

LOS ANGELES, CAL., THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 27, 1905.

LOVE AND DRINK CAUSE HIS RUIN

FORMER WEALTHY MAN FACES
INSANITY CHARGE

STRANGE FACTORS IN CASE

W. D. Montgomery Occupies Cell in
Insane Ward Upon Complaint of
Foster Daughter, Who Admits
Illegal Relations With Him

Love, liquor and finance, three factors in the trial of W. D. Montgomery, former proprietor of the Lincoln hotel, who appeared yesterday before the commission in Judge Gibbs' court on an insanity charge preferred by his foster daughter, Miss Mary Meister, promise to make the case one of the most sensational heard in the Los Angeles court for years.

Certain ones to whom Montgomery is indebted say that he is insane. Mrs. McWilliams, the woman who purchased the hotel, says he is in his right mind, as do several others. His foster daughter admitted last night, despite her testimony before the commission, that Montgomery acted sane when he had not been drinking to excess.

The commission yesterday, after hearing the evidence, refused to send Montgomery to an asylum. It did not deem the evidence sufficient. In six days another hearing will be given, at which Montgomery will bring witnesses who will assert that he is perfectly sane.

Fortune Hangs in Balance

Upon the verdict of the commission depend the disposition of nearly \$10,000, which has already been paid out; whether or not Montgomery was sane when he disposed of his hotel July 7; given to Dr. Z. T. Baughn, are worthless; whether or not he was in his right mind when he turned over to Dr. Baughn the power of attorney to sell the hotel.

In the hearing yesterday the money question was not touched upon, but it is said to form the background for much of the evidence which will be put forth later.

Montgomery finished extensive repairs on his hotel April 24, and then, according to his friends, suddenly became strongly addicted to the liquor habit. Bills were left unpaid and he gave little attention to his business. At that time, no one doubted his sanity.

Early in May, Z. T. Baughn, an oculist with offices in the Copp building, who was staying at the hotel at that time, according to his own story gave Montgomery \$900 with the understanding that he, Baughn, was to become a partner in the hotel business. The \$900 was supposed to have been applied on bills then due.

Later, Baughn acting as agent for himself and others, advanced another \$900. This transaction, says Baughn, occurred May 22. Shortly afterward, he found that Montgomery did not even have a lease on the property.

Two weeks later, Montgomery turned over to Baughn the management of his property with power of attorney. At that time no mention was made of any salary.

Hotel Is Sold

Acting under the powers granted him by Montgomery, Baughn sold the hotel to a Mrs. McWilliams July 7, for \$6000, in escrow. Two days later an attorney for the wholesalers' board of trade appeared and demanded that the money be applied on Montgomery's debts. Baughn complied with the request, and the sum was distributed yesterday among various creditors, but it is said there are debts aggregating something like \$5000 yet to be paid.

Now Baughn wants the money which he says he loaned Montgomery. The amount is between \$2300 and \$2500, and in addition he wants a satisfactory sum for the work he has done under power of attorney. He has placed his demands in the hands of an attorney and will seek to obtain the full amount he claims to be due him.

This is the financial side of the question. That portion of the case touching upon love is fully as interesting and embodies Montgomery's propensities for drink, said to be responsible for his now being confined in a cell for the insane at the county hospital. In this connection also, the stories of Vaughn and Miss Meister, the foster daughter, appear to be at variance.

The Love Story

On the witness stand yesterday Miss Meister said she believed Montgomery to be insane. Of her own accord she also said that for a number of years Montgomery and she have been living virtually as man and wife, in spite of the fact that he had a legal wife until last January, when the woman obtained a divorce.

She said that Montgomery drank to excess, that he was insanely jealous of her and that on several occasions he had threatened to kill her.

A week ago Miss Meister mysteriously disappeared and her whereabouts were not known until yesterday, when she preferred the insanity charge against Montgomery, who sought her by the aid of detectives and on being

told that she was with a former roomer at the hotel threatened to shoot him.

Dr. Baughn said last night that he had no knowledge of the place where Miss Meister had hidden herself. An hour before the time when the oculist was interviewed, Miss Meister told a reporter that she had been in Orange, the same place where Dr. Baughn's wife and daughter are staying, and that Dr. Baughn had known of her whereabouts all the time.

Miss Meister undoubtedly believes she told the truth on the witness stand, but last night she said Montgomery, to all appearances, was of sound mind when he had not been drinking to excess. "The trouble is," she said, "that he has hardly been sober since April 24. "Dr. Baughn has been his true friend. He gave up his business for nearly two months to attend to the affairs of Mr. Montgomery and this was without any pay."

HANCOCK PROPERTY IN CALIFORNIA WORTH \$15,000

Widow of Millionaire Inventor Files
Petition for Administration
of Estate

As a final settlement of the affairs of M. T. Hancock, the millionaire inventor who was killed several days ago in an automobile accident, a petition for letters of administration on local property was filed yesterday in the superior court by Mrs. Nina Hancock, the widow.

According to the statement the millionaire left only \$7000 in cash in Los Angeles banking houses. The house and lot on South Main street, valued at \$2500, is also mentioned and personal property, including the battered automobile, is estimated to bring the total to \$15,000.

A hurried administration is expected here as the relatives have a number of legal settlements of considerable property to be made in the east. Only the immediate members of the family are mentioned as beneficiaries.

SERVICES TO MEMORY OF GRAND ARMY COMMANDER

Local Posts Arrange Memorial Meeting
to Honor Life of General
Wilmon W. Blackmar

Local Grand Army posts and auxiliaries will hold services in commemoration of the life of General Wilmon W. Blackmar, late commander-in-chief of the national organization of the Grand Army, who died recently, at Stanton post hall, 125 1-2 South Spring street, at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

Past Commander J. M. Guinn of Stanton post will preside and the following program will be rendered: Patriotic selections by G. A. R. drum corps; song, "The Vacant Chair," by the choir; memorial address by Judge B. N. Smith; vocal solo, "Dropping One by One," by Miss Edith L. Weiser; personal recollections of the deceased commander by Capt. J. A. Osgood, formerly member of General Blackmar's staff; song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by choir, and address by Major J. A. Donnell.

HERCULES MURDER CASE WILL GO TO JURY TODAY

Expert Testifies Regarding Sanity of
Prisoner When He Was on Trial
Some Months Ago

The case against Amos Hercules, charged with the murder of Timothy Segre, will go to the jury today. Although Hercules was discharged recently from an insane asylum, some delay has been caused by the actions of the prisoner in court and it has not as yet been fully determined as to the man's sanity. A number of depositions have further delayed the case.

Dr. Campbell was the chief witness yesterday and testified that at the previous trial he had not believed Hercules insane. "He has none of the symptoms of insanity," testified Dr. Campbell. "He did not know whether his father and mother were alive or not. You will not find that state of affairs in the examination of an insane person. Again his statement that snakes were jumping at him offset the insanity question entirely."

BOLD THIEF ATTEMPTS ROBBERY UPON STREET

G. Sparza was arrested yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Walker while in the act of stealing a box containing a suit of clothes which a man had placed on the sidewalk while waiting for a car at Fourth and Spring streets. Sparza seized the box and started away with it, when the patrolman ordered the thief to stop. Instead of obeying, he ran down Fourth street and the officer captured him before he had gone a block. The clothing was returned to the owner and a charge of petit larceny was made against Sparza.

CHOLERA INFANTUM

Child Not Expected to Live From One
Hour to Another, but Cured by
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera
and Diarrhoea Remedy

Ruth, the little daughter of E. N. Dewey of Agnewville, Va., was seriously ill of cholera infantum last summer. "We gave her up and did not expect her to live from one hour to another," he says. "I happened to think of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and got a bottle of it from the store. In five hours I saw a change for the better. We kept on giving it and before she had taken the half of one small bottle she was well." This remedy is for sale by all leading druggists.

"That Lee Palmas clear."

SELECT NEW BOARD OF WORKS

ORGANIZATION HAS CHOSEN ITS MEN

COUNCIL IS READY TO CON-
FIRM NAMES

FARISH MAY BE MEMBER

C. O. Winters, Picked by Mayor, and
F. H. Olmstead Also Believed
to Be Sated for Po-
sition

For the permanent board of public works, F. H. Olmstead, C. O. Winters and O. E. Farish.

This is the list which politicians who ought to know have picked out as being the men into whose laps the rich political plums will fall and who will occupy seats on the new and powerful board, if a board is named and confirmed during Mayor McAleer's administration.

F. H. Olmstead is an ex-city engineer and officials say bears an enviable record as an engineer. Furthermore, and more to the point, he has the "organization" behind him.

C. O. Winters is the only man of the three originally chosen by Mayor McAleer whom the council will confirm. He is the mayor's neighbor and claims the distinction of being one of the two original "McAleer men." For the past five years he has been in the county clerk's office. Previous to that time he was employed in the city parks. Politicians say he has the official "O. K." of Walter Parker.

Ex-councilman from the Third ward O. E. Farish is the Democrat picked by knowing ones as the man who will be the representative of that party on the permanent board.

Farish Pleases Mayor

Politicians declare that Farish would be more satisfactory to Mayor McAleer than any other Democrat in the city. It is also said that he is not making particular efforts to secure the place; in fact, it is said that he is not looking for it, but it is also hinted that the ex-councilman, if the appointment came his way, would not be adverse to entering public life again.

W. S. Kingsbury, a deputy in the city engineer's office has been mentioned prominently as a candidate, and as he looked like good timber the "organization" considered his cause. Six councilmen informally and at different times have stated that they would vote for him should his name be presented, but information obtained yesterday indicates that they will not have the opportunity.

A. P. Fleming, who was chosen as chairman by the "organization," has the backing not alone of the "organization" but of the commercial and civic bodies.

DRINKS AN ANTISEPTIC, THINKING IT IS WINE

Color Deceives Barber and He Suffers
With Convulsions, Securing Relief
at Receiving Hospital

Mistaking permanganate of potash solution for red wine, Henry Simon, a barber of 510 1/2 North Alameda street, drained half the contents of the bottle last night before discovering that he was drinking an antiseptic.

He notified the police that he had accidentally taken poison and the ambulance was sent to take him to the receiving hospital. Before reaching the hospital, Simon was attacked with spasms, but Police Surgeon Freedman counteracted the effect of the drug after working over the patient for a few minutes.

CITY MARSHAL OF LONG BEACH DEPOSED BY COURT

Officer J. J. Conklin Accused of Cor-
ruption in Fulfillment of
Duties

Charged with corruption in the fulfillment of his duties, Marshal J. J. Conklin of Long Beach yesterday was deposed from office by Judge Bordwell in department four of the superior court.

Suit against the marshal was brought several weeks ago by Leslie W. Folson, a deputy marshal of the beach city, who accused his superior of malfeasance in office.

INCORPORATIONS

Viole-Lopizich—Directors: Jules Viole, John Lopizich and Henry Lopizich of Los Angeles. Capital stock \$25,000, fully subscribed.

Alsop Engineering and Construction company—Directors: E. C. Alsop, Donald Barker and E. K. Potter of Los Angeles. Capital stock \$50,000, with \$10,000 subscribed.

Southwestern Investment company—Directors: E. K. Potter, E. S. Lovett, G. R. Horton, F. E. Linn and Donald Barker of Los Angeles. Capital stock \$100,000, with \$500 subscribed.



C. O. WINTERS ABOVE, F. H. OLMSTEAD AT THE LEFT AND O. E. FARISH

CITY'S REVENUE LESS THAN NEEDS

DEPARTMENTS ASK FOR MORE
THAN INCOME

AUDITOR SUGGESTS PRUNING

Estimated Collections Are Over One
Million Dollars Less Than De-
mands for Operating Muni-
cipality for Twelve Months

Chairman Smith of the finance committee of the council must sharpen his pruning shears, take off his coat, roll up his sleeves and prepare for work on the estimates of the various city departments, according to the statement filed by City Auditor Schwabe with the city clerk yesterday.

From statements Chairman Smith has made heretofore it is considered likely that in addition to his pruning shears he will carry an ax to facilitate the work somewhat.

Heads of departments want a trifle over \$1,100,000 more than the city's estimated income for next year to run their various departments.

According to the law, the tax rate for general expenses shall not exceed \$1 per \$100 worth of taxable property. The present tax rate is \$1.40, but the forty cents applies to the payment of the city's bonded indebtedness. The city auditor estimates the income of the city for the year 1905-6 at \$2,770,000, while the heads of departments say they urgently require \$3,881,724.10.

Heavy Pruning Probable

It is already certain, say officials, that some heavy pruning will be done on the smaller estimates and some real chopping on the big ones. It is considered hardly possible that the park department will get any appreciable amount of the \$87,000 increase they ask for. Councilmen say "put all the money we have to spare on the streets, they are the necessities, while the parks are luxuries."

Other departments are to be subjected to a systematic pruning, which will be calculated to bring the esti-

mates inside of the city's revenue. The city auditor's statement is as follows:

Auditor's Estimate

"To the Honorable City Council:
"Gentlemen—In accordance with section 43 of the city charter, I herewith submit a report of the estimates of the fiscal year 1905-6, amounting to \$3,881,724.10, together with an estimate of the receipts to be received from other sources than by taxation, amounting to \$1,200,000.

"Under article 11, section 2, the tax rate for all general expense must not exceed \$1 for \$100 worth of taxable property.

"As the assessed valuation for this year is about \$157,000,000, the amount to be raised by taxation would \$1,570,000; receipts from other sources, \$1,200,000; total revenue for general expense, \$2,770,000.

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"As the estimates amount to \$3,881,724.10, it is evident that there must be a reduction in the estimate of \$1,111,724.10.

(Signed) "LOUIS SCHWABE,"
"City Auditor."

EIGHT PAIRS OF SHOES STOLEN FROM ONE ROOM

In the absence of John Sweeberg from his room in the Russ house Tuesday, thieves gained entrance and stole eight pairs of shoes. Other articles are also missing. Detectives believe they have a clue to the robber's identity.

Everything you want you will find in the classified page—a modern encyclopedia. One cent a word.

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Walnuts—A Pretty Grove
Flowers—Roses, Choice Varieties, Shrubs and
Garden



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Home Lots \$325
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Until the new Moneta avenue car line is running, take Maple avenue car to Fifty-third and we will take you over the property in our carriage from Fifty-third and Main street office; or Redondo (Gardena) car to Slauson avenue—one long block to our Fifty-seventh and Figueroa street branch office.

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Mines & Farish
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FLOWER ST., WEST SIDE,
North of Washington St., 60x155 to
alley, —\$5000—

FLOWER ST., NEAR THIRD,
Fine High Lot, 40x150, —\$5500—

FIGUEROA ST., NEAR SIXTH,
40 Feet Frontage. Now ready to
improve with stores and rooms
above. Cheap at —\$7000—

FLOWER ST., NEAR 11TH,
Lot 60x155 to alley. A good buy at
—\$7500—

FLOWER, NEAR PICO ST.,
Lot 60x155, improved with two flats,
Rent \$600 per year, —\$8500—

SAN JULIAN ST., NEAR 7TH,
East front, lot 78x123, improved
with three cottages, —\$9000—

SAN JULIAN ST., NEAR 6TH,
Lot 64x138. Cheap at —\$9500—

FLOWER ST., WEST SIDE,
NEAR TENTH,
Lot 60x155; will surely increase in
value, —\$9000—

CENTRAL AVE., WEST SIDE,
NEAR SEVENTH,
Lot 60x130; income \$40 per month.
—\$9500—

FIGUEROA, WEST SIDE,
In that business location just north
of Pico; lot 50 feet frontage.
—\$11,500—

FLOWER, WEST SIDE, NEAR
WASHINGTON,
Lot 162x159; large piece and cheap.
—\$12,000—

WASHINGTON ST., CORNER,
Lot 142x145; cheapest corner on this
fine street; now being paved.
—\$12,500—

MAPLE AVE., WEST SIDE,
NEAR FIFTH,
Lot 60x197; cheap at —\$16,000—

HOPE ST., NEAR SEVENTH,
Lot 60x171, improved with ten-room
house, a bargain, —\$16,500—

NINTH ST., NEAR HOPE,
Lot 75x135. This will surely increase
when 9th st. is paved and widened
Price, —\$20,000—

MAIN ST., NEAR PICO, EAST
FRONT,
Lot 51x165; cheapest close-in lot on
this fast growing street. Price,
—\$20,000—

MAIN ST., SNAP
In that business location between
17th and Washington sts.; lot 60x150
to alley; improved with 3 stores.
This is \$2500 under value.
—\$21,500—

PICO ST. CORNER NEAR
MAIN,
Lot 45x145; improved with stores
and rooms above. Income about
\$100 per year. —\$20,000—

THIRD ST., WEST OF SAN
PEDRO,
Lot 60x120 with railroad switch in
rear. Cheapest price in this local-
ity, —\$21,500—

PICO ST. CORNER,
123x128. Partially improved; a fine
large corner and cheap. —\$26,000—

PICO ST. CORNER,
Improved with 2-story modern
brick block; 4 stores and rooms up;
income \$228 per year; a bargain.
—\$28,000—

E. SEVENTH ST., NEAR MAIN,
A corner improved with 2-story
brick block; this is under value;
takes only \$10,000 cash down.
—\$35,000—

HILL ST., NEAR THIRD,
Improved with 3-story brick and
basement; lot 42x155 to alley. This
is only 55 feet from new building
now under course of construction
by Homer Laughlin for Villa De
Paris dry goods house. This is a
good buy at —\$75,000—

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Lot 60x178 to alley. We have option
and can deliver for a few days at
\$1000 per foot. —\$84,000—

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