

JOHN HEART'S COURT RECORD.

*Slayer of Kearns Accused of
Numerous Crimes.*

*Has Been Arraigned Ere
This for Assault.*

*Question Raised About His
Latest Marriage.*

John W. Heart, the slayer of Thomas Kearns in this city, is no stranger in the criminal courts of this county. About ten years ago he lived in the vicinity of The Palms. While residing there he committed an assault on George I. Bullock, a carpenter. This occurred in the postoffice at The Palms, Bullock receiving seventeen wounds inflicted by a pocket knife in the hands of Heart before bystanders could separate them. Bullock, though badly wounded about the ribs and stomach, recovered. Heart was arrested for assault to commit murder, and after a long trial the jury hung and Heart was discharged on motion of the District Attorney. This was 1893.

On April 23, 1894, he was arraigned in the justice's court at Santa Monica for assaulting Mrs. G. I. Bullock, wife of the carpenter who had suffered from Heart's anger the year before. This time he won his freedom through the insufficiency of the complaint.

On May 9, 1890, Heart was defendant in the justice's court at Santa Monica for threatening to kill F. M. Tibbett of The Palms, and again a defect in the complaint saved him.

Again, on March 10, 1893, he was arraigned in Santa Monica, this time for battery, the complaining witness being Otis H. Hotchkiss. The charge was dismissed, owing to a defect in the complaint. Hotchkiss is at present a resident of the seaside city, and when seen yesterday stated that Heart had been residing there for a short time, until a few weeks ago, when he came to Los Angeles. Prior to coming to this county early in the present year, Heart made his home at Garden Grove, near Anaheim. There his wife died late in January, 1904. This wife was the grandmother of young Hotchkiss upon whom the battery was committed eleven years ago. Hotchkiss says it is news to him if Heart has taken a wife recently. Hotchkiss adds Heart had no wife when he left Santa Monica a few weeks ago. He also refers to a shooting scrape at Garden Grove in which his step-grandfather was the principal.