

FROM LOS ANGELES.

The Trouble in the Iron Works.

The Williams Assault Case.

The Male Vitriol-Thrower on Trial—Strong Evidence Against Him.

Special Dispatch to the CHRONICLE.

LOS ANGELES, August 16.—The striking workmen at the Baker Iron works all went back to work this morning in accordance with the request of the company for time to investigate the justice of the demand made by the strikers for nine hours' work and ten hours' pay. Some of the men who were interviewed this morning stated that they were paid promptly every Monday night and that every branch of the company's works was a pleasure to work in. Several men expressed regret at having signed the petition, and it is doubtful if the matter again comes up. The men are never laid off, having work from one end of the year to the other, and their wages run from \$2.50 to \$5 per day, according to the nature of the employment.

M. S. Baker, President of the company, says: "The Baker Iron Works have worked up a large trade in street cars. This has all been done in competition with Eastern cars. The margin is so small that it requires our best efforts to do this. We have enlarged our works to make room and now are about making another addition to incorporate the building of cars. It is not large money that induces this, but to build up a steady, legitimate business."

It is believed by both sides that the matter will be amicably adjusted.

THE BRUTE WILLIAMS CONFESSES.

Ed Williams, who was arrested on Saturday upon a charge of assaulting a little ten-year-old girl, was brought before Justice Austin this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The proceedings were conducted with closed doors. The first witness called on the part of the prosecution was little Dagmar Zacharie, who told the story of the assault. Her little brother, a lad of about 9 years, corroborated her statement, and Williams was fully identified. The mother of the little girl stated that she was satisfied that Williams did not accomplish his villainous object. After hearing the testimony, the Assistant District Attorney moved the dismissal of the charge, which was granted, and the re-arrest of Williams was ordered on a charge of simple assault. To this tamer charge Williams pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to be imprisoned in the County Jail for 500 days. To the officer who accompanied the prisoner to jail he said that the girl's story was true, and that he was well satisfied with the sentence.

W. F. ROSELLE ON TRIAL.

The case of W. F. Roselle, for aiding and abetting his wife in throwing vitriol on Charles R. Petrie, was begun this morning before Judge Gardiner. The evidence was substantially as at the trial of Mrs. Roselle.

Mrs. Mullaly testified that after the vitriol episode, Roselle and Mrs. Roselle told her that he had prepared the vitriol for a man who insulted Mrs. Roselle. Roselle took the bottle from the bureau and showed her how to use it, saying it was vitriol. He also said he had prepared something for Mrs. Roselle in case she burned her hands. Mrs. Roselle was crying. Roselle said, "What's the matter, my darling? If you did what I told you, you are all right. I hope you have marked him for life."

Mrs. Martin, landlady of the house, swore that about three hours after the occurrence Roselle and Mrs. Roselle told her of the vitriol episode. She asked them what they kept such stuff in the house for. They said: "For that purpose." Both said they hoped to God it had blinded Petrie for life.

Mr. Gibson, who heard the latter conversation, corroborated Mrs. Martin.

Robert E. McGregor swore that Mrs. Roselle had told him Petrie had insulted her, and that she told her husband, who got some vitriol at a drug store and showed her how to use it. He also got her some mixture to use if any of the vitriol fell on herself. The witness had published the interview in the *Herald*, and Mrs. Roselle stated to him next day, in the presence of witnesses, that the interview was correct in all important points.

Counsel for the defense attempted to make Petrie tell what he meant when he said "Mrs. Roselle accused me of having told about our troubles." He said it would disgrace Mrs. Roselle and himself, and refused to answer. The Court sustained him.

The case goes on to-morrow.

A VACANCY IN THE LAND OFFICE.

J. D. Bethune, Register of the Land Office here, sent in his resignation August 5th, but nothing was known of the matter here till to-night. He was averse to being interviewed, but finally stated to the CHRONICLE correspondent that he resigned because he could make more money, with less work, at the practice of law. The amount of work in the Land Office vastly exceeds the capacity of the clerical force allowed here. He is allowed only one clerk and has to pay two additional ones out of his own pocket. He does not think his successor will take hold before January 1st.

VERY NEAT SWINDLING.

For several days past two well-dressed men, who claim to be agents for the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, have been soliciting in this city. Yesterday they talked Mr. Langley into taking a \$15,000 policy. He at once gave them a check for \$137, premium for the first quarter, and was to get his policy to-day. Last night after he left the men he came to the conclusion that he could not afford to insure his life for so much and when he met them this morning he told them he wanted his policy written for only \$5000 and asked them to return his check. They consented and took him to a stranger, who acted as physician for the insurance company, and had him examined. By this time it was banking hours and Langley again asked for his check. They refused to give it to him and he walked to the bank and was ordering payment stopped when one of the men slipped in and cashed it. Langley complained to the police, but nothing has been done as yet.

A COLORED HUSBAND GONE WRONG.

This morning Mrs. William H. Young, a colored woman who came to this city from Texas a few weeks ago, called at the police station and informed the officers that her husband had left her to go to a married woman in Shreveport, La. Young left last Saturday and informed his wife that he was going to Pasadena for a few days. She learned that he had played her false by finding one of the Louisiana woman's letters this morning in his pocket.

AN IMPORTANT LAND SUIT.

The widow of James A. Hayward, formerly a wealthy resident of Los Angeles, has brought suit to recover a one-eighth interest in thirty-five acres of land situated in the Spence tract, in the southern portion of the city. Since her husband's death she has married, and the suit is brought under the title of Mrs. Eleanor K. Stone vs. Emily Billings et al. Mrs. Stone, who resides in San Francisco, claims that she only recently discovered the deed to the land. It was of but little value at that time, but her interest is now worth \$500,000.

SUNDRY MATTERS.

F. W. Williams, who murdered his wife Sunday morning, was arraigned to-day in Department 1 of the Superior Court. Counsel were appointed by the Court to defend him. He appeared perfectly unconcerned.

The City Board of Education to-night voted to enter a formal protest to the Council against the location of China town on the grounds just leased by Consul Bee.

The Anaheim Improvement Company was incorporated to-day. Capital stock, \$200,000; amount subscribed, \$160,000. Directors, Theo. Reiser, Henry Kroeger, Richard Melrose, Sheldon Litusfoeld and J. H. Bullard of Anaheim and A. N. Hamilton of San Francisco.

The case of the lad named Flores, who recently pleaded guilty to burglary and was committed to the Boys' and Girls' Aid

Society of San Francisco, came up before Judge Gardiner to-day. The managers of the institution have notified the authorities here that the boy is so intractable it is impossible to keep him. The order was accordingly rescinded and Flores ordered brought back here for sentence.

An auction sale was held at Armory Hall last night of lots donated to the Grand Army by owners of town sites in all parts of the county. There were thirty-eight lots and the total amount realized was \$9930. This fund is to be used in sending and maintaining a Southern California exhibit to St. Louis next month.