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MRS. LE DOUX SAYS THERE IS NO "JOE MILLER"

Claims She Fooled the Police to Secure Proof of Her Innocence.

BY EMMA LE DOUX.
I invented the whole story I told the District Attorney, so as to throw the officers off the track until I could see my attorney and have him secure a certain piece of evidence which is my whole case, and which might have been destroyed if I had not protected myself in this way. There is no Joe Miller, and the officers may as well stop looking for him, now that he has served my purpose. By throwing the officers on a false trail the real facts, which establish my innocence, were protected from them. I don't want to accuse any one of wishing to hang an innocent woman, but we all know it is the business of the District Attorney to secure convictions, and I couldn't take any chance of having the proof of my innocence destroyed.

MRS. LE DOUX' ATTORNEY CONFIDENT.
By Attorney H. R. McNoble.
"The piece of evidence to which our client in her statement refers, is so conclusive, yet so simple, that its production will be a bombshell. I am not worrying a particle about the defense of this woman. I know the secret case of the prosecution, and they don't know ours. I can tell them right now they are 'barking up the wrong tree.'"

ROGERS' MILL BURNT DOWN

EX-MANAGER OF WATSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION CO. LOSES GLENWOOD LUMBER MILL.

SAN JOSE, March 31.—The planing mill of the Glenwood Lumber Co. at Fourth and St. John Sts. was burned early this morning, incurring a loss of between \$10,000 and \$15,000, with no insurance. The facts of the case point strongly toward incendiarism, and the local police are now at work and hope to soon prove conclusively either that the mill was burned by accident or that it was set afire.
Fire Chief Robbed.
The room occupied by Chief Tonkin at the Chemical Fire House on North Market St. was burglarized immediately after the third alarm of fire. The thief effected an entrance by breaking the lock on the door. A trunk in the room, which was not locked, and which contained \$398 in currency was ransacked and the money stolen.

FIRST DAY OF YOUNG WOMEN'S STUDENT CONFERENCE

Capitola Is Swarming With College Girls—Great Interest This Year.

The real work of the Pacific Coast Students' conference of the Young Women's Christian Association at Hotel Capitola began on Saturday in earnest.
About two hundred and fifty delegates are in attendance, representing nearly every college on the Pacific Coast, from the University of Washington at Seattle on the north, to Occidental College in Los Angeles in the south. The mission study classes on Saturday were led by Mrs. Lawrence Thurston of New York City, Mrs. Dwight Potter of Oakland and Miss Chloe Anderson of San Jose.
Rev. William Horace Day of the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles and Miss Mary Cunningham of Occidental College taught the Bible study classes.
The platform meeting in the evening was addressed by Rev. Hugh Walker, of Emanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles.
There is a greater attendance and interest this year in the conference which concerns the Y. W. C. A. of the various colleges, and has problems peculiar to college life.
Rev. Robert Burdette of Los Angeles and other prominent speakers are expected during the week.
The mornings are given to study classes and meetings and the afternoons are devoted to side trips to various points of attraction, such as the Big Trees and the Santa Cruz beach. Athletic sports, boating and fishing are indulged in by the young women and they will make Capitola, which is usually quiet at this time of year, a very lively town for the next two weeks.

VIEWS OF PHILIP HYNES ON CITY AFFAIRS

SHORT SKETCH OF ONE OF THE CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILMAN FROM THE FIRST WARD.

The announcement of Philip Hynes independent candidate for councilman from the First Ward, is added to the "Sentinel's" political column this morning and a short sketch of the candidate may be of interest.
Philip Hynes was born in New York state about sixty years ago, but went to Minnesota at an early age. As is well known he is a veteran of the Civil War, and enlisted in the Second Minnesota Battery at the age of 18, serving to the close of the war. He was at Perryville, Stone River, and Chickamauga and marched with Sherman to Atlanta.
At the close of the war he settled near Minneapolis and took up market gardening. Mr. Hynes has always been interested in public affairs, so we find him occupying the position of Justice of the Peace for several terms at Bloomington and Crystal Lake, in Hennepin County. He was also a member and clerk of the school board for the greater portion of the 25 years he spent there. He was also chairman of the Board of Supervisors for two terms in a large township adjoining the city of Minneapolis, which was afterwards annexed.
In 1887, he and his family moved to California, coming direct to Santa Cruz and locating on their present home place, on Soquel Av., where Mr. Hynes is a very successful chicken raiser. He has taken an active interest in city and county affairs here and has served on the election board ever since 1888. He was foreman of the recent Grand Jury which indicted Rogers and Main of the Watsonville Transportation Co. for fraud and is conceded to be a man of firm convictions and excellent judgment.
He has not aspired to any elective office, however, and it was not until he had been repeatedly urged that he consented to run for councilman this time.
Mr. Hynes has progressive ideas on city government. To a "Sentinel" reporter he said, "I favor maintaining and extending municipal ownership of public utilities and I don't believe in giving away any franchises without an adequate return to the city. I would limit the terms of franchises and I believe in San Francisco's method of taking over the street car system for instance, after a certain period of time, but we in Santa Cruz are seeking the investment of outside capital and I believe also in encouraging such enterprise. While not imposing harsh restrictions on public service corporations, I would see that the rights of the people are fully protected. As to other issues, I strongly

SUPREME COURT CAN NOT AGREE ON NOEL CASE

AND WILL HEAR FURTHER ARGUMENT OF LEARNED COUNSEL.

Attorney W. M. Aydelotte has received notification from the Clerk of the Supreme Court that the Justices can not agree upon a decision as to whether Judge Smith should try the Noel divorce suit or not.
Four of the Justices have tackled the question and they are unable to agree, so the matter has been placed on the calendar again for further argument.
As the "Sentinel" remarked on Saturday, the case has been up to the Supreme Court for the past 110 days.
And in the meantime Professor Noel is enjoying life in Egypt, Mrs. Noel is still living on Noel Heights in this city, and the question of alimony and attorneys' fees still remains in the dim and distant background.
Whether it is luck or tactical ability on the part of his lawyers, success certainly seems to have attended Prof. Noel's waiting policy.

U OF C BAND PLAYS WELL.

Dance Last Night a Big Success—Will Play for Concert This Afternoon.

The ball at the Casino on Saturday night for which the music was furnished by the University of California band, was a great success. A larger crowd attended than has been seen at the Casino hall for some months and everybody was well pleased with the music. The band, which is under the leadership of S. Frederick Long, numbers thirty-five pieces. The bandsmen, who are all University students, entered into the spirit of the thing, though they seldom play for dances, and many of them danced with local acquaintances. Manager Swanton will give a free public concert this Sunday afternoon at the Casino, with the U of C band as the attraction.

CHEERFUL WORKERS USE GAS.

Congregational Ladies Employ Modern Method of Cooking at Their Food Sale.

The Cheerful Workers of the Congregational Church held another of their successful food sales on Saturday afternoon in the gas company's office. Manager Britton loaned the ladies a gas stove for the day, and the proceeds of the sale reached \$20.

favor a new and up-to-date charter with the most approved methods of direct legislation. Friends of certain saloonkeepers have come to me as to my attitude to them. I have simply said to them, 'Obey the law and you need have no fear of me.'"

STARTS AS FREE MAN, LANDS AS PRISONER

GEORGE WINTERTON CHARGED WITH BURGLARY OF PESCADERO SALOON.

While on his way down the coast by stage from Pescadero, George Winterton, who is accused of burglarizing a Pescadero saloon of cash and Ocean Shore time checks, was arrested by Constable Moore at the county line on Saturday morning. He continued his journey, but as a prisoner, to this city, where Sheriff Mansfield of San Mateo Co. arrived on Saturday night and took him to the county jail at Redwood City.

BLACK HAND THREATENS WILKINS

OMINOUS MESSAGE SIGNED "THE BLACK HAND" REACHED HIM TWO DAYS AGO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—J. M. Wilkins, manager of the Cliff House, one of the best known men in San Francisco, has been marked for death. Two days ago he received a warning that he would be killed by the first of April if he persisted in protecting the seals that gambol on the famous rocks at the Cliff House. The mysterious letter in which he was told that he would be slain was signed "The Black Hand" and reads as follows:
"J. H. Wilkins, Cliff House:—You are a doomed man. If you do not mind your own business and stop blaming Italian fishermen for killing seals by April 1st your head will be cut off."
"THE BLACK HAND."
The threat is the direct result of Wilkins' statement that the seals are being exterminated by Italian fishermen.
This statement was made by the manager of the Cliff House at the solicitation of James D. Phelan, who, in the interests of the Association for the Improvement and Adornment of San Francisco, had requested Mr. Wilkins to submit his opinion of the cause of the rapid diminishing of the number of seals that have become national pets.
OWNED ENTIRE SAN VICENTE RANCHO.
Blas Escamilla, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. Trevathan, at Blackburn gulch, on Friday night, is said to have once been the owner of the entire San Vicente Rancho of 14,000 acres, which was granted to him by the Mexican government.

FRISKY CALF DISTURBS THE S.D. ANNIVERSARY CLUB

PEACEFUL CALM OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA LADIES' CLUB RECEIVES A RUDE SHOCK FROM "CALF".

Mrs. Chas. H. Fargo and daughter, Ilma, entertained the South Dakota Anniversary Club at a one-o'clock luncheon at their lovely home on the Soquel road on Friday afternoon.
The dining room portieres were decorated with smilax and roses, California poppies were all over the house, and before repairing to the dining room each guest was supplied with a flower different from all others. At a plate on the table rested a duplicate to guide each one to her seat.
The full club were present, with three visiting guests. The luncheon was elegant and served in five courses by Miss Ilma Fargo, assisted by her sisters, Anna and Dorothy, the pretty daughters of the hostess. An hour was spent at table in the enjoyment of the toothsome things spread upon it, amidst a flow of stories, reminiscence and social visiting.
Luncheon over, a short business session was held and two new members added to the club. At the close of business each member followed with a quotation from some well-known author. Miss Ilma presiding at the piano as accompanist, Dorothy rendered some sweet songs in splendid manner and unusual musical voice, which captivated all present.
Just as the musical treat closed an exciting event occurred. Instead of a cry, "A mouse, a mouse," and everyone present mounting a chair and declaring, "I'm not afraid," the cry was, "the calf is loose in the back yard and is smashing down all the flowers and ruining the flower beds". Instantly a grand rush was made by the young folks present for the door and thence into the back yard, where they were followed by the calm and dignified dames. The arrival of such a laughing, merry crowd of femininity, scolding, shouting and jawing poor calf, he fled from the flower beds in short order.
The meeting of women who pioneered through the early days in South Dakota was a most enjoyable one. Now these ladies meet together in the City by the Sea, in the best climate in the Nation.

BELL PLAYING WITH "SCOTTY".

Well Known Santa Cruz Amateur Graduates Into Professional Ranks.

Leo C. Bell a Santa Cruz boy, is playing the part of Diamond Jack, in "Scotty, the King of the Desert Mine," in which Walter Scott, who is accused of making some sensational, if not criminal, gun plays on the California desert, is the star.

LEASK STORE STILL DOING BUSINESS

ALTHOUGH SHOPPING AT THE SEASIDE STORE IS INCONVENIENCED THE LADIES OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES.

Although the front section of Samuel Leask's store was raised a couple of feet from the level of the sidewalk Saturday, and the plate glass show windows were all out, the ladies still continued to find their way to his bargain counters. Despite the inconveniences the trade Saturday was very good.
F. R. Cummings, who is superintending the work, says he does not doubt but that the ladies would continue to flock to the Seaside store even if they had to mount a ladder to do so.
Some time ago when Mr. Cummings was moved the building occupied by a furniture store in Watsonville, the dealer was surprised to find that he did a bigger business while the building was on its way down the street than he had done during the days previous.
Almost such a like experience is that of Mr. Leask.
Santa Cruz ladies may be peculiar but they are no more so than are their sex everywhere. They all like a little romance connected with their shopping. Because of the inconvenience that Mr. Leask has been forced to cause his patrons while moving, he has greatly reduced some of his prices, but even if this was not the case, the ladies would find special enjoyment in flocking there at present. Woman is a strange creation.
"The world was sad; the garden was a wild; And man, the hermit; sigh'd—the woman smiled."

THE RAINFALL.

Total for the Season Is Only 26.25 Inches.

Observer Springer has made up a record of the total rainfall for the month of March, which he places at 8.29 inches. The total rainfall for this season to date is 26.25 and the rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending 7 A. M. Saturday was .76 of an inch.

STORM AT WATSONVILLE.

Postmaster G. G. Radcliff was over from Watsonville on Saturday and said that the Pajero Valley experienced the worst rainstorm it had had for many years between 7 and 8 o'clock on Friday evening. The damage to fruit is not yet known.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Kind You Have Always Bought