



# THE LIFE OF BRYAN

Newspaper Articles Re: Bryan O'Connor

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The Makings of a great Film.

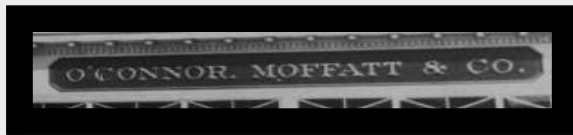
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1 A O'Connor Moffatt & Co.  
Vision, Opportunism & .....Partnership Dissolved.

48. A neo-Gothic eight-story building houses **O'CONNOR**, **MOFFATT AND COMPANY** (*open 9:45-5:25*), NW. corner **O'Farrell** and Stockton Sts., founded in 1866 by **Bryan O'Connor**, newly arrived from Australia. **O'Connor** was so impressed with the city's prosperity that he sent to Melbourne for his friend, **George Moffatt**. Since the death of **O'Connor** and retirement of **Moffatt** in 1887, the business has been carried on by descendants of the first employees. The original dry-goods store moved in 1929 to its present building and expanded, becoming a department store.

**D**ISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP. —MR George Moffatt, owing to ill-health, has retired from the firm of **O'CONNOR, MOFFATT & CO.**

The undersigned continues the business under the old firm name on his own account and is entitled to receive all moneys due the late firm and will pay all its liabilities.  
**B. O'CONNOR.**

San Francisco, January 18th, 1887.

State of California, City and County of San Francisco—The undersigned hereby certifies :

First—That he is transacting business in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, under the name and style of **O'CONNOR, MOFFATT & CO.**

Second—That the name in full of the only member of said firm and his place of residence is

**BRYAN O'CONNOR, San Francisco, Cal.**

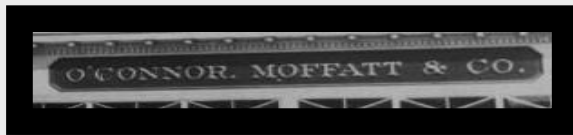
Witness, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1887.

**B. O'CONNOR.**



1 B      The Well Known 'Frisco Dry Goods Man Dies Suddenly.  
LOS ANGELES HERALD      1  
29 AUG 1887      MONDAY

**BRYAN O'CONNOR.**  
**The Well-Known 'Frisco Dry Goods Man Dies Suddenly.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, August 28.—Bryan O'Connor of O'Connor & Moffat, importers and dealers in dry goods died this afternoon. At the store yesterday he complained of feeling unwell, and late in the afternoon went to his home. He continued gradually to grow worse until his death, which is understood to have been caused by Bright's disease. About twenty minutes before he died he signed a will bequeathing all his property to his wife. The house of O'Connor and Moffat is one of the largest in the city in the line of dry and fancy goods.



2      SAN FRANCISCO Death Notice      OAKLAND TRIBUNE (California)      1  
29 AUG 1887      MONDAY

**SAN FRANCISCO.**

**Siftings From the Sandhills on the Western Side of the Bay.**

The Virginia Brights defeated the Wells-Fargos by a score of 6 to 4.

The ex-Treasurer of Galveston county, Tex., turns up in this city.

The mounted police of the park appeared in new uniform yesterday.

■ The steamer Point Arena returns to port, having her rudder carried away.

A young man was horsewhipped yesterday in Golden Gate Park for indecent behavior.

The steamer Tamalpais made her usual excursion trip to Benicia and Martinez yesterday.

The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary celebrated at the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

**Bryan O'Connor,** senior member of the firm of **O'Connor, Moffat, & Co.,** died suddenly yesterday.

The funeral of Policeman Richard Scott yesterday was largely attended by members of the department.

3      "SAN FRANCISCO Death Notice Bryan O'Connor"  
THE SANFRANCISCO CALL 6  
30 AUGUST 1887 TUESDAY

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Tuesday), at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, 1205 Bush street.

**O'CONNOR**—In this city, August 28, **Bryan O'Connor,** a native of Ireland, aged 46 years.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Tuesday), at 9:15 o'clock, from his late residence, 807 Van Ness avenue; thence to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul.

**MACABEE**—In this city, August 28, Alexander MacAbee, a native of Charlestown, Mass.,



4 "FROM DIFFERENT CITIES

A San Francisco Merchant Dies From Overwork."

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE 6

04 SEPT 1887 SUNDAY

## FROM DIFFERENT CITIES.

### A SAN FRANCISCO MERCHANT DIES FROM OVERWORK.

The Nevada Bank Said to Have Lost \$8,000,000 in the Late Wheat Deal—Robert Louis Stevenson's Marriage to an Indianapolis Lady — Dullness in Baltimore's Peach-Canning Business—A Cincinnati Clergyman's Chance for a Bishopric.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 3.—[Special.]—**Bryan O'Connor of O'Connor,** Moffit & Co., the leading dry-goods firm of San Francisco, has died, at the age of 45, a victim of overwork. He leaves a large estate.

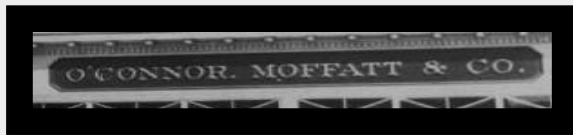
Charles Gousins, sick and despairing, crawled into an untenanted building near the city hall this week and starved to death, being only discovered when about to draw his last breath.

The influx of Chinese still continues, as does the emigration of Asiatics to Eastern cities.

Alexander McCabe, confidential manager for Lucky Baldwin, the racing man and many times a millionaire, was found dead in his bed Monday. He was a pioneer of 57 years old.

Aldolph Weiss, Daniel Worth, and Edward Ludham of a local rowing club went out for a pull in a fog and were drowned.

Mayor Pond has telegraphed another invitation to President Cleveland to visit San Francisco.



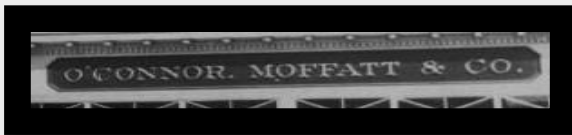
5 "THE O'CONNOR CASE.  
The Coveted Correspondence Not Introduced" SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE 5  
12 JUNE 1889 WEDNESDAY

**THE O'CONNOR CASE.**

**The Coveted Correspondence Not Introduced.**

Attorney Sullivan made a strong fight yesterday in Judge Coffey's court to compel Mrs. **Bryan O'Connor** to produce the correspondence between herself and the claimants in Ireland of her husband's estate. Attorney Delmas for Mrs. O'Connor filed an affidavit made by that lady submitting that she was in possession of the correspondence, but denying that it had any bearing on the contest. The question was argued during the morning session, and Judge Coffey sustained Mrs. O'Connor's refusal to produce the letters.

In the afternoon session Bookkeeper Harper of the firm of **O'Connor, Moffatt & Co.** described the scenes surrounding the signing of the will and the death of Mr. **O'Connor**. He said that Mr. O'Connor was very feeble and that he did not think he was of sound mind at the time he signed the will. He will resume his testimony this morning.



6A "A WAR OF WORDS.  
Dr Buckley and Attorney SULLIVAN Angry" SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE 16  
23 JUNE 1889 SUNDAY

## A WAR OF WORDS.

DR. BUCKLEY AND ATTORNEY  
SULLIVAN ANGRY.

An Exciting Colloquy — The Lie  
Passed in Court and Blows Only  
Prevented by Interference.

"Mr. Sullivan, you deliberately tried to compel me to postpone my departure for Europe," said City Physician E. J. Buckley to Attorney Matt I. Sullivan, as they were passing out of Judge Coffey's court at noon yesterday.

"That remark, sir, is untrue," said Mr. Sullivan, laying two law books on a chair near the door.

"And, sir," said the doctor, coming nearer the barrister, "you were impertinent to me while I was on the stand."

"You are a — liar!" excitedly exclaimed Mr. Sullivan, "and you know that you are," and Mr. Sullivan dropped another law book and sent a look of wrath at the medical man.

Had Court Commissioner Burke not stepped between the two angry men hostilities would have been commenced at once. As it was, Mr. Burke came between them and forced Mr. Sullivan outside of the railing near the door.

Dr. Buckley stepped forward a pace, as if to reach Mr. Sullivan, but recalled himself and went through the door. As he did so he turned and said to Sullivan, in a very angry tone, "You would not dare to say such a thing to me outside of a courtroom, where you are protected."

"I don't dare, don't I?" exclaimed

Mr. Sullivan, his pompadour hair standing straight up by this time; "Just come right out into this corridor and we'll see," and as he spoke Mr. Sullivan tugged away from Mr. Burke's hold and sought to lead the way. He did not succeed, however, and friends came to Mr. Burke's aid and separated the belligerents.

But few persons in the courtroom were aware of the war of words, as it was conducted in a very low tone and near the door leading into the corridor. Judge Coffey was engaged in tying a matrimonial knot, and enjoying the little jokes characteristic on such occasions. He knew nothing of the quarrel until it was over.

Mr. Sullivan is representing the contestants in their attempt to break the will of **Bryan O'Connor**. He is an extremely earnest worker and watches every move of the opposition with lynx-eyed activity. Attorney Delmas called Dr. Buckley to give testimony concerning Mr. O'Connor's fatal illness, and there was considerable objection to admitting it on the part of Mr. Sullivan. Dr. Buckley had arranged to leave last night for a visit to Europe and Mr. Sullivan objected to his examination until the cross-examination of Mrs. Margaret Sheehy, who was on the stand Friday, had been completed. He refused to waive his privilege, and a long and heated argument ensued between himself and Mr. Delmas, with the chances in favor of Dr. Buckley postponing his departure.

Then Mr. Delmas took a new tack. He had the Court rule out Dr. Buckley's testimony as a physician in attendance on Mr. O'Connor and admit his opinion of Mr. O'Connor's mental condition as an expert.

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A hypothetical question embracing the features of Mr. O'Connor's life was submitted, and he was asked if in view of the facts stated in it he believed Mr. O'Connor to have been of sound mind.

Before the question was answered the Court took a recess until 2 o'clock, and it was at this time that the colloquy between Mr. Sullivan and Dr. Buckley occurred.

When the Court convened the question was again propounded, and Dr. Buckley replied that Mr. O'Connor was

undoubtedly of sound mind when he made his will, a few minutes before his death. He explained the reason of his opinion, and was submitted to a raking cross-examination. He was asked by Mr. Delmas if he had had any conversation with the representatives of the contestants, and replied that it had been hinted to him that it would be worth his while to favor the contestants.

"I move to strike that out, your Honor," exclaimed Mr. Sullivan, excitedly, "as irrelevant, infamously false and insulting."

The answer was stricken out, and in response to another question Dr. Buckley said that he had told Mr. Sullivan that his action in attempting to prevent his departure was contemptible.

Mr. Sullivan made no reply, and the trial ended without further clashing.

Dr. Buckley left for Europe last night.



## BRYAN O'CONNOR'S WILL.

### The Jury Say Deceased Was of Sound Mind and Sustain the Will.

For several weeks the probate department of the Superior Court has been occupied in hearing testimony on the contest of the will of the late Bryan O'Connor, who was senior partner of the well-known dry goods firm of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. When Mr. O'Connor died he left a large estate, worth between \$600,000 and \$700,000, wholly to his widow. A short time subsequent to the filing of the will for probate a number of relatives of Mr. O'Connor, some of whom resided in Ireland, engaged Matt I. Sullivan to contest the will in their behalf on the alleged ground that the deceased was not of sound mind at the time the will was made, which was during his last illness and shortly before death. The case was tried before a jury, and a large number of witnesses, including Archbishop Riordan, Attorney A. H. Loughborough, who drew the will, and others, testified to the fact that Mr. O'Connor at the time of the making and signing of the document was in full possession of his mental powers and without the faintest trace of any derangement or impairment. The testimony on both sides was voluminous and over fifty witnesses were examined, some of them so closely as to occupy a day and a half in direct and cross-examination. The taking of testimony closed on Thursday last, and Friday, Saturday and Monday were occupied by the respective attorneys in argument. Yesterday morning Judge Coffey charged the jury. At the request of Mr. Sullivan, for the contestants, the Court charged the jury to find whether the deceased subscribed the instrument called his will or whether he at any time declared to James A. McNamara, A. H. Loughborough or William D. Harper the same to be his will; also, did these persons sign the instrument as witnesses; also, whether at the time he wrote his name the deceased was of sound mind.

The jury retired at half past 12 o'clock to deliberate and at 8 o'clock last evening returned into court with a verdict sustaining the will with an affirmative answer to the several questions.

The case was watched closely by a large number of friends of the respective parties to the contest throughout the length of time it was before the court and on some days there was not a vacant seat in the courtroom.

Last night Mrs. O'Connor was congratulated by numerous friends on the successful termination of the long and tedious contest.

Francisco ferry boats. A yacht had just passed through the draw and the keeper could not close it in time. The road curves sharply a short distance from the creek, and when the engineer saw the draw could not be closed in time, he endeavored to stop, but his train was too heavy and he failed. The engine with the tender and first car went overboard and the front end of the second car broke open and many passengers fell into the water. The car which had followed the engine to the bottom soon rose, and such of the passengers as had escaped were picked up by yachts and other boats which gathered at the scene. The car was towed into shallow water, a hole cut in the roof, and thirteen bodies taken out.

A list of the identified is as follows: Martin Kelly, of Oakland, assistant chief wharfinger for the state; A. H. Austin, of Austin & Phelps, of San Francisco; Miss Florence Austin; Mrs. Bryan O'Connor, widow of the deceased member of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., San Francisco; J. R. Ewing, sewing-machine agent at Oakland; E. R. Robinson, San Francisco; Luigi Maelista, San Francisco; Captain John Dwyer, Sacramento; Mr. Williams, San Francisco; H. W. Auld, colored, Honolulu; the two Misses Kennan, San Francisco.

The thirteenth body was that of a Japanese boy, supposed to be H. Malerta, of San Francisco. It is not at all certain that these are all who lost their lives. A late dispatch says the engineer and fireman were both saved.

#### MRS. M'ANNALLY'S CLAIM

To Property in Her Husband's Possession—A  
 Suit for Divorce.



8 "SAN FRANCISCO Death Notice  
Mrs O'Connor" THE SANFRANCISCO CALL 8 31 MAY 1890 SATURDAY

SHAW—In this city, May 30, 1890, Mary Elizabeth Shaw, beloved mother of Henry M. and Walter C. Shaw and Mrs. Charles T. Cook.  
Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper. \*  
O'CONNOR—In Oakland, Cal., May 30, 1890, Mary Josephine O'Connor, relict of the late Bryan O'Connor, a native of Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland.  
Notice of date of funeral will appear later. tf  
WILZINSKI—In Sonoma, Cal., May 30, T. Wilzinski, father of Abe, Marks, Jake and Ellis Wilzinski and Mrs. Benas and Mrs. Schwalbe, aged 75 years, 3 months and 20 days.  
JONES—In this city, May 30, Harold L., infant son



## HISTORIES OF THE DEAD.

Among Them Several Well Known  
Throughout the State.

Biographies of the Nine Men and the  
Four Women Who Were Drowned  
In the Car.

M. R. Williams came to San Francisco recently from Mexico where he had been engaged for a long time past in mining. He was 36 years of age and unmarried. But little is known of him here, the only information being what has been elicited from his conversations where he lived on Fourth street.

James R. Irwin resided at Oakland, his place of abode being at 960 Twenty-second street. He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1852, and came to California in 1874, locating then in San Francisco, where he lived nearly six years. Then he came to Oakland and has lived here ever since, being for some time past engaged as a representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, with headquarters at Thirteenth and Washington streets. He leaves a wife and 9 year old boy, resident here. His brother, Captain Irwin, lives in San

in business circles. He leaves a wife and daughter, resident here. He was 67 years of age.

Mrs. Mary Jane O'Connor is best known as the widow of the late Bryan O'Connor, of the princely dry goods house of O'Connor & Moffatt, Post street, San Francisco. Forty-six years ago she was born at Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland, and Mary Costello, for that was her name then, went subsequently to Dublin, and, as a young woman, obtained employment in the millinery department of a large dry goods house. There she first met Bryan O'Connor, who was also a clerk in the establishment, and the acquaintanceship ripened into an engagement, though they agreed not to marry until they were in a position to do so. Bryan, in search of fortune, went to Australia, and from there to New York where he engaged in business that resulted so successfully that he sent for his affianced and she crossed the sea and married him. Shortly afterwards they came to San Francisco and established a business there. Two children were born, both dying in infancy, and as Bryan O'Connor died in 1887, his estate, amounting to between \$600,000 and \$800,000, will now go to relatives. Mrs. O'Connor leaves a sister and brother in San Francisco, the sister a single lady, having lived with her for some years past, and her brother, John D., is an employe of the firm of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. The deceased was a devout Catholic and very charitable, and will be sadly missed in the social circles where she has been a central fig-



Oakland's Tragedy, List & Dead Identified" 10 A "THE LOST THE SANFRANCISCO CALL 1 1 JUNE 1890 SUNDAY

**THE LOST.**

**Complete List of the Dead and Their Late Residences.**

The following is the full list of the dead, all of whom are now identified and whose remains had all been sent from the Morgue by 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

M. R. Williams, 48 Fourth street, San Francisco.  
H. S. Austin, 220 Mission street, San Francisco.  
Florence Austin, 220 Mission street, San Francisco.  
J. R. Irwin, 960 Twenty-second street, Oakland.  
Luigi Malatesta, 2004½ Dupont street, San Francisco.  
Attilio Malatesta, 2004½ Dupont street, San Francisco.  
Martin S. Kelly, corner Eddy street and Van Ness avenue, San Francisco.  
H. S. Auld, Honolulu.  
Captain John Dwyer, 600 N street, Sacramento.  
Katie Kearns, 630 Eddy street, San Francisco.  
Nellie Kearns, 630 Eddy street, San Francisco.  
E. R. Robinson, 436 Montgomery street, San Francisco.  
Mrs. **Bryan O'Connor**, 801 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco.

**THE INJURED ONES.**

just at the hour when the train was due, he refused to answer any further questions.

Some in the crowd gathered at the accident scene blamed the train engineer Sam Dunn and the Fireman O'Brien, threatening to throw them into the bay. Although both had gone down in the engine they managed to escape without injury. Following the crash Dunn and O'Brien were seen on the wharf, but disappeared when threatened with violence by the angry crowd.

Below is a list of those who died: <sup>2</sup>

- Martin Kelly, Oakland - Assistant Chief Wharfinger for the State; had served in the state senate (aged 48)
- Henry S. Austin of Austin & Phelps, San Francisco (aged about 60)
- Miss Florence Austin - San Francisco, one of Austin's daughters; her sister Mary survived (aged 18)
- Mrs. Mary Jane O'Connor - widow of deceased Bryan O'Connor of the firm of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., San Francisco. (aged 52)
- James R. Irwin, Oakland - sewing machine agent for Singer Sewing Machine Agency at 13th and Washington. James, Annie and their son lived at 960 - 22nd Street.
- E. R. Robinson, Oakland. Sold insurance in San Francisco and lived in East Oakland
- Luigi Malatesta, San Francisco (aged about 50)
- Artelio (Attilio?) Malatesta, San Francisco, Luigi's son (aged 19)
- Capt. John Dwyer, Sacramento (aged about 45)
- Matthias S. Williams, San Francisco - was carrying almost \$750 in cash, gold and silver
- H. W. Auld, Honolulu - Native of Hawai'i, customs house clerk in Honolulu. Was coming to Oakland to escort his sisters home from the [Sacred Heart Convent](#) (later Holy Names College)
- Miss Nellie (Ellen Josephine) Kearns, San Francisco (aged 20)
- Miss Katie (Catherine Anna) Kearns, San Francisco (aged 13) - The Kearns were going to Oakland to visit their sister at the convent

At least five of the victims were on their way to the [Dietz Opera House](#) for the commencement ceremony of [St. Joseph's Preparatory School](#). Capt. Dwyer was going to see his son graduate, and Martin Kelly was traveling with him. <sup>2</sup>

Engineer Samuel Dunn disappeared before the inquest. After testimony from numerous witnesses including the fireman, a coroner's jury found Dunn guilty of manslaughter: "We find said S. Dunn guilty of manslaughter. We also find that the railway company does not take sufficient precaution to signal trains when approaching aforesaid



10 B. Mrs O'Connor OBITUARY: The San Francisco Examiner, 31 May 1890, p. 7. Transcribed

"**O'CONNOR**--Mrs. Mary **O'CONNOR** was the wife, and for three years past the widow, of the late Bryan **O'CONNOR**, founder of the great dry goods house of **O'CONNOR, MOFFATT & Co.** The litigation which began shortly after his death in regard to the disposal of the vast fortune which he left, estimated at from \$600,000 to \$800,000, had the effect of making much of the history of himself and his wife public property. Mrs. **O'CONNOR** was born near Dublin about forty-six years ago, her maiden name being **COSTELLO**. Her people were in very modest circumstances, for which reason nearly all the members of the family were obliged to do what they could toward supporting themselves. Mrs. **O'CONNOR**, or Mary **COSTELLO** as she was then, at quite an early age entered a millinery store in Dublin, in which city Bryan **O'CONNOR** was at the same time a clerk in a dry goods establishment. An acquaintance accidentally began between the two, which speedily ripened into an affection which was destined to continue undiminished during the lives of both. When Mary **COSTELLO** had agreed to become engaged to him Bryan **O'CONNOR** left Dublin to seek his fortune in newer fields. He went first to Australia, where he remained some years, but the measure of prosperity which he met with there was not sufficient to content him. He sailed to New York, and there engaged in the business in which he was destined to spend his life.

For nine long years Bryan **O'CONNOR** worked earnestly and faithfully to achieve a position which he could ask his wife to share, and during all this time Mary **COSTELLO** waited patiently at home for the message which she knew would someday reach her. It came at last, and she crossed the sea to New York to meet her lover, and the constant pair were immediately united. Shortly afterward they came to this city and Mr. **O'CONNOR** established the business for which he was ever afterward identified. There was the most complete accord between Mr. and Mrs. **O'CONNOR** always, and, though their two children died in infancy, their married life was, owing to their mutual affection, singularly happy. Mr. **O'CONNOR** died on the 28th of August, 1877. Mrs. **O'CONNOR** a sister and a brother living in this city, the former, who is a single lady, having resided with her for some time past. The brother, John D. **COSTELLO**, is an employee of the firm of **O'CONNOR, MOFFATT & Co.** Mrs. **O'CONNOR** was a very estimable lady, highly spoken of by all. At the time of her death she was on her way to attend the closing exercises at St. Joseph's Academy in company with the Misses **KEARNS**, both of whom were also drowned."

Source: *San Francisco Examiner*, 31 May 1890, Front page. Transcribed by Susan Cherry-Boyer.

"**O'CONNOR**--At Oakland, Cal., May 30, Mary Josephine **O'CONNOR**, relict of the late Bryan **O'CONNOR**, a native of Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland. Notice of the date of the funeral will appear later." Source: *San Francisco Examiner*, 31 May 1890, p. 7. Transcribed by Susan Cherry-Boyer.

<http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/vitals/sfobia.htm>



11 "MRS. MARY J. O'CONNOR

Solemn Requiem Services at St. Mary's Cathedral."

2

3 JUNE 1890

TUESDAY

O'Connor; and ex-Senator Martin Kelly and the two Misses Kearns were buried with similar obseques.

### MRS. MARY J. O'CONNOR.

#### Solemn Requiem Services at St. Mary's Cathedral.

"Thorns for the living, flowers for the dead." Could the good lady who lay smiling in death have seen the mournful assemblage and all the marks of tender reverence paid her yesterday morning in the mansion on Van Ness avenue, she would know the full beauty and truth of the adage, for there were brimming eyes and heavy hearts around the bier, and crowds of friends thronged the stately, silent rooms.

The avenue outside was filled with carriages, and the approach to Mrs. O'Connor's residence crowded with mourners; and also many humble persons who had double reasons for their sorrow—they had lost a good friend, and would miss her kindly presence and liberal bounty.

The funeral services began there, and at 10 o'clock the remains were borne to the hearse, and the cortege slowly proceeded to St. Mary's Cathedral, on California street, preceded by 200 employes of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. The employes marched on foot, and were led by H. Crooker and W. J. Armstrong.

The floral offerings, which were chaste and rare, were taken direct to the cemetery. There was an immense hour-glass of flowers from the firm's employes. The stand was of pink roses and evergreens and the sands represented by daisies. A large floral urn of similar flowers was also sent by the employes. The brother and sister of the deceased had sent a pillow of white roses with "Sister" worked in violets and pansies upon it. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Power placed a large floral pillow at the foot of the coffin, and by the casket's side was, in roses and white flowers, a "Gate Ajar." Other pieces were: A harp, a horseshoe, a pillar and a large shield, showing in the center a heart made of pansies.

#### BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

While the funeral passed along the various streets business in the dry-goods houses was temporarily suspended, and the large marts were closed, while their flags floated at half-mast.

Long before the cortege arrived at the cathedral the interior was densely crowded in all places except where the pews were reserved for the mourners, near the catafalque. As the mourners walked up the center aisle the church bell tolled solemnly. The pall-bearers, as follows, led the procession: J. J. O'Brien, Levi Strauss, M. W. Stackpole, A. H. Loughborough, Frank J. Sullivan, J. W. Whiting, D. W. Breton, James Kennedy, James Sanderson, G. J. Byrne, M. O'Day and F. T. McCarthy.

Then followed the remains, borne by eight employes of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. The mourning party came next, with James Costello, brother of the deceased, supporting Miss Costello, his sister. J. D. Power and wife, Mrs. Robert Shea and family and T. R. Bannerman ended the party, followed by the employes, who took the seats reserved for them.

The casket was a heavy metallic one, draped in black silk with extension handles. A plain silver plate bore the name of Mary J. O'Connor. The remains lay in white satin with the silvery gray hair brushed back from the brow as in life, and the face was all peace and contentment in every feature. When laid on the receptacle in front of the main altar, the mournful strains of "Lyra Requiem Solemnis" filled the church, and then the sacred chant to the dead was begun by the choir.

#### THE SOLEMN SERVICE.

Wilcox's solemn requiem was sung with grand effect by the following singers under the direction of Professor A. C. Farnham: Miss Clara A. McGown, Miss Jennie Holly, Miss M. Byrne, Miss J. Stockins, Miss J. Sullivan, Miss McBride, J. Marrack, Mrs. Ernestine Gray, Mrs. S. Washburn, Mrs. M. Silveria, D. W. C. Nesfield, J. C. Bradley, W. S. Edminster and W. C. Gibbon.

A glow of candles burning filled the sanctuary where Fathers McKinnon, McNally, Crowley, Lynch, Cummings, Montgomery, Foley and Cottle occupied seats.

The requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. J. McCue, assisted by Rev. William B. Kirby as deacon, Rev. Father Attenechues as sub-deacon and Rev. P. Blake master of ceremonies. His



Grace Archbishop Riordan pronounced the benediction.

Very Rev. J. J. Prendergast, V. G., preached the sermon, in which he paid an eloquent tribute to the dead lady.

#### THE SERMON.

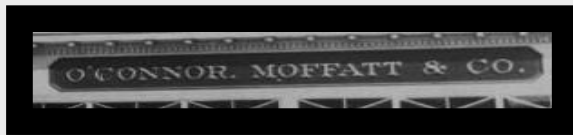
"It is a solemn thought," said he, "that the most momentous and most decisive event affecting human life is absolutely beyond control. That is, Death. If you were to be assured on unquestioned authority that some event was impending which would take from you half your years of life you would live in constant expectation of such an event. But death takes away your life, and not for a few years, but forever. The moment of death is decisive. Quicker than a lightning flash the soul is judged and passes into eternity, and that destiny no power can change. The world abounds with men who have erred in following their own brains' reasoning, but no one has ever been found to assert—so preposterous to declare—that salvation is given according to the amount of intelligence possessed.

"Every one knows death is inevitable, but what we do not always consider is that the time and place and manner of death are uncertain. Many have died among strangers who had hoped to die among friends. Every river and the ocean-bed contains the remains of those who thought to die on land. It is beyond our power to know the time and manner and place, but there is an aspect in which death is under our control—it is always in our power to prepare our souls to meet death when it comes. It is not when we come to die that we ought to prepare for death, though even then repentance is possible, but the time of preparation is during the day of life. Hence the Holy Church teaches us to pray not against a sudden death, but to be prepared for it when it comes.

#### A GOOD WOMAN.

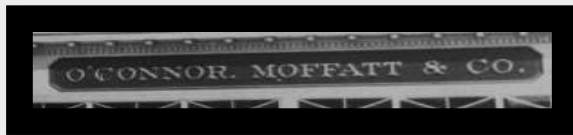
"In this case, the lady who is dead was an exemplary woman. She was prepared for death. And why do we gather here together? We all know of the awful calamity that came as a terrible visitation, but it is not for that we are here. We are here to pray for the dead. Our primary object and essential purpose in coming here is to pray for the dead to Him who died on the cross for the redemption of mankind. Secondly, we are here to offer our sympathies to the mourners. How can we offer our sympathies? By speaking of her virtues? No; she was a woman of unostentatious piety and she would not have wished it. To descant upon the virtues of a leader and speak of his glories as sure to lead him to heaven—that is paganism. This is not a case for human consolation. The real source of consolation is not the virtue of the departed, but the realization of the mercy and goodness of the Redeemer to look forward to the day when you shall meet again—not in this suffering and sinful world, but in the kingdom prepared for us. As Christ died and rose again, so shall all rise in the ages."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the body was escorted to Calvary Cemetery by a long line of carriages. Father McCue officiated at the grave, and when Mrs. O'Connor had been laid beside her husband the sad gathering quietly dispersed.



12 "MRS. O'CONNOR'S WILL  
She Leaves \$30,000 to Charitable Institutions." OAKLAND TRIBUNE (California) 1 4 JUNE 1890 WEDNESDAY

**MRS. O'CONNOR'S WILL.**  
**She Leaves \$30,000 to Charitable Institutions.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.--The will of Mary J. O'Connor, the widow of Bryan O'Connor, and one of the victims of the railroad accident of Friday, was filed in the Superior Court today. The estate consists of \$500 in money, and the interest of the deceased in her husband's estate, supposed to be worth about \$800,000. The sum of \$30,000 is bequeathed to charitable institutions, and the remainder to relatives and friends.



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Numerous Bequests to Relatives and Charity."

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THE SANFRANCISCO CALL 6

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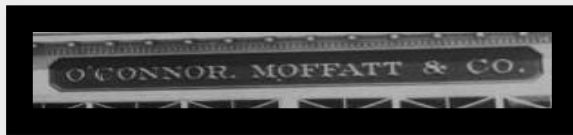
## MRS. O'CONNOR'S WILL.

### Numerous Bequests to Relatives and Charity.

The will of Mary J. O'Connor, widow of the late Bryan O'Connor, has been filed for probate. The estate is valued at \$600,000 and the bequests are as follows:

\$10,000 for a monument to the memory of the late Bryan O'Connor; \$25,000 each to Margaret Scanlon and Mary Scanlon and \$5000 to Catherine Flemming, all of whom are sisters of the late Bryan O'Connor and reside in Ireland; \$5000 each to Maurice O'Connor and Patrick O'Connor, who are brothers of the late Bryan O'Connor and live in Ireland; \$50,000 to Winham Costello, brother of deceased, and a resident of Cincinnati; \$50,000 to Richard Costello and his sister Duda, who reside in New York State and are children of the late John Costello, a brother of the deceased; \$10,000 to Mary Madeline Costello, widow of said John Costello; \$50,000 to Margaret Costello, a sister, who lives in this city; \$5000 to Bridget Costello, a sister, known in religion as Sister Mary Evangelist, and who resides in the Island of Guernsey; \$5000 to Kate Costello, a sister, living in Ireland; \$5000 to Bernard Costello, a brother, in New York State; \$30,000 to James Costello, a brother, in this city; \$5000 to Charles Costello, a brother, in Cincinnati; \$30,000 to Augustine Costello, a brother, in Dublin, Ireland; \$20,000 in equal shares to Neil, Edmund, Louise and May Power, children of James D. Power of this city; \$25,000 to Hannah Brosnan, a sister-in-law, in Australia; \$1000 to Robert Rossiter, a god-son; \$1000 to Richard Dillon, a god-son, in Los Angeles; \$1000 each to Isabella Keins and Nora Burke of this city; \$500 to Della Ford of 209 O'Farrell street; \$5000 to James Kennedy, an old employe; \$1000 to every person who has been an employe continuously for ten years or upward in the service of deceased or her late husband; \$8000 to the Sisters of Mercy of this city, \$3000 of the same to be used for the Old Ladies' Home; \$2500 to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum; \$2500 to St. Joseph's Infant Asylum; \$5000 to the Technical School, under the care of the Sisters of Charity, at the corner of Geary and Gough streets; \$2500 to St. Vincent's School on Mission street; \$10,000 to the Youths' Directory; \$2500 to the college under the care of the Christian Brothers in Oakland; \$2000 to the academy under the care of the Dominican Sisters in San Rafael; \$5000 to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum for Boys in Marin County; \$7500 to the day homes under the care of the Sisters of the Holy Family in this city; \$5000 to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, and the residue of the estate to the heirs-at-law.

William Costello, James D. Power and Thomas R. Bannerman are named executors, and are given full power to carry out the will without applying to any court.



THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1901.

# O'CONNOR, MOFFATT & CO.

CORNER VAN NESS AVENUE AND PINE STREET

### Autumn and Winter— WOOLEN DRESS GOODS

Many new and exclusive effects in Fall and Winter Dress Goods will be found in this department, including a large assortment of Broadcloths, the most popular fabric of the season.

Imported Fancy Silk and Wool Taffetas; all new colorings; 44 inches wide; yard ..... **\$1.50**

Cloakings; in Plaids, Checks and Stripes, light, medium and dark shades in Cheviots and Tweeds; 50 inches wide; yard ..... **\$1.50 to \$2.50**

Broadcloths—An extensive assortment of Chiffon Broadcloths, in street and evening shades; yard ..... **\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00**

### Coat and Suit Dept.

A large collection of new models in Tailored Suits, Costumes, Afternoon and Evening Gowns at very moderate prices; Coats for auto, street and evening wear.

Women's Tailored Suits .....	<b>\$25.00 to \$75.00</b>
Velvet Suits in black and colors .....	<b>\$60.00 to \$185.00</b>
Silk Dresses and Costumes .....	<b>\$25.00 to \$85.00</b>
Caracul and Russian Pony Coats .....	<b>\$12.50 to \$40.00</b>
Auto and Driving Coats .....	<b>\$12.50 to \$40.00</b>
Cravenette Rain Coats, all colors .....	<b>\$12.50 to \$27.50</b>

### New Veilings and Made Veils

Our Veiling Department is stocked with the season's newest novelties in Plain and Chenille Dot Tuxedo Veilings, in all the latest shades.

**25c TO \$1.50 YARD**

Plain and Dotted Chiffon Veiling, 18 to 22 inches wide; yard ..... **45c to \$1.00**

New Chiffon Drape and Auto Veils, 1½ to 3 yards long, all colors ..... **75c to \$5.00**

Chantilly Lace Veils in black and colors. **\$1.00 to \$13.50**

Novelty colored Chiffon Veiling with black velvet spots; yard ..... **\$1.15**

### Latest Arrivals in Silks and Velvets

Three Special Values in

#### BLACK TAFFETA SILKS

Extra Heavy Quality Black Taffeta; 21 inches wide; very durable; yard ..... **75c**

26-inch Black Taffeta; lustrous quality; warranted to wear; yard ..... **\$1.00**

Yard wide Black Taffeta; fine lustrous finish; fully guaranteed to wear well; yard ..... **\$1.25**

Chiffon Velvets in all the leading shades most desirable for Gowns, Suits and Dress Wear; yard ..... **\$1.75 to \$2.50**

### New Fur Department

Attention is directed to our complete showing of medium and high-grade Furs and Fur Coats in the season's newest models. We mention a few special values:

Mink Ties and Neck Pieces .....	<b>\$4.00 to \$75.00</b>
Ermine Ties and Scarfs .....	<b>\$15.00 to \$85.00</b>
Sable Scarfs .....	<b>\$5.00 to \$60.00</b>
Fox Boas and Scarfs .....	<b>\$9.00 to \$60.00</b>

MUFFS TO MATCH

#### FUR COATS

The collection of Fur Coats is particularly interesting, embracing models ranging in price from **\$37.50 to \$500**

### Flannel Department

A wide assortment of Scotch Flannels in a soft and handsome quality; very serviceable for Shirt Waists, Children's Dresses, Men's Shirts, Pajamas, etc.

**SPECIAL VALUE 40c A YARD**

English Flannels of the finest quality; a large range of beautiful patterns; fast colors and unshrinkable; yard ..... **85c**

French Flannels in an extensive variety of new colorings in Persian effects, suitable for Kimonos, Wrappers and Dressing Sacques; yard ..... **90c**

### Special Sale of Blankets

We will continue the special sale of Blankets Monday and during the week until they are closed out. This lot of Blankets was purchased at a great reduction, owing to some slight imperfections. They are made of the **PINEST QUALITY CALIFORNIA WOOL**, IN ALL WEIGHTS AND SIZES. We have marked them at extremely low prices.

*O'Connor, Moffatt & Co.* Phone Franklin 591

NE. Cor. Van Ness Ave. and Pine St.

### Umbrellas and Kid Gloves

New Stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Umbrellas; a select assortment of Gun Metal, Pearl, Silver, Gold, Horn and Natural Wood Handles. .... Prices **\$1.00 to \$16.00**

**WOMEN'S LONG KID GLOVES**

Elbow length Heavy Cape Gloves for street wear in Tans and Browns; special value; pair ..... **\$3.50 and \$4.00**

#### CAUSES THE ARREST OF HIS WIFE'S ADMIRER

Store Keeper Davis Charges  
Sandrow Malsagow

#### LOCAL BAKERY COMPETES FOR STOCKTON TRADE

Boldly Carries War Into  
Stronghold of Bread

#### KEEL OF GREAT COLLIER TO BE LAID AT VALLEJO

Twelve Hundred Men Will  
Be Required to Con-

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD LOSES APPEAL

Supreme Court Holds That  
Action of Supervisors

**NEW RAILWAY DEPOT FOR SUISUN**  
*Special by Leased Wire to The Call*  
VALLEJO, Oct. 12.—Suisun is soon to have a handsome new railway structure on the line between San Francisco and Sacramento, according to an announcement made by Superintendent Scott of the Harriman road. The depot will be adequate to handle the business which will be transferred at this point from

**OPPOSE FOREIGN LABORERS**  
MANHATTAN, Oct. 12.—An organization known as the Manhattan protective committee, composed of the leading men of this camp, has decided to try to drive all foreign labor from Manhattan and to have the mine owners here employ only American labor. They claim that the Slavonians imported into Tonopah have done the camp no good and that they do not want the same cheap labor to enter

## MRS. O'CONNOR'S WILL

### Generous Bequests Made to Charities.

### RELATIVES REMEMBERED.

#### Special Letters on the Estate of Martin Kelly—Probate Notes.

The will of **Mary J. O'Connor**, one of the victims of last Friday's railroad accident at Oakland, was filed for probate yesterday by William Costello, James D. Powers and Thomas R. Bannerman, whom the deceased named to act as her executors. The estate consists of \$500 in money and the interest of the deceased in the estate of her husband, the late Bryan O'Connor, which is estimated to be worth about \$800,000. The will of Mrs. O'Connor bears the date of August 16, 1889, and its first provision is that \$10,000 shall be set apart for the erection of a monument over her husband's grave in case she failed to have such a monument erected during her lifetime. She further directed that after the final distribution of her husband's estate, Margaret **Scanlon**, **Mary Scanlon**, Hannah Brosnan, Catherine Fleming, sisters of Bryan, O'Connor and his brothers, Maurice and Patrick O'Connor, should be paid \$25,000 each. In this connection it is especially mentioned that none of the brothers and sisters of Mr. O'Connor to whom shall be distributed any part of his estate will be entitled to a legacy under the will of the deceased. To William Costello, a brother, the testator left \$50,000; to the children of her deceased brother, John Costello, a like amount, and to **Mary Madeline Costello**, widow of John, \$10,-

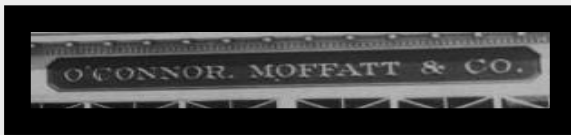
000. To Margaret Costello, a sister, is given \$50,000; to Bridget Costello, a nun known as Sister Mary Evangelist, \$5000; to James Costello, a brother, \$30,000; to Augustine Costello a similar amount; to Charles Costello \$5000; to Edward, Louise, Neil and May Power, children of James D. Power, \$20,000, to be divided share and share alike; to Robert Rositer and Richard Dillon, two godsons, \$1000 each; to Miss Isabella Kerns and Miss Mera Burke \$1000 each, and to Miss Della Ford \$500.

Charitable bequests are made as follows: To the Sisters of Mercy of San Francisco, \$8000, of which \$3000 is to be used for the benefit of the Old Ladies' Home; to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, the technical school under the care of the Sisters of Charity, the Youths' Directory and St. Mary's College in Oakland, \$2500 each; to the academy under the charge of the Dominican Sisters in San Rafael, \$2000; to the Catholic Orphan Asylum at San Rafael, \$5000; to the day homes under the care of the Holy Family, \$7000, and to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum \$5000. The testator further bequeaths \$5000 to James Kennedy, a trusted employe of herself and her husband for twenty years past, and provided that \$1000 should be given to each of such other employes as have been with the firm of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. for ten years or more. In conclusion she directed that the residue of the estate should be distributed among her heirs-at-law, and authorized her executors to continue the dry goods business until the lease of the store shall expire.

Peter Kelly has been granted special letters of administration on the estate of Martin Kelly, another of the victims of the Oakland railroad disaster. The estate consists entirely of real property in this city, valued at about \$50,000. The heirs-at-law of the deceased are the petitioner, three sisters, and the eight children of Michael Joseph and Patrick Kelly, two deceased brothers.

The will of the late Ellen Lawlor has been filed for probate. She left an estate valued at \$11,000, of which she bequeathed \$10,000 to a son and daughter, share and share alike, and the residue to her two sisters, **Mary** and Ann Supple.

The will of George Doyle has been filed. He bequeathed an estate valued

**THE O'CONNOR ESTATE.****Provisions of the Will of the Late Mrs.  
Mary J. O'Connor.**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4th.—The will of the late Mrs. Mary J. O'Connor, widow of Bryan O'Connor, who was killed in the Oakland railroad accident on Friday last, has been filed for probate. The document appoints William Costello, Thomas R. Bannerman and J. D. Power executors, and they petition for letters testamentary. The petition states that the property left by the deceased consists of \$800 in money and the interest of her late husband in the drygoods house of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., estimated to be worth \$800,000.

The will is dated August 16, 1889. Testatrix leaves \$10,000 for the erection of a monument over her husband's grave; \$25,000 each to Margaret Scanlon, Mary Scanlon, Hannah Brosnan, Catherine Fleming, sisters, and Maurice and Patrick O'Connor, brothers of Bryan O'Connor, a special provision being inserted that none of these shall be entitled to a legacy under the will if they shall receive anything from his estate.

To William Costello, her brother, testatrix leaves \$50,000; also \$50,000 to the children of her deceased brother, James Costello. To Mary Madeline Costello, widow of her brother John, \$10,000; to Margaret Costello, her sister, \$50,000; to Bridget Costello, a nun, known in religion as Sister Mary Evangeline, \$5,000. To her brothers James and Augustine Costello she leaves \$30,000 each, and to Charles Costello \$5,000. To the four children of James D. Power, manager of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., she leaves \$20,000 to be equally divided.

Small sums are left to other relatives, and the following bequests to charitable institutions: Sisters of Mercy of San Francisco, \$8,000; Old Ladies' Home, \$3,000; \$2,500 each to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, the Technical School, in charge of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Vincent's School, the Youths' Directory and St. Mary's College in Oakland; \$2,000 to the Academy in charge of the Dominican Sisters at San Rafael; \$7,000 to the Day Homes of the Holy Family and \$5,000 to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum.

The deceased leaves \$1,000 each to all the servants who have been in her employ for ten years or more and the same amount to all who have been in her husband's employ, which includes the employees of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. The residue of the estate goes to her heirs-at-law. The executors are given full power to carry out the will without applying to any Court.



**Bryan O'Connor's Estate.**

The first and final account of Public Administrator Pennie as special administrator of Bryan O'Connor's estate was presented to Judge Conney yesterday and approved. It covers a period of only eight days from the time of the death of the widow, who had the estate in charge. The deposit in bank of \$157,775 was increased in that period to \$193,364 from sales of goods in the dry-goods store of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co. The average daily receipts were shown to have been \$5000, with net profit of over \$1000. James D. Power will continue in the direction of the affairs of the store.

### COURT NOTES.

M. Jacobson has failed for \$8885 89: assets, \$6950.

The will of Andrew Weber has been filed. He left a \$1000 estate to Louisa Weber, his widow.

Philip Furst has sued Cameron H. King to recover \$32 rent, and to secure restitution of the premises 2825 Pine street.

A number of the creditors of Mark Leites have applied to the Superior Court to have him declared an insolvent debtor.

Kate R. Conrad has sued H. C. Dodge to recover \$4720 on a promissory note, with legal interest from January 25, 1889.

The will of Annie Gelb was filed for probate yesterday. She left an estate valued at \$8400 to her only child, Grace Annie Eugenie Fraser.

The **Bryan O'Connor** will contest has been compromised by the payment to the contestants of \$65,000 in full satisfaction of all claims against the estate.

Complaints for divorce have been filed by Ida Hanson against H. B. Hanson, Elizabeth M. Furey against J. J. Furey and by Anna Hubbard against George F. Hubbard.

W. P. Pritchard has sued William Montgomery of the American Exchange Hotel to recover \$299 damages for the loss of the contents of a trunk intrusted to the defendant's care.

The application of the *Daily Report* for an order restraining the Board of Supervisors from reletting the city printing contract, was submitted on briefs in Judge Hoge's court yesterday.

Nicholas Guiseppi, charged with having attempted to commit an unnatural crime in conjunction with a young girl named Sadie Maguire, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Trout's court yesterday.



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**Bryan O'Connor's Estate.**  
James C. Pennie has filed his final account in the estate of **Bryan O'Connor** and asked for a distribution of the property. According to his report \$628,263 came into his hands through various channels. Of this he paid out \$107,058, \$50,000 of which was paid in settling with the contestants of the will. Testator bequeathed his property to his widow, Mary J. **O'Connor**, who was killed in the railroad accident at the Oakland drawbridge on Memorial day. The estate thus goes to her heirs.

20 "BRYAN O'CONNOR'S ESTATE  
A Suit for an Accounting by the Widow's Executors."  
THE SANFRANCISCO CALL 6 21 FEBRUARY 1891 SATURDAY

**BRYAN O'CONNOR'S ESTATE.**  
**A Suit for an Accounting by the Widow's Executors.**  
James C. Pennie, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Bryan O'Connor, has sued William Costello, James D. Powers and Thomas R. Bannerman, executors of the will of Mary J. **O'Connor**, praying that they be ordered to file on behalf of said Mary J. **O'Connor**, as special administratrix and executrix of the estate of **Bryan O'Connor**, an account of her acts as such.  
**Bryan O'Connor** died on August 27, 1887, leaving his widow, Mary J. **O'Connor**, executrix, to whom letters were duly issued. Prior to her appointment as executrix she had been granted special letters of administration, but on her death the plaintiff was appointed special administrator of the remaining estate of **Bryan O'Connor**.  
As alleged, and although Mary **O'Connor** took charge of the estate, no account has ever been settled, and at the time of his death she had in her custody real and personal property belonging to the estate, aggregating \$498,721 89.



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### WILLING TO ACCOUNT.

**Mary J. O'Connor's Executors Answer J. C. Pennie's Complaint.**

In the case of James C. Pennie, administrator of the estate left unadministered of **Bryan O'Connor**, against William Costello, James D. Powers and Thomas R. Bannerman, executors of the will of Mary J. O'Connor, the defendants have filed their answer, contending that the entire estate of **Bryan O'Connor** came into his widow's hands as executrix and special administratrix, but that, in the latter capacity, she had not administered upon the estate. The answer further alleges that the only property which came to her hands was, besides certain property on Van Ness avenue, the business of **O'Connor & Moffatt**, on Market street, which she continued to run at a large profit. The said profits are now in the hands of the defendants, an accounting of which they are ready and willing to render.

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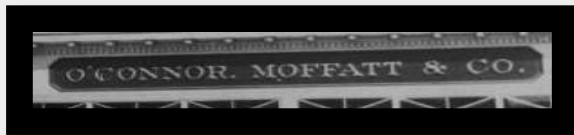
George S. Mann's Will.

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### Ordered to Account.

Judge Wallace yesterday signed the decree prayed for by J. C. Pennie, as administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate left unadministered of the late **Bryan O'Connor**, directing Wm. Costello, James D. Powers and Thomas R. Bannerman, executors of the will of Mary J. O'Connor, to file, on behalf of the said Mary J. O'Connor, an account of her acts as special administratrix and executrix of the estate of **Bryan O'Connor**.



23 THE O'CONNOR MAUSOLEUM THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL 3  
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**The O'Connor Mausoleum.**  
The executors of the will of Mary O'Connor have been given permission by Probate Judge Coffey to erect, at a cost not to exceed \$18,500, a mausoleum over the grave of the deceased and her husband, **Bryan O'Connor.** The attorney for the absent heirs agreed to the order.

Below: The Tomb of Bryan O'Connor in Holy Cross Cemetery who died on Aug. 28th 1887. He was one of the founders of O'Connor, Moffatt, Kean Co. The store opened first in 1860 at 2nd & Market Sts. and then moved to South side of Post St. bet. Kearny & Grant Ave. They are now located at the N.W. cor. Stockton & O'Farrell Sts. May 10th 1929.



24 BRYAN O'CONNOR'S ESTATE THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL 8 30 MAY 1891 SATURDAY

**Bryan O'Connor's Estate.**  
The executors of Mrs. **Bryan O'Connor** have filed their return of sale to David Farquharson of the houses and lot at the north west corner of Van Ness avenue and Eddy street for \$32,500. The lot is 40 by 109.9. Mr. Farquharson also bought the furniture for \$2500. Judge Coffey appointed June 9th for confirmation of sale.

25 "PROMPT PAYMENT.  
The Executors of Mrs. O'Connor's Will Comply With Her Wishes." THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL 8  
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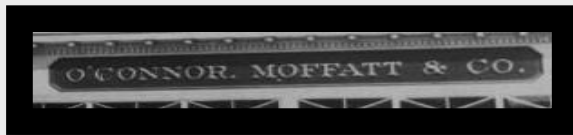
## PROMPT PAYMENT.

**The Executors of Mrs. O'Connor's Will  
Comply With Her Wishes.**

Yesterday afternoon the executors of the late Mrs. Bryan O'Connor made payment of the various legacies and charitable bequests named in that benevolently disposed lady's last will and testament. This prompt and timely action on their part brings joy to many deserving people, especially to the score of clerks among the employes of O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., to whom, as a token of her appreciation of their long and faithful service, Mrs. O'Connor bequeathed the sum of \$1000 each; and also to the devoted servants of charity in the several schools and orphan asylums remembered by the deceased. Among the latter are numbered St. Vincent Orphan Asylum, the Youths' Directory, Old Ladies' Home, Hebrew Orphan Asylum, Children's Day Home, San Rafael Orphan Asylum, St. Francis Technical School and other similar institutions devoted to the care of the helpless or afflicted.

The munificent provisions made by Mrs. O'Connor for the numerous relatives of her deceased husband, including even those of their number who united in contesting his will, was only equaled by her generosity toward the charitable asylums of the community, in which were accumulated the fruits of his honorable career as a merchant.

The wishes of the deceased were carried out by the executors of her estate immediately upon the expiration of the probate term, and neither "the law's delay" nor the neglect or failure of its servants intervened in the consummation of the work mapped out in the will.



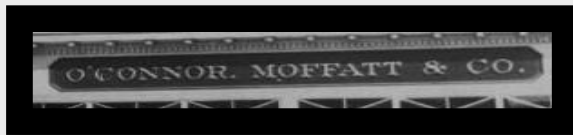
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**THE O'CONNOR ESTATE.**

**A Trust That Has Been Most Satisfactorily Carried Out.**

The order of Judge Coffey approving the final report of the executors of the late Mrs. **Bryan O'Connor** and discharging them from all further duty and liability under the deceased lady's last will and testament removes from the Probate Court a case which has been of peculiar interest to the mercantile community.

Since the death of Mrs. **O'Connor**, which occurred in the railroad catastrophe at Oakland on Decoration day, 1890, the business of the establishment of **O'Connor, Moffatt & Co.**, of which she was the sole owner, has been conducted by her executors, whom she expressly directed should serve without bonds. The duties imposed upon these gentlemen having, according to the judgment of the Court, been satisfactorily discharged, a petition for a final distribution of the residue of the estate was presented to Judge Coffey, who promptly decreed that said residue be distributed to "**O'Connor, Moffatt & Co., Incorporated**," a corporation consisting of the residuary heirs of Mrs. **O'Connor**, and by whom the extensive dry-goods establishment founded by the late Bryan **O'Connor**



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"AT REST"

Removal of the Bodies of Bryan O'Connor and His Wife to Holy Cross."

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL 4

11 AUGUST 1892 THURSDAY

AT REST.

Removal of the Bodies of **Bryan O'Connor** and His Wife to Holy Cross.

The remains of the late **Bryan O'Connor** and his wife, Mrs. Mary Josephine O'Connor, were removed on Tuesday morning from the family plat in Calvary Cemetery to their final resting-place in the new cemetery of the Holy Cross, San Mateo County. The latter consists of a massive and beautiful mausoleum, purely Gothic in style, and constructed of the finest California granite, with white marble interior and richly ornamental bronze door and windows. The erection of this monument to the memory of the distinguished merchant was provided for by the last will and testament of his wife, whose sad death in the Oakland drawbridge catastrophe, on Decoration day, 1890, prevented the carrying out by herself of the work of wifely affection which she had already undertaken. The plat in the new cemetery had been selected by Mrs. **O'Connor**, and after her death the duty of erecting the mausoleum was assumed by her residuary heirs.

According to the terms of Mrs. O'Connor's will the sum of \$10,000 was designated to defray the cost of the structure, but her surviving relatives increased the amount to over \$18,000, and the mausoleum, which was erected upon plans prepared by Architect T. J. Welsh of this city, is therefore rendered still more worthy of the popular and upright merchant and his devoted wife, whose will, recently executed in its entirety by her executors, will be long remembered for its numerous and liberal bequests to charitable and educational institutions in this community.



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united executives of the four Irish Field Clubs.

**COUNTY LIMERICK MAN'S DEATH IN AMERICA.**

Mr Augustine E Costelloe, a well-known  
citizen of San Francisco, has just died. Mr  
Costelloe was a native of Rathkeale, county  
Limerick. His business career began during his  
early manhood in the City of Limerick, and was  
continued in the City of Dublin, until the year  
1890, when he went to San Francisco to inherit  
the estate bequeathed to him by his sister,  
the late Mrs Bryan O'Connor. As Secretary  
and Director of O'Connor, Moffatt and Co.  
Incorporated, he was well known in the mercantile  
world.

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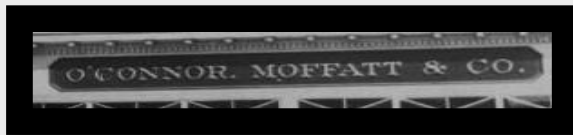
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OBITUARY.

COSTELLO -- Augustin J. Costello, a  
well-known citizen of San Francisco, died May  
15. Mr. Costello was a native of Rathkeale,  
County Limerick, Ireland. His business career  
began during his early manhood in the city of  
Limerick, and was continued in the city of Dub-  
lin until the year 1890, when he came to San  
Francisco to inherit the estate bequeathed to  
him by his sister, the late lamented Mrs. Bryan  
O'Connor. As secretary and directory of O'Con-  
nor, Moffatt & Co., incorporated, he was well  
known in the mercantile world. The funeral  
ceremonies at Sacred Heart Church were attend-  
ed by a large concourse of friends. Solemn Re-  
quiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father  
Byrne, Rev. J. B. McNally, pastor of St.  
Patrick's Church, Oakland, was deacon; Rev.  
Father Cullen was sub-deacon, and Rev. Father  
Flood was master of ceremonies.



### Distribution Detail: Bryan O'Connor Will

Mausoleum	Provision for \$10,000.00 Spent \$18,500	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00
O'Connor	Catherine O'Connor Fleming (Farrankeal)	\$25,000.00	
	Hannah O'Connor Brosnan. (Australia)	\$25,000.00	
	Mary O'Connor Scanlon (Woodlands)	\$25,000.00	
	Margaret O'Connor Scanlon (Woodlands)	\$25,000.00	
	Patrick	\$25,000.00	
	Maurice	\$25,000.00	\$150,000.00
Costello	William	\$50,000.00	
	John's Children	\$50,000.00	
	Mary Madeline (John's Widow)	\$10,000.00	
	Margaret	\$50,000.00	
	Bridget (Sister Mary Evangelist)	\$5,000.00	
	James	\$30,000.00	
	Augustine	\$30,000.00	
	Charles	\$5,000.00	
	Children of James D Power (Edward, Louise, Neil, May	\$20,000.00	
	Godson Robert Rositer	\$1,000.00	
	Godson Richard Dillon	\$1,000.00	\$252,000.00
	Miss Isabella Kerns	\$1,000.00	
	Miss Mera Burke	\$1,000.00	
	Miss Della Ford	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
Charity	Sisters of Mercy SF ( 3000 for Old Ladies Home)	\$8,000.00	
	Roman C orphan Asylum	\$2,500.00	
	St Joseph's Orphan Asylum	\$2,500.00	
	Technical school under Care of The Sisters of Charity	\$2,500.00	
	Youths Directory	\$2,500.00	
	St Mary's College Oakland	\$2,500.00	
	Academy of Dominican Sisters San Rafael	\$2,000.00	
	Catholic Orphan asylum San Rafael	\$5,000.00	
	Day Homes under care of Holy Family	\$7,000.00	
	Hebrew Orphans Asylum	\$5,000.00	\$39,500.00
	Trusted Employee James Kennedy	\$5,000.00	
	@ each \$1000 for 'Score' Employees with > 10 years service	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
	Residue Distributed among her Heirs at Law		
	Authorised executors to continue business until lease expires		
		\$487,500.00	\$487,500.00