

GOSSIP OF THE BAY CITY

HOW DWYER WON AND LOST FORTUNES—SOCIETY BADLY JARRED

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—(Special Correspondent.)—The news that Edward L. Dwyer, once the husband of the Duchess de Castaluccia, has asked the New York courts to declare him a bankrupt recalls the picturesque career of that soldier of fortune on the Pacific Coast. Dwyer at one time possessed over \$1,000,000 in his own right, and his wife, the Duchess, was credited with a fortune of \$3,000,000. Dwyer's life, to use his own favorite expression, has been "just like tobogganing—now up, now down."

When but 17 years old he left his father's Connecticut farm, came West and made money. He bought mines in Mexico and gold poured into his purse like wheat down a grain chute. Then he went to Chicago and tried the wheat pit. For a while he prospered, but his daring speculation soon dissipated his fortune, and the one-time millionaire found himself penniless. Friendless, he never was, for Dwyer has always been counted a prince of good fellows. In his extremity he turned to the courts and was relieved of his debts in 1888.

His longing for a freer life again took him to Mexico, and new mining ventures built up anew all that had been shattered in desperate dealings in Chicago. Attracted in the early '90s by the world-wide boom of Oregon, he hastened to Portland, and there recklessly invested. He founded the town of Flavel. He formed plans for a chain of railroads which should honeycomb the state; he bought real estate, he purchased ships, and dreamed of an empire of Western wealth over which he was to rule. His schemes were well planned; for a while he prospered, but he had overreached himself. His fortune, though vast, was insufficient. In the midst of his Oregon enterprises he married the wealthy Italian Duchess de Castaluccia, who had been Miss Jennie A. Tomajo, of Brooklyn, before her earlier marriage to royalty. She came to aid in his extravagant dealings for a while, but soon tired of it and refused him further resources. The tremendous sum involved. It hung in the balance a few weeks, and then the crash came.

Overwhelmed by the avalanche which followed, Dwyer went East on foot. His wife died in 1897, leaving him \$10,000, but that he had received enough of her fortune during her life. When the Spanish war broke out he joined the Marine Corps. Today this erstwhile millionaire is as penniless as the day he left his father's farm.

Seldom before has San Francisco been so fortunate in a theatrical way as this week. The new attractions are "Everyman," the morality play, and the Italian grand opera company at the Tivoli. In addition, Florence Roberts, always a favorite in this city, has opened at the Alcazar, and Henry Miller and Margaret Anglin have abandoned the milk-and-water "Taming of Shrew" for "Camille." The Tivoli was opened last night by the new company with "Aida." Lina de Benedetto, Signorina Cleo Marchesini, who has been likened to a French doll; Signor Emanuele Incharato, the dramatic tenor, and Signor Adamo Gregorini, the baritone, appeared before a California audience for the first time, and were royally received.

During the week, Dado, Agostini and Tina de Spada, for love of whom an Austrian Count died in this city last Fall, will be heard. They are favorites of long standing with San Franciscans. Grand's "Everyman" has been enjoyed by large audiences in Berkeley, and San Francisco is eager to witness the old morality play. The company which presents it numbers nearly 100. They come to this state on a rush trip from London.

About the middle of the month a pretty bit of ceremony will take place at the University Club, when Norman Dole will be presented with a handsome gold medal

for having broken the Pacific Coast pole vault record in the last intercollegiate field day. Dole on that day wrestled the laurels from Wilcox, the little phenom from Portland, and cleared the bar at 11 feet 7 1/2 inches. Dole is of a remarkable family of athletes, and is the nephew of Governor Dole, of Hawaii. He is one of 13 children, and is the third member of the Dole family to be styled "the greatest athlete in California."

The young women at Stanford have laid out an elaborate programme of sports for the coming term. Robie gymnasium opened at the college yesterday morning with a registration of 188 women students, 81 of whom are freshmen and 107 old students. An innovation has been introduced in that special stress will be laid on outdoor work. In addition to the regular tennis and basket ball, handball and hockey have been introduced and will be part of the regular gymnasium work. The assistants who have been appointed under Miss Stella Rose are: Miss Chloe Anderson, Miss F. R. Gardner, Miss M. A. Horr and Miss Vera Townsend.

Both the universities, Berkeley and Stanford, have held their initial football rallies and the date for the big game has been fixed for early in November. "Jim" Whipple, "Straight-Arm" Hall, a varsity back of a few years ago, will assist him. With a big squad of veterans to rely upon, the advantage at the outset seems to be with the Berkeley boys. Aside from the match already arranged with the University of Oregon, Manager Denoto, of the State University eleven, has received requests for games from the Multnomah School, of Oregon, and the University of Southern California. Denoto says these contests will be arranged for and will take place on the Berkeley campus.

Failing to secure Herrera as an attraction for the opening of their arena at Colma, the promoters of the "globe" which followed, Dwyer went East on foot. His wife died in 1897, leaving him \$10,000, but that he had received enough of her fortune during her life.

Walking down the street these days the Californian gets a shock when he sees displayed on peddlers' wagons, signs which read: "Fresh Oregon Apples." It's a fact, that at the present time the fruit markets are importing apples from Oregon in great quantities and paying prices far above the average. The quality is uniformly good, and the grower bids fair to make a neat profit from his early crop.

The political pot is boiling and the wise ones try to read the curlings of the steam, but the only point they agree on is that the Democratic spirit pours forth vapor that winds itself into the name of Lane. Franklin K. Lane was defeated for Governor at the last election by Pardee, but carried the City of San Francisco by 16,000 votes. He is popular with the labor unions. Schmitt seems to have again gotten into step with the labor vote and will probably be their candidate. He will be forced, however, to divide up with Lane. In case he is endorsed by the Republicans, of which there is much talk, a pretty fight will result.

The question seems to hinge on the Republican Convention, which will hold its session on September 15. In case Abe Ruef is made chairman, there will be a Schmitt landslide. If Ach wins the gavel, it will be a different proposition. There was some talk of Thomas V. Cator, but it seems to have fizzled out. All the "available" have refused to allow their names to be considered for Mayor.

Society here was given a solar-plexus blow this week when it became known that Harold B. Larzelere had taken the

pauper's oath. Last week Larzelere was the gayest of the gay at the gathering of swiftdom at Del Monte. He dined and wine, and was wined and dined. He wore the latest in Summer suits, he drove the fastest "red devil," he was in for the finest of entertainment, and all the while his petition to be declared a bankrupt was in the hands of the Court Commissioner. The Federal authorities have taken a hand, and young Larzelere will be asked to explain how he paid for his champagne and cigars.

San Francisco society during the past week has hovered about the barracks of the President. The engagement has just been announced of Miss Mary Kip and Dr. Ernest Franklin Robinson, the result of a courtship at Columbus barracks, where Dr. Robinson was an Army surgeon. Miss Kip is the granddaughter of the late Bishop Kip.

This afternoon Miss Kathryn Robinson was married to Lieutenant George Beardley. Mrs. Leonard Wood, wife of General Wood, will arrive shortly in San Francisco on route from the Philippines. She will spend a fortnight on this Coast among old friends, some of whom she has known since the time of her residence here before her marriage.

Miss Edith Musgrave was married today to Captain Charles G. Long, United States Marine Corps. Miss Musgrave is the daughter of Commander Musgrave, of the Bremerton Navy-Yard.

HE MADE NO CHARGE.

Bill Was for Antitoxin, Which City Must Pay For in Any Case.

PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—In the issue of the Oregonian September 2, 1903, among other local news headed "Physician's Bill Turned Down." The item purported to be a statement of what occurred at a meeting of the Board of Health on Monday, and contained the following statement:

"A bill presented by Dr. A. J. Giesy for services in attending a poor family at North Portland was refused, as it was held that the city physician would have acted had he been notified."

The statement as published is misleading. I had not intended to pay any attention to the matter, but it has been suggested that I ought not to let the statement go uncorrected. As a matter of fact, in the month of May of this year I was called to attend a family in which there were six cases of malignant diphtheria. They were poor people, and was properly a city case. I desired to do what I could for them, without pay, but under the circumstances felt that the city should pay for any medicine furnished. I called up Dr. Zan, the city physician, by telephone, and advised him of the case and told him that I would attend to it, and asked him if the city would furnish the antitoxin. He told me that it would. I accordingly purchased from the Aldrich Pharmacy the antitoxin, without which none of the lives of the children could have been saved, and personally guaranteed the bill.

Thereafter the Aldrich Pharmacy presented its bill to the city for antitoxin furnished in this case by my order, for \$48.10, and this was the bill the Board of Health refused to pay, and which, in passing, I may say I paid.

I have no criticism to pass upon the Board of Health, as they probably acted in accordance with their rules. At the same time, in view of the fact that I made no charge, did not present any bill to the city for services, and that the only bill presented was for the antitoxin furnished, and that by the Aldrich Pharmacy, it is not fair that the facts be published. Respectfully, etc., DR. A. J. GIESY.

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15-year-old boy, has won the prize for the best dress hat at the milliners' convention which has just ended here. He has been in Chicago a year as a hat designer. It was through the interest of a woman milliner, who recently "discovered" his work, that the boy milliner was persuaded to enter at the convention. Mr. Hodge sent to the convention a shirred toque of velvet in two tones of the new prune shades. The lines were long and Frenchy, and at the left front of the hat two purple military pompons rose jauntily.

DR. JAMES DICKSON DIES

Well-Known Physician Succumbs to Heart Failure.

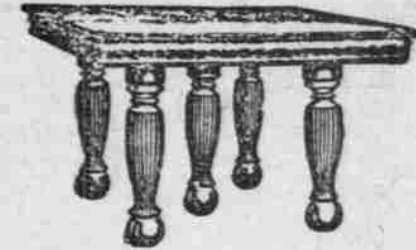
Dr. James Dickson, one of the best-known physicians in this city, died from heart failure yesterday morning about 9 o'clock at his residence, 738 Hoyt street. He is survived by his widow and three children: Rev. James Dickson, of Ceylon, and Miss Maud Dickson and Mrs. W. C. Bristol, of this city. Considering his remarkable vitality, Dr. Dickson's death came as a surprise to his relatives. Four weeks ago his left leg was injured by coming into collision with the bunk in a steamer while proceeding from Victoria, B. C., to Seattle, and it bothered him a good deal. On his arrival home he was confined to his bed, but spoke confidently of getting well.

Dr. Dickson was born in Donegal County, Ireland, and early in life he emigrated to Ontario, Canada, and in July, 1853, he married his wife at Thorold, Canada. They subsequently moved to London, Ontario, and Victoria, B. C., where he was a member of the Provincial Legisla-

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Lightning Sets Fire to Oil Tank.
MONTPELIER, Ind., Sept. 5.—An oil tank holding 30,000 barrels of crude petroleum, belonging to the Manhattan Oil Company, was struck by lightning this morning and the oil set on fire. A cannon was brought from Lima, O., and a large hole was shot into the tank to let out the oil. The loss is \$35,000.

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