

SHE WAS SOMETIMES KNOWN AS NETTIE CHASE

Mystery Surrounds the Bay Suicide.

Dunn Says He Did Not Know the Woman.

A Vallejo Restaurant Keeper Said to Have Been Acquainted With Her.

The identity of the young woman who jumped into the bay from a ferry-boat on Wednesday night and was drowned has not been ascertained, but the police and Morgue officials who are working on the case believe that they will soon unravel the mystery. The letters left by the woman and published in yesterday's CHRONICLE were undoubtedly written with the sole aim in view of allowing but those who were close and dear to her to know of her death. That she desired to conceal her identity is apparent and the name signed to the letters is believed to be fictitious. It may be that at one time she passed under the name of Nettie Chase, but those who are investigating the matter do not believe it to be her true name. A young woman known as Nettie Chase lived in Vallejo with a restaurant-keeper who was generally called "Nick the Dago" by his acquaintances. Now they are not certain, but think that the woman who ended her troubled life by drowning is the same person. The indications are that the suicide and the friend of "Nick, the Dago," is the "Nettie Chase" known in Vallejo. The publication of the letters written by the unfortunate woman before she took the plunge from the ferry-boat deck have been productive of one result. C. W. Dunn, whose name was coupled with the letters, called at the Morgue last night to see the Coroner. He stated that he was not in any way connected with the case, and had no knowledge as to the identity of the suicide. "My name," said he, "is C. W. Dunn. For that reason I call here, as some of the newspapers have published that your deputy is looking for me. I will call here to see if you can help me to have one name mentioned in connection with such a sad case."

some laudation and said she was going to kill herself. I grabbed the bottle out of her hand and smashed it. She threatened to commit suicide several times, but I thought she was only talking. Dunn was her friend in Vallejo after she left Nick. When she was keeping company with Dunn she did not go with any one else that I know of. I was present when she shot the man on the ferry-boat. She got angry with him and drew a pistol and he tried to grab it and it went off. I never knew her by any other name than that of Nettie Chase. She never talked about her family, and I never heard her mention their names. She never seemed to want to discuss her family affairs. Shortly after the shooting I left Vallejo, and I never heard of the woman again until I heard of her suicide. After she was drowned she seemed to be wild about him, and was very jealous."

THE MYSTERIOUS NETTIE.

She Was Known by Many Residents of Vallejo. VALLEJO, April 12.—There is no longer any doubt as to the author of the mysterious communications sent to the editor of the Chronicle. The paper in this city and at Coroner Hawkins' office, was a vest which told a story of Charles W. Dunn's duplicity and of a woman's vow to seek revenge. The four missives were written by the same woman. But the identity of the unfortunate creature is still as heavily cloaked as it was when she sprang from the upper deck of the steamer Oakland on Wednesday night. She was of mature age, slender and dark, and was possessed of an aggressive disposition. She lived in Vallejo for many weeks, and yet the people who saw her on the streets and commented upon her fast, nervous stride do not remember where she lived or whence she came. They simply talk of her as one of "Dunn's mashes." As these conquests were so numerous they thought little about her. Dunn, who figures conspicuously in the strange tragedy of the bay, is not a man whose grace and features would be expected to upset women, and yet it would seem that he had a sweetheart on every hilltop and a despondent soul in every valley. He is tall and florid, with clear blue eyes and teeth that are crowned with gold. His clothing to-day consisted of a brown frock coat, a pair of trousers which was glossy about the buttons and a pair of trousers which were creased. He came to town on the early morning boat to collect some money that was due him from men who work in the navy yard on Mare Island. Shortly after noon he entered the Delmonico restaurant, where he was employed as a waiter until the mysterious night when he jumped from the Oakland's deck. He was seen by the Coroner Hawkins, who panned the extraordinary missives to Coroner Hawkins in San Francisco. The same quality and style of paper was used in both instances and the chirography was identical. There can be little doubt, therefore, that the little brunette of Oakland saw the man who leaped from the ferry-boat last Wednesday was the same person who had the key to the door of the attempt of the life of Dunn, the tall waiter of the Delmonico. Dunn left for San Francisco to-night. When he left the wharf he said he was going to see Coroner Hawkins and the body of the woman, which he understood, was at the Morgue. His wife, he reluctantly admitted, was at 407 Mason street. He denied, however, that there was anything to see about their marriage in San Francisco. There is a report, however, that it was a runaway match, and that he lost four front teeth in a combat with an enraged relative of the girl.

AFTER FREIGHT RATES

The Southern Pacific in Difficulty.

Its Terminals May Be Abolished.

J. C. Martin to Fight an Important Case Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Southern Pacific Company has been called upon to defend itself in a case before the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is a case that attacks the Southern Pacific Company's method of fixing west-bound freight tariffs, and the important nature of the proceeding will be readily seen when it is known that a decision in favor of the plaintiff will accomplish some of the objects which caused the people of California to contribute to the Valley Railroad enterprise. An unfavorable decision will deprive the company of the principal source of its revenue by abolishing its method of charging high local tariffs between terminal and intermediate points. That deplorable result would revolutionize the freight business of the entire country, for all the transcontinental roads west of Chicago are co-defendants in the case before the Interstate Commerce Commission. It would, in all probability, cause the Southern Pacific to make a vigorous fight before the Interstate Commerce Commission for a general advance in west-bound rates, in order to enable it to make up what it would lose by the abolition of its present system of local rates between terminals and intermediates. It is well known that the Southern Pacific Company's principal source of revenue is derived from its system of local freight rates on through west-bound freight shipments. A merchant in the East who has a carload of freight shipped from the East to San Francisco, in addition to the tariff between the Eastern point and the California terminal point, a high local rate for the shipment of the goods from the California terminal to his own city or town. The local rate, in almost a majority of instances, is in excess of the through rate. It is this system of terminals and local rates which has placed the people in the valleys at the mercy of the monopoly. Now a Denver manufacturer has come to their relief and threatens, with great prospects of success, to knock the underpinning from the obnoxious system. In his complaint before the Interstate Commerce Commission he sets forth the argument that a railroad company should not be permitted to charge a rate between intermediate points that exceeds the rate between terminal points. That is a blow which strikes the railroad companies in a vulnerable part, and they are gathering about them the best legal talent in the country to defeat the case when it comes to trial. There are in reality two cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission bearing on the same important question. One complaint has been filed by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, which complains of the rates on its products from Pueblo, Col., to Pacific Coast points as compared with the rates from more easterly points to Pacific Coast points. The other complaint has been filed by George J. Kindel, a manufacturer of mattresses and spring beds in Denver. His grievance is similar to that of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, and he complains of the rates on all items of general merchandise which are striving to induce the Commission to rule that whatever rates prevail between the East and Pacific Coast points, they shall be the maximum to or from intermediate points. In other words, we want the Commission to rule that whatever rates are made from New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Missouri to Pacific Coast points, they shall apply from the same eastern points to all intermediate points, and from all intermediate to the same Pacific Coast points. It has been agreed that the case shall be fought out on Mr. Kindel's complaint. The following railroads are made defendants in the case brought by the Denver manufacturer: Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe; Burlington and Missouri River; Chicago and North Western; Chicago and North Western; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; Chicago and Great Western; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; Denver and Rio Grande; Des Moines and Kansas City; Fort Worth and Denver City; Fremont, Elk Horn and Missouri Valley; Hannibal and St. Joseph; Illinois Central; Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs; Missouri Pacific; Northern Pacific; Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City; Rio Grande Western; St. Louis and San Francisco; Sioux City and Pacific; Southern California Railway; Southern Pacific Company; Texas and Pacific; Union Pacific; Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf; Wash. Road. The case comes up for hearing before the Commission on the 22d inst., and it will be grand assemblage of all the legal talents in the country in Denver on that day. The Southern Pacific Company has employed J. C. Martin of Oakland to defend its interests in the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Mr. Martin and C. F. Smurr, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, will leave for Denver in a special train on Thursday next and will fight the case to the bitter end. Mr. Smurr, when seen yesterday, said that the Southern Pacific Company could be depended upon to exert its every effort in fighting the case. The reasons he gives for the stand taken by the Southern Pacific Company are unique and most interesting. "This policy proposed in the Kindel complaint," he said, "if inaugurated, would do away with the present plan of making west-bound terminal commodity tariffs, which has been so largely adopted by the Southern Pacific and its connections. The effect of the new policy can easily be seen. New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Missouri river jobbers would be able to distribute their goods direct to all intermediate points in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon and California. It is needless to say that the Kindel complaint will be vigorously opposed by the Southern Pacific and the jobbers at those terminal points. Practically all the lines west of Chicago and the Missouri river are involved in a greater or less degree; or rather their methods of rate-making

COAL OIL ADVANCES.

Another Exaction by the Trust.

The Local Market Greatly Disturbed.

How a California Stockholder Was Forced to Sell His Interest.

The Standard Oil Company has made another increase in coal oil on this Coast. It is reaping a harvest of gold as the result of the compact with W. P. Fuller & Co., and those who deal in its products feel assured that prices are to go still higher. Having an absolute monopoly of petroleum and its products the Standard Company can afford to do as it pleases. Since the compact was made with Fuller oil has advanced 30 per cent. This means hundreds of thousands of dollars to the great corporation which controls the market. There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the general effect of the compact with Fuller. Those who know of the transfer of the Standard Oil Company to the Standard Oil Company are handlings Fuller brand of oil seemed to think that the monopoly extended no further than this city. In that they are mistaken. The agreement between the local firm and the trust gives to the latter a monopoly of the trade on the Pacific Coast from the north to the south. Local firms, who have not eagerly felt the advance in price, have telegraphed to some of the cities which they have connections, and learn that the effect of the deal has been widespread. Prices have advanced all along the line. There is a limit to this increase, but those who are informed declare that it will be some time before it is reached. The managers of the Standard Oil Company have been too long in the business to create united opposition to their exactions. They probably are with some caution and make a gradual increase. The next rise will be probably a small one, as was that made yesterday. When the agreement with Fuller & Co. was reached the trust advanced the prices of petroleum and its products 1 cent a gallon. That meant an enormous profit to the company, but a few days after another cent marked the increase in value of each gallon. This would seem to be enough for an ordinary concern, but the Standard Oil Company demanded more, and the price of each gallon was again advanced half a cent yesterday. This brings the price of petroleum and its products to a point higher than it was before in many months. The exactions of the great trust have revived gossip about its affairs. When it made its appearance in the Coast it induced one of the best-known capitalists in California to invest in its stock. He saw the apparent advantage of purchase, and soon bought 40 per cent of the stock on this Coast. He found it anything but a profitable investment. The great monopoly, having induced him to buy, began a series of unjust transactions to force him to sell at a loss. The company, which operated on this Coast, is known as the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. It receives its supplies from the central organization at Chicago. When the time came to force out the California stockholder, the central office of the trust charged its branch on this Coast 2 cents more a gallon for petroleum products than it did its Eastern branches. The result was evident. The profits of the Western branch were necessarily curtailed, and the California stockholder saw the advantage of selling, which he did without delay. His stock was then absorbed by the trust. The deal had been an exceptionally profitable one.

MISCELLANEOUS.

When my little girl was one month old, she had a scald form on her face. It kept spreading until she was completely covered from head to foot. Then she died. She had forty on her head at one time, and more on her body. When six months old she did not weigh seven pounds, a pound and a half less than at birth. Then her skin started to dry up and got so hard she could not shut her eyes to sleep, but lay with them half open. About this time, I started using CUTICURA. Yours with a Mother's Blessing, Mrs. G. H. TUCKER, JR., 622 Walker St., Milwaukee, Wis. Sold throughout the world. POTTER DERRIS and CURRY, CORP., Sole Props., Boston. "All about the Blood, Skin, Scalp, and Hair," mailed free. Baby Blemishes, falling hair, and red, rough heads prevented and cured by CUTICURA SOAP. WOMEN FULL OF PAINS Find relief in CUTICURA. It is the first and only medicine that cures. A LITTLE LIVER PILLS PRINTED FROM LARGE, NEW, TYPE TO-DAY'S NEWS LETTER BE SURE AND TAKE A COPY HOME CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS SICK HEADACHE Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Crossed, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Crowded Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. Small Pills. Small Dose. Small Price. A PROBLEM X = Life, Y = Warner's Safe Cure, Z = Health. X + Y = Z WON'T YOU TRY IT? CUT THIS OUT. PORTRAIT COUPON A SPECIAL OFFER FOR \$3.—A Life Size Crayon Portrait, 20x24 inches, valued at \$30. Also One Dozen Cabinet Photographs, valued at \$5. All for \$3. REMEMBER—Bring this coupon, printed in the CHRONICLE, to any of our galleries. The Photographer will receive a Life Size Crayon Portrait and One Dozen Cabinet Photographs. Also a Life-Size Water Color and Dozen Cabinet Photos. NOTICE.—All Coupons and Club Tickets to be returned March 1st, from any other gallery will be accepted at the same rate. This offer for a limited time only. Galleries open on Sundays for business and working people from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Groups and copied pictures extra. Marceau THE PHOTOGRAPHER, 822 Market St., San Francisco Cal. (Phone bid. CENTS 5 CENTS THE WEEKLY CHRONICLE IN WRAPPERS CONTAINING THE NEWS for an entire week; or sent three months for \$3 cents to any address in the United States.

THE PRISON BOARD.

PLANS FOR THE MEETING THIS MORNING.

Devlin May Dodge the Issue—Fitzgerald Will Be Recognized.

All factions in the Prison Board are ready for the meeting to-day. That does not mean that all of the Directors will be present. One of them, it is said, has decided to dodge the issue, for the same reason. Director Devlin will not, it is understood, be present at the session. He is not quite sure which way the wind is blowing, so he will remain away. There is little question now that Fitzgerald will be recognized by Clerk J. E. Ellis when the roll is called. The newly elected Director from Oakland has the precedent of Elmer H. Governor Budd in his favor. It is probable that two members of the Board may recognize Ivory. This, it is understood, would simply be preliminary to the election of Elmer H. Governor Budd. The situation for Directors De Pute and Hayes is becoming interesting. De Pute, it is charged, has sold Woodland orchard products to San Quentin prison. As he is interested in the Woodland orchard his alleged action is something more than illegal. Hayes, as has already been stated, is a member of the firm which sold a set of boilers to the Prison. What action Budd will take in regard to these two directors remains to be seen. They will be present at the meeting to-day. A Lie, if uttered boldly, is as good as the truth to some. A New York ammonia baking powder "waived examination" at the World's Fair, is now claiming all awards. A Policeman Arrested. Police Officer Peter Hauke was arrested yesterday by Officer C. C. Wells of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and charged with failure to provide for a minor child. Mrs. Emma Kiser, a neighbor of the Haukes, swore to the arrest. The creature, who was released on his own recognizance, was Police Officer Low, has been separated from his wife for several months. For what reason he will get along with her, and he claims, the report of his arrest was inspired by her to harass him. Small Boys Injured. Two very small boys were taken to the Receiving Hospital yesterday morning suffering from fractures of the right arm. The first was John Cameron, aged 2 years, who was injured by falling from a high chair in the dining room of the Grand Southern Hotel, Seventh and Mission streets. Frank Rullickson, 7 years old, living at 229 Langdon street, was struck and injured while climbing a fence, and was picked up with a broken arm. Knocked Slightly. What? Why? Market prices. Today we are offering ladies' misses' and children's tan shoes, all styles, 95 per cent lower than others. Moore & Sons, 138 Sixth street.

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