THE DURRANT TRIAL.

Opening Statement of District Attorney Barnes.

CASE AGAINST THE PRISONER.

Facts Relied Upon by the Prosecution to Secure a Verdict of Murder in the First Degree.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—The actual trial of Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont commenced today. District Attorney Barnes delivered the opening address. He said:

At the point in the trial and before proceeding with the evidence, it becomes my duty as a representative of the people to make what is called the opening statement of the case. The opening statement should not be regarded as an argument upon the facts. It should not have any warmth with you nor should you attempt to see in it a plea against the prisoner. It is merely a statement of what the people expect to prove—a statement of the evidence which they intend to present to your consideration, and upon which they will ask finally, say in a sound at your hands, which shall sweep away the sophistries and the technicalities that have surrounded criminal proceedings in this state as with a garment and shall declare that the law we live in is blessed, not only with the manifold gifts of nature and of God to men but is further blessed with the hard, clear common sense that can see above the tortuous environments that surround the criminal and punish the crime committed in the manner required and demanded by all laws, both human and divine.

We will show you that in the month of September, 1894, Blanche Lamont, a young girl about 20 years of age came to San Francisco from her home at Dillon, Mont., to the hope that the mild climate of California might benefit her health. She went to reside with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Noble, and from the time of her arrival here until April 3, she was engaged in attending school. She was not a society girl in any sense of the word. She was of a quiet disposition, home loving and religious. She never attended parties or theaters or other places of amusement except in the company of her relatives. We will show that Blanche Lamont in her lifetime was well, too well, and yet not well enough acquainted with the prisoner Durrant; that he was to in the habit of accompanying her home from church and prayer meeting; that he was a caller upon her at her aunt's home; that upon the only occasion upon which she ever went anywhere with any young man, so far as we are informed, she visited the park one afternoon in company with Durrant. We will give you a history of her life and her movements, so far as we can do, up to the 3rd of April, 1895, in order that you may form a just appreciation of the character and the habits of this unfortunate young girl. We will show you her association with the deceased and we will show you the reason why, when the mutilated body of Blanche Lamont was found in the darkened belfry of Emanuel church and the question arose from the lips of every resident of this city and of this country, "Who is the murderer?" why it is that the state answers that he who was responsible for the slaughter of this young lady is William Henry Theodore Durrant; Durrant, who was the friend of Blanche Lamont; Durrant, once in charge of the Sunday school library; Durrant, once assistant superintendent of the Emanuel Sunday school; Durrant, once the associate of the boys in the land office of the great building; Durrant, once the happy man and jovial student of the church; Durrant, the prisoner and on trial for our life. We will show Durrant's association with the place and shall show beyond a reasonable and unanswerable evidence that he and he alone committed the murder.

I will show you these facts, if we show you that Durrant met the unfated girl on the day of her death; that he accompanied her to the church; that he was seen to enter the church with her; that he was seen afterwards in the church alone; that Blanche Lamont was never more seen by human eyes, from the moment when she entered the portals of Emanuel Baptist church with the defendant; that in the church was found her dead body, her clothes, her school books—showing that she had never been home, and that she has gone straight from her school to her death; if we show you, as we sufficiently expect, that no exhibit the prisoner could have assembled his witnesses and horrible crimes, we shall look to you as citizens of the great state whose reputation for justice and for enforcement of the laws we, as its officers are trying to uphold, to do for your verdict that the prisoner at the bar is guilty of murder in the first degree.

Closing of a Bank.

BOONE LAKE, Iowa, Sept. 2.—Great excitement prevails over the closing of the Boone Valley state bank. A big crowd fills the streets. It would only need a word to lead to riots or violence, the business methods of the Lamont family, who ran the institution, having caused great indignation.

President Bennett states that examination indicates the bank has a capital of $50,000 and $65,000 deposits. Mortgages and notes due other banks, bills receivable are due to $51,000 of which about $35,000 are regarded by the auditor as practically worthless.

Religious Riots in India.

BOMBAY, Sept. 2.—A riot of Hindus, partisans of Krishnaites, between Hindoos and Mohammedans, five of the latter were killed.

The riot was caused by an attack which the Mohammedans made upon a Hindoo procession. The police quelling the procession fired upon the rioters, killing five Mohammedans and eight and wounding fifty, of whom five have died.

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International Bowling Tournament.

HARTFORD, England, Sept. 2.—The bowling match established in the international games tournament were finished today. Sweitzerlin beat Helphenstine by Hay Lopez after eighty throws. Francis beat Macon by Gromelle (another), finished after seventy throws. The final results: First prize, H. N. Pillsbury, 201 wins, second prize, S. M. J. Mobbs-Ha, 19 wins, third prize, E. Lucker, 15 wins, fourth prize, Dr. S. Turnbull, 14 wins, fifth prize, William Sweitzerlin, 13 wins, sixth prize, E. S. Griffing, 12 wins, seventh prize, C. V. Harquinbourg and H. Turnbull, 11 wins each.

Receipts and Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The receipts of the United States in August were: Customs, $15,609,047; increase for the month, $1,609,048; internal revenue, $12,170,254; increase over $129,594; miscellaneous, $1,146,344; a decrease of $262,541. Total receipts, $28,925,645, against $26,417,005 for August, 1894. Seven hundred and twenty-six were the receipts of the navy department of the new fiscal year, $12,114,814.

Strike and Fire.

INGERSOLL, Mich., Sept. 3.—The exciting feature of the strike situation today was the burning of the breakfast quarters of the strikers in Union Park early this morning. It is thought the place was fired by some one not in sympathy with the strikers.

Accident to a Hunter.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—According to a special dispatch from Rada Porth, the infantry which Aymodous La Dolce recovered while hunting yesterday is more serious than first supposed. The bullet from the gun penetrated the aymodous's thigh bone and fired cartridges in the pocket, which set fire to his clothing.

POLICE COURT GRIND.

Drunks Galore—The Mathews Case Continued.

The police court had a grist of wrongdoers to dispose of today.

Bill Nichols and Jack Doane, two old boarders at the city jail were found guilty of drunkenness and will spend the next twenty-five days in the gravel beds.

Sam Linnel, a Jew who came to this country from Turkey, was arraigned for peddling in the restrictive district. He unfurled his own pretensions and occasioned a free income. After being fined he wanted to trade his license to the city recorder for the money lost, but was unsuccessful.

John Ford and John Doe were each fined $5 for the sake of the dollars. Guthrason, charged with the same offense, was dismissed.

Dick Haddock forfeited $10 for the figuring the love of two Chinamen. Haddock went to buy a twenty-five cents watermelon for his mate. The Mongolian objected to him taking the melon and struck him with a hoe. Haddock received the lamb, and proceeded to "knock" both the watermelon vendor and his partner.

The preliminary hearing of Nephi Mathews will be had tomorrow morning. The young man was arrested Sunday morning at about 3 o'clock in the Announcement Building works, which he had entered through the skylight for the purpose of stealing beer.

Harry Merrill and Geo. Jones were arraigned for disturbing the peace of people in the vicinity of Liberty Park Sunday evening. They plead not guilty and put up a good case, but the court found them guilty and they were fined $5 each. They gave notice that they would appeal.

The verdict of the jury in the case of the city against Wm. Jacob Brown, charged with maintaining a nuisance was opened today and it states that they find the defendant guilty. The time for sentence was set for tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Wm. Lynch was fined $10 or forty days for drunkenness and disturbing the peace.

Numerous drunks were fined or discharged and other cases were disposed of.

Returned Missionary.

Elder O. D. Merrill, of Richmond, Cache county, called at the NEWS today, having just returned from a mission to the Samoan Islands. Elder Merrill left home on April 19, 1892, and was appointed to labor in the Friendly group, where he has spent all his time, he having presided over that conference during nearly the whole period of his absence.

He reports the mission in a very good condition, all the Elders enjoying their labors very much and being in good health. There are at present on the Friendly Islands ten Elders, and all feel well in the discharge of their duties, although it is a very hard task to learn to speak the language. Elder Merrill states that it is quite difficult at present to gain many converts, but he says that the seed which is now being sown will result in good in due course of time.

Elizabeth Keighan Taylor.

On last Saturday evening, there departed this life, Sister Elizabeth Keighan Taylor, wife of the late President John Taylor, at the residence of her son, Thomas E. Taylor, in this city. Sister Taylor was a pioneer and faithful Latter-day Saint and leaves a number of children and grandchildren to mourn her loss. She was the mother of Edward Taylor, who at one time was business manager of the NEWS. Sister Taylor lived to a good old age, living 84 years of age at the time of her demise. The funeral was held this afternoon.

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LITERARY NOTE.

Professor Cesare Lombroso, of the University of Turin, author of Delinquent Man, The Female Offender, etc., has written for the September number of *The Forum* a noteworthy article concerning the origin and application of the science of criminal anthropology, of which he is the distinguished founder—an article of national interest.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

The Kick of a Cow Saves a Baby's Life.

Narrow Escape From a Bear—Sugar Ripped Open—Other News Items.

Payson Globe: Three young ladies of Salina and one little child, of Eureka, were out riding one Sunday evening and met with quite an accident before entering Willow creek. Suddenly, at a short distance this side of Spring Ash Ranch, the buggy was overturned and the horses ran away. The ladies were thrown to the ground, one being found on top of them. Miss Shaw left shoulder bruised and was very painfully injured. The extent of her injuries were not known until the next morning, when it was discovered by Dr. F. C. Wm. Jennings that her shoulder was dislocated and the arm broken in two below the elbow. The injured girls escaped without serious injury.

Mount Pleasant Pyramid: Elmer Clements, of Fountain Green, is very much the worse for wear through contact with a bear's claws and teeth Monday evening. He and his brother were herding sheep in the mountains east of here, and, both being armed in anticipation of this year, when a commotion was heard in the corral, they divided the cause, one at the boys grabbed a gun and they ran out for the sheep, and, getting around them, found a large grizzly at work. The elder brother fired at the sheep killed, but succeeded only in wounding it and it charged upon the younger boy. Either after three attempts, succeeded with the aid of dogs, in killing, but sustained severe scratches on the face and one arm and a deep cut across the fleshy part of the leg. He was brought in to town, his wounds dressed, and he is quite comfortable. The elder brother could not shoot for the dogs, owing to a cartridge, which refused to be ejected. The bear escaped and has not been seen since.

Brigham City Bugler: Word comes from Willard that a rich gold strike has been made in the mountains three or four miles east of that town. The almost pure nuggets of gold were found. They would weigh thousands of dollars to the ton. One of them sold for $100, the other for $50. It is also said that 150 men have rushed up to the gold region and that the place is now being thoroughly prospected.....Joseph Stokes, a respectable young man of Three Mile Creek, was robbing in his home at the head of the Monday evening after meeting. He was just at the forks of the road in Three Mile creek by three men. They shipped him, knocked him down and left him senseless by the side of the fence. Strikes old as know how long he has there unconscious, but when he came returned at sight of his rental stock, and disappeared. Fortunately the young man had no valuables or money with him, or it might, as it is, be quite battily were taken, get nothing to encourage them to their attempts at pounder in this vicinity.....Tuesday evening, Mrs. John Fawson, of the Third Ward, was milking her cow. For some unknown reason old bossy gave Mrs. Fawson a very unpleasant kick. When the lady gathered herself together she looked up and the sight taken met her eyes filled her with horror. There stood her frame house a mass of flames in which all, in that structure lay her sweet little babe of only a few weeks old. Quick as thought the frantic mother flew to the house, dashed through the smoke and flames, seized the infant in her arms and made a safe and hurried exit. She was unable to save anything else. She felt mighty thankful to old bossy for her timely aid, for it saved her precious baby from being roasted alive.

Marie Barringer, the actress, is no longer the wife of Louis F. Mason. Her application for a divorce was granted by Judge Sanderson at San Francisco on Friday. The decree is on the ground of adultery and makes no provision for alimony or counsel fees. Miss Barringer complained her suit about six months ago while starring on the coast with her husband. Every effort was made to keep it quiet, and when the news first leaked out it created a profound sensation. At the time of the filing of the suit the relatives of Mason and his wife were of a most friendly character. When interviewed both the actress and her husband declared that they were "friends," but nothing more. They continued playing together, although Miss Barringer declared that she had never lived with Mason as his wife since discovering the fact of his infidelity. Mason made no defense in the suit and permitted his default to be entered for failure to answer the complaint.

Idaho Falls, Idaho, *Register*: Mr. F. H. Matthews, of Ogden, has been in town two or three days this week looking up the water power proposition. Mr. Matthews is a practical electrical engineer and has been engaged in the business for several years. He has just completed putting in an electric light plant at Garfield Beach, Utah. He comes here with the proposition that if the citizens of Idaho Falls will interest themselves in a franchise water power an electric light plant can be in running order within the next six or eight weeks.....On Saturday last Idaho Falls was invaded with a gang of tramps. After telling pitiful tales about having had nothing to eat, and asking for the price of a loaf of bread, they secured enough to buy a bottle of alcohol, and proceeded to empty it pretty quick. Sometime during the night they broke into John Ott's barber shop by prying open the door. Fortunately he had taken all his tools home with him, but Gordon Hood, who is legal for an Ogden laundry, had about forty dollars worth of clean laundry in the back room all put up ready for delivery. They cleaned it all up, but after making an entire change of wardrobe, and smoking cigars of which they took the precaution to take with them, left behind them a pair of pantaloons which they had not put on.

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COMMERCIAL.

SALT LAKE CLEARING HOUSE.

Today's clearing house exchanges amounted to $207,997, same day last year, $[illegible].

SILVER QUOTATIONS.

New York.—Silver, 65¾; lead, $3.00.

London.—Silver, 30 7-16d.

ORE AND BULLION.

N. S. McCornick & Co. received to-day: Silver and lead ores, $2,500, Hanover bullion, $6,700. Total, $9,200.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received silver: Penn bullion, $12,243; copper ore, $718. Total, $12,961.

T. R. Jones & Co. received lead: Base bullion, $15,300; ores, $3,900. Total, $19,200.

STOCKS AND MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Stock market opened strong, [illegible] Northern Pacific and leaders gained [illegible]. Market generally active and strong. Sugar 1 [illegible] Chicago Gas 1 [illegible] Lead 1 [illegible] Cordage 1 [illegible] Rock Island 1 [illegible] Lead 1 [illegible] Sugar