

CIVIL WAR VETERAN  
WINS ANOTHER BATTLE

John Conrad Convinces Judge West  
That He Is sane

The mind of John Conrad, 82, civil war veteran, residing at 323 South Philadelphia street, caused him to re-enact and revision the stirring days of '61-'65 according to authorities, who issued a warrant for his arrest on the grounds of insanity. Conrad, it was said, had been dismissed from the soldier's home at Sawtelle, when, believing that he was defending himself from "a rebel," he stabbed a fellow soldier there. He has been living at Anaheim since then and has frightened his wife and neighbors for carrying and displaying the knife with which he is said to have done the cutting, according to the complaint. He is under the delusion, officials claim, that attempts are being made by "enemy forces" on his life.

At his hearing before Judge West Friday Conrad was discharged, the court declaring that there was no evidence to prove that he was insane.

"Don't separate me from my wife," Conrad pleaded. "She is absolutely dependent upon me. I am her eyes. She can't see and can't hear very well."

"If you send my husband away, send me with him," the little woman sobbed. "I couldn't get along without him."

The complaint in the case failed to contribute any convincing testimony. Several attorneys, listening to the proceedings, volunteered their services, should any be necessary.

Conrad was kept at the county hospital Thursday night; his wife spent the night with friends in Anaheim. Their reunion was touching, their gratitude at the dismissal of the charges profuse.

Conrad "was with Bill Sherman in his last battle," he told the court.

Judge West ordered that a cottage at the county hospital be given up to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad and they will make their future home there, paying a nominal rent. Their sole income is the pension which the old veteran draws from the government in payment for his three-year services in the civil war. Up to the last day of December he was drawing \$50 a month. Thanks to the enactment of Senator Durson's bill, he will get \$72.