

COMPROMISE LOCKS DOOR ON SKELETON

Heirs of David F. Walker Bury Differences and Agree on Division

Long Pending Suits Dismissed and New Administrator of Estate Named

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDWOOD CITY, Aug. 21.—Believing it to be to their best interests to bury the family skeleton forever and to combine forces for their common good, the heirs of the late David F. Walker have compromised their differences out of court and have brought to an end the bitter legal battle waged in California and Utah for the last year over the estate of the dead financier.

The settlement has been effected between Mrs. Althea Walker, widow of the banker, who was named in Mrs. Walker's will as sole legatee, and the Salt Lake heirs, consisting of Walker's children and grandchildren by his first marriage. At the request of the attorneys for David F. Walker Jr. of Salt Lake City, in whose name the contest was brought, Judge George H. Buck this morning dismissed the proceedings to break the will.

TERMS OF COMPROMISE The terms of the compromise are that the property owned by Walker at the time of his death, and valued at \$300,000, shall be distributed to his heirs in the manner provided by law when a man dies intestate. Mrs. Althea Walker shall retain all property of which she had individual ownership at the time of her husband's death, and that Walter Linforth, who has been one of the attorneys for the contesting children, shall be appointed administrator of the estate.

Mrs. Walker's separate estate, which consists of property bequeathed to her prior to her husband's death, is worth about \$300,000.

Walker, who was president of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company, which failed several years ago in San Francisco, died in Salt Lake City September 11, 1910. He left a will which bequeathed all of his property to his wife, but failed to specify that the children were cut off from any interest in his estate. Mrs. Walker immediately petitioned the superior court of San Mateo county to probate the will, renounced her rights as executrix and nominated E. R. Hough of San Francisco to act in her place.

TWO SUITS BROUGHT Contests were brought simultaneously in Salt Lake City and Redwood City by the Utah children to break the will of their father. They alleged that their stepmother, Mrs. Althea Walker, had prejudiced the mind of their father against them by leading him into the study of spiritualism. They contended that Mrs. Walker, acting as a medium, made her husband believe that the spirits were directing him to leave all his property to her.

Pending a settlement and the probating of the estate Judge Buck appointed Carl W. Elving of San Mateo special administrator. Of late successive continuances of the court proceedings led to the belief that negotiations were pending.

With the reopening of the case this morning Attorney Walter Linforth and Ross & Ross for the contestants and Attorneys John E. Bennett and Walter Kincaid for Mrs. Walker informed the court that a settlement had been reached, and upon the motion of the former Judge Buck dismissed the contest. The petition of E. R. Hough for letters of administration was continued until August 31, when it is understood it will be withdrawn.

PETITION FOR LETTERS Later in the day Walter H. Linforth, through his attorneys, Ross & Ross, filed a petition for letters of administration on the estate, and by the terms of the compromise will be granted. The hearing of the petition is set for September 2. Meantime Special Administrator Carl W. Elving will be discharged.

Following are the heirs who will participate in the distribution of the \$300,000 estate: Mrs. Althea Walker, widow; D. F. Walker Jr., Henry David Walker, L. Walker, Sarah A. Paul and Stella M. Ellis, the Salt Lake children of Walker by his first marriage; Margaret Walker, Robert and Clarence H. Walker, children of Walker by his marriage with Althea Walker; Mina Rogers Dames, Gracia Rogers and Dorothy Rogers, three grandchildren in Salt Lake City. The Walker estate has been made defendant in a large number of suits brought by creditors of the defunct California Safe Deposit and Trust company in San Francisco.

HUNTER, 60 YEARS OLD, FOUND DEAD IN ROAD

"Natural Causes," Verdict of Coroner's Jury

[Special Dispatch to The Call] ONO, Aug. 21.—William H. Weaver, a hunter, was found dead yesterday on the old road to Harrison Gulch, two miles from here. He left last Tuesday morning to walk to Harrison Gulch, 25 miles distant. It is believed that he died Tuesday. The coroner's jury found he died from natural causes. Weaver was aged 60 years and not married.

SEATTLE'S EXECUTIVE MAY STILL REST EASY

Petition to Recall Mayor Lacks Three Thousand Names

SEATTLE, Aug. 21.—The check of the petition for the recall of Mayor George W. Hilling was completed today, with the result that of 10,232 names on the petition when it was filed only 5,851 were found valid. This is 518 short of the number necessary to bring about an election. The recall leaders assert that they will be able to make up this deficit.

TRAGEDY AGAIN STALKS INTO BOSSE FAMILY

One More Member Meets an Accidental Death

AUBURN, Aug. 21.—William Bosse was killed by a thrashing machine today by being drawn into the cylinder and mangled. Bosse's family history had been one of tragedy. His parents were burned to death 12 years ago and his wife was killed in an automobile accident last year. Three of his children suffered from broken arms and one child had three fingers cut off.

VALLEJO CHURCH CHOOSES NEW RECTOR

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Aug. 21.—Rev. John Barrett of Fort Bragg has accepted the rectorship of the Episcopal church here. He will assume his duties on the first of the month.

Visiting Eagles Met at Stations by Delegations From Local Aerie With Bands and Fife and Drum

Ten members of the Cleveland Eagles' delegation who are boasting their city as the place for the 1912 grand aerie session. Cleveland sent a delegation of 100 to San Francisco and they are putting up a lively contest to gain the convention honor.



FOUR CITIES IN BATTLE TO LAND 1912 CONVENTION

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enter the race for the grand presidency, being a candidate for vice president. Several of the past presidents, including Colonel "Jack" Thompson, John Conside, Thomas J. Conside, Del Carey Smith, John Cort and others are frowning upon the aspirations of Herling, and a dark horse may yet be substituted who will unite the two warring factions.

The exemplification of the ritual, for the grand aerie prize, will begin tonight at 7 o'clock in the auditorium. Degree teams have been entered from the Kansas City, Salt Lake, Vallejo, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, California and Oak Park aeries. The hall will be open to members only.

All day yesterday the headquarters at the St. Francis buzzed with the usual preliminary activity of a big convention. Brass bands and fife and drum corps greeted each eastern delegation upon its arrival and escorted the visitors to the hotel, where they were taken in charge by the local committee and whirled through the different bureaus, emerging later with credentials, coupons, ballots and a myriad of multi-colored badges.

PITTSBURG DELEGATES ARRIVE The Pittsburg crowd, numbering more than a hundred, arrived early in the day, and thereafter the others came by tens and hundreds until evening. Cleveland sent more than a hundred, all active boosters for the next convention, and as many more arrived from Houston, Tex., wearing big badges with the words: "We Want You in Houston in 1912." The largest Canadian delegation ever attending a grand aerie session reached the city in the afternoon from British Columbia. They are headed by Fred J. Lynch and represent the 30 progressive aeries in the northern province.

It was reported late in the evening by J. W. Eggerman of Fort Wayne, Ind., chairman of the credentials committee, that more than a thousand delegates had received their credentials. These represent a total of more than 3,000 votes. Eight hundred more delegates are expected before the real business of the convention is taken up Wednesday.

Aside from the fight for the presidency of the order, the contest for the next convention will be the most exciting. Delegates are being met and pledged to one or another of the cities seeking the honor, and long streamers in colors, bearing the slogans of Cleveland, Houston, Louisville and Kansas City, proclaim the leaders in the fight. There is much good natured rivalry, and most delegates wear all the ribbons, pennants and sleevebands that are thrust upon them. Cleveland appears to be the most popular city, but the others are making a strong campaign.

Houston sought to win the next meeting of the Typographical union, but lost by a narrow margin. The boosters from the Texas city have prepared an elaborate booklet containing views of their many attractions. Included in their delegation are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kohlhaupt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merritt, W. C. Rinehart, president of Houston aerie, J. B. Marmion, Tom C. Mills, M. L. Anderson, E. Milner, C. Fred Dealy and J. E. Foster.

PARADE ON THURSDAY The time of the parade on Thursday morning has been set forward one hour, and Grand Marshal Choyinski has asked that all delegates and others taking part in the big event be ready at 10 o'clock at the corner of Van Ness avenue and Market street.

With the exception of the big formal opening last night, all the meetings of the grand aerie will be secret, and the big issues of the convention will be fought out behind closed doors. Most of the business has been arranged by the committees, which were in session all last week, and there only remains to put the questions to a vote of the delegates.

The sessions both this morning and afternoon will be devoted to perfecting the organization of the grand aerie. In the absence of the president, Grand Worthy Vice President John S. Parry of San Francisco will call the meeting to order and prepare for the report of the credentials committee. There will be a number of contests on the seating of certain delegates, and the adjustment of these matters will require the greater part of the day.

At noon the delegates and visiting

First Day's Flights For Visiting Eagles

10 a. m.—Grand aerie will convene in Eagles' hall.

12 noon—Grand officers, delegates and visiting Eagles will assemble in Coffroth's pavilion, Eighth and Howard streets, to have panoramic photograph taken.

2 p. m.—Grand aerie will convene in Eagles' hall.

7 p. m.—Exemplification of the ritual and prize drill by grand aerie degree team at Auditorium.

8 p. m.—Grand ball in colonial ballroom, St. Francis hotel, given by Oakland Eagles in honor of grand officers, delegates and visiting members of the order.

Continuous reception during the day by Oakland Eagles at their headquarters in the Elbezz building, 975 Market street.

"Roaring Camp and Days of '49" carnival attractions at Central park, Eighth and Market streets.

PROGRAM LADIES AUXILIARY Continuous reception to wives and daughters of visiting members by local auxiliary committee in the red room at St. Francis hotel.

1 p. m.—Ladies will assemble without escorts in the tapestry room of the St. Francis hotel to visit the several headquarters of the California aeries.

Members will assemble for a panoramic photograph, to be taken in Coffroth's pavilion at Eighth and Howard streets. It is expected that fully 20,000 will be included in this greatest crowd of Eagles ever gathered under one roof.

All afternoon the state aeries that have established headquarters in the different hotels will hold open house and dispense California fruit and wine. Arrangements have been made for the feminine visitors to make a tour of the aerie headquarters, leaving the St. Francis hotel at 1 o'clock.



J. W. Eggerman, Fort Wayne, Ind., chairman of the credentials committee.

VISITING WOMEN ARE ENTERTAINED AT ST. FRANCIS

By MARY ASHE MILLER

For the women relatives of the visiting Eagles, a delightful reception was given in the colonial ballroom of the St. Francis yesterday afternoon by the woman's auxiliary of the Eagles' entertainment committee of the local aeries, Nos. 5 and 61, several hundred guests being entertained delightfully.

The auxiliary is not a permanent organization, but has been formed by the women of the San Francisco Eagles' families especially for this convention, and a busy week is anticipated, some event being planned for each day.

Mrs. Theodore Lunstedt is the president of the auxiliary and to her credit is due for the success of yesterday's reception. From 2 to 5 o'clock a throng of local and visiting women filled the ballroom and listened to the excellent program of music.

EAGLES AND THE FAIR Mrs. Lunstedt made a pleasing little address of welcome, expressing the delight of the members of the auxiliary in greeting the many visitors. During

the last year but two thoughts had filled the minds of the Eagles of San Francisco—this convention and the world's fair.

"We are indeed proud," she said, "to welcome so many visitors to our beloved city, and we want you to become our personal friends. We want you to go home and say the wild and woolly west is not so bad after all. We are working busily to make a success of it for you. Ladies will meet you here every day for some form of entertainment or another. We hope you will try to visit us each day and enjoy the hospitality we will offer you."

Among those who sang during the afternoon were Miss Lillian Tovin, Mrs. Clara Francis, Joseph S. Mountain, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. E. Friedlander, Miss Fleming and Master Hartmann.

TEA AND CARDS PLANNED Among the events planned is a tea to be given at the Emporium Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock and a card party in the colonial ballroom on Wednesday evening.

The reception committee is making great preparations for this, and more than 50 very handsome prizes will be given. The first prize will be the one donated to the auxiliary by candidate James Rolph, and is said to be of particular beauty and value.

A reception will be given this afternoon at the same time and place, and will be each afternoon this week.

PLAYLET ON SUFFRAGE FINISHED BY AUTHOR

Henry Kirk, formerly a Californian, now a playwright in New York, has completed a one act play, "The Eighth Amendment" for the Club Women's Franchise association, which will be presented within a few weeks and the proceeds added to the campaign fund.

"The Eighth Amendment is a half hour sketch, sufficiently leavened with comedy to prevent its having the aspect of a tract and yet with enough of the suffragist philosophy introduced to make it a direct appeal.

Kirk, who is a graduate of the University of California, has been visiting friends in this city and his services were obtained by the clubwomen while he was on his vacation here. Nance O'Neill produced his "Story of the Golden Fleece" here several years ago.

The cast has not been selected, but the players will be from the ranks of the campaigners, and the rehearsals will begin the latter part of this week.

The production of the play, in which Henry Kirk will give assistance, will be under the immediate direction of members of the Club Women's Franchise association.

OIL COMPANY HAS STRUCK OIL SAND

Pluto Officials Confirm Report of Strike, but Value Is Undetermined

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BAKERSFIELD, Aug. 21.—T. J. Whaley, superintendent, and Harvey G. Anderson, a director of the Pluto Oil company, operating in the Devil's Den, were in Bakersfield today and confirmed the report that the well has reached the oil sand. Whaley said: "We are in the oil sand, but as yet we can not tell what the strike will amount to. When the sand was entered the water was forced over the casing head several feet high."

The company has expended to date \$81,000 on the well.

The electric motors installed by the Kern River Oil Fields company are proving their economy and efficiency in a remarkable manner. The company has expended \$162,000 on electrical equipment and is preparing to install electric drilling motors in October.

An extensive plan of development on its 18,000 acre tract on the Midway Maricopa flat will be begun by the Pyramid Oil company September 1. Six new drilling outfits will be installed and used to their capacity. The Pyramid is down 3,650 feet in its section 16, 32-25 well, and has gone through over 200 feet of prolific oil bearing sandy shale which also carries a heavy flow of gas.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES SET FOR SEPT. 12

\$50,000 Asked for Klein Estate for Accident

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARTINEZ, Aug. 21.—Judge Latimer today set the case of Martin W. Joon, administrator of the estate of Clarence E. Klein, against the Port Costa Water company for September 12 for trial. The Klein estate is suing for \$50,000 damages as a result of the accident last November when the automobile which Klein was driving plunged into an open ditch of the water company, killing the driver and two other companions.

PORTLAND MAN KILLS SELF IN DUNGEON

Excessive Drinking and Poor Health Supposed Cause

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—Perry M. Barker, 52 years old, took his life early today by striking his head against the walls of the dungeon at the Linton rock pile. Barker was sentenced to the rock pile 10 days ago after a spree that lasted four months.

This morning the guard was absent for about half an hour, and when he returned he found Barker dead on the floor.

Barker, who was rich, went to California about four months ago on a trip for his health. Unknown to his family, Barker returned to Portland about 10 days ago.

Every Visiting Eagle Should familiarize himself with Italian-Swiss Colony wines. They are California's choicest product.

UNITARIAN CLUB LECTURE—Alameda, Aug. 21.—Ford E. Samuel of this city will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Land of the Great Moguls" before the Unitarian club Wednesday night. Vocal numbers will be given prior to the lecture by F. Currier Smith and Royal Miller.

Advertisement for S.N. Wood & Co. featuring 'Lavish Selections of Modish Fall Millinery' and 'High-Class Novelty Suits \$30, \$35 and \$40'. Includes an illustration of a woman in a suit and a list of prices for various items.

Advertisement for 'The BEST of All Player-Pianos The Angelus' by The Wibley B. Allen Co. Features a list of prices (\$4.95, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10) and a list of features like 'Special Suits for Boys \$5'.