

WRECK, KILLING SEVEN, BLAMED TO MOTORMAN

Operator Is Held Responsible for Smash-Up on Line in Visitation Valley

CORONER'S JURY FINDING

Body Recommends Practice of Operating Cars With One Man Be Abolished

George W. Sweetman, a motorman, 1648 Harrison street, was held responsible yesterday by a coroner's jury for the street-car wreck in Visitation Valley on July 13 which caused seven deaths.

The jury's findings in part follow: "That the car left the track at Waldridge and Schwerin streets because of the excessive speed at which it approached the curve, and the deaths were due to the carelessness of the motorman."

Yesterday's request concerned the death of Herbert Perrano, Engelbert J. Beecher and Robert M. Richardson, who died in San Francisco county.

The other victims died in San Mateo county, and an inquiry into their deaths was held in Daly city last week.

Testimony yesterday indicated that the motorman was in the habit of permitting civilians to run the car while he attended the fares. John Dillon, 337 Moscow street, said that the motorman went down grade under full power and made no effort to check the speed until warned by several passengers.

Gavin McNab Sues Mrs. Clara Stocker

Says Contract for Legal Services Was Broken

Gavin McNab, through his attorney, Frank P. Whipple, yesterday filed suit against Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, daughter of the late E. J. Baldwin, to recover \$7,686.61 on a contract McNab avers Mrs. Stocker broke without his consent.

According to the complaint, McNab entered into an agreement with Mrs. Stocker in July, 1916 whereby he was to handle her legal business for \$25,000 a year for three years, plus his expenses.

Cliff House to Close Upstairs Dining-Room

The Cliff House, which has been forbidden to sell alcohol in any form because it is within a half-mile of a military reservation, will close its upstairs dining-room tomorrow.

Financial Delegate of Russian Embassy Here

W. I. Novitsky, attached to the Russian Embassy in Washington as financial delegate, is in the city to investigate the best ways of transferring money from Russians in America to their relatives and friends in Russia.

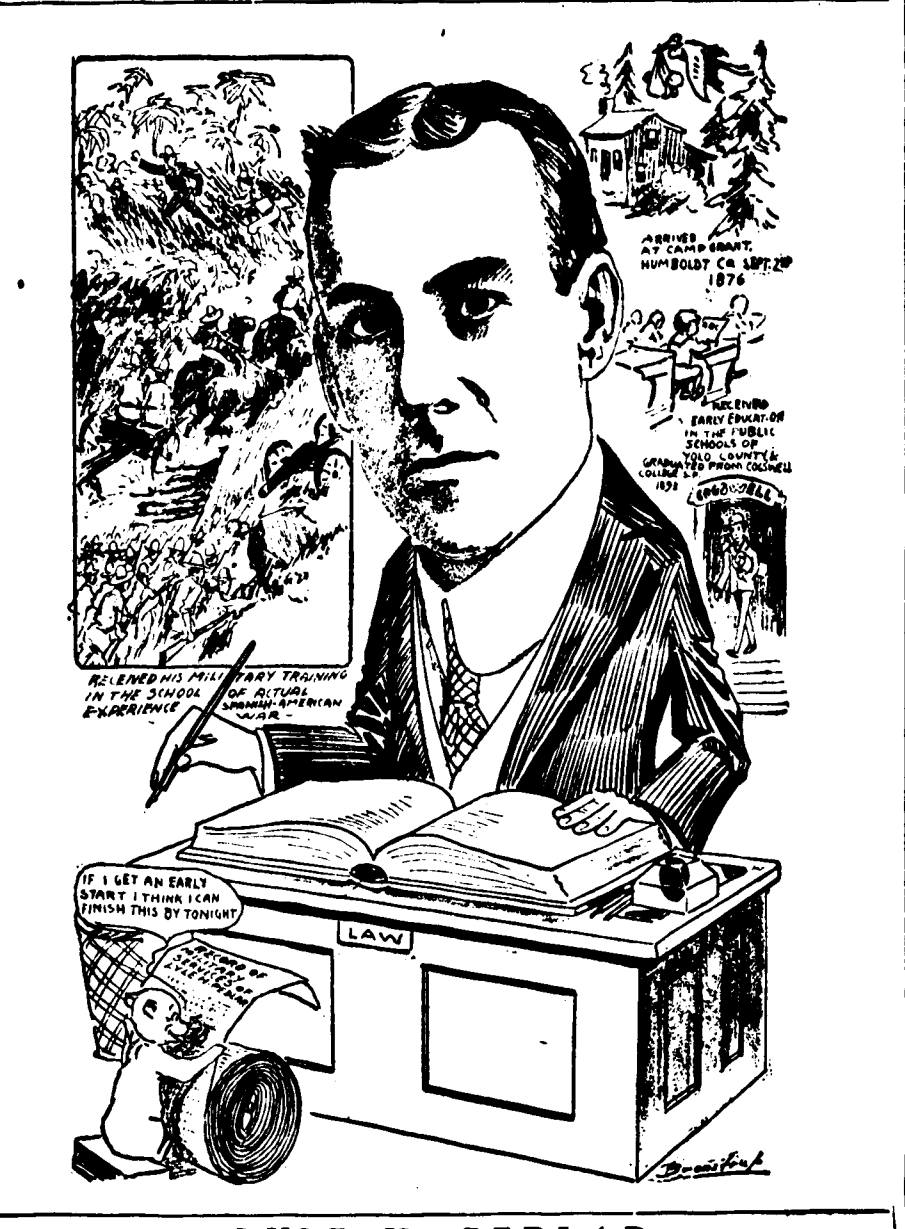
Noodles Case Not Within Jurisdiction

Federal Judge William C. Van Fleet yesterday upheld the contention of attorneys for the State Board of Health and State Food and Drug Director E. J. Lea that the complaint of the Cleveland Macaroni Company, seeking to enjoin Lea from quarantining 660,000 cases of egg noodles, was not within the jurisdiction of the court.

Outbreak of Tetanus In Army of Kaiser

AMSTERDAM, July 29.—Tetanus has broken out in serious form in the German army, according to the Telegraph. The Netherlands Export Company has agreed to send a large consignment of anti-tetanus serum to Germany.

PEN PICTURES of NOTABLE CALIFORNIANS—LXI



LYLE H. PEDLAR Attorney-at-Law

Committee Begins Drive for Nurses

Defense Councils and Red Cross Ready to Enroll

The California Women's Committee of the Council on National Defense, aided by the Red Cross, yesterday launched its recruiting drive for student war nurses.

2 Postoffice Clerks And Woman Indicted

W. H. Johnston, a postoffice clerk in charge of station No. 6, was indicted yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of embezzling money from the mails.

Berkeley Asks Water Rate Reconsideration

The city of Berkeley yesterday asked the State Railroad Commission to reconsider its decision fixing new rates to be charged by the East Bay Water Company, asserting that Berkeley paid only \$3000 for its water used for municipal purposes.

Miller Stock Sale Postponed to Aug. 17

The sale at auction of capital stock in the corporation of Miller & Lux, owned by Henry Miller, which was seized by Justice S. Wardell, collector of Internal Revenue, two months ago on the refusal of the Miller heirs to pay the Federal graduated estate tax, was postponed yesterday until Saturday, August 17.

Severed Ear Sewed On

PATRICK AKLONEN of 66 Huntington street, riding on the steps of a Fillmore street car yesterday afternoon, was painfully injured when a heavy wagon backed into the car at Filmore and Geary streets and a protruding piece of iron severed his right ear.

Army Street Meeting

The Army Street Improvement Association will hold a public meeting tonight at Mission and Army streets to promote the proposed extension to the Municipal Railway from a Church-street line, across Army street, and connecting with the Union Iron Works and Hunter's Point.

Hold-Up Attempt Foiled by Wit of Woman in Auto

Mrs. O. A. Hale Eludes Man in Motor Car Who Orders Her to Halt

How the presence of mind of Mrs. O. A. Hale, widow of the founder of the San Jose department store bearing that name, saved her from an attempted holdup near Belmont a few nights ago came to light yesterday when the San Mateo police disclosed their efforts to find the man.

Passport Agent for S. F. Office Arrives

F. N. Bauskett, who is to be in charge of the State Department Passport agency here, arrived yesterday from Washington. Bauskett's jurisdiction will extend throughout the Pacific Coast, including Puget Sound ports.

Grocer Attacked and Cash Register Robbed

OAKLAND, July 29.—John Schroder, proprietor of a grocery store at Telegraph avenue and Twenty-second street, was attacked in his store shortly after 6 o'clock tonight by three men, who gagged and bound him and robbed the cash register of \$75.

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SAFETY STATION ONE IN NAME ONLY

Lack of Lights on Isle at Van Ness and Geary Cause of Many Mishaps

By LEON J. PINKSON

Motorists of the city are up in arms as a result of numerous accidents that have occurred to motor cars and pedestrians at the safety station that was recently erected by the city fathers at the junction of Van Ness avenue and Geary street, where the municipal railway cars swing in all directions at second intervals.

Most of the accidents have occurred at night, and the chief cause of them is said to be the absence of signal lights at the north end of the station. As a result of this it is claimed that not only have a large number of machines collided with the station, but in many instances occupants of the cars and persons waiting for cars have been injured more or less seriously.

Many of those who have lodged complaints declare it is the same old story of hasty construction without a due regard to traffic conditions, the very thing it was erected to simplify and make more safe.

No many of these complaints have reached The Chronicle in the last few days. At the junction of Van Ness avenue and Geary street, where the municipal railway cars swing in all directions at second intervals.

The cost for the installation of adequate signal lights at the north end of the station in question cannot be said to be prohibitive, and it may have the immediate effect of saving a few lives, to say nothing of the number of accidents that would thus be avoided.

Chandler Men Back From Trip

By LEONARD PEACOCK, president and Roy E. Alexander, vice-president and general manager of the Peacock Motor Sales Company, returned yesterday from a two weeks' vacation tour of the Sierra, browned to a nice degree and with the usual tales of good fishing. The latter both Alexander and Peacock stated prevailed in the Tuolumne meadows of the Tioga pass country and in the fastnesses of the Sierra west of McKinley, principally at Long Lake, which the local Chandler heads were accompanied on the trip by their families and A. E. Hunter and Mrs. Hunter of Stockton, where Hunter is the Chandler representative.

Rainbow Now With Sandow Truck

H. A. Rainbow, well known in local motor car circles and for some time connected with the Don Lee organization here, has been chosen factory representative for the Sandow Motor Truck Company of Chicago. Rainbow has just come here from the Northwest, where he closed several agencies for the Sandow line, and will now choose agents in this territory. The Sandow is a sturdy commercial vehicle as its name implies, according to the reports that are coming here from the East.

Bootblacks Relinquish Boost in Shine Price

Shoe shines have dropped again to the original price of 10 cents, according to an announcement made by the San Francisco Bootblacks' Association. Several weeks ago the association raised the price to 15 cents, with the announcement that the increase in the cost of materials made a raise in price necessary. The decrease in price, however, has caused the downward revision to the old scale.

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CHILDREN OF KING OF SPAIN ADMIRE HORSES

The children of the King and Queen of Spain have inherited from their father his love for horses. In the accompanying photograph, Princess Beatrice and Christine, children of Spain's ruler, are shown ready to leave the Palace Royal for a ride on horseback.



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Advertisement for Armand's Complexion Powder, featuring a woman's face and product packaging. Text includes 'The VERY NEWEST ARRIVAL', 'A tiny hat box for your dressing table...', and 'THE ARMAND COMPANY DES MOINES IOWA'.

Advertisement for Distinctive Small Grand Pianos by The Hardman, The Ludwig, The Conover, and The Milton. Features an illustration of a woman playing a piano and text describing the instruments' quality and availability.