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MRS. CATHERWOOD'S VICTORY.

She Triumphs Over Those Who Tried to Impugn Her Accounting as Guardian of Her Sister.

Is Effort to Show That Charges Were Exorbitant, Extravagant and Not Properly Applied.

SARCASM FOR AN ATTORNEY.

Attorney Shortridge's Eloquent Tribute to the Memory of Judge Hastings and His Rebuke to Attorney Keyes for Referring to the Eminent Jurist as "a Methodical and Litigious Man"—The Court Allows the Account and the Spirited Defendant Rejoices.

As Mrs. Clara Catherwood swept out of Judge Coffey's courtroom yesterday afternoon she remarked to her attorney, D. M. Delmas, in a triumphant whisper:

"Well, we've beaten him—that's a consolation, anyhow." Mrs. Catherwood's allusion was to Attorney A. D. Keyes, whom cynical smile has haunted her and whose important questions have annoyed her almost beyond endurance since her annual account as guardian of her sister, Miss Ella Hastings, became a matter of judicial investigation at the instigation of the aforesaid Keyes.

She had been recalled to the witness chair at the beginning of the proceedings to answer a few supplementary questions by the attorney, and she had answered them directly and with sarcastic emphasis indicative of her exceedingly small opinion of Keyes and his motive in constituting himself an attorney in this case.

"Did you keep the Hastings money in a separate account?" asked Keyes.

"I believe you have said that I did not," answered Mrs. Catherwood with asperity:

"but I did; the money was on deposit in the Nevada Bank."

"This balance was entirely separate and in Miss Hastings' name?"

"Yes, to her sense," and the tone of the reply expressed far more than the language.

"I suppose that you will admit that Miss Catherwood is over eighteen years of age?"

"She is about your age," Mrs. Catherwood answered, mistaking the lawyer's reference. "She is twenty-two," she added.

"Miss Catherwood is twenty-two?" The attorney seized with the intention of making his intent clear to the witness.

"Miss Catherwood! My daughter?" exclaimed the mother. "What has she to do with this matter?"

"And she is in society?" Keyes continued without discomposure.

"Jennie is a society," Mrs. Catherwood replied. "You have met her there. You know she is in society," and the lady curled her lip in scorn of the doubt.

MR. KEYES CONSTRUES.

"In the account which you have rendered," said Attorney Shortridge, "you have made no claim for compensation?"

"No; but I think I ought to get the same fee as the lawyers," Mrs. Catherwood answered.

"The same fee that Mr. Keyes gets?" asked Judge Coffey.

"No," was the emphatic response, "but the same as my attorneys get."

"How much is your fee, Mr. Shortridge?" the Court inquired.

"I have been allowed $1,000," Mr. Shortridge answered, "by the Court," he added, and then, after brief meditation, "on account, your Honor, on account."

Mrs. Catherwood was permitted to retire and Mr. Keyes made an elaborate argument to prove that although the guardian's account showed an apparent surplus of $6,000 there was in reality a deficiency on the face of the account.

This argument was frequently interrupted by Mrs. Catherwood, whose explosive remarks were punctuated by the bailiff's gavel rapping for more orderly procedure.

Neither the interruptions of Mrs. Catherwood nor those of Mr. Shortridge disturbed the equanimity of Mr. Keyes, who endeavored to show that the document filed by the guardian as an account was in no sense an account, that it contained no statement of the amount received or the items of expenditure, or to whom paid and the time when paid.

He then reviewed the statements, commenting upon them and urging that those "lump sums" were extravagant, exorbitant and inuring more to the benefit of the guardian, her family and acquaintances than to the comfort of Mrs. Catherwood's ward.

SUNSET SUGGESTIONS.

He argued that as none of the charges were for expenses on behalf of Mrs. Catherwood and her daughter Miss Hastings should have been charged only one-third of the amounts set down in the guardian's account. He asked that the charge of $210 for circles

MRS. CATHERWOOD IS BY TURNS SARCASTIC, HAUGHTY AND TEARFUL.
[Sketched by an "Examiner" artist in court-in-bank.]

purchased in New York for Miss Hastings be not allowed because there were no vouchers, and he asked that the same disposition be made of the charge for $250 for rooms at the Gerlach, "a very expensive apartment house in New York," because, according to the testimony of Mrs. Catherwood, the rooms had been hired two weeks before they were required. The attorney was content to call this an inadvertence, although legally it was beyond the pale of the guardian.

He objected also to the charge of $200 for "rugs and so forth," asserting that "this 'and so forth' method of stuffing particulars is very frequent in this document and is 'atrocious.'"

The charge of $320 for a bathroom at Madrone Villa was objected to on the ground that it was a permanent improvement of Mrs. Catherwood's property.

"Miss Hastings has a fee in the property," the Court suggested.

"Yes," answered Mr. Keyes, "but that is no reason why she should be charged the full amount for this improvement."

"Are you now speaking of a fee in the bathtub?" asked Attorney Shortridge.

"No, of course not," replied Attorney Keyes, impatiently. "Who ever heard of a fee in a bathtub? I believe there may be a fee in the floor of a house, but I never heard of a fee in a bathtub."

"There is a fee in this case, evidently," remarked Judge Coffey.

A SERIOUS JURIST.

The principal objection of Mr. Keyes was to the charge for board and lodging, but the Court did not seem inclined to place much weight on this phase of the argument. He remarked that people who "go the pace" in exalted spheres of society must pay for the privilege.

Mr. Keyes sat down, and Mr. Shortridge arose to pay an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Judge S. C. Hastings. He was also sarcastic at the expense of his opponent in the case, informing him that his invitation was unwarranted and the Court was no place for "jesters and interlopers."

He reviewed the account, finding no discrepancies, extravagance or improper charges, and concluded by asking for an approval and settlement by the Court.

Mr. Keyes in the course of a brief reply referred to Judge Hastings as a "methodical man, notwithstanding Mr. Shortridge's tribute to his generosity."

"And he was a generous man, sir," said Mr. Shortridge, "a generous man, a great man."

"He was a methodical man," persisted Mr. Keyes. "Methodical and litigious. He was extremely litigious, according to his own children, as Mr. Shortridge very well knows."

The Court made an order accepting and allowing the account of Mrs. Catherwood as her sister's guardian, adding that it would be necessary to facilitate vouchers of the New York expenditures, which, however, he did not consider exorbitant or extravagant.

And that was why Mrs. Catherwood walked triumphantly to her attorney.

"We've beaten him—and that's a consolation, anyhow."

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POLITICS AND THE RAILROAD.

Intro Proposes to Begin a Political Agitation to Bring the Railroad to Terms.

Nothing But a Project to Have the City Build a Road From the Ferries to the Ocean Beach.

AND CHARGE 2-CENT FARES.

Mass Meetings to Be Held to Stop Out the Organization of the Anti-Railroad Party and to Renew the Old Anti-Monopoly Agitation—Mr. Harrington Says That When Electricity Replaces Steam on the Roads to the Beach One Fare May Be Charged.

If Adolph Sutro and those who are working with him in the effort to secure a 5-cent fare from the main portion of the city to the ocean beach have gauged the temper of the people correctly, the coming political campaign will be enlivened by an anti-monopoly agitation which will overstep in intensity the most pronounced campaigns of the latter '70s and earlier '80s. They expect yesterday in arranging for mass meetings and working out their preliminary arrangements.

In connection with the agitation is the formulation of a proposition for city ownership of two street railroads, one to extend from the ferries to the ocean beach and the other to run north and south across the city, the fares to be about 2 cents—just enough to cover the actual operating expenses of the road.

In order to secure this project the old of Supervisors must be secured, and possibly legislative elected. In this way the anti-railroad agitation is to become an issue reaching farther in than local State politics.

TO GO INTO POLITICS.

"I am having cards painted to read, 'Twenty-five cents admission until the Southern Pacific of Kentucky comes to Market,'" said Mr. Sutro yesterday. "These signs will be posted on the fence which I am building around the Cliff House property. That fence must be nearly or quite three-quarters of a mile long, so it takes some time to complete it. I think, however, it will be finished in two or three days now. Then the signs will go up. I don't think they will be offensive to the people, for I think the great majority of the people are with me and against the Southern Pacific.

"The masses have been slaves to this corporation long enough. It is time they did something for themselves. Now, I've been a prying man, but I'm willing to go into this fight, and I think plenty of the young men of the country will be with me to do most of the fighting. We propose to carry this thing right into politics. This is a time of unrest and of revolution, and in a revolution against the railroad's exactions the corporation would be wiped right out.

"What's the use of our voting the Republican or Democratic ticket on an issue of this kind? Of course the tariff and silver questions are of great importance, but we can't vote with the old parties for offices who will be concerned in them and still carry along our party, which I have called 'The Liberators.' This railroad question is the most important to us of all our questions, and I think that right now is the favorable time for agitating it.

THE CITY TO BUILD STREET RAILROADS.

"You know what Shakespeare says about the 'tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.' Well, this is the flood tide for the people of California. If we take it now, when all the conditions are favorable, it will certainly bear us on to victory in our fight for better government and less railroad influence.

"A suggestion was made which seems to me an excellent one for the solution of the problem of getting cheap fares from the city to the ocean beach. It is that the city itself build and equip a railroad from the ferries to the beach, charging fares at a rate just sufficient to cover the cost of operating the road. There ought to be such a road, and another running north and south across the city.

"Lawyers tell me that it is possible for the city to build such roads. I have not looked into the matter closely, and have not had the attorneys give me a careful expert opinion on the legal questions involved. But cities do own waterworks and gas-works—why not street railroads? It may be necessary to have some legislation on the subject, but, let's repeat it, no agitation the necessity for such legislation.

Recorder Glynn, who was responsible for the introduction in the Democratic General Committee of the resolution pledging the party to the support of Mr. Sutro in his fight for longer fares, came in with Charles H. Hubbs, who is at the head of the Richmond District organization, to talk over the campaign, and they were joined by William Mitchell Hooker of the Argent. Mr. Hooker is also heavily interested in Richmond property.

"We have called a mass meeting for Thursday night in Farrell's Hall, at the corner of Ninth and Point Lobos avenue," said Mr. Hubbs. "The notices are now being sent out."

A BIG HALL FOR A BIG MEETING.

"That is all very well so far as it goes," replied Mr. Sutro. "You can there elect officers and committees to push the agitation, but what we want now is a great public meeting or series of meetings. It may be well to hold one Sunday afternoon at a central point in the district."

Mr. Glynn suggested the steps of the new French Hospital as a good place for an out-door meeting, and his idea was partially concurred in.

"But we'll have to hold a great downtown meeting just as soon as possible," insisted Mr. Sutro. "We must hire a hall for it."

Metropolitan Hall was suggested. When assured that the place would accommodate a great crowd Mr. Sutro said that the place would be secured. He said that he had sent to ex-Congressman Charles Sumner, who used to deal the railroad hard blows in the old anti-monopoly days, to be one of the speakers of the campaign. Then he returned to the best solution of the charge fares problem:

"It will hardly be possible to secure a franchise in opposition to the Southern Pacific. As the law now stands all those franchises must be put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder. The Southern Pacific could step in and bid more than anybody else and thus stave off opposition. But if the city should take up the project and build its own road this difficulty would be obviated.

THE CORPORATION'S FOREIGNER.

"This law relating to the sale of franchises was one of the railroad's latest moves to prevent competition. They had secured all they wanted, and then had the law passed so they could block anybody else, just as, after they had secured all the county bonds they wanted, they had a provision inserted in the Constitution preventing any county from appropriating money to encourage the building of other lines."

"Have you received an answer to your letter to Secretary Wilcox of the Consolidated Street Railroads?" was asked of Mr. Hubbs.

"No, and I do not expect any. Those railroad people have treated all our petitions with contempt. When our Richmond district committee went to Fourth and Townsend streets the magnates kept them waiting for hours in that ante-room, while other people who came later were blithely ushered in before our faces.

"We never could get any satisfaction or even a respectful hearing. So I don't expect an answer to that letter."

Secretary Willcut said later that he had received the Hubbs letter, but had been too busy to reply to it. He further said that he would answer it in some way as soon as he had time, but his manner indicated that he did not consider it of great importance or to be a matter pressing for immediate consideration.

MR. HUNTINGTON'S STATEMENT.

Colonel C. F. Crocker went out of town yesterday afternoon, but in his stead a call was laid with H. E. Huntington, who said he had no desire to make any special reply to anything Mr. Sutro had said.

"His new official action been taken by the railroad people regarding the request for a change here in the ocean beach?"

"The matter has not been officially considered. In fact, the subject has hardly been mentioned among us. Mr. Sutro is doing the talking."

"Is there any hope that a single-fare rate will be adopted?"

"Of course that is our ultimate intention to give a single-fare rate to the beach, but the time is not yet ripe. We propose to put electricity on both the roads running to the beach and we expect by steam. When we do that we may adopt the single-fare rate. In fact, we probably will adopt it at that time."

"Have you any idea how soon you will replace the steam dummies with electricity?"

"We have not arranged definitely for that as yet, but we shall do so when the time does fit. Electricity is, in my judgment, the very best motive power for small car lines. Out there in the country we could run up to fifteen miles an hour, and we could our service to fit the needs of any occasion. But really I do not wish to be considered as making a reply to Mr. Sutro."

This Mr. Sutro, however, is getting more and more earnest in his anti-railroad agitation, and when a man who is said to own one-tenth of the entire area of San Francisco gets worked up to the point of pledging his honor and his fortune to a cause, and agreeing to give outright the eighteen acres of Sutro Heights to the people to secure a reduction in rates, there is no telling where the trouble for the railroad will stop.

NORMAL CLASS GRADUATES.

Interesting Graduation Exercises at the Girls' High School.

The enthusiastic assembly hall at the top of the Girls' High School Building had its bare walls draped with flags and evergreens and bunting last night to make it fit for the graduation of the class of '94 from the Girls' High School Normal class. But what the surrounding walls lacked in decoration was more than compensated for by the charms of the graduates on the platform. Their intellectual attainments found expression in a most excellent programme of music and recitation. The graduates were:

Frances Agnes, Sadie Allen, Agnes Adamson, Corinne Bruzzo, Florence Baron, Mary Bowen, Ida Bell, Ethel Bell, Ethel Bell, Ethel Baker, Claudine, Grace Cunningham, Blanche Cadwalader, Rosa Carr, Sarah Coleman, May Cohen, Ida Cohen, Florence Cohen, Ida Cohen, Isabel Dunn, Agnes Dolgarno, Jessie Ennis, Mollie Sanders, Mary Huntington, Ethel Hall, Lottie Hall, Florence Hobson, Rebekah Hall, Lottie Johnson, Roberta Jones, Louisa Koch, Elsie Kinnel, Nellie Kinnick, Josephine Lenhart, Ella Lenhart, Mary Lewis, Cecilia Lacy, Edith Mitchell, Antonia Jameson, Cecilia Mitchell, Alice Patterson, Eva Patterson, Margaret Pond, Hattie Pomeroy, Hettie Furnstring, Ethel Pratt, Lizzie Pratt, Ethel Pratt, Ethel Pratt, Ida Pratt, Lizzie Pritchard, Nora Pollard, Josie Pennington, Martha Ritchie, Lizzie Richards, Mary Rose, Ethel Rose, Ethel Rose, Ethel Rose, Ella Sullivan, Lillian Meredith, Ethel Sullivan, Ella Sullivan, Lillian Meredith, Ethel Sullivan, Ella Sullivan, Lillian Meredith, Ethel Sullivan