

# TO ESCAPE THEY WOULD SHED BLOOD

## Murderous Plan to Break Jail at the House of Correction.

### MANY PRISONERS NOW SUSPECTED.

Arthur Deering, a "Trusty" Mechanic, Placed in Solitary Confinement.

### A SLINGSHOT INGENUOUSLY HIDDEN.

The Cunning Conspiracy Frustrated by the Vigilance of Guard Casimir Le Clair.

Now that the full details of the affair have come to light the discovery of the "jimmy" cut at the House of Correction—a small enough fact in itself—things have assumed the appearance of a conspiracy to escape the institution. It is suspected by the authorities, moreover, that a large number of men were concerned in the scheme to break jail, while the finding of a "blackjack" shows that the persons concerned in the conspiracy would not have hesitated at the shedding of blood to attain their freedom.

That the plans of the malefactors were discovered and the chief schemer placed in a steel cell, where he may plan but not execute jail-breaks, is due entirely to the disciplinary methods of Superintendent Clarkson and Assistant Superintendent McGinn and the vigilance of Guard Casimir Le Clair. The latter's story of the discovery is as follows:

"One of the 'trusties' came to me Monday and told me there was a concerted plan on the part of the unruly element to break jail, and that if I would make a search of the blacksmith-shop and the laundry I would find something which would prove the truth of his words. Well, I did it, with the result that while nothing was found in the blacksmith-shop I discovered in the laundry a jimmy and one of those things crooks are in the habit of giving a friendly tap with that are called 'blackjacks.' Of course, I reported the matter to the superintendent immediately, and he did the rest."

The "jimmy" discovered was about two

and a half feet long, bent at each end, and of the thickness of an ordinary gaspene. One end was pointed like a lead pencil, while the other had a chisel edge. It was made in the most approved style and showed that the maker knew his business thoroughly.

But it was the "blackjack" which excited the most attention. The instrument was about nine inches in length. One end had a small knob to prevent it slipping from the hand while in use, and the other was filled with two and a half pounds of shot and compressed tin foil. A blow from it, delivered on the head, with very little force, would have sufficed to fracture the skull of any man.

Both the tools were hidden in a very in-

genious manner in a false sliding drawer under one of the tables on which clothes are ironed. The authorities are now engaged in a thorough search of the institution for similar instruments.

The man suspected of their manufacture is named Arthur Deering. He is an American of Spanish descent, and is known to be a skillful mechanic, oftentimes repairing any breaks in the lighting system, clocks out of order and refractory locks. On account of his excellent behavior and his usefulness to the authorities he was what is called a "trusty," and was employed in the laundry. He is in confinement on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and being found with burglar's tools in his possession. If he had not been suspected of complicity in this attempt to break jail his credits for good behavior would have given him his freedom on the 25th prox. As it is, he has been placed in solitary confinement, and will be kept there until the day of his release, which will now be on January 25.

Assistant Superintendent George McGinn says that the man must have done the work chiefly at night, or his fellow-prisoners must all have been in the conspiracy to escape. A large number are

now under suspicion, and will be closely watched from this time until they are severally released.

### DARE GOES IN.

He Is Sworn in as Appraiser, to Begin Work To-Day Without Bonds.

The commission of John T. Dare as an Appraiser at this port was received from the Treasury Department at Washington yesterday. Mr. Dare presented himself at the office of the Collector of the Port and was duly sworn in.

Mr. Dare had come provided with bonds amounting for \$100,000, and was surprised when informed that no bonds were needed in his case and that his oath would be accepted by the Government in lieu of a bond. Mr. Dare will enter upon his duties to-day.

### San Mateo Railway Lawsuit.

Litigation growing out of the construction of the San Francisco and San Mateo Railway is in progress in Judge Belcher's department of the Superior Court, C. A. Sprockels, being the plaintiff, seeking to recover as follows from the defendants here named: C. C. Butler, \$7711; J. W. Hartzell, \$4836; J. A. Buck, \$6340; N. Oulandi, \$3804; J. H. Gilmore, \$850; W. F. Thomas, \$80. The trial will occupy several days, as nearly a dozen lawyers are employed in the case and all have to have their part in the conduct of the litigation.

### Judge Maguire's Address.

Judge J. G. Maguire delivered a long address before the Associated Improvement Clubs at the meeting last night on the single-tax question and its bearing on the valuation of improved and unimproved land.

At the conclusion of his address Dr. Salfeld directed a resolution, condemning the city authorities for permitting unused railroad tracks to remain on the streets.

### Capital for Box-Makers.

The Pacific Box Factory has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$36,600 has been subscribed, as follows: C. A. Myers \$15,800; Hannibal Williams \$11,500; J. R. Carrick, \$7200; Charles Stichel \$2000; J. T. Miles \$1000.

### Hotel Grosvenor in Litigation.

Samuel L. Theller has sued James Frank Dougherty and Emma Dougherty for the recovery of possession of the Hotel Grosvenor, 319 Sutter street, and for \$1200, being for three months' rent at \$400 a month. The court is also asked to treble the rent for the month of September last past.

### Divorce Proceedings.

Mary E. Oatman was granted a divorce from Frank W. Oatman yesterday on the ground of neglect and desertion, and Charles E. Bugieis instituted a suit for divorce because of the alleged desertion of his wife, Theresa M. Bugieis.

Mr. Carew has warm friends among

the Directors who are trying to induce him to reconsider his decision, but thus far they have been unsuccessful.

In case the Directors mentioned decide finally to withdraw Superintendent Webster will have the naming of their successor, the board being permitted by law to accept or reject his nominations as it sees fit.

### MRS. LATHAM'S DEFENSE.

She Says Julian Pinto Choked Her and Drew a Knife on Her.

Maria Latham is on trial in Judge Wallace's court charged with trying to murder Julian Pinto, her son-in-law, on the 12th of last March. She shot him, but he recovered sufficiently to prosecute the case.

Mrs. Latham's defense is that Pinto choked her and started for her with a knife in his hand. Attorneys Ryan and Hargis are making a vigorous defense, much to the displeasure of the prosecuting witness. When Mr. Ryan yesterday asked Pinto if he had not been convicted of a felony Pinto replied: "Yes, for killing a man just like you and you had better beware."

The incident caused some excitement in the courtroom for a moment, but Judge Wallace took no notice of the remark and it was allowed to pass without further comment. Mr. Ryan is considering the advisability of having Pinto arrested on a complaint that he has threatened to break the peace or something of that kind. The case will go on at 10 o'clock this morning.

### MRS. BRADLEY TO FIGHT

#### Begins Mandamus Proceedings Against the Board of Education.

The Lady Wants Drawing Restored in the Polytechnic High School.

Teacher E. P. Bradley, for fifteen years a teacher of free-hand drawing in the public schools of this city, has begun proceedings in the Superior Court to compel the Board of Education to re-establish free-hand drawing in the Polytechnic High School, to reinstate her as a teacher and to pay her \$500 back salary. This action in mandamus dates back immediately to May 26, when the board passed a resolution going away with the class of free-hand drawing in the school named and declaring vacant the position held by Mrs. Bradley, but more remotely to a trouble that is said to exist between the lady and W. N. Bush, the principal of the school.

Mrs. Bradley has been a teacher in the Polytechnic High School for the past five years, but last May the board, without the least warning, passed the resolution mentioned, to take effect on the first of June. The teacher continued to teach her class until that date and then, according to her story, the principal turned her out. Upon the advice of her lawyer she continued to report herself for duty at the school and to report to the members of the board that she was ready and willing to go to work at any moment. For a time the latter promised that they would find for her another place, but they have failed to make good their promise, and hence the action.

Mrs. Bradley was seen at her home last evening and told the story of her difficulties with the board. She said that the cause of all the trouble lies with Principal Bush, who, she says, seems to have taken a great dislike to her, and she attributes the action of the board to his efforts to get rid of her. She declares that there is no justification under the law for the acts, and she says that they overstepped themselves in passing the resolution abolishing the class of mechanical drawing. The law prescribes what branches shall be taught in the several branches of the public schools, and her department is one of these. And further, the law states that such branches as the regents of the university require must be taught. It happens that since drawing was done away with in the Polytechnic High School the regents have informed the Board of Education that mechanical drawing must be restored to the school in question, or that school will no longer be one of the accredited schools, and that none of the pupils thereof will be admitted into the university.

As stated, Mrs. Bradley's action includes a suit for salary from the date that she was turned out of the school, for she claims that the act of abolishing the class being illegal the withholding of her salary is equally so.

Mrs. Bradley is well known to the art world, and her name is favorably placed with the artists of the Old World and the United States. She is the only teacher in this school department who was so successful at the late World's Fair as to win a medal for the merits of the works that she exhibited. The case in which she is now interested promises to be very interesting, as she has a host of friends and all promise to aid her in her fight for what she believes to be her rights.

Superintendent of Schools Webster will probably have the naming of two new

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