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### CRIMINAL BUDGET.

#### "SUPPER THIEF" ON TRIAL.

John Hayes, colored, known to criminal fame as "the supper thief," is on trial in the Superior Court for trying to kill Detective Churchill March 1. Hayes is known to have committed seventeen burglaries. It was while the detective was trying to arrest him on East First street that the shooting occurred. The bullet struck Churchill in the breast, but a vest button saved his life.

Hayes is a young fellow—as black as the heart of an infidel. He is a miserable specimen of humanity—one of disipation's many wretches.

He is trying the insanity dodge. After his trial had got under pretty good headway yesterday, he startled the court by suddenly jumping to his feet and taking off his coat. If the garment were a size larger it would be five times too large for him. Everybody thought he was about to undress. But he calmly took his seat, and, after folding up the coat neatly, sat in idiotic absorption, pretending to pick off threads and things.

Never did he take any interest in the proceedings—except once or twice, when he would quickly catch himself at it, and lapse into alleged idiosyncrasy.

All afternoon he occupied his foot attention by cracking his fingernails together, and touching the big brass buttons on his chair, as if hoping to discover some electrical current.

He is being defended by Howard Robertson, Esq., and Douglas Burnell, Esq. His defense is insanity, but Dr. Brainerd and Dr. Ralph Williams don't think much of his plea. They testified that he is not so crazy but that he knows right from wrong.

The case will be argued to the jury at 2 o'clock this morning.

Bennie Lockhart of West Thirty-ninth street, a ten-year-old boy, whose escapades in defiance of the police have been numerous, settled his last one with Judge Smith yesterday. He was charged with grand larceny. Hayes stealing is the common word for his offense. The stolen mare was gray, and belonged to E. Meyers. Bennie drove her away on April 14. He is too young to know anything about a reform school or a penitentiary, consequently the District Attorney was unwilling to prosecute him. A theological student of the University of Southern California offered to take the boy and find him a good home in the country. This the court permitted him to do. After Bennie was given a good lecture, which he took in tears, and had promised to be good forever more, he was turned over to the student and both left the Courthouse in a hurry.

Wong Hin, who must hang for the murder of Chow Toy in Chinatown last

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**MONEY FOR DEATH.** An important damage suit went to trial yesterday before Judge Conroy, sitting in Department Four. Judgment is asked for \$30,000 against the Los Angeles-Pacific Railway Company. The plaintiffs are Mrs. Jennie Vinson and her two minor children, aged 8 and 2 years. Her husband, Elmer Vinson, was the faithful motorman on the work train that crashed into the lemon train at Sherman last October, and caused so much destruction of life and property. Attorneys Waters & Wylie appear for the plaintiffs, while Attorneys L'ope & Traak represent the defendant company. A jury is trying the issues in the case. The company's defense is that the accident was caused by the negligence of its employees, including the deceased motorman.

### RAILROAD NOTES.

The Raymond & Whitcomb agency has two complete copies of the **Los Angeles Times** 4-29-1902.

The Hotel Alvarado, recently built at Albuquerque by the Santa Fé, in connection with the new depot, will be formally opened May 10, or possibly a few days sooner. It will be under the management of Fred Harvey, whose service at all Santa Fé dining stations and on Santa Fé dining cars has become famous. The depot and hotel are separate buildings connected by a promenade, and are built on lines of the old Spanish architecture, the joint structures presenting the appearance of a typical Spanish mission.

E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fé, came in yesterday from Santa Barbara. He will remain here until next Monday and then return to Chicago.

George T. Nicholson, general passenger traffic manager of the Santa Fé, is here for Fiesta week.

T. D. Connolly, coast freight agent of the Texas Pacific, went north last night.

J. P. Gregson, chief clerk to Edward Chambers, general freight agent of the Santa Fé, is laid up with rheumatism. His place is filled by J. T. F. Baeyerly.

W. A. Valentine of the Canadian Pacific has gone north to pilot here the Australian delegates to the Foresters' meeting.

The steamer Santa Rosa came in yesterday at Port Los Angeles and Redondo from San Francisco. This is the first trip of this steamer in a long time. She had 110 passengers and 500 tons of freight for Los Angeles.

The Pacific Coast steamship office in this city is booking a good many people for the Alaska trip. The round-trip fare is \$125.10 from here.

Two firemen were injured yesterday morning at Des Moines, Iowa, by falling plate glass while fighting a blaze in the Marshall Dental Company Block at 21-23 West Walnut street.

gave a chicken dance in honor of the visitors. The scene of the festivities was the eastern bank of the Arroyo Seco. The place was decorated with Japanese lanterns, and illuminated by two large bonfires. Benches and rugs were placed around the fire, and there supper was served. Music was furnished during the evening by a chorus of men's voices. The guests of honor were the Misses Crowell, Patty, Mosher and D. E. Lewis; Messrs. D. C. Chapin and Dane. Among the other guests were the following: The Misses Howe, Gorham, Paine, Carpenter, Quimby, L. Harris, Powell, McClung, Meader, Harris, A. Gordon, F. Gordon, Hirschowitz, Elsie Lewis, Merrill, McComb and Means; Messrs. Cleveland, Solomon, Schauer, Duell, Kirkpatrick, T. K. Chapin, Huntberger, Thompson, Hammack, Prescott, Jepson, Dilworth, Cummings and Berger.

John W. Berger of Oakland, who has been at the Presbyterian Seminary at San Anselmo for the past nine months, has returned to college, and expects to take work with the senior class during the remainder of the year.

At a special meeting of the Chalmers Society held yesterday afternoon a design for a society pin was adopted and the pins will be ordered at once.

Mr. Wadsworth, the wife of President Wadsworth, has been quite ill during the past week.

The Presbyterian Chapel in South Pasadena, the property of the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, has been given to Occidental College.

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