

Dying Woman Makes Serious Charge Against Neighbor

Coroner's Jury Fails to Fix the Responsibility—Statement Made by Dying Woman to District Attorney Knight.

WATSONVILLE, July 6.—Mrs. Josefa Dean, a resident of Watsonville, occupies a cell in the county jail and is charged with murder. Her victim, it is alleged, is Mrs. Annie Strazacich, also a resident of Watsonville. The circumstances under which Mrs. Strazacich died promise a most sensational expose of methods of performing certain surgical operations which are forbidden by law. It is alleged that Mrs. Dean was instrumental in the deplorable result of the case. A summary of the history of the case was given by District Attorney Knight as follows: "The woman is named Annie Strazacich, thirty-three years of age. Eleven years ago she was married to Andrew Strazacich in Watsonville. As a result of her marriage she has been the mother of four children, all girls, the eldest nine years of age and the youngest about seven months old." In her dying statement made to District Attorney Knight while she was in a perfectly clear state of mind, and witnessed by Nurse Fleming of El Pajaro General Hospital, Court Reporter Williamson and D. E. E. Porter, Mrs. Strazacich stated that she knew Mrs. Josefa Dean, and had known her for several years; that she knew Mrs. Dean was in the habit of going about among the families of the city, particularly to those of foreign birth, and

telling them that it was unnecessary for them to have large families if they would see her. About the latter part of April, the woman said, she went to Mrs. Dean's house, where an operation was performed. Two days later a second operation was undergone, after which Mrs. Strazacich became very ill, growing worse until the middle of May, when Dr. Porter was called. He found her in very bad physical condition and after treating her for a couple of weeks ordered her taken to a hospital. She was taken to the El Pajaro General Hospital and remained there about three weeks. Her case was a very bad one from the first, but she steadfastly refused to divulge who was responsible for her condition, until the first of July, when, she made a statement charging Mrs. Dean. An autopsy was performed Saturday afternoon by Drs. S. C. Rodgers, Guy Miller and E. E. Porter, and the immediate cause of death was found to be septic peritonitis. At the coroner's inquest the dying statement of Mrs. Strazacich was read charging Mrs. Dean with having performed two operations for abortion on her in the month of March. The coroner's jury returned the verdict that she came to her death by septic peritonitis, but failed to fix the responsibility.

Johnson to Pitch for Washington Americans

SPOKANE, Wash., July 5.—Walter Johnson, a native of California, born at Anaheim 19 years ago, whose record as a twirler is without parallel in baseball history, has come into his own, having just signed a contract to pitch for the American league team of Washington, D. C., where he will report July 20th. Johnson opened the season with the Weiser team of the Idaho State league at Weiser, south of Spokane, and up to June 30th pitched 75 innings without a hit being scored against him. He struck out 166 men in 99 innings, pitched seven consecutive shutout games, and played in games in which his team scored 98 runs to their opponents' 5 runs. He is credited with striking out 18 men in each of several games, and in one game retiring the first eight men to face him, while 11 others did not reach first. While in California, playing with the Olinda team, he also pitched 49 innings without a hit being scored by the opposing teams. While his performances have never been approached by the foremost big leagues, young Johnson is modest. He goes about his work on the diamond in a business-like way and is good natured throughout, never questioning the decisions of the man with the indicator, no matter how rank. He has the characteristic California faith in himself and in this, coupled with headwork, he has made more than good in a State league composed of fast and heady players, brought to this part of the northwest from the baseball centres in the middle west, east and Pacific coast. Veterans who have watched his play since the opening of the season declare that the coming year will see the young Californian at the head of the pitching ranks in the national league.

Just at a season of the year when everything is supposed to be conducive to happiness and pleasure for visitors at Santa Cruz, says the S. F. News Letter, the Union Traction Co. has several hundred trackmen and railroad builders at work laying broad-gauge double-tracks throughout the main business streets of the city. It is the hope of the business men and hotel people of the town that the new system will be ready for use at least by the close of the season. They can congratulate themselves, however, that the change is being made, for when it is finished, the Surf City will have the finest system of street railway north of Los Angeles.

H. C. Spaulding and wife from Lincoln, Neb., are here here for a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. L. D. Felch of the Alta, and his brother-in-law, Major Hawley of San Jose. Mr. Spaulding may purchase a winter home in or near Santa Cruz if pleased with the climate.

Miss Augusta Ashley, niece of Mrs. Jos. M. Green, died at Colfax Saturday morning. Mr. Green goes to Oakland today, where the remains are to be buried.

James H. O'Brien and family are here from San Francisco. They will remain the entire summer.

William Thompson, who recently graduated from St. Mary's College, Oakland, is home.

Apples

Those farmers who hesitate to plant apple trees for fear of overstocking the market may learn something now if they will. New York has just received a consignment of apples from Australia and New Zealand, and the fruit is said to be superior in appearance to the American product. The production of apples has developed rapidly in this country for the last few years, but we still fail to raise enough first-class fruit to supply the home demand and the foreign market. The best goes abroad; the inferior fruit is offered at home and naturally spoils for want of buyers. There should be no inferior apples on the market. It pays better to make the whole crop of first quality than to have some good specimens and many bad ones. The orchardist who offers inferior apples for sale picks his own pocket; and until everybody who wishes to eat apples can purchase a supply of good fruit from early fall till late spring at a reasonable price there is not the slightest danger of overstocking the market. The use of apples for habitual food, like that of cheese, is a practice which is only beginning to be common in this country. Americans used to believe that fruit was all very well as a luxury, but of little value for nutriment. The man who works must have his rations of meat. We have now learned that, for sedentary workers at any rate, fruit is superior to meat as a food. In fact, many sensible people have come to the conclusion that our national dyspepsia is caused by the use of too much meat at the table and the neglect of the more rational diet which nature provides. This view becomes more attractive when one remembers the constantly increasing cost of meat with the small prospect there is that it will ever fall again to former figures. The enhanced value of land finds its natural expression in the rising price of meat and unless some great commercial disaster should depress rents beyond all expectation, flesh foods will never again be cheap in America. Vegetable food is not so dependent as meat upon rent, since more can be produced to the acre. It is therefore quite certain to happen in this country, as it has elsewhere, that as the value of land rises people of moderate means must depend more and more upon fruit and grain for their diet. No prospect could be more agreeable to everybody else, or it ought to be, because, when we have learned to forego our roasts and fries and have learned to satisfy our appetites with apples and beans, we shall live longer and enjoy life better.—Portland Oregonian.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Myers and children of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zeus of Berkeley, and Mr. John Deuel of New York City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shelton at 139 Garfield St. W. D. Tait and Miss Ada Tait are down from San Francisco for a few days. It is nine years since Mr. Tait lived in this city. He is still engaged at his trade of printer. C. C. Nemetz, wife and son, Chas., Jr., of San Francisco are visiting W. S. Sims and wife at their summer cottage in Garfield Park. Chris Buckley, the blind ex-boss of San Francisco, is a familiar figure at the Casino.

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Steady Growth of the State

BULLETIN OF PROGRESS.

Published by California Promotion Committee, June 30, 1907.

Progress in California has been specially marked during the month of June. Reports received by the California promotion committee from all parts of the State indicate steady growth from which is eliminated all boom aspects. The fifty thousand home-makers who came to the State during the spring season have located themselves and this enormous influx of people has had material effect on general prosperity. From all interior and coast cities reports show greatly increased building operations.

With the coming of fruking season demand for farm labor has vastly increased, and from sixteen to twenty thousand men and women can find immediate employment throughout the State. In all cities where are located canneries, packing houses and other factories, female help is in great demand. Farm help can find steady employment in California during the entire year at greatly advanced wages over those paid in the East and Middle West.

Crop conditions throughout the State continue good, with high prices for products prevailing and Eastern demand greater than heretofore noted.

In San Francisco industrial conditions are rapidly improving. The settlement of labor disputes came about as predicted in the May bulletin of progress.

With the closing of the month business in San Francisco showed great improvement, bank clearings being specially strong, and showing heavy increase over similar weeks of the two preceding years.

- The following summary for June shows California conditions: San Francisco building permits, \$3,916,450. San Francisco building permits since the fire, \$73,497,842. Los Angeles building permits, \$1,493,279. Oakland building permits, \$448,570. San Diego building permits, \$1,136,850. San Francisco real estate sales, 625; value, \$1,922,346. San Francisco bank clearings, \$177,307,227.96. San Francisco bank clearings, June, 1905, \$148,312,795.94. San Francisco bank clearings, June, 1906, \$132,149,341.46. Los Angeles bank clearings, \$51,457,221. Oakland bank clearings, \$11,495,511.75. San Jose bank clearings, \$2,395,935.52. San Francisco customs receipts, \$668,176.17.

Undertaking Firm Has New Wagon

The Pacific Coast Undertaking Co. has just purchased a new wagon for the carrying of the dead. It is the very latest and a great improvement over the old wagon used for that purpose. The new wagon is on the style of a city ambulance and is made of hard wood with the natural finish. The sides and rear have large French plate glass windows.

TOWN RIVALRY STARTS A FIGHT; DOZENS HURT.

Arrests Made as Result of Beating Administered to Marshal and Letter Carriers. MARIETTA, Ohio, July 5.—Many arrests were made at Lower Salem today as a result of a riot there yesterday, in which over a dozen men were badly injured. Hundreds of other men and many women and children were hurt. A big celebration had been arranged at Salem, and men and boys from all over attended. Friendly rivalry between Elba and Salem started a fight, and the place was soon in disorder. The marshal was unable to check the fighting and was beaten up, as were several mail carriers who came to his rescue. The riot ended only when the men were exhausted.

MANY SMALL FARMS. PLEASANT GROVE, July 5.—With the coming of the Northern Electric Railway many of the large farms in this section are being purchased by San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles parties, who are subdividing them and selling the land in five and ten-acre tracts to people from the East.

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Odd Jail Records at Monterey

CULPRITS WHIPPED AND SOLD INTO TEMPORARY SLAVERY TO PROMINENT CITIZENS.

Sheriff Nesbitt of Monterey Co. has in his office the register of the county jail since there was a jail in the county. The register is supposed to contain the names of all who were locked up, with dates of arrival, why they came, how and when they departed. In the beginning the jail was at Monterey. It could not have been a very secure place, or the entry "broke jail" would not have appeared so frequently as it does along in the early fifties. But those entries are comparatively uninteresting. The remarks recording how guests left the jail and why tell of the rough and ready spirit of the times, when there was very little sentimentality wasted on evil-doers. For instance, the following: "Juan Cooper—Indian. Twenty-five lashes on May 21, 1851, by order of Justice Maguire. "Jose Francisco—Sentenced to be sold at auction. Hired to D. Jacks for four months, October 31, 1851. "Pedro—Indian. Sold to W. Roach, February 23, 1853. "T. Williams—Assault and battery. Thirty days. This was a d—d hard case. "Miguel Castro—Four days. Said he was sorry he whipped his wife. "E. Luto—Sent to hell". This was a laconic record of the mob's work in hanging the prisoner. "Santiago—Indian. Murder. Found hanging in the jail yard at 1:30 P. M., May 11, 1856."

This was the record of another mob's work. On the same day these also were found similarly disposed of: Ramon Sunega, Ramunda Soto and Juan Bautista Lopez. "Anastasia Garcia—Murder and robbery. Found hung in jail February 16, 1857. His victim was Perry Wall, who was murdered on the Malarin ranch. "Marino—Vagabond. Sold to H. Escolle for four months for \$30. January, 1858. "Milicio Soto. Hired to J. Soto, September 19, 1860, 50 cents. "Jas. Robert—Sold to McDougall, October 31, 1860, \$12.50. "Jose Morales—Murder. Sent to God on a rope"—an irreverent record of a mob's work.

Besides these are many curious entries that characterize an earlier, wilder and woolier state of society than at present.—Salinas Index.

SPEAKER CANNON AND THE LUNATIC.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, was riding in a street car in Washington, D. C., when an elderly man, with a nervous manner and a rather wild look, entered the car and took the next seat to Mr. Cannon. After a short time the man, turning suddenly on Mr. Cannon, demanded, "Do you know what I am going to do?" "No," replied Mr. Cannon. "I am going to have all the bones of my ancestors collected, mounted with silver, and hung on the walls of my room," said the man. "I would not do that," said Mr. Cannon. "Why?" demanded the man. "Well," replied Mr. Cannon, "you can not expect to live more than 20 years at the most, and when you die all the bones of your ancestors will be thrown out in the ash barrel, and you would not like that." "No," said the man; "I never thought of that. I'll have to think that over." After a few moments the man again addressed Mr. Cannon in the same manner. "Do you know what I am going to do?" "No," replied Mr. Cannon. "I am going to dig a hole in the earth 100 miles deep and three miles in circumference," said the man. "I would not do that," replied Mr. Cannon. "Why?" demanded the man. "Because you can not tell what you would find so far down in the earth," replied Mr. Cannon; "besides you would be worried to death by the labor unions." "I never thought of that," said the man. "I'll have to think that over." After a slightly longer period of silence the man once more addressed Mr. Cannon. "Do you know what I am going to do?" "No," replied Mr. Cannon. "I am going out West and sink 100,000 artesian wells all over the plains," said the man. "I would not do that," replied Mr. Cannon. "Why?" demanded the man. "Because," replied Mr. Cannon, "I know you do not wish to injure anyone, and as water is scarce out there, you would cut off the water supply of many cities and towns." "I never thought of that," said the man. "I'll have to think that over." They both left the car as it was nearing the Capitol, and the man remarked, "You and I don't seem to agree".

The other passengers had greatly enjoyed the conversation, and one of them remarked to his neighbor, "Which of those two old gentlemen was the crazier?" But his neighbor gave it up.

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Orchestrion to be Installed at Casino

INSTRUMENT VALUED AT \$20,000 FROM SAN FRANCISCO CLIFF HOUSE TO BE BROUGHT TO THIS CITY.

The orchestrion, which was formerly at the Cliff House, San Francisco, and a fac simile of the one in the home of Adeline Patti at Schuberg, Germany, is to be put in the Casino. It is through the kindness of J. M. Wilkins, who owns the orchestrion, that the Beach company has been able to have this \$20,000 instrument in this city. The orchestrion will be one of the big features at the Casino. It plays seventy of the latest operas and the public can have the pleasure of listening to the orchestrion when the bands are being used in different parts of the large building. The orchestrion is to be situated near the ice cream stand.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Santa Cruz Postoffice for the week ending July 5th, 1907: Mrs J Bradley, J Ballala, Fred Breuner, Chas Berry, E F Bowers, A G Brown, Mrs Pete Butt, Keith Buck, Miss Saddleburgis, Michael Byrne, Luther Graighiale, Miss Pearl Carter, Mrs George Clark, Mrs H Cohen, C B Cooper, Miss Bertha De Frico, Mrs Jennie Emrick, Miss Farson, R L Forney, Ray Gallagher, Walter Hill, Miss Bella Jentzsch, C A Jeffers, Miss Lily Johnson, Mrs W J Kenny, Mrs Margaret A Lay, Geo A Longfellow, David Lowe, Mrs H E McCally, Mrs Harry McCally, Miss Annie McDowell, Mrs F V McCabe, Miss Annie McDowell, Mrs Norman P Mangold, Mrs Josie Mendoza, Mrs H Newton, Mrs Robert Orr, Mrs Place, Miss May Proudly, Harris E Rawe, R A Richardson, Roy D Richardson, Wm Rogers, W R Robinson, Miss Catherine Shanahan, Mrs T Stanton, H G Secret, Elmer A Todd (2), Mrs Fred Walker, Mrs W A Wilsow, C J Williams, J A Wiley, J W Williams, Homer Wilson, Fred Wolfsohn.

Foreign. H MacMenemy and Bodil Pedersen. O. J. LINCOLN, P. M.

TO FRUIT MEN.

Mention has heretofore been made of the proposed ruling of the department of agriculture relative to sulphuring dried fruits. In order that the condition as it affects the entire State of California may become thoroughly known, the California promotion committee has taken active interest in the matter, and has called a meeting to be held at Assembly hall, in California building, Union Square, San Francisco, for Tuesday, July 9, at 2 P. M.

Every grower of fruit in the State should attend this meeting, for unless concerted action be instantly had that portion of the dried fruit industry of this coast which depends upon sulphuring for preserving its product, will soon be a thing of the past. Printed invitations could not be sent out owing to the shortness of time and the imperative necessity for immediate action following the governor's wired request to the president and secretary of agriculture asking that California be heard before the ruling becomes a law. Growers will, therefore, accept this notice as a cordial and earnest invitation to attend the meeting. Further and complete data relating to conditions relative to the preservation of California dried fruits will be sent out following the meeting.

SCHMITZ DECLARES HIS CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR.

While in the actual custody of the sheriff and awaiting sentence under conviction for extortion, Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, in an interview given to the Associated Press, announces his candidacy for re-election to the office of mayor for the fourth term. He says that he is willing to make the race without the support of Ruef, and that he has no fear of the results. He declares that nothing can prevent him from running for the office except the affirmation of his conviction by the appellate and the supreme courts. He adds that his fight will be made on the issue of "prosperity," and he asserts that he has lost no allegiance from the union labor interests. Schmitz concludes with an arraignment of the prosecution, in which he accuses Langdon of having pronouncement of sentence delayed in order to delay the appeal and render it possible to try him on the other charges of extortion before the election. The mayor says that if sentence is not passed on him by Monday he will bring mandamus proceedings against Judge Dunne.

BRIDEGROOM OF 86 TAKES BRIDE OF 77.

NEW YORK, July 6.—William Shinton of Los Angeles and Mrs. Eleanor G. Ronk of Passaic were married at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ridgewood, N. J., yesterday. Mr. Shinton, who is 86 years of age, was formerly a resident of Paterson and came here to be married early this week. Mrs. Ronk was the widow of the late Harry Ronk. She is in her seventy-seventh year.