

MURDERER'S DOOM

Fredericks Is Held to Answer.

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Immense Crowd of Men and Women Disappointed.

DID NOT SEE THE PRISONER.

District Attorney Barnes to Push the Case to Trial in the Superior Court.

William Fredericks, the murderer of Cashier Herick of the San Francisco Savings Bank, was yesterday afternoon held to answer before the Superior Court without bail by Judge Joachimsen on the charge of murder.

The preliminary examination drew an enormous crowd of people to the City Prison and corridors of the new City Hall in the expectation of getting a glimpse of the murderer while on his way to the Police Court from the prison. All sorts and conditions of men were in the crowd, and the fair sex was well represented. The latter were more demonstrative in their desire to be admitted into the courtroom than the sterner sex.

Before the courtroom doors were opened at 10 o'clock Judge Joachimsen made it



FREDERICKS AS HE APPEARED IN COURT.

known to the anxious crowd that when the Fredericks case was called the courtroom would be cleared with the exception of the officers of the court, reporters and those actually concerned in the case. As soon as this announcement was made, Chief Crowley sent about a dozen policemen to clear the corridors. They tried persuasion first, but, as that failed, they had to resort to force, and it took them over twenty minutes to effect a clearance. The women protested vigorously, but no distinction of persons was made.

The disappointed crowd after being forced out of the corridors joined the waiting throng in front of the City Prison, but a number slipped back after the policemen had retired, and when the doors were thrown open they rushed in, and soon every available seat was occupied. Many were about half a dozen women.

The police did not care to take any chances with such a desperate criminal as Fredericks, and just before his case was called several policemen and detectives took up positions in the courtroom.

It was about 11:30 o'clock when the routine business was disposed of, and there was a thrill of excitement when it was announced that everything was in readiness for the preliminary examination of Fredericks.

The immense crowd in front of the prison had been patiently waiting to see the prisoner escorted to the courtroom, but they were doomed to disappointment. He was taken through the prison into the basement corridor, and up the stairs leading to the side entrance to the courtroom. When they learned that they had been hoaxed they gradually dispersed.

As Fredericks entered the courtroom all eyes were fixed upon him. He bore the scrutiny with the greatest composure, and after the handcuffs were unlocked he leisurely took off his dark-brown overcoat and took a seat beside his attorney, G. E. Colwell. He wore a dark green patch over his injured eye and the usual white handkerchief round his neck. Sergeant Duncan sat at the prisoner's right hand.

Prosecuting Attorney Cabaniss conducted the prosecution, and District Attorney Barnes sat beside him, listening to the story told by the witnesses.

After the formal arraignment and the prisoner had answered that his true name was William Fredericks, his attorney intimated that he was ready to proceed. Harry East Miller, an analytical chemist, was the first witness, and he merely testified as to the identification of the body of Cashier Herick.

Charles S. Melvin, the bookkeeper, told the story of the shooting and identified the note with the symbols of the skull and crossbones which Fredericks handed Herick when he entered the bank. The evidence of this witness showed clearly that Fredericks fired first and that it was his second shot that killed Herick.

Dr. F. X. Emerson testified to making an autopsy on the body of the deceased, and that he died from a gunshot wound in the heart. He identified the bullet which he removed from the body.

Mrs. J. A. Ehrmann, Isaac Kite, John S. O'Brien, Albert Valenker, Otis H. Noble and George H. Hanerick gave testimony detailing the route taken by the murderer after he fled from the bank. Hanerick being followed in his clothes by policemen Shields, Gallagher at Fourteenth and Mission streets.

Policeman Shields related how he and Gallagher captured the murderer and took his arsenal from him, and Detective Seymour and Captain Lane testified to conversations they had with Fredericks, in which he told them his intentions while robbing the bank, which have already been published.

Then the prosecution rested, and Attorney Colwell made a motion for dismissal on the ground of insufficient evidence, which was refused, and the Judge held the prisoner to answer without bail.

The only times Fredericks seemed to evince any interest in the proceedings was when Bookkeeper Melvin and Mr. Hanerick were giving their evidence. He kept his eye fixed upon their faces, and two or three times his face showed a smile while Hanerick was testifying.

After the court adjourned District Attorney Barnes said that Fredericks would be brought to trial as speedily as possible. The information would be filed to-day, and he would be arraigned either to-morrow or Saturday, and the trial would take place

some day next week. So that within a fortnight from the date of the murder Fredericks would learn his fate. The fact that Fredericks was a student of phrenology having been published, impelled two local searoters after bumps to ask permission of Chief Crowley last evening to make a study of the murderer's head. The Chief granted their curiosity and Fredericks was delighted to receive them. They chatted with him for some time and felt around his bumps, and their conclusions gave him the greatest gratification imaginable, as he said it entirely coincided with his own knowledge of himself. They expressed surprise that the development of the upper part of his head was not greater and told him they expected to find the low brow and highly pointed head of a man who could ruthlessly slay his fellowman in cold blood without flinching. The love of art and poetry was largely developed, but he was a trifle stish. He has a large bump of combativeness and shows signs of a full development of the moral qualities. He is also fully charged with a fine sense of patriotism, involving affection for home and children, and the quality of patriotism stands out prominently. His instinct of inquisitiveness is too strongly developed. Such are the findings of phrenology.

THE NEW TREATY.

It Finds Favor in the Eyes of the Chinese Colony. If Secretary Gresham receives a vote of thanks from the Mongolians of this city for his kindness in negotiating a new treaty with the Chinese Government it should occasion him no surprise. Copies of the treaty were printed and scattered throughout Chinatown yesterday. They were read and generally approved.

The probable adoption of the treaty has had two results. The number of Chinese applicants for registration and for admission to the schools, public and denominational, in which the English language is taught has grown to a marked degree. The clerks at the registration office are overburdened with work. A stream of

Chinese seeking the coveted certificates flows in and out of the office without intermission. Rev. Ng Poon Chew, who has charge of the Chinese Presbyterian school, states that his class has increased from sixty to eighty pupils in one week. He does not know why. Some time ago his pupils were talking of emigrating to Mexico, where, if the new treaty between China and the southern republic is adopted, Mongolians will be given the privileges of citizenship, but he does not think that many of the Chinese that are here will go, as they are able to earn three times as much in California as they could earn in Mexico.

OFF FOR FINLAND.

Captain Gronloff Leaves for There To-Day. Captain and Mrs. Gronloff of the Salvation Army bade farewell to their associates Tuesday evening. They leave to-day for Finland to carry the war on there. The government has ordered all foreign salvationists out of that country, and so it is necessary to send there Finnish soldiers and officers, which are being picked out from all over the country for that purpose.

The two departing officers "farewelled" at Congress Hall, 1139 Market street. There was what in army parlance is termed a "big go." In the procession on the streets nearly 200 salvationists were in line, all the corps in fact in this city taking part in the farewell services. The hall itself was packed by a cosmopolitan and high-class audience, who joined in the songs enthusiastically, and put coin into the collection-boxes with remarkable generosity.

Major Keppel presided and opened the services, with Mrs. Major Keppel leading the songs and interluding them with remarks pertinent to the occasion. A collection was taken up to help defray the expenses of the Gronloffs' trip to Finland, and \$50 was realized. As each dollar was brought up to Major Keppel the red-coated soldiers on the platform said, "Hallelujah! Glory be to God!" and when it was announced that \$50 had been realized there was a general shout and the force broke into the hymn, "I will love the Savior, take my heart forever, nothing but thy favor my soul can satisfy."

Major Keppel, after collection turned the meeting over to Captain Gronloff and his wife. The captain "farewelled" his audience with vigor. He sang a hymn in Finnish and then Major Gronloff related his experiences, and was followed by her husband in the same strain. When the services were over, the audience crowded round and bade the soldiers good-by.

All the staff and divisional officers are in the service, and no other barracks than the headquarters were open last night. Next Sunday night Captain Willis and Lieutenant Grenfell will "farewell" their corps, No. 6, and Captain Fields will take charge of that corps. The two officers proceed south.

A "Report" Fake.

An evening paper favored its readers Tuesday night with an imaginary story about a threatened outbreak at the County Jail, mentioning Dr. West as one of the prisoners who was trying to escape. Dr. West's wife obtained the necessary statement from Deputy Sheriff Webb and Chief Jailer Fitzpatrick yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28. We, the undersigned officers of the County Jail, denouncing the article as a malicious falsehood referring to Dr. West, which was published in the Daily Report of the 27th inst. T. FITZPATRICK, GEORGE WEBB.

When in want of a good flannel buy Salvation Oil, which costs only 25 cents.

A MODERN ORACLE.

Miss Mary Carr's Bright Little Operetta.

WAS EXCELLENTLY RECEIVED

A High Priest Who Accepted a Votary's Bribes.

THE CHORUS WAS CHARMING.

Music That Had Charms for a Fashionable Audience—A Young Composer's Success.

A very enthusiastic reception was given to Miss Mary Louise Carr's talented little operetta, "The Oracle," on the occasion of its first production yesterday evening in Golden Gate Hall by the Progressive Club.

Most of the audience were in full evening dress, a style of costume which seldom appears to lend itself to warm applause, but from the time the curtain went up on a band of graceful nymphs in the grove of Apollo at Delphi till it fell at the end of the last act the interest of the large body of spectators never for a moment flagged.

The famous "Oracle," about which so much curiosity has been expressed, proved to be a rectangular tent, enclosed with curtains, somewhat after the fashion of an old-fashioned four-posted bedstead. Into this retreat the high priest, Sacerion, alias Patrick O'Shay, was in the habit of seeking seclusion when cogitating upon what answer to give the worshippers who came to consult Apollo's shrine.

Considering the beauty and grace of the numerous young priestesses whom the artful Patrick had gathered about his tent, it was not surprising that worshippers were many. After several effective choruses had been sung by these young ladies, a number of them appeared upon the scene. Frank Coffin, as Claudius, traveling for a wholesale cigar and liquor store, came in first and propitiated the oracle with all his samples, an act of generosity for which he was rewarded by meeting his sweetheart Doris, played by Miss Esther Needham with a great deal of histrionic ability.

Doris was maid to Cleo, an Athenian hetress, fleeing from the suit of an aged guardian. Innumerable complications were caused by the temporary assumption of the high priest's role by Cleo's lover Leander, played by Burbank Somers. Patrick's sweetheart Aurora, the high priestess, grew jealous, and nothing short of a tragic ending was threatened, when Leander, arrayed in an exaggerated tourist's suit, returned to his duties as high priest, and satisfied Aurora that it was only his "sub" who had been flirting with the hetress.

All the music given to these characters to sing was pretty. There is no denying that at times the young composer displayed a laudable acquaintance with older and better-known writers, but most, even of the greatest composers, have begun by imitating some one who had made a name before them, and the fact that one's thoughts were wanted once, for instance, to "Mignon," once to "Mignon," "This There," did not detract from the effectiveness of Miss Carr's pretty and graceful composition.

Miss Esther Needham and Miss Carr bore off the histrionic honors. The former's numbers were all sung artistically, and her final duet with Frank Coffin was remarkably successful. Miss Carr's solo before the oracle was more dramatic, and the waltz refrain, "Ah, joy divine," was very bright and effective. The young composer proved to have a light and graceful voice, and she used it intelligently.

With the exception of Orlo Eastwood, as the cruel guardian, it was difficult to catch the words of the men's songs. Frank Coffin was not at his best, and Will H. Fine as the high priest somewhat overdid the comic element, though he provoked great merriment. As for the dialogue it was bright and colloquial, not to say slangy at times, as when Claudius advised Aurora to "keep a stiff upper lip and a fuzzy eyebrow, and you'll get there all the same."

A number of encores were given and the young composer was called many times before the curtain.

HAVENS WAS UNSKILLFUL.

Mrs. Annie Donahue's Counterclaim for Damages. A second amended answer and counterclaim to the suit brought by C. I. Havens, the well-known architect, against Mrs. Annie Donahue has been filed in the Superior Court.

The suit, which has been pending for some months, was brought by Havens to recover a commission upon the building of the Donahue building, at 916 Market street. In the complaint it was asserted that Havens, being the architect and designer of the building, was to receive a commission of 2 1/2 per cent on the total cost thereof. The cost amounting to \$282,776, Havens claimed a commission of \$7467.65. Of this he acknowledged having received \$3750, leaving a balance of \$6717.65 for which he brought suit.

In the answer filed yesterday Mrs. Donahue admits having employed Havens as superintendent of the construction of her building, but avers that through careless and unskilled work she has suffered considerable loss. In the first place, when Havens was employed, in August, 1890, he published the fact of the proposed new building in the newspapers, causing some tenants to quit at once. For loss by these she claims \$500 damages.

In the second place the building was to be seven stories high, with a room at the top 33 1/2 feet long by 16 1/2 feet wide, without obstruction of any kind, and with an uninterrupted view from all corners. It is alleged that Havens so unskillfully arranged his stack of chimneys as to bring them right through the room in question. For this and other unskilled work Mrs. Donahue claims \$7500 damages.

Thirdly Mrs. Donahue demands the return of \$3750, which she paid to Havens on account of his commissions. Altogether she brings a counterclaim for \$11,750 and costs of action.

NO FEE NO PHYSIC.

A Doctor Declines to Attend a Dying Woman Without Pay. Mrs. Julia H. Emerson of 419 1/2 Mission street, who had suffered for months from an incurable disease, died without medical attendance yesterday morning, and her remains were taken to the Morgue. A short time before her death a friendly neighbor ran to a drugstore and asked a physician who was there to attend the sick woman. She says that the doctor would not go with her unless she first gave him \$5. She had no money, but demanded to give him the amount demanded when he reached her house. He did not satisfy the doctor and he refused to go. She could not give the doctor's name.

Receiver Groom's Fee. Judge Sanderson has awarded the sum of \$100 to J. J. Groom for his six weeks' work as receiver of the Kreling estate. Groom during his short term of office collected \$275 in rents, and demanded \$150 as compensation. It is directed that of this \$100 Mrs. Ernestine Kreling pay \$50, the other \$50 to be paid by F. W. and John Kreling.

IT'S THE TOWN TALK! We want your assistance Monday, April 2, at 8 P. M., to inspect the guesses and to award the Ponies and Rig to the nearest guesser of our Midwinter Fair Guessing Contest.

The stylish Spring Suits that we're selling at Ten Dollars. Fifteen dollars wouldn't buy a like suit in any other house in town. This may sound to you like bragging. BUT IT'S THE TRUTH! Every one's talking about 'em. People acknowledge the fact that we've always given 'em big values, but the suits we're offering till Saturday night at Ten Dollars eclipse in point of value anything we've ever given 'em before

IT HITS THE MARK EVERY TIME! YOUR CHOICE FROM HUNDREDS OF MENS NEW AND STYLISH SPRING SUITS AT \$10

NOT ONE STYLE TO PICK FROM! But Hundreds of Fashionable Suits, in Blue and Black Cheviots, Fancy Tweeds, Worsted's and Cassimeres, in Single and Double Breasted Sacks and Cutaways. Our Big Window is Full of 'Em! RAPHAEL'S (INCORPORATED), 9, 11, 13 and 15 Kearny Street. FRISCO'S HOME STORE.

WHAT we're doing for the Little Fellows. We have on Special Sale a grand selection of Reffer Suits, in fine Blue Twill Cheviots, sold around town at \$6, sizes 3 to 10 years.



Special Sale Price, \$3.50.

WE'VE on Special Sale in our Juvenile Department about 600 All-Wool Double-Breasted Suits, in stylish Spring colorings, sizes 4 to 14 years, worth \$4 and \$5.



Special Sale Price, \$2.50.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS we've on sale a very swell assortment of \$6 and \$7 Fauntleroy Suits, in new Spring colorings, cutely gotten up.



Special Sale Price, \$3.95.

FOR YOUR BIG BOY we offer you a grand selection of strictly All-Wool Suits, in fashionable Spring colorings, sizes 14 to 19 years.



Special Sale Price, \$8.50.