for 13 years lived in San Francisco under the name of Edward H. Spencer, and as Spencer conducted a real estate business in Fillmore street. Spencer died in this city November 23, and yesterday, through the efforts of Attorney Henry J. Rogers, it was discovered that he was not Spencer but was Amos Erickson.

He was a brother of L. L. Erickson, superintendent of the state reformatory at St. Cloud, Minn., and he belonged to a family prominent in Stillwater, Minn. Other relatives of the deceased live in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and are numbered among the prosperous wheat and grocery merchants of the state of Minnesota.

Thirteen years ago Amos Erickson and his family had a bitter misunderstanding, and the young man, then just 21 years of age, came west, dropped his family name and took that of Spencer. He had never used the family name since, though he had continued a slight communication with his family, and occasionally received letters from Minnesota.

When he died at 417 Gough street, Charles D. Calahan, a realty broker, with offices at 87 Third street, knew that Spencer was an assumed name, and that the man had relatives somewhere in the middle west. Among his possessions were a number of photographs of relatives, which, however, had no identifying marks upon them. Calahan turned the matter over to Attorney Henry J. Rogers, in the Claus Spreckels building, and Rogers had duplicates of all the photographs made and sent copies to the chiefs of police of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Stillwater and St. Louis, Mo.

Rogers received a telegram yesterday from L. L. Erickson, the brother at St. Cloud, Minn., which stated that the deceased was his kin, and requesting that the body be returned to Minnesota. Erickson, or Spencer, as he was known here, died possessed of some property.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FOR KINDERGARTEN

The annual Christmas festival of the Buford free kindergarten society will be given Tuesday, December 15, at the schoolhouse, 1509 Fifteenth avenue south. The board of managers having in charge this entertainment for the children is composed of Mrs. A. K. Durbin, president; Mrs. D. W. Horsburgh, vice president; Miss J. H. Stanley, treasurer, and Mrs. W. W. Cleveland, secretary.

Amos Erickson, 13 Years Known Here As Edward Spencer



\$25,000 DAMAGE IS ASKED FOR BY PARENTS

Special Officer Killed by Live Wire Was Family's Support

Thomas P. Canham and Annie E. Canham, father and mother of Theodore G. Canham, the special police officer, who, on December 11, 1909, was killed by coming in contact with a dangling electric wire at Fillmore and Lombard streets, sued the San Francisco gas and electric company yesterday for \$25,000 damages. The decedent was 21 years old. He contributed \$10 a month to the support of his parents.

A suit for \$25,000 damages was begun yesterday against the Marmoth copper mining company by Della Connolly, an administratrix of the estate of Michael Connolly, who was killed March 28, by falling into a chute of the defendant company's mine in Shasta county. It is alleged the company negligently failed to place any light or warning in the path to the chute. Connolly supported his parents, Patrick and Mary Connolly.

H. A. Mager, whose left leg was broken by the sudden starting of a Haight street car July 21, 1910, sued the United railroads for \$38,833 damages.

Some people advocate early marriages, but high noon is the fashionable hour.

WOMAN PIONEERS DISCUSS OLD DAYS

Annual Breakfast, Held at Palace Hotel, Attended by One Hundred Guests

The women's auxiliary of the Society of California Pioneers, of which Mrs. Margaret A. Deane is president, held its annual breakfast yesterday at the Palace hotel. About 100 guests were seated in the concert room at long tables, prettily decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

Mrs. Henry Wetherbee acted as toast mistress and cleverly introduced the auxiliary speakers. The president, Mrs. Deane, said that she had been in California since 1851 and told interestingly of the early days. Mrs. John M. Burnett told of the organization of the women's auxiliary, which the breakfast commemorated, and said that it was formed for the purpose of instilling veneration for the pioneers and to preserve the history of former times.

Mrs. George J. Bucknall's clever paper on "Pioneer Women and Their Influences" was read by Mrs. Henry E. Highton, who also gave some reminiscences, telling of Captain Ledesdorf, who was United States consul to California. Others who spoke in reminiscence strain were Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Baroness von Schroeder and Mrs. Emma Shafter Howard. A letter was read from Mrs. John W. Bidwell of Chico expressing regret at her inability to be present.

BILLIARD BALL THIEF SENT TO SAN QUENTIN

Joseph Siderman Receives 18 Months Term

Joseph Siderman, convicted of the theft of three ivory billiard balls worth \$39, from the Alta club, was sentenced to serve 18 months' imprisonment in San Quentin by Judge Cabanis yesterday.

About a year ago Siderman stole billiard balls from a billiard parlor, and for that offense served a brief term in the county jail.

Henry J. Carter, who pleaded guilty of an attempt to commit burglary, was sent to the county jail for a year by Judge Cabanis. He broke into a residence, and when caught said that he was working for the gas company.

"TRIAL DIVORCE" DECREE VACATED

Judge Graham's Prediction in the Westerhide Case Is Verified

When Judge Graham granted Emma Westerhide a divorce from Carl A. Westerhide last September on the ground of desertion she spoke so well of her missing husband that the court ventured the prediction that it would be only a "trial divorce." The forecast was verified yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Westerhide visited the court in company and had the interlocutory decree vacated and the case dismissed. It was explained that Westerhide went to work in the mines in a remote part of the state, and so got out of communication with his wife.

Sara Burchard was granted a divorce by Judge Cabanis from Louis Burchard, a New York attorney, on the ground of desertion. Burchard did not contest the suit. He left his wife 12 years ago in New York, she testified. Mrs. Burchard has been in California about two years.

Maria Chiapone, answering the cross complaint for divorce of Carlo Chiapone, denied that she called him a "Turk," a "Chinaman," a "beast," a "brute," an "animal" or a "crazy fool." She denied also that she threw at him water pitchers, glasses and other household articles, or that she said she would make him consumptive, so that he would die.

Henrietta C. Kopperman sued Hans H. Kopperman for divorce on the ground of cruelty.

WIDOW ASKS MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF \$2,500

An application for \$2,500 a month al-

lowance for the support of herself and four children, was made to the probate court yesterday by Mrs. Anna Meloy Donahoe, widow of Michael Donahoe. The petitioner lives in Seattle with her children, Henry T., aged 16; Charles W., 14; Kathleen, 11, and Walter A., 9. Michael Donahoe left an estate worth about \$500,000. It consists chiefly of

money paid after his death on an option he had given for the sale of oil lands he owned in Kern county. Mrs. Donahoe asks that the \$2,500 a month allowance date from June 28, 1910, when her husband died. Some weeks ago an application was made that the \$440,000 paid for the oil lands be transferred to Seattle, but

Judge Graham refused to make the order. The best laid plans are apt wrong and the best of friends times get married. Brevity is the soul of wit, but it no fun to be short.

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Black Velvet Button Shoes, as illustrated, short vamps, high Cuban heels. At \$6.50, \$5 and \$4

Brown Velvet Shoes, in the same style \$5.00 and \$6.00

Brown or Black Velvet Button Shoes, with velvet covered heels, very high cut **\$6.50**

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In blue, brown or wine color, \$1.50.

Children's felt slippers, in red with black fur; substantial, well made and very comfortable. Sizes 5-8, \$2.50; 8-11, \$3.00; 11-12, \$3.50.

Children's rompers in red, blue or gray felt, trimmed with the best of fur; the finest grade. Sizes 5-8, \$1.00; 8-11, \$1.15; 11-12, \$1.25.

Ladies' felt slippers with ribbon drawn through the top and commonly called "COMFY," because of the great comfort derived from them—made of pure felt and flexible belting leather soles. Colors, red, gray, black, maroon, green, pink and blue. In two grades, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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Children's Felt Slippers, with design carved into the front, either "DUTCH KID" as shown in the illustration, or a pretty "Rabbit" design, an entirely new creation in children's felt shoes. Sizes 5-11, \$1.25; 11-12, \$1.35

"Comfy" for children; same style exactly as illustrated in next column; in red, blue or pink. Sizes 5-11, \$1.25; 11-12, \$1.35.

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Tan leather leggings, \$1.50. Leggings in black, red or tan, with patent leather cuffs, \$1.50.

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In tan calf, \$3.50.

Men's Paests (rompers without elastic), in tan kid, \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Men's black kid opera slippers, hand-turned soles, many different styles; \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50.

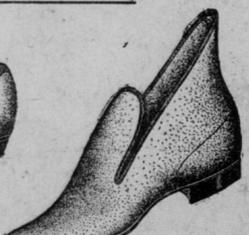
Tan kid opera slippers, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50.

Tan calf opera slippers, \$2, \$3.50.

Wine colored calf opera slippers, \$2

Tan alligator opera slippers, \$2.50, \$3.50.

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In gray, \$2.

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