Los Angeles Co., Calif. Coroner. Report [annual] 1927/28

REPORT OF
FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
JULY 1, 1927 - JUNE 30, 1928

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Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a report covering the operations of the Coroner's office for the fiscal year 1927-28. The details are set forth in analytical form to provide accurate statistics for the convenience of public welfare agencies interested in the decrease of deaths by violence and to provide a basis for comparing the experience of this county with that of other cummunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Coroner, County of Los Angeles

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER, FOR FISCAL YEAR 1927- 28.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY CORONER	3765
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July	292
August	277
September	283
October	321
November	263
December	40,6
January	300
February	334
March	414
April	324
May	282
June	269
TOTAL	3765

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Motor Vehicle	599
Electric Railwey	34
Steam Railway	13
Horse Drawn Vehicle	3
Industrial	154
Aeroplane	26
Asphyxiation	. 28
Burns	96
Drowning	33
Falls	71
Poisoning	44
Firearms	14
Miscellaneous	138-
Homicides	101
Abortions	20
Unknown Causes	19
Suicides	399
Alcoholism	63
Natural Causes	1910
TOTAL	3765
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Ma le	2566
Female	1199
TOTAL	3765
Number of cases handled in City of Los Angeles	ৣ ົ≏233 5
Number of cases handled in County outside of City of Los Angeles	1430
TOTAL	3765
Number of Investigations made	1216
Number of Autopsies performed	2549
TOTAL	3765

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Autopsies performed in City of Los Angeles	1600
Autopsies performed in County outside of	949
City of Los Angeles TOTAL AUTOPSIES PERFORMED	2549
Number of Toxicological Examinations	100
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Number of Tests made	Nuzi
Number of Inquests held in City of Los Angeles	466
Number of Inquests held in County outside of City of Los Angeles	402
TOTAL TOTAL	868
Number of cases referred to District Attorney	205
Number of Microscopic Examinations	50 7 .
Number of Bacteriological Examinations	56
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Number of Blood Tests for Carbon Monoxide	30
Total number of cases handled in Pathological	
Laboratory (from Nov. 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928)	249
Miles travelled to conduct investigations	3474
Miles travelled to conduct inquests	18102
TOTAL	21576
Miles travelled by Surgeons to perform Autopsies	
and to appear as witnesses in Court	21673
Miles travelled by Coroner's Ambulances for	07 A A
transportation of bodies	8344

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Number of Jurors summoned to serve	7902
Number of Jurors served	6399
Number of witnesses subpoenaed	5391
Number of witnesses appeared and testified	5320
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Number of Transcripts prepared (Jury Cases)	868
Number of No Jury Reports	1681
TOTAL number of Transcripts & Reports filed with County Clerk	2549
Number of Transcripts prepared and sold	420
Number of Transcripts delivered to District	
Attorney	205
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Number of pages of testimony typewritten	Att att (
Number of calls answered	1879
Number of bodies transported by Undertakers	352
Number of bodies transported by Private Ambulance	s 104
TOTAL	2335
Civil matters (Service of Process) handled by Coroner where Sheriff was disqualified by law to	Act.
Undertaking on Claim and Delivery	4
Garnishments	2
Attachments	3
Order forbidding Transfer of Property	1_
TOTAL	10
Number of Indigent persons buried by Coroner	149
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Number of Indigent Persons buried by Charitable Institutions	26
Number of Estates of Deceased Persons (estates amounting to less than \$75.00) administered by	
Coroner under Section 4144, Political Code.	7
Number of cases referred to Public Administrator	66

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AUTOPSIES

	CITY	COUNTY		TOTAL
July	133	72		205
August	109	79		188
September	118	89 -		207
October	150	73		223
November	115	61		176
December	184	99		283
January	132	71		203
February	148	92		240
March	145	90	š	235
April	121	81		202
May	129	73		202
June	116	_69_		185
GRAND TOTAL	1600	949		2549
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Autopsies pe	rformed	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL
Dr. A.F. Wag	ner	1365	4	1369
Dr. Frank R.	Webb	235	781	1016
Dr. G.D. Man	er	0	164	164
TOTAL		1600	949	2549
Autopsies pe	rformed	in City of L	os Angeles	1600
		in County ou	tside of City	949
of Los Ang el	.es			2549

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	CITY	COUNTY	TOTAL
July	32	34	66
August	32	28	60
September	47	36	83
October	42	48	90
November	39	22	61
December	51	49	100
January	44	30	74
February	45	37	82
March	54	22	76
April	34	36	70
May	25	3 9	54
June	21	_31	52
GRAND TOTA	L 466	402	868
Inquests 1	eld in Ci	ty of Los Angeles	466
Inquests 1	neld in Co	unty outside of City	402
of Los Ana GRAND TOTA			868

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	MOTOL	VEHICLE:	ELECT RY	STEAM RY	OTHER VEHICLE
	July	30	2	3	0
	August	53	2	2	0
	September	44	2	2	0
	October	67	2	0	0
	November	50	1	1	0
	December	75	3	0	0
	January	47	6	1	0
	February	61	3	2	0
	March	51	- '3	1	2
•	April	47	4	1	0
	May	42	.3	0	0
	June	32140	3	_0	<u></u> ,
	GRAND TOTAL	599	34	13	3
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	Motor Vehic	le			599
	Electric Ra	ilway			34
	Steam Railw	ay	*		.13
	Other Vehic	les		2	3
	GRAND TOTAL				649

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Auto and Pedestrian	227
Bus and Pedestrian	5
Bus and Passenger	ı
Truck and Pedestrian	42
Taxicab and Pedestrian	2
Truck or Auto and Pedestrian	ı
Motorcycle and Pedestrian	1 491
Auto and Auto	97
Bus and Auto	3
Truck and Auto	37
Truck and Bus	7.1
Truck and Truck	1
Truck and Trailer	1
Motorcycle and Motor Vehicle	17
Auto and Railroad Motor Car	1
Motor Vehicle and Bicycle	7
Motor Vehicle and Scooter	3
Auto and Roller Skater	2
Motor Vehicle and Stationary Object	25
Electric Railway and Auto	39
Electric Railway and Truck	ı
Electric Railway and Motorcycle	1
Electric Railway and Bicycle	1
Steam Railway and Luto	21
Steam Railway and Truck	10
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	547
Auto overturned	35
Truck overturned	4
Fall from Motor Vehicle	13
GRAND TOTAL	599

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MOTOR VEHICLES

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Male	428
Female	171
TOTAL	599
In City of Los Angelas	331
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	254
Outside of County, death occurring in County	14
TOTAL	599
Electric Railway and Pedestrian	30
Electric Railway and Passenger	4
TOTAL	34
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Male	23
Female	11
TOTAL	34
In City of Los Angeles	15
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	19
TOTAL.	34
Steam Railway and Pedestrian	9
Steam Railway and Passenger	4
TOTAL	13
Male	8
Female	5
TOTAL	13
In City of Los Angeles	2
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	11
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Horse Drawn Vehicle and Occupant	
TOTAL	3
Male	2
Female	<u> </u>
TOTAL	3
In City of Los Angeles	0
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	3
TOTAL	3
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Motor Vehicles	599
Electric Railway	34
Steam Railway	13
Horse Drawn Vehicle	3
GRAND TOTAL	649
Total Traffic Fatalities in City of Los Angeles	348
Total Traffic Fatalities in County outside of	287
City of Los Angeles Total Traffic Fatalities outside County, death	14
occurring in City or County GRAND TOTAL	649

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MOTOR VEHICLE

CAUSES

1 1	5 g m	
ς 2	Crossing street not at intersection	58 [*]
్ 3	Crossing street carelessly	76
4	Walking in street	26
ී 5	Running in street	24
8 6	Playing in street	6
7	Pedestrian confused by traffic	12
8 8	Falls in front of vehicle	3
6 9	Falls from vehicle	14
0 10	Physical defects	3
£411	Intoxication	15
21 12	Incompetent handling	89.
E. 13	Reckless driving	33
14	Exceeding speed limit	40
đ. 15	Failure to signal	4
8 J16	Driving on wrong side of street	19
7117	Cutting in ahead	9
8.18	Cutting corner	1
6119	Passing on wrong side	3
02 20	Headlights out	3
IS 21	Passing standing street car	1
SS 22	Tail light out	1
ES 23	Glaring headlights	2
42 24	Right of way violated	29
25 25	Defective equipment	7
39 26	Tire blow out	3
TS 27	Backing	15
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es 29	Car left roadway	13
08 30	Drove through safety zone	4
18 31	Motorist's negligence at R.R. erossing	58
SE 32	Driver asleep	2
	FORWARD Total	579

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Defect in Roadway 4

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At work on road way 5

View obstructed by shrubbery 2

Unknown (Found lying in street) 1

GRAND TOTAL 599

CAUSES CONTINUED

NOTE: Driver failed to stop and render aid in forty three instances.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

CAUSES

Crossing right of way carelessly	12
Trespassing on right of way	7
Struck by overhang of street car	1
Attempting to board moving street car	6
Attempting to alight from moving street car	4
Sleeping on right of way while intoxicated	1
Thrown to floor by lurch of street car	1
Fall under street car after being struck by auto	1
Fall under street car, cause unknown	1_
TOTAL	34

TRAFFIC FATALITIES STEAM RAILWAY CAUSES

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2 2	Crossing right of way carelessly	3	
ε 3	Walking on right of way	1	
4	Physical defects	1	
8 5	Attempting to board moving train	3	
8 6	Attempting to alight from moving train	4	
7 7	Lying on right of way	1	
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a 15	Thrown from wagon by sudden lurch, horse stung	by bee	1
a 11 6	Fall from wagon, defect in roadway		1
7 17	Fall under wagon, improper riding of vehicle		1
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LOCATION

	At intersection		326
1 1	Other than intersection		298
2 2	On curve		25
ε 3	GRAND TOTAL	ja ja	649
4	TIME	,	
a 5	A.M. (Midnight to Noon)		223
9 6	P.M. (Noon to Midnight)		426
7	GRAND TOTAL		649
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6 9		Male	Female
010	Motor Vehicle	428	174
111	Electric Railway	23	11
812	Steam Railway	8	2
8 13	Horse Drawn Vehicle (Wagon)	2	1
414	TOTAL	461	188
a 15	Male	′-8 ;	461
a16	Female		188
717	GRAND TOTAL		649
8 18	AGE		
019	Under 1 year		.:2
0(20	1 to 2 years		9
121	2 to 5 years		25
S 22	5 to 10 years		32
23	10 to 20 years		63
1 24	20 to 45 years		206
d: 25	45 to 65 years	967	170
ə 26	65 and over		142
71 27	GRAND TOTAL		649
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LOCATION OF TRAFFIC RATALITIES OCCURING OUTSIDE OF COUNTY DEATH OCCURING IN CITY OR COUNTY.

Santa Susana Pass, Ventura County	1
Pine and Central Sts, Chino, Riverside County	1
State Highway near Kings City, Kings County	1
State Highway near Mojave, Kern County	1
State Highway near Moorpark, Ventura County	1
State Highway near Anaheim, Orange County	1
State Highway in San Diego County	1
Red Rock Canyon near Mojave, Kern County	1
State Highway in San Bernardino County	1
Highway near Caliente, Nevada	1
Base Line Road and Mills Ave, San Bernardino County	1
Arrow Highway and Santa Fe Ry, San Bernardino County	1
State Highway near Victorville, San Bernardino County	1
Whittier Blvd near La Habra, Orange County	_1
TOTAL	14

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2	August		11
3	September		19
4	October	a	18
5	November		8
6	December		19
7	January		13
8	February		13
9	March		13
10	April		10
11	May		8
12	June		4
13	GRAND TOTAL		154
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NATURE

	Electrocution	19
1	Burns	15
2	Falls	51
3	Crushing	22
ŧ	Poisoning	2
5	Suffocation	77
6	Scalding	2
7	Strangulation	1
8	Miscellaneous	9
9	GRAND TOTAL	154
10	LOCATION	
11	In City of Los Angeles	102
12	In County outside of City of Los Angeles	52
L3	TOTAL	154
14	SEX	9
15	Male	154
16	Female	0
17	TOTAL	154
18	AGE	
19	10 to 20 years	3
30	20 to 45 years	96
31	45 to 65 years	46
32	65 and over	9
33	TOTAL	154
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ELECTROCUTION	
While cleaning insulators	3
While cleaning screens	2
While cleaning equipment	8
Failure to open switch in making light test	1
Disobedience of foreman's instructions	2
Came in contact with live wire while on pole	2
Came in contact with live wire while on tower	1
TOTAL	19
BURNING	
Clothing ignited while burning rubbish	1
EXPLOSION	Ę.
Of paint container due to faulty pop valves	1
Of gas fumes in refinery due to connection of ignition wire to magneto	4
Of gasoline while operating gas engine	1
Of gasoline in auto pit by lighted match	1
Of gasoline while repairing auto (lighted match)	1
Of gas while at work on roadway	1.
Of Gas (cause unknown)	1
Of gas due to uncapped pet cock	1
Of boiler due to excessive pressure	1
Of boiler due to accumulated gas in pocket	1
Of sawdust in incinerator	1
TOTAL	15
FALLS	
From window; Washer failed to use safety helt	1
From plank over condenser	1
From oil derrick while reading guage	1
From oil derrick cause unknown	1
From bridge while laying rail	1
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FALLS - continued	
From freight car while switching	1
From freight car cause unknown	1
From flag pole while making repairs	1
From boiler while making repairs	2
From ladder while drilling	1
From roof while working on sky light	1
From roof while shingling	1
From tank of hot liquids	2
From platform while repairing Pump	1
From scaffold due to tipping	2
From scaffold due to losing balance	6
From scaffold which broke	1
From overhead girder	2
From portable ladder	2
From pole due to breaking of safety belt From building due to breaking of safety belt From building under construction	1 3
From truck caused by stepping backward	1
From overhead car in foundry	1
From steel beam when hoist broke	1
From Bos'n chair, due to faulty rope	1
From horse while filming moving picture	1
Down elevator shaft	6
Downstairs while moving ice chest	1
Down stairway of building under construction	1
Down lightwell caused by stepping backward	1
On gauge stick of oil derrick	1
On ice; (Accident occurred in Maxville, Oregon)	1
To wet floor of laundry	1
TOTAL	51

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Struck by timber which fell from oil derrick	۵
Struck by timber which fell from oil rig	1
Struck by timber which fell from building	2
Struck by falling sand pump	1
Struck by roof of tunnel; brakeman on freight car	1
Struck by fire box door blown off by explosion	1
Struck by falling pile of pipe	1
Struck by falling load of timber	1
Struck by oil drilling rig which fell	1
Crushed by falling vault door which fell possibly due to settling of building	1
Crushed between dump cars	1
Crushed between street cars when brakes failed to hold	1
Crushed fingers; tetanus developed	1
Crushed by building which collapsed (adjoining trench)	1
Crushed by cave in of sewer trench due to improper shoring	5
Crushed by trailer attached to tractor	1
TOTAL	22
MACHINERY	
Caught in cat head of oil derrick	1
Caught in loop of cable on oil derrick	1
Struck by traveling basket of concrete mixer	1
Struck by oil rig crank	1
Struck by freight elevator	1
Struck by falling girder	1
Struck by steam shovel caused by slipping cog on brake	1
Struck by boom caused by broken cable	1
Struck by mixer; mechanism failed to function	1
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Struck by tumbling barrel cover when chain broke	1

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TOTAL FORWARD	11
Struck by timber in stomach while sawing	3
Struck by broken cable on oil rig	1
Struck by elevator in oil derrick	1
Crushed by tractor which overturned	2
Crushed between crank and bracing of engine	1
Crushed between crane and steel column	1
Crushed between floor and elevator	1
Struck by falling pipe due to improperly faste clamp	ned
Matruck by block from hoisting tower not proper fastened	·ly l
Struck by falling steel beam due to breaking ochain	f 2
Struck by chain or plate when tackle broke	1
TOTAL	26
POISONING	
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Overcome by cyanide fumes while fumigating	1
Lead poisoning; Painter	2
TOTAL	۵
SUFFOCATION	
Cave in of sewer trench due to improper bracin and shoring	1g 5
Collapse of clay bank	1
Covered with sand after fall into sand bumper	_1_
TOTAL	7
SCALDING	
Fell into vat of hot liquids	_2
TOTAL	2
STRANGULATION	
STRANGULATION Broken cable twisted around neck	1

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Hernia aggrevated by overlifting	1
Brass sliver in finger; septicemia developed	1
Complications following burns on legs	1
Sliver imbedded in finger, septicemia developed	2
Scratch on hand, septicemia developed	1
Bruised side, septicemia developed	1
Bruised finger on cotter pin, septicemia develope	ed1
Wrenched back while lifting	1
TOTAL	9

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ASPHYXIATION

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	Carbon monoxide, auto motor running in closed garage	5
1	Carbon Monoxide, gas heater burning in unventilated	
2	room	16
3	Carbon Monoxide, attempted to heat auto by using exhaust pipe	1
4	Carbon Monoxide, due to faulty connections	4
5	Carbon Monoxide, unknown	_ 2
6	TOTAL	28
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8	AEROPLANE	
9	Falls, cause unknown	15
10	Falls, tailspin when wing collapsed	5
11	Falls, due to side slip	1
12	Collided with cliff	. 1
13	Struck by revolving propeller	1
14	Caught fire by coming in contact with live wire	1
15	Fell with parachute which failed to open	2
16	TOTAL	26
17	BURNS	
18	Explosion, of gasoline while cleaning clothes	2
19	Explosion of kerosene	1
20	Explosion of gas stove	5
21	Explosion of gas heater	1
22	Explosion of gas heater due to faulty connections	2
23	Explosion of gas, struck match in gas filled room	1
24	Explosion of gas on fishing launch	1
25	Explosion of gas water heater	2
26	Explosion of gas main	2
27	Explosion of gas unknown	1
28	Explosion of chemical while experimenting-	1
29	Explosion of still	1
30	Explosion of oil heater	1
31	Explosion of escaping gas ignited by spark from	
32	electric fan	5
	TOTAL Forward (I)	26

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BURNS CONTINUED	
Explosion of giant powder while playing	2
Explosion of giant powder unknown	1_
TOTAL	29
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SCALDS	
Baby overturned pot of hot coffee	2
Baby overturned pot of hot tea	1
Pan of hot water knocked over by mother	2
Pan of hot water knocked over by child	2
Fell into bathtub filled with hot water	2
Fell into bathtub filled with hot water while playing	1
TOTAL	10
FURNS CONTINUED	
Clothing ignited while playing with celluloid comb	1
Clothing ignited from gas heater	21
Clothing ignited from water heater	1
Clothing ignited from cook stove	1
Clothing ignited while playing with matches	8
Clothing ignited while burning brush	1
Clothing ignited while burning paper in stov	re .1
Clothing ignited while cleaning clothes with gasoline	1 2
Clothes ignited while cleaning gloves with gasoline	ı
Clothing ignited from fire works	.1
Clothing ignited from bonfire	2
Clothing ignited from gas vat	1
Clothing ignited from lighted lantern	1
Clothing ignited from incinerator	1
Clothing ignited from incinerator (demented person)	ı
Clothing ignited from electric heater Clothing ignited from burning auto TOTAL FORWARD	1 1 85
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CAUSES

	TOTAL FORWARD	85
1	BURNS CONTINUED	
2	Clothing ignited from Christmas tree candles	1
3	Clothing ignited while mixing paint on hot stove	1
4	Clothing ignited, unknown cause	5
5	Trapped in burning building	2
6	Bed clothing caught fire from cigarette	_ 2
7	TOTAL	96
8	FALLS	
9	Over cliff (Hikers)	6
10	Out of swing to ground	1
11	Down skylight; attempted illegal entry into building	1
12	Down stairs	5 -
13	Down stairs while intoxicated	2
14	Down elevator shaft while inspecting building	1
15	Into fire place when stricken with epilepsy	1
16	To floor at home	13
17	To floor while playing	1
18	To floor while playing basketball	1
19	To floor from bed	1
20	To floor striking head on corner of table	1
21	To floor striking head on broken demijohn	1
22	To floor, tripped over rug	I
25	To floor while intoxicated	2
24	To floor when stricken with epilepsy	2
25	To street	1
16	To street due to misstep	1
17	To street, slipped on oily pavement	1
18	To street, became confused by traffic	1
19	To street when stricken with epilepsy	3
10	To street from curb	1
11	To street from wagon	_1_
5	TOTAL FORWARD	49

CAUSES

FALLS CONTINUED	
TOTAL FORWARD	49
To street from truck when stricken with epilepsy	1
To street while intoxicated	3
To sidewalk while at play	2
To sidewalk, knocked down by person who was	1
running To ground while at play (at school)	1
To ground during football game	1
To ground from trapeze	1
To ground during friendly scuffle	1
From fire escape while at play	1
From pole while at play	1
From porch	2
From ladder	1
From tree	1
From roller coaster	1
From window while intoxicated	1
From wrecked wall (St Francis Dam)	1
From horse due to inexperience in riding	1
From water tank while at play	<u> </u>
TOTAL	71
POISONING	
Arsenic, mistaken for medicine	2
Arsenic, unknown	2
Arsenic, child ate rat poison	3
Arsenic, child ate ant paste	2
Arsenic, in bootleg liquor	1
Arsenic, overdose of medicine containing drug	1
Bromide, overdose	2
Bichloride of Mercury (Child)	1
Boric Acid, administered internally by mistake	1
Boycite, taken accidentally	1
TOTAL FORWARD	16

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POISONING	
TOTAL FORWARD	16
Ammonia, taken while intoxicated	1
Chloroform, addict	. 2
Chloroform, while treating toothache	1
Canned heat	4
Carbolic acid, taken by mistake	1
Chloride, overdose	1
Cyanide, unknown	1
Child ate fireworks	ļ
Lye, taken by child	1
Mercuric chloride, taken by mistake	1
Mushroom; ate poisonous fungi	4
Ate poisonous food	1
Nitro benzol, in bootleg liquor	1
Veronal, overdose	4
Veronal, addict	2
Unknown	2
TOTAL	44
DROWNING	
While swimming	19
Fell into bay while intoxicated	1
Fell into river when raft overturned	2
Fell into river off raft while at play	1
Fell into Hollenbeck Lake	1
Fell into pool of water	1
When motor boat capsized	1
When canoe capsized due to overloading	2
While attempting to save drowning person	1
Following dive into shallow water	1
In bathtub when stricken with epilepsy	1
Undetermined	2
TOTAL	33
Drowning and other injuries (St Francis Dam Victims)	84
TOTAL	84

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FIREARMS

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Careless handling	12
Undetermined	2
TOTAL	14
STRANGULATION	
Piece of meat lodged in throat	ĭ
Swallowed toy balloon	. 1
Impacted bean in trachea	1
Regurgitated food	3
Head caught between mattress and wall	1
Head caught between bars of head board of bed	1
Insufflation of regurgitated food	1
TOTAL	9
SUFFOCATION	14 A
Face covered with bed clothing	-9
TOTAL	9
ELECTROCUTION	
Caught hold of live wire	1
Caught hold of live wire blown down by wind	1
Assembling defective electric equipment	1
TOTAL	3
ANIKAL INJURIES	
Rabies caused by dog bite	2
Hydrophobia caused by dog bite	2
Thrown by horse	1
Gored by bull	1_
TOTAL	6
INFECTION	
Bruised finger, tetanus developed	2
Stepped on nail tetanus developed	2
Bruised hand on auto door, septicemia developed	1
Crushed fingers on bicycle gears, tetanus develo	ped 1
Spider bite, meningitis developed	1
TOTAL	7

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Jumped from building to escape arrest	2
Impaled on sliver on pleasure slide	1
Hand mangled in meat cutter	1
Struck by fireplace which fell while at play	y 1
Struck by falling service pole	ı
Struck with golf club while playing golf	1
Struck with baseball bat while playing ball	1
Struck by support, stood up in roller coaste	er l
Struck by brick which fell from pile while	at play 1
Struck by piece of timber while sawing	1
Struck by went pipe, improperly supported	1
Struck by cement post which collapsed	1
Diving into shallow water (Irrigation ditch) 1
Tire blow out while making repairs	1
Shock while under anaesthetic	3
Unknown	2
TOTAL	20
Male	311
Female	139
TOTAL	4 50
In City of Los Angeles	229
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	221
TOTAL	450
AGES	
Less than 1 year	15
1 to 2 years	17
2 to 5 years	32
5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years 20 to 45 years 45 to 65 years 65 and over	43 54 177 64 48
TOTAL	450

SUICIDES

	July	37
	August	33
	September	22
1	October	38
2	November	27
3	December	41
4	January	35
5.	February	31
6	March	33
	April	47
8	May	21
	June	34
10	GRAND TOTAL	399
12	NATURE	Ψ
13	Asphyxiation by illuminating gas	43
14	Shooting	137
15	Strangulation	47
16	Cutting	35
17	Jumping from building	1 3
18	Burni n g	6
19	Drowning	10
20	Explosion of gas	1
21	POISONING	
22	Bichloride of mercury	20
23	Cyanide	17
24	Iodine	1
25	Veronal	1 9
26	Arsenic	.8
27	Ant Paste	4
28	Strychnine	8
29	Lysol	13
30	Lye	3
31	TOTAL FORWARD	375

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TOTAL FORWARD	3 7 5
Chloroform	9
Carbolic Acid	4
Phosphorous	1
Nicotine (Black Leaf 40)	2
Iprol	1
Phenol and Laudanum	81
Corrosive sublimate	1
Wood alcohol	1
Muriatic acid	1
Sulphuric acid	1
Hydrochloric acid	1.0
Unknown	
GRAND TOTAL	399
Male	280
Female	119
GRAND TOTAL	399
In City of Los Angeles	295
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	104
GRAND TOTAL	399
AGE	
10 to 20 years	7
20 to 45 years	174
45 to 65 years	178
65 and over	40
GRAND TOTAL	399

SUICIDES

CAUSES

	Ill health	124
41	Ill health and financial difficulties	8
\$ 2	Ill health and love affair	3
3	Ill health and intoxication	1
4	Ill health and lack of employment	1
5	Tired of life	14
6	Domestic difficulties	28
7	Domestic difficulties and intoxication	1
8	Financial difficulties	11
9	Financial losses	6
10	Business reverses	3
11	Despondency	16
12	Despondent over separation from wife	4
13	Despondent over separation from child	1
14	Despondent over love affair	1
15	Delirious from prolonged illness	3
16	Delirious from pain during illness	1
17	Love affair	10
18	Jealousy	1
19	Jealousy and intoxication	1
20	Over indulgence in liquor	6
21	Over indulgence in liquor and other bad habits	1
22	After committing murder	5
23	After committing murder during hold up	, 1
24	After murder of wife	2
25	After committing mayhem	1
26	After murder of sweetheart	3
27	After attempted murder of son	1
28	After attempted murder of daughter	1
29	After attempted murder of husband	. 1
30	After attempted murder of wife	2
31	After attempted murder of employer	1_
32	TOTAL FORWARD	263

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CAUSES--CONTINUED

TOTAL FORWARD	263	
Inability to secure employment	9	
Lack of employment	2	
Lack of employment and poverty	2	
Loss of position	1	
Reprimanded by teacher	1	
Chided by friend over studies	1	
Distracted over starting forest fire	1	
Failure to effect reconciliation with wife	. 2	
Melancholy	13	
Temporarily insane	2	
Mentally deranged	44	
Worry over gossip	1	4
Grief over death of wife	1	
Grief over death of husband	2	
Grief over death of sister	2	
Grief over death of child	1	
Fear of deportation	1	
Fear of insanity	2	
Fear of arrest	9	
Despondent over arrest	4	
Despondent over divorce proceedings	1	
Failure to succeed as scenario writer	1	
Unknown	33	
GRAND TOTAL	399	

		July	9
		August	9
I	1	September	13
8	2	October	13
3	3	November	8
A	4	December	6
6	5	January	10
8	6	February	8
4	7	March	7
8	8	April	5
6	9	May	6
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-11	11	GRAND TOTAL	101
12	12	NATURE	,
13	13	Shooting	70
114	14	Stabbing	16
15	15	Strangulation	5
16	16	Fighting	5
71	17	Miscellaneous	5
88	18	GRAND TOTAL	101
61		Unjustifiable	86
00		Justifiable	15
	21	GRAND TOTAL	101
22			202
23		By known person	37
£5		By unknown person	33
25		By husband By wife	4 2
88		By mother By father	4 2 3 1
83		By officer	·5
68		By insane person	1
08		By person who committed suicide	15
18	i	GRAND TOTAL	101
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In City of Los Angeles	67
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	34
GRAND TOTAL	101
Male	78
Female	23
GRAND TOTAL	101
AGE	
Less than 1 year	4
1 to 10 years	11
10 to 20 years	10
20 to 45 years	54
45 to 65 years	17
65 and over	5
GRAND TOTAL	101
CAUSES	
SHOOTING	
Attempted escape after being caught stealing fruit in orchard	ı
Self defense	5
By wife who was abused	1
By underworld enemies	11
By presumed boot - leg enemies	1
By wife temporarily insane after being accused of infidelity	1
By mother temporarily insane after being accused by father of infidelity	2
Careless handling of firearms	4
Jealousy	8
Jealousy and intoxication	4
Unrequited love affair	1
By lover during love tryst	1
By person who resented being teased	1
Resisting arrest	
TOTAL FORWARD	34

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CAUSES

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1	SHOOTING		
	TOTAL FORWARD	34	
1	Resisting officer	2	
\$ 2	By guard during attempted hold up of bank	1	
3	By watchman while committing burglary	1	
4	By hold up	5	
6 5	During hold up	3	
8 6	During dispute over gambled money	1	
1 7	During quarrel over dice game	2	
8 8	During quarrel over auto parts while intoxicated	1	
9	During quarrel over division of burglarized loot	1	
0 10	By mother of boy who was in an argument	1	
1111	Domestic difficulties	7	i.
8 12	Revenge	1.	
13	Unknown	9	
14	TOTAL	70	
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8 2	Strangulation		
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FIGHTING				
Following argument over liquor	1			
Details unexplained and defendant refused to testify	ı			
Fell to floor during scuffle with husband	1			
Following quarrel over woman				
Domestic difficulties	1			
TOTAL	5			
MISCELLANEOUS				
Body mutilated following kidnapping to obtain ransom	1			
Struck on head with object by hold up	1			
Struck on head with auto spring by moron	1			
Struck on head with floor polisher by an insane person	1			
Struck on head with baseball bat, defense against forcible entry of home	1_			
TOTAL	5			

ABORTIONS

Abortions	20
TOTAL	20
CAUSES	
Self induced	5
Whether induced or spontaneous unable to determine	2
Spontaneous	4
Caused by fall to floor at home	1
Instrumentally induced by unknown person	5
Criminal, by practising physician	3
TOTAL	20
In City of Los Angeles	14
In County outside of City of Los Angeles	6_
TOTAL	20
AGE	
10 to 20 years	7
20 to 45 years	13
TOTAL	20

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1927 - 1928

EXPENDITURES:

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Salaries	73,747.84	
Interpreting	87.00	
Postage	90.00	
Transportation	20.30	
Repairs and Equipment	401.46	
Telegrams and Telephone	258.46	
Auto Service	1,500.43	
Meals and Lodging	6.50	
Auto Mileage	1,193,88	
Transportation Deceased Persons	1,590.00	
Toxicological Examinations	1,915.88	
Miscellaneous Services	23.91	
Handwriting supplies	6.85	
Papers, Forms, Covers	636.84	
Record Books	910.83	
Other Office Supplies	461.75	
Medical and Surgical Supplies	834.30	
Embalming Supplies	3,796.19	
Laboratory Supplies	431.17	
Viewing Room Supplies	95.37	
Burial Boxes and Slabs	120.00	
Burial of Unknown	630.00	
Maintenance extraordinary	49.50	
Flowers	300,00	
Witness Expense	41.80	
St. Francis Dam Flood, Witness Expense	244.10	
St. Francis Dam Flood, Misc. Supplies & Services	173.02	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	89,567.38	

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BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1927-1928

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RECEIPTS:	
Care of Body Fees	20,940.00
Sale of Transcripts	2,772.50
Service of Process Fees	24.45
Certification Fees	704.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24,441.45
TOTAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	89,567.38
TOTAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS	24,441.45
TOTAL OPERATION EXPENSE AFTER DEDUCTION	×
OF EARNED FEES	65,125.93