

B. H. HULL HEAD OF FEEL-FEED BLIND PLACE ON GRILL

Sanders Stands Firm Under Attack and Explains Conditions Under Which State Gets Bargain

FIFTEEN CENTS A DAY BROOM HAND WAGES

Superintendent Did Not Think It Good Plan to Increase Pay of Workers

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—Joseph Sanders, the superintendent of the industrial home of mechanical trades for the adult blind, took the stand today in the investigation that is being made into the conduct of the institution. Without a trace of bitterness toward his accusers, the aged blind man related the history of the home from the time when he took possession 24 years ago. Sanders explained four of the charges that have been made against him. For four hours he was grilled by the committee and by the blind men, who hung upon his every word and questioned him at frequent intervals as though attempting to trap him into some damaging admission.

From the manner in which Rabbi Martin A. Meyer conducted his part of the examination it was evident that there were certain things about Sanders' way of conducting the blind home that did not entirely meet with the chairman's approval. One of these was the wage that has been paid the blind workers in the broom factory. It developed from Sanders' testimony that there is a fund of \$27,000 in the hands of the state board of control that has accrued from the factory in the last 13 years. Sanders' second term as superintendent began 13 years ago under Governor Gage. At that time the broom factory was idle, and when the governor reinstated Sanders he gave him \$2,500 with which to reopen the shop. The \$2,500 was grown to \$27,000, according to Sanders' testimony, and in this time the workers have been paid 15 cents a day to \$5 and \$6 per month. The men have been paid \$56,000 in that time. The profits for the last fiscal year were \$3,000.

NOT WORTHY OF HIRE

"If this institution has been so profitable, why couldn't you get the inmates more money?" asked Doctor Meyer. Sanders replied that he didn't know, but that he didn't believe it was practicable or good to pay them a higher wage, as many of them were not conscientious workmen.

"When I was young I worked for 15 cents a day," said the blind man, "and I was able to clothe myself, to buy tobacco and incidentals, and even to save money. There were three years when I made out \$5 a month." It was found today that there are six "employees" in the broom shop whose wages are provided for out of the state support. They are rated as inmates and paid out of the proceeds of the broom shop. The total of their wages annually is \$2,000. The total wage paid all the men in the broom shop in the last fiscal year was \$6,000. Dr. Meyer asked whether Sanders thought it was right to pay six persons two-thirds of the total salary roll when there are more than 40 employed in all. Sanders replied that it had never appealed to him as doing wrong. The five persons employed so are shop assistants and teachers, as follows: D. Weider, \$37 a month; W. Plowman, \$30 a month; B. Timmel, \$25 a month; C. W. Ricketta, \$23 a month; J. M. Thompson, \$25 a month, and Mrs. K. Jarrett, a teacher, at \$23 a month.

MAKES GENERAL DENIAL

Sanders made a general denial of the allegations regarding poor food and lack of adequate treatment for sick inmates. At one time he accused John Dondero, complainant of asking a question to trap him into making an admission. George E. Randolph, a director, testified in the course of the forenoon he was asked if he thought the menu on Sunday evenings sufficient for the patients. It had been shown that this consists of tea, biscuits and preserves. "I think this is enough," said Randolph. "The fact is, most of us do ourselves an injustice by overtaxing the body with food."

"Well, I am not a laborer," said Dr. Meyer, "I work only with my brain, yet I am sure that I want more than this for my evening meal." Dr. Meyer expressed dissatisfaction several times today that there was not a greater diversity of trades at the blind home. Broom making is practically the only thing that the inmates, and Dr. Meyer called attention to the fact that basket weaving, mat-making and many other trades are taught at other institutions for the adult blind.

Sanders insisted that broom making is the trade to which the blind man is best adapted, that the outcome of the investigation will be the committee will not intimate, but it is believed by those who have heard the testimony that a number of recommendations for improvements will be made. The witnesses at the day session were: George E. Randolph, a director; J. J. O'Neil, a milk dealer; Amos W. Evans, an undertaker; Bert Sargent, chief deputy coroner; John J. Cox, an undertaker; Wesley Adams, a visitor who has read to the blind men; Rev. Clifton Mason; Oscar Darnell, a former inmate; J. A. Stewart, a visitor; and John P. Irish, president of the board of directors.

Superintendent Sanders was followed this evening by Mrs. Amanda Sanders, his wife, who testified that the food was good. She had seen tainted meat, but had sent it back to the dealers. Santa Valeria, a deaf, denied that the fish or bread were of poor quality. Had seen meat black and giving forth a bad odor, but before using it had trimmed off the outside. "I eat the same food as the inmates," said the witness, "and it must be good." He said coffee served to the superintendent was of better grade than that for the inmates. He also made puddings and other extras for the superintendent's table.

Dan Weider, shop foreman, testified that the methods in vogue at the institution shop were the best in the country.

Alcazar Family Happy Again Lytell and Vaughan Welcomed

Two stars that are shining once more in Alcazar firmament.



Joy Is Unconfined at Opening Night of "Fortune Hunter"

As one of the many who last night rejoiced over the return of those periodical prodigals from the Alcazar fold, Evelyn Vaughan and Bert Lytell, I tried to discover just what it is in these two players that keeps them perennial favorites at the Belasco theater. The audience was the biggest that has been drawn to the playhouse since the opening night of the theater a year ago and it was as enthusiastic as though everybody out in front was related to somebody on the stage. The opening play was a dear comedy with genial farcical leanings and sound philosophical props—"The Fortune Hunter." The comedy, well played as it was last night, should be competent to draw, and the clever company at the Alcazar, headed by any capable duo of leading man and leading woman, should suffice to get patronage, but there was something in the agreeable attitude of the audience which did not result from the play, nor from the fact that it was well produced. It was a personal interest in the cast which related to the return of Bert Lytell and Evelyn Vaughan to the stage, and it was a full measure of satisfaction. Besides this makes the third opportunity that San Francisco has been afforded of hearing Lytell and Vaughan, and it is well known that on the occasion of the second visit of the play at the Columbia it failed to draw the attention that its production merited.

The Alcazar, as Lytell said in his sincere utterance, is institutional in San Francisco. It grew up with us, it was burned up with us, and it has built up with us. That's true of other theaters, too, but not so true as with the Alcazar, which is essentially a "home theater." Something of that homelike attitude is unconsciously entertained toward San Francisco, even if it hasn't been inside the Alcazar for as months, will fly at the throat of any aspersions on the quality of its performances, and points to it as an institution of the city to be admired for its traditions no less than for its present stars that shine as one.

Very well, then, Bert Lytell and Evelyn Vaughan are the twin stars whose beams from the Alcazar stage have been shining brightly and brightly. They do not go back so far that their manifest youth can be questioned, but they do go back far enough to light the memory of the old. They helped to lay the cornerstone of the present playhouse and they dedicated it. They are thus linked to theatrical San Francisco in a very vital sense. Bert Lytell, the actor, and Evelyn Vaughan, the actress, are the two dearest of the Alcazar, and their departure from the ranks of the luminous eligibles, theatrical San Francisco felt a personal interest in their romance and nodded its head with a double significance of approval every time Lytell protested his stage affection for the heroine of the play, knowing that in his heart he really meant it.

WELCOMED HOME AS OF OLD

Thus Bert Lytell and Evelyn Vaughan came home last night, were rouserly welcomed, and played with spirit and speed the Winchell Smith comedy, "The Fortune Hunter," which was given by E. L. Bennison in the role made famous by Frank Bacon, but which Bennison took in a different and quite original and delightful key of sympathetic, simple appeal. Bert Lytell's comical sheriff was better than the original; and the lad who played Tracey and the lass who played his sweetheart, Angie, were adorably butch and chic. Rhea Mitchell, who was Angie, and Al Watson, who was Tracey, are valuable acquisitions to the type drama of the day. Al C. Joy was the capitalist with the prodigious wink and bank account. I am overcome with admiration for Joy's actorly gifts, and amazement that a newspaper man could so easily achieve the hearing and deportment of a capitalist. Professional ethics forbid me from going further, but Al C. Joy shall ever live in my memory to be pulled forth as refutation of the argument that an article is a man who is a failure in the journalistic ranks—among Joy's recent journalistic accomplishments dramatic criticism being only one.

The rest of the case and the summary setting gave "The Fortune Hunter" the best kind of a start at the Alcazar and the flowers that stretched a fragrant string from the footlights far up the aisle were a pretty and merited testimonial of the esteem in which the returned stars are held in the big, hearty and growing Alcazar family.

FIFTY THOUSAND CARS IN EVENING RUSH

Greater Speed Urged in the Downtown Section in Report to Supervisors

Nearly 50,000 passengers ride nightly on the San Francisco streetcars during the evening rush hour, 84 per cent of whom are outward bound, and only 16 per cent transbay commuters, according to the report of Bion J. Arnold on street railway traffic and service in the downtown district, filed yesterday with the board of supervisors. This analysis, based on the principal streets, practically every feature of the service and will be supplemented by detailed recommendations as to the improvement of the service on all of the outlying lines by re-routing and service redistribution.

Arnold states that there is excessive loading on the local cars, which during the rush hour averages 52 per cent in excess of seats furnished, running up to 112 per cent for Mission street and reaching 135 per cent for the heaviest 15 minute period in both Market and Mission streets. This excessive loading he lays to irregularity of headway, due to street obstructions, careless dispatching or improper schedules, delays of three to four times the headway being common. The Market and Mission lines he finds carry nearly half of the out-bound travel. Slow loading is largely due to the fact that the pay as you enter idea has not been applied to the best advantage, says Arnold, the long platforms on the latest Oakland cars being preferable to the short platform cars on this side. Open cars without prepayment equipment he does not find suitable.

Although 15,000 persons cross the bay by ferry, most of them prefer walking to riding. Standing is also a distinct preference of many streetcar passengers. The Powell street cars, he believes, will hardly suffice for the present, to say nothing of the future or expansion traffic, unless improvements in speed of operation, loading and routing of cars are brought about. "Permanent relief," he says, "may be obtained only by an increase in carrying capacity, more uniformity in headway and increased operating speed, both in the loading of passengers and along thoroughfares."

HARD LUCK FOR NEGRO WHO MET HIGHWAYMEN

Trio Robbed Him of \$495—Many Petty Robberies Reported to Police Yesterday

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—N. J. Payne, a negro of 1256 Twenty-sixth avenue, was held up and robbed of \$495 by highwaymen, in Twenty-sixth avenue near East Fourteenth street early this morning. Payne is a barber and had the money to close a deal for a shop. He failed to meet the man with whom he had business, and on his way home was stopped by the three men, each armed with a revolver, who robbed him of his money. H. Christensen, 1705 Eighteenth avenue, was robbed by a pickpocket, while boarding a streetcar, of a purse containing \$24. Mrs. C. Crum, 238 Brookdale avenue, was robbed of a purse containing \$5. Joseph Epstein, 117 Eighth street, left a purse containing \$15 and several pieces of jewelry in the rear of his wagon at a junk yard at Third and Franklin streets. On his return a few minutes later his valuables had disappeared.

THIEVES STOLE CLOTHING VALUED AT \$100 FROM FRONT PORCH OF HOME OF N. F. JOHNSON, 2415 GROVE STREET. FOLLOWING BURGLARIES WERE REPORTED

The chicken coop of F. M. Wood, 7511 Hamilton street, was entered and several chickens valued at \$15 were stolen. The apartments of Mrs. K. Kirchbaum, Pullman hotel, Seventh and Pine streets, were broken into and jewelry valued at \$10 taken. The store of Hollingsworth & Cook, 846 Fourteenth street, was entered, but nothing was taken. The home of Edward H. Long, 4405 Shafter avenue, was entered and several articles of jewelry were taken.

SHOP CONTRACTS ARE LET

Oakland School Board to Spend \$75,912 for Manual Training

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—A contract for a group of eight buildings, to compose the new manual training shops at Forty-fifth street and Broadway, was awarded to the board of education yesterday by Williams Bros. & Henderson for \$75,912. Because C. C. Christianson, the lowest bidder for the construction of the new school in Pearl street, has trouble with the labor unions, the board refused to award the contract to him and the question will be decided Thursday evening.

FOUR BOYS ACCUSED OF THEFT

John Nightingale, 509 Broderick street; Raymond Newcott, 444 Divisadero street; Joseph Blake, 443 Broderick street; and Francis McCreary, 511 1/2 Broderick street, all small boys, were yesterday to the juvenile detention home by Detectives O'Neil and Strel. The police say that the four boys entered the back yard of Mrs. May Solomon, 1610 Fulton street, stole 48 sample packages of groceries and ran.

GREENERY FOR PATIENTS

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—Loads of greens and Christmas berries were taken to the Providence, Merritt and Fabiola hospitals and the King's Daughters' home, the West Oakland home, the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Sisters of Mercy today by order of the park commission. The commission sends greenery every Christmas to these institutions.

BOY HELD FOR FATHER'S MURDER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Martin Rickert, 13 years old, who shot and killed his father, Daniel H. Rickert, at their home here December 12 because he said he thought his mother had been abused, was given a preliminary examination in the police court today on a charge of murder. He was held without bail for trial in the juvenile department of the superior court. Not a word of evidence was introduced in behalf of the boy.

BURNETT DIED OF HIS INJURIES

OROVILLE, Dec. 23.—The man believed to be H. Burnett of Pilot Hill, this state, who was struck by the incoming Oroville local and buried from a trestle on which he had fallen asleep on last Friday, died of his injuries yesterday. The coroner of Yuba county is now endeavoring to make a proper identification of the remains.

FORESTERS ELECT OFFICERS—Court Strove Holds No. 139 of the Foresters of America

The first meeting in January in the following officers to serve during the ensuing term: F. D. Marshall, chief ranger; Edward McDerrett, sub-chief ranger; G. W. Fuller, treasurer; W. B. Paulker, financial; J. C. Murphy, recording secretary; R. Jones, senior; J. W. Harder, junior woodward; A. Bonivert, senior, and G. Leveque, junior leader; B. Rosenberg, lecturer; M. West, trustee; Dr. A. W. Collins, medical examiner.

ROBBED SENTENCED—Joseph Murray, who was shot six months ago by the police after he had committed robbery in Jackson street, was sentenced yesterday by Superior Judge Calmes to serve ten years in San Quentin penitentiary.

SUPERVISORS PLAN TO "SET" MUNICIPAL MILK

Want City to Have Cream From Van Ness Line, Not Skimmings

Preliminary steps for a municipal railway in Van Ness avenue from Market street to Bay to furnish transportation facilities to the Panama-Pacific exposition and act as a cross town line for the Geary street road, were taken by the board of supervisors yesterday on motion of Supervisor George E. Gallagher. The public utilities committee and the generosity of the finance committee, Gallagher replied. "The surplus in the bond fund of the Geary street road could be used for the construction of the Van Ness line. Gallagher declared that the city should take advantage of the big streetcar business that would come with the exposition. "If there is any cream, the city should get it. We have been taking the skimmed milk long enough," he said.

Mayor Ralph wished to know where the money would come from to build the road. "We will have to depend on the wisdom of the public utilities committee and the generosity of the finance committee," Gallagher replied. "The surplus in the bond fund of the Geary street road could be used for the construction of the Van Ness line. Gallagher declared that the city should take advantage of the big streetcar business that would come with the exposition. "If there is any cream, the city should get it. We have been taking the skimmed milk long enough," he said.

The second section of the proposed ordinance, which would require the city to furnish within 20 days plans and estimates for the construction of the road, Gallagher's suggestions met with hearty approval from the board and he expected that the committee will report favorably on the ordinance submitted to them.

DIVORCE MILL MAKES "MOTHER'S BOY" FREE

Court Differs From Wife Who Decried Her Husband as Sick

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—Harry M. Wood said he was a "mother's boy" and was only "putting it on," according to his testimony. Wood complained that she called him a "mother's boy" and decried him after announcing that she was tired of married life. Wood said he saw her last at the county hospital. An interlocutory decree was given him today.

Marybelle Beglin testified that Thomas Beglin lost good positions through drinking. Beglin owed many loan sharks for money advanced, she alleged, and failed through his infirmities when he started a private bank at Seattle. Mrs. Beglin got an interlocutory decree.

Clara L. Bullock sued for divorce from Henry P. Bullock, alleging that he was jealous even of her women friends who called to see her. Her suit was filed today by Frank Giles against Maude Giles, desertion; by Walter H. Brooks against Almeda Brooks, desertion, and by Lillian A. Griffin against John R. Griffin, desertion.

Eva Bryson got a final decree today from Harry E. Bryson for desertion.

FATHER SUES SONS TO ENFORCE WIFE'S WILL

W. B. Coit Says Three Heirs Have Ignored Provisions for His Share of Estate

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—William B. Coit today filed suit against his sons, Roger Coit, Herbert B. Coit and Charles B. Coit, to enforce provisions said to be in the will of his late wife, Alice C. Coit. The action follows Coit's inheritance of \$100,000 from Miss Clementine Patchen, his maiden aunt, who died in New York three years ago. The plaintiff asserted that when the money was paid to him he made an agreement with his wife, giving her full outright, keeping half himself. Of the share which he gave her Coit said he had her consent to pay him 25 per cent of the income.

Mrs. Coit died September 15, 1911, leaving a will which Coit said specifically instructed her sons to carry out the agreement between her and her father. The three sons were named executors by Mrs. Coit. The father charged that they had failed to pay him the money and that they refused to make an accounting to him and had rejected his claim. He estimated that \$4,250 was due him as interest which accumulated since Mrs. Coit made him the last payment, and asked the court to award him that amount.

RICHMOND MAN IS KILLED

N. E. Craven Meets Death in a Collision With Auto

RICHMOND, Dec. 23.—N. E. Craven, 875 Fourth street, was fatally injured this evening by being thrown under an automobile truck when he was hurled from his bicycle in collision with Gus Hedlund, 815 Washington avenue, on a motorcycle. Craven was taken to Abbot hospital, where he died an hour later.

REBEKAH LODGE OFFICERS—Alameda, Dec. 23

Fair Oaks Rebekah lodge has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones; grand, Mrs. Elizabeth Wittman; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Handlett; financial secretary, Mrs. Joseph Handlett; treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Corlett; trustee, Mrs. Jennie Thomas.

CHINESE IS KILLED IN FALL

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—See Tsey, a Chinese, fell through a skylight at 417 Harrison street shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and broke his neck, dying almost immediately.

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