

# SUES WILLIE HEARST

## Joaquin Miller Brings Action to Recover Pay for Service

San Francisco, April 15.—Joaquin Miller, the venerable poet of the Sierras, came over to San Francisco yesterday from his home among the Piedmont hills for the purpose of suing William Randolph Hearst for \$3000, alleged to be overdue for services rendered to Hearst's newspapers on a contract as a correspondent in China during the Boxer outbreak in 1900.

The well-known man of letters says that at the time of the trouble in China he was approached by Hearst's agents and solicited to go to the Orient as a special war correspondent. After arriving at a full understanding of the duties expected of him, and the compensation to be paid him, he consented. The agreement as to services and salary, he says, was as explicit and unmistakable in its terms as he knew how to make it, and he undertook the mission in confidence that the representations and promises would be carried out both in spirit and in letter.

In due time the poet called for the East, and shortly thereafter Hearst's newspapers began the simultaneous

publication of his letters from China. Miller spent three months or more in this work. Up to date it is said he has received only \$500 on account thereof. This is something less than half the expenses he incurred. For the balance due under the terms of his contract he is about to bring suit against the millionaire newspaper owner. His attorney is John G. Jury, himself a poet of no mean standing.

Mr. Jury was disinclined to talk of the case last evening, saying: "Mr. Miller placed the matter in my hands only this morning, and have hardly had time to look over the papers. I believe he has a valid cause of action against Hearst, who has paid him only a fraction of his expenses, and nothing for services. I have no doubt we shall recover the full amount to be sued for."

### MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH.

Reason McConnell, of Corvallis, Dies in Strange Manner.

Corvallis, Or., April 15.—Mystery surrounds the death of Reason McConnell, aged 65, an old pioneer of Oregon, who was killed yesterday afternoon at his home in King's Valley, by a gunshot wound in the head. Whether it was accidental or self-inflicted will probably never be known.

The deceased, his wife and nephew, William Graham, were sitting on the porch chatting just after eating dinner, when the former told the young man to go and water some stock at the barn before going to the field for the afternoon's work. A few minutes later he entered the bedroom, saying he was not feeling well, and would lie down for awhile.

Shortly afterward his wife heard the discharge of a gun and the fall of a heavy body to the floor. Rushing into the room, she discovered her husband lying on his face, with the entire back part of his head blown off, while near him was a shotgun, which she remembered had been left standing in the corner.

Several years ago a horse fell with Mr. McConnell, badly crushing him, and inflicting injuries from which he had never recovered. Dependency over his ill-health may have caused him to kill himself, but in the absence of any positive proof of such action, the more charitable construction is that the tragedy was the result of an accident.

### MISSOURI EXPLOSION INQUIRY.

Testimony Concerning Details of Catastrophe Begins Today.

Pensacola, Fla., April 15.—A court of inquiry, with Admiral Coghlan as president, today commenced taking testimony in the battleship Missouri explosion case. No eye witnesses survive the catastrophe, and only theories are being advanced. One of the Missouri's seamen make the statement that W. Bourgard, of the turret crew, who is missing, was blown through a hole in the top of the turret and out into the gulf.

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As a result of the experiment a moving picture machine will be purchased for the asylum.

### PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. Mattie E. Merwin Dies in Albany.

Albany, Or., April 15.—Mrs. Mattie Shields Merwin died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Shields, in this city, Wednesday night, April 13th, after an illness of several years, followed by typhoid fever. Deceased was 41 years old, and was a native of this city, her father having been a prominent citizen in the pioneer days. She leaves a husband and one son, Lee, to mourn her loss. Her husband is now in California looking for a location. The funeral will be held at the M. E. church South at 1 o'clock today. Interment will be had in the Albany cemetery.

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