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THE POISONING CASE.—The following are the particulars of the arrest of Walter Skidmore, referred to in the UNION yesterday. We quote from the *Bulletin*, of Dec. 7th :

Information was given to Chief Burke yesterday, as we hinted last evening, that Walter Skidmore, formerly District Attorney of Marin county, had poisoned his child at San Rafael and made his escape. A warrant was immediately issued for his arrest and brought over by Harris, who placed it in the hands of the police. The Chief at once gave a description of the accused to the detective officers, who searched diligently for the offender. A few minutes before 9 o'clock this morning three gentlemen who had just returned from Steuart street wharf called upon Chief Burke and informed him that they believed Skidmore was on board the Falkinberg, just about leaving for Oregon. Officers Woods, Bovee and Chappelle proceeded to the vessel and found the accused. He was very roughly dressed and appeared to be suffering under great excitement. He was at first taken to the Station House, but soon after sent over to San Rafael in a small boat, the Chief believing such course most proper, as the warrant was defective in not being signed by the County Clerk, and the accused might have been released on *habeas corpus*.

Captain Flavel, of the Falkinberg, stated that Skidmore went on board about half-past 7 o'clock this morning, having come over the bay in a small boat. He inquired what time the vessel would sail—the Captain replied, "immediately." Skidmore said he could not be ready for an hour, and the Captain said he would wait for him. The accused left the vessel, but returned in ten minutes with a blanket and other articles, and the vessel was just about leaving the wharf as the officers went on board. Captain Flavel at once returned the passage money, and on learning the circumstances of his arrest, expressed great satisfaction in having got rid of his passenger. Skidmore, though very shabbily dressed, was well provided for, having \$800 in gold in his pocket. Beside the child he is charged with poisoning, he has two other children, one aged seventeen and the other three years.