

WIFE OF 43 YEARS BLEED HEART MADE STOLE \$10,000

Andrew F. MacFarland, Insurance Man and Hymeneal "Champ," Arrested

Ethel Groom, Local Girl and Once His Bride, Swears to the Complaint

Andrew F. MacFarland, widely known in California both as the organizer of the San Francisco Life Insurance company and on account of his spectacular matrimonial tangles, is under arrest in Colorado Springs on a charge of grand larceny.

In her complaint Miss Groom, who is a daughter of James Groom, a politician who lives at 730A Ashbury street, accuses the wealthy insurance man of appropriating \$10,000 of her money, she says, he gave her in the presence of her mother on the day they were married in January last.

MacFarland is held awaiting the arrival of extradition papers, after which he will be brought to San Francisco for trial.

MacFarland gave an unparalleled demonstration of "frenzied matrimony" in the courts here early in the year, before he was married to Miss Groom. The history of his hymeneal ventures, as related at that time, showed that more than 25 years ago he was married to Leona Mayval at his old home in Genoa, Ohio.

EINDS SELF "No. 2," SO LEAVES

After a few months spent with "No. 2" in Kansas, MacFarland discovered that she had married another living and left her.

In January, 1888, he married Ella Clem in Oklahoma. He told her that he had never been really married to Minnie Gerard, and ignored altogether her earlier alliance with him.

Until 1911 every one was contented, but early in that year MacFarland told "No. 2" that he had been wrong in one statement in relation to his marriage, and urged her to seek an annulment in order to leave him free to have the Kansas marriage annulled.

Her marriage was annulled on January 24, and on the 25th MacFarland's petition to the court asking the annulment of the Kansas union was granted.

Three days later, instead of returning to "No. 2," MacFarland went with Miss Groom and her mother to Ogden, Utah, where a fourth ceremony took place on January 21. MacFarland and his pretty bride made an extended honeymoon tour through the east, returning to San Francisco about March 1.

On March 17, Judge Van Nostrand vacated his annulment of the marriage with "No. 2," leaving the broker a big fight.

Big fight not for long, for he had little difficulty in persuading wife No. 4 to have their marriage annulled on the promise of remarriage as soon as he got a divorce from "No. 2."

MacFarland was freed on March 23 and MacFarland was saved from prosecution from bigamy, although both "No. 2" and "No. 4" claimed him for their own.

SEEKS "No. 1" WHEN "No. 4" FALLS

At this point MacFarland seems suddenly to have recalled his first love in Ohio, for he left early in April and when next heard from was recalling the good old days with the Buckeye pioneers. Then he dropped from sight.

Miss Groom, thinking of the \$10,000 he had given her in Ogden on their marriage day and which they had deposited together in the bank vault, made an investigation a month ago and found the box empty. She immediately swooped out a warrant and turned the case over to a local detective agency.

MacFarland organized the San Francisco life insurance company in 1910 and is said to have cleaned up a net profit of nearly \$100,000 by the transaction. He also promoted a company in Spokane. It is said that his private fortune runs into six figures and that it all in cash is held in safe deposit vaults over the country.

VOLUBILITY BRINGS 25 YEAR SENTENCE

Frank Roberts Boasts to Court of Former Robbery

[Special Dispatch to The Call] OROVILLE, Sept. 18.—Excessive volubility netted Frank Roberts 25 years in Folsom state prison today, when, in addition to pleading guilty to robbery, he unfolded his tale to Judge Gray, telling of having served five years in San Quentin some time ago for a robbery committed in Eureka. The judge immediately imposed the quarter of a century sentence, giving as one of his reasons for severity the fact that the prisoner had once before been convicted of the same crime.

MAN DEAD AT REDDING WAS A CONDUCTOR HERE

Dies in Wagon on the Way to Hospital

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDDING, Sept. 18.—W. D. Hayes, recently a station conductor in San Francisco, died at noon today in a spring wagon at the door of a local hotel. He had been sent from Whiskeytown to the county hospital, but died before he could be taken from his bed on the bottom of the wagon. Hayes is supposed to have relatives in San Francisco. He was about 40 years old.

RABBI H. DAVIDSON OF STOCKTON DEAD

Old Resident Passes Away After Short Illness

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Sept. 18.—Rabbi H. Davidson, who had a residence in this city for over 30 years, died this evening after an illness of several weeks' duration.

He was well and favorably known in the community. A wife and two children survive him.

He was 70 years of age.

FREE HERE FOR GOOD BREAKING

Taft Directs That Ships Rendezvous in Bay for the Ceremony

Acts When Assured He Will Not Be Accused of Personal Interest

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breaking celebration. The ships are to be brilliantly illuminated, and the sight on the bay at night should be the most impressive since the illumination of the globe circling fleet.

The president is expected to visit the Pacific squadron during his stay at San Francisco and he will be saluted as the commander in chief of the navy.

President Moore of the exposition company has been advised of the president's order and the committee in charge of the ground breaking ceremonies will probably include a naval feature in the celebration program.

SAINT TO PRESIDE OVER "POT HOOKS"

Senator Richard Andrus Gossel of Villagrana, a Spanish stenographer, has addressed an appeal to his conferees throughout the world. He invites them to join him in presenting a petition to the pope, that his holiness shall design a heavenly patron for shorthand writers. Lawyers, according to the Paris contemporary from which we take the foregoing, have Saint Raymond, the universities claim St. Thomas Aquinas, and the physicians Saint Cosmos and Saint Damien—so why should stenography be less favored? Senator Gossel suggests the names of three saints as suitable for the patron of the calling, viz. St. Cyprian of Carthage, Saint Cassian and Saint Genes, whose name appears in early works of tachygraphy. The two others were bishops, and it is claimed that they wrote many pastoral letters, so it is suggested that they may have known some system of shorthand, says the London Globe.

With reference to the proposal to nominate a patron saint for stenographers, it seems that the list which can be drawn from is more numerous than we supposed, but we think it pardonable, both on the part of the Paris contemporary and ourselves, to assume that three would be the utmost limit of those who had exercised the reporters' profession on earth, who would find a place in the calendar.

Leon Goudallier, the editor of the Etiole Stenographic, says that many of the ancient bishops who have been christened in various church councils, of the number of pastoral letters written by them, but by reason of their position as notary public and compiling the minutes of various church councils, Saint Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, is noted for the number of abbreviations used. Saint Toribio, bishop of Astorga, and the other ecclesiastical notary nominated by Leo the Great, Saint Cassian taught stenography with bell letters at the school at Imala. He refused to note a sermon and suffered martyrdom in consequence. St. Genes of Arles met a like fate in similar circumstances.

The editor of Etiole Stenographic raises the question whether the two saints were justified in allowing their convictions to interfere with their duty to the state. It is further suggested that St. Clement, who in 93 appointed regional notaries to collect accounts of the martyrdom of the early Christians, might be added to the list of eligible patrons to protect the shorthand writer.

INVESTIGATOR WEIGHS FEMINE HEADGEAR

Women's Hats Seven Times as Heavy as Men's

An English investigator has taken the trouble to compare the relative weight of masculine and feminine headgear, and finds that while men's maximum is seven ounces a woman's is two pounds. The heaviest weight of men's silk hat was found to be seven ounces, while, as made by the best firms, it weighs slightly less. The popular derby weighs four and a half ounces to five and a half ounces, and the soft hats and sporting hats about three and a half or four and a half ounces. The lightest hats worn by women weigh almost as much as the heaviest worn by men. A tweed hat with a bird perched on one side weighs six or seven ounces, while a plumage toque weighs seven ounces and a sable one nine, other furs being much heavier. Large hats are not heavy in proportion to their size, as an effort is made to construct them of light materials, but they are much heavier than small ones. A big beaver hat trimmed with embroidery weighed 13 ounces. A large picture hat of black velvet, although five and a half feet in circumference, weighed only 14 ounces. Another of equal circumference, waving with graceful plumes, tipped the scale at over a pound, and one with a wide fur crease weighed two pounds. The more expensive hats were found to be lighter in proportion to their size than the cheaper ones.

FRENCH LAWS FAVOR HOUSEHOLD SERVANTS

Formerly Required Week's Notice to Be Given

Up to a few months ago the law required a week's notice to leave from mistress to maid, and vice versa, run a couple of paragraphs of a Paris letter in the New York Evening Sun.

Now but three days are given, and it is much better 'round for, once a servant is informed that she must seek another home, as a rule, little good can be got from her services, as she is apt to waste fuel and gas, do any kind of damage that for the moment can be concealed and make scenes with the other servants and her mistress. In the case of the "cred" it is war all around. So experienced housewives long ago found that the best plan was to pay their eight days' or three days' notice, according to the new law—and have the domestic leave immediately and quietly.

All servants show a long line of references and a bulk of letters to their credit. But these do not amount to much in engaging one. In dismissing a servant the former mistress is compelled by law to write a recommendation, and if the domestic has been a thief and insolent a recommendation must be given just the same. The mistress must say something good of the girl, if it is only that she is willing or cheerful. In looking up references, the real character and conduct of the girl is found out, but even then the late employer must be very guarded in her words, else she may be in for a libel suit.

Rang False Alarm

Trouble was at high pitch when she came home with a new fall hat. He rang her ears but found it was a false alarm after she explained how easy she paid for it. "Cred" it plan. 59 Stockton street, upstairs.

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

RETAIL GROCERS IN CONVENTION

Secretary Reports Laws Urgently Needed Were Secured From Last Legislature

STOCKTON, Sept. 18.—The twelfth annual convention of the California Retail Grocers and Merchants' association opened in Stockton today. The grocers, who have assembled here from all parts of the state, will be in session three days.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by O. D. Carson, president of the Stockton Retail Grocers' Protective association. Acting Mayor Dennis O'Keefe extended the welcome. He said that the mayor had prepared a speech of welcome, but on account of illness he had been called as substitute.

"I was unable to get a copy of the mayor's speech," he said, "so you must content yourselves with my saying on behalf of the people of Stockton I, as acting mayor, bid you a most hearty welcome and may your conventional efforts bring much progress and prosperity to your association. I hope you will take every advantage of the many pleasures promised you by the live committee in charge of arrangements."

President Ellis Kilgore of Sacramento responded.

PRESIDENT REPORTS

W. H. Poston of Pomona, president of the association, rendered his annual report. He said that the association had made marked progress during the year and its accomplishments as reported at the national convention proved it to be one of the most active and organized of all affiliated with the national body. He reported that a number of local associations have been formed during the year.

Concerning legislation, he said: "One great year of our organization in securing legislation was demonstrated at our state legislature last year. The compactness of our organization all over the state, the great value and assistance to our state secretary in bringing about conditions that would convince the members of the legislature of the need of the sections they represented were interested in our measure. Our interests have always been safeguarded in the measures we have introduced, and our members should show implicit confidence by supporting them."

It was also reported that the Retail Grocers' Advocate, owned by the association has proved a valuable asset. President Poston gave a detailed report of the national convention held in Denver last June.

MANY BILLS PASSED

Secretary F. B. Connolly of San Francisco rendered an extensive report. He said the association succeeded in securing the passage of several bills. A bill providing for the appointment of sealers of weights and measures, a bill amending the law relative to the appointment of two sealers of weights and measures; Har's senate bill, making it a misdemeanor to sell cold storage eggs for fresh; Leon's assembly bill, reducing the fine of the pure food law to \$5; Stetson's senate bill, legalizing interstate insurance in California, and others.

The secretary reported that he had visited the various locals and organized a new one at San Rafael. The total disbursements during the year were \$4,325, leaving on hand the sum of \$351.90.

The morning session concluded with the appointment of the following committees:

Credentials—W. R. Rancel, Oakland, chairman; George F. King, Santa Rosa; J. F. Pauling, Los Angeles; C. B. Pearson, Stockton; J. M. Conklin, San Jose; Auditing—J. M. Sullivan, San Francisco, chairman; F. J. Wyeth, Pacific Grove; A. Harrier, San Francisco. Rules and order of business—E. S. Hogan, Oakland; F. Sermonet, Sacramento; F. L. Arden, San Francisco; F. Fleiter, Sausalito.

The convention reconvened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when reports were rendered by delegates from San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Alameda county, Petaluma, San Jose, Stockton, Santa Rosa, Vallejo, Eureka, Chico, Monterey, Pacific Grove and San Diego.

J. M. Sullivan, secretary of the San Francisco Grocers' exchange, addressed the convention on "The Growth of Co-operative Buying."

E. Merritt of San Francisco spoke on the subject, "Wholesaler and Retailer Should Work Together."

The state executive board met this evening.

EXCURSION PLANNED

Tomorrow the delegates and their wives and women friends will be the guests of the Stockton association on an excursion to the San Joaquin. The steamer will leave Stockton at 9 o'clock in the morning and will not return until 5 in the afternoon. A luncheon will be served at the Mansion house on Victoria island. The great asparagus fields, potato lands, etc., that have made Stockton famous will be shown the visitors. The convention will hold a banquet on Wednesday night at a banquet hall at the Hotel Manhattan. E. O'Connor of Stockton will officiate as toastmaster.

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CAPITALISTS AND GUESTS IN BAD AUTO ACCIDENT

Machine Topples Over Grade, Landing in Tree Below

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WATSONVILLE, Sept. 18.—Charles Rowe, a capitalist of Gardsnerville, Nev., his wife, their niece, Miss Neva Cutts, and Dr. G. H. Lowry, all of Gardsnerville, had a narrow escape from death last night, when their heavy touring car toppled over the river side grade, six miles from this city, plunged down 20 feet and landed on its side in a tree. Rowe and Doctor Lowry each fell into the Pajaro river 20 feet below the automobile and were bruised badly. Dr. Lowry, however, escaped unhurt. Mrs. Rowe suffered a fracture of her thigh and her back was sprained. Miss Cutts suffered mostly from shock.

TWO STOCKTON WOMEN ARE GRANTED DIVORCES

Mrs. Jess Says Husband Beat and Cursed Her

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Sept. 18.—Zoe R. Jess today proved to the satisfaction of Judge Plummer that her husband, Niels P. Jess, had treated her with extreme cruelty and was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce.

She stated that he had struck her and cursed her, and declared he was sorry he had married her. She was represented by Assistant District Attorney Rendon.

Annie Sanchez was granted an interlocutory decree in her suit against Maxie Sanchez.

SHASTA LOSES \$21,000 BUT MAKES FAIR LEVY

Assessed Valuations \$3,000,000 Short

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDDING, Sept. 18.—The tax rate for Shasta county was set today at \$2.10 outside of cities and \$1.70 inside. A special levy of 5 cents was made for a county exhibit at the exposition. This is 33 cents higher than last year. The new tax amendment causes Shasta county to lose \$21,000 in taxes.

On account of the loss of the public service corporations' property and the shutting down of the smelters at Coram and Delamar, Shasta county lost \$2,000,000 in assessed valuations.

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Sold Farm and Went East to Sell Patent

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He said he sold his California farm and invested the money in the patent. A note left by the suicide directed that J. W. Prun of Wahoo, Neb., be notified of his death.

CONTRA COSTA LEVIES TAX FOR BIG FAIR

Proposes to Raise \$15,000 Each Year From Now Until 1915

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARTINEZ, Sept. 18.—In fixing the tax rate for Contra Costa county at \$1.50 on each \$100 of assessed valuation this morning a special tax of 50 cents on each \$100 was levied in addition for the county exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. This will provide more than \$15,000 for the purpose each year, and when the time comes for preparing the exhibits there will be \$75,000 on hand.

TRINITY COUNTY TAX RATE FIXED AT \$2.60

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WEAVERVILLE, Sept. 18.—The tax rate in Trinity county was made \$2.60 by the supervisors today. The rate last year was \$2.25.

Doctor Tells Cause And Cure of Wrinkles

(From Boston Transcript)

"Stop to consider what produces wrinkles and sagging of skin," said Dr. Elizabeth Blinn at the Woman's Club last evening. "Premature aging, mal-nutrition, etc., cause the flesh to shrink, lose its youthful plumpness and firmness. The skin then is too large for the flesh underneath; doesn't fit tightly and snugly as it used to—wrinkles or sags."

"It must be plain that to tighten the skin, more it has to be face perfectly in every place, will effectively remove the hateful wrinkles and bagginess. This is easily and harmlessly accomplished by dissolving an ounce of powdered saxolite in a half pint of witch hazel and using the solution as a face lotion. The ingredients you can get at any drug store. The results are surprising. 'Premature aging' immediately tightens up, becoming firm and fresh as in youth. Every wrinkle and sag is affected at once."

BAD ROAD BUMPS SICK MAN WELL

Jolting Saves Octogenarian Expense of an Operation, So He's Glad

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDDING, Sept. 18.—Milton Mygatt, an octogenarian, who has lived alone here for twenty years, escaped a capital operation today by a jolting ride.

Taken suddenly ill, the physician found that Mygatt had an aggravated case of rupture, and an immediate operation was necessary to relieve pain and perhaps save his life.

A hurry-up call was sent for the hospital ambulance. The nurse was telephoned to have everything in readiness for a capital operation. The ambulance came in a few moments, and Mygatt was hustled aboard. The two mile drive to the hospital over a rough road was made at high speed, for time was precious. Mygatt was put upon the operating table, and surgeons stood ready to operate. Greatly to the surprise of the surgeons and to the delight of the venerable patient, it was found in the jolting ride over a rough road the organs protruding from the rupture had been jolted back to their proper places.

No operation will be necessary, declare the physicians, and Mygatt is getting along well.

NEWPORT GIRL SORRY SHE SPURNED SAILOR

Thinks Merry Go Round Acquaintance Is at Yard

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARE ISLAND, Sept. 18.—Chief Clerk Bert Diamond of the manufacturing department at this yard received a letter from a Newport girl today asking him to look up a young sailor who recently returned to this coast with a draft of men from the east.

The girl said that the sailor had flirted with her while riding on a merry-go-round and had asked to see her home, but that she did not talk with him. She related later, but found that he had departed for Mare Island.

The young woman said that the sailor boy had large eyes and brown hair. She did not send her name in the letter.

SHERIFF INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

[Special Dispatch to The Call] ALAMO, Sept. 18.—Sheriff R. R. Veale had a narrow escape from serious injury Sunday afternoon while returning to his home in Martinez from this place when the large touring car which he was driving struck a telephone pole at the side of the road, demolishing the front part of the car. The sheriff was bruised badly. He was driving alone at the time of the accident.

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HEIRESS, IN NOTE, SAYS SHE ELOPED

Mother Finds Message on Table of Home and Starts Off in Pursuit

[Special Dispatch to The Call] COLUSA, Sept. 18.—"Goodby, mamma; come and see me; I am married. Will see you soon—Sis."

The above note was left on the table in her room by Serene Cheney before she eloped last Saturday with Fred Boggs. As soon as the mother found it she made all possible haste to intercept the couple. In a few years Mrs. Boggs (nee Cheney) will inherit a fortune left her by her grandfather, the late John Cheney of this city.

It is not known whether or not the mother will endeavor to annul the marriage because of the fact that the bride is not of age.

ROADS OVER 16 FEET WIDE NOT PROVIDED FOR

Stockton District Attorney Explains Savage Act

STOCKTON, Sept. 18.—District Attorney E. P. Foltz today instructed the board of supervisors that they had no authority under the Savage act to pay for any road work done under the Savage act bond issue for improvements on highways over 16 feet in width.

The supervisors recently authorized a 30-foot pavement on a highway being constructed under the bond issue as provided for in the Savage law. The ruling requires highway commissioners to provide for 16 feet of the pavement, the extra 4 feet to be paid for out of the general road fund.

GLEN COUNTY VOTES EXPOSITION TAX LEVY

WILLOWS, Sept. 18.—