

nal beneficiary orders, was substituted on file for his 484. The bill was read the second time and ordered to engrossment.

Melick's 654, to define a "newspaper of general circulation" was subject to considerable debate. The bill provides for the placing of legal advertising only in newspapers of general circulation, and those should have been established at least one year. Hart North made a second attempt to amend it so that only papers devoted to legal news should receive such advertising, but his amendment was defeated. The bill, on final passage, was lost by a vote of 25 ayes, 25 noes, and Melick gave notice of motion to reconsider. Recess was taken until 2 p. m.

**AFTER RECESS.**  
Toland moved the reconsideration of the vote by which A. B. 629 was referred to the committee on the State Board of Bank Commissioners and was placed on the Unfinished Business file.

**SENATE SPECIAL FILE.**  
Aram's 332, amending the Code of Civil Procedure, providing that persons in certain relations to parties are prohibited from testifying, was read third time and passed. The measure enables the testifier to testify on the mental condition of patients previous to death in cases of contests of wills.

Holloway's S. B. 198, regulating the width of wagon tires, was read third time and passed. Lindenberger has a bill now gone to enrollment, on the same subject. The difference in the measures is that Lindenberger's provides that the width of tire shall be regulated by the size of the axle-tree, while in Holloway's bill it is regulated by the capacity or tonnage of the wagon. Lindenberger gave notice of motion to reconsider, but later withdrew it, concluding to leave the decision between the two with the Governor. Stratton's 142, providing for the exemption from execution of the salaries of State and county officials to the extent of one-half the amount, was read third time, when it was killed by a motion to strike out the enacting clause.

Lansford's, amending the Code of Civil Procedure relating to the powers of railroads, and making possible the purchase of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad.

**THE FILE OF EIGHTY.**  
Under this order of business Pedlar's S. B. 422, relating to the National Guard, was read second time.

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Assembly for concurrence in the Senate amendments. After all this comes the framing, introduction and passage of the tax levy bill—a thing absolutely impossible until action upon the appropriation bill is concluded.

Meade claimed that the duty of postponement lies with the Senate and that the Assembly should adopt the report. Dibble moved that a message be sent to the Senate approving the report but declining to be bound as to the time for adjournment.

The Speaker, who was one of the conference committee, declared the motion out of order and suggested that common courtesy to the Senate demanded some action on the report by the House. Pohlman moved to lay the report on the table. Dibble objected to the cutting of debate, but the Speaker declared that something must be done and entertained the motion, which was carried.

**RECONSIDERED AND PASSED.**  
Shanahan moved to reconsider the vote by which A. B. 320 was referred to the committee on the measure appropriating \$30,000 for the employment of experts in the suit brought by the Southern Pacific Company against the Board of Railroad Commissioners and was, on reconsideration, passed.

Motion to reconsider S. B. 14, validating corporations; S. B. 8, relating to witnesses, and Cartwright's A. B. 522, prohibiting the making of contracts for specific kinds of money, were lost.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.**  
The crowd which had gathered in the Senate to listen to the proceedings in contempt wandered over to the Assembly in time to be present when work was begun on the long file of constitutional amendments, and the House was like a first night at the theater with its little throng of ladies brightening up the place with their pretty gowns and bonnets. The fight for Woman Suffrage was due and there were to be seen many ladies interested in one side or the other of that question. Madam Sorber, Mrs. John F. Swift, Mrs. Austin Sperry, Mrs. Lloyd Baldwin, Rev. Eliza Tupper Wilkes and others of the leaders in the suffrage movement were there.

**TAX REFORM.**  
A. C. A. 40 was first considered. It provides for a reformed method of taxation, which, while it is not by any means a single tax, opens the padlocked doors of the Constitution so that reform may be accomplished.

The measure was ably supported by Messrs. Keenan, Shanahan and Dibble, and was adopted.

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Shanahan spoke for the bill and claimed that since the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding that the State acquired no title to mineral lands in school sections, the State Act of 1874 ought to be repealed.

Boone and Toland spoke against the bill and contended that the State owned the mineral land in school sections where gold was discovered after filing the plat with the Surveyor-General. Toland also regretted the unfortunate condition existing at Randburg, and said that he would not vote to repeal the State Act of 1874 until the Mining Committee presented a better bill in its stead.

**AMUSEMENTS.**  
The Children's Cinderella Company had a fine audience at the Clunie owned house last evening. The troupe has some very pretty, bright and graceful children in it. The Cinderella, Rose D'Ennyer and the Prince, Alice Condon, are handsome and very graceful little misses, and act and sing with a charming innocence and earnestness. Gus Tait and the school section, and little Jimmy Horne has remarkably strong and rich musical voice for a child. Little Ruth Rowland, a 4-year old, is one of those roly polly little tots that the women dearly love to pronounce "cunning." When the little one sang "What Will a Poor Girl Do" and danced the rainbow dance, the audience went out to her in a burst of applause that an elder might rejoice in. The scenery is very handsome and the transformation spectacle at the close is one of the handsomest effects ever produced here. One of the most humorous things in the performance is the duo song and the waltz dance, the Flossy Sawyer, and one of the cleverest of the little people is Nina Cook as the valet to the Prince. It is a novelty all around, pretty and clever all the way through. It is so childish, unconventional and innocent that the audience warms to it despite any desire to criticize the little people. Is it not singular that the love for the good old fairy story, so full of good lessons and gentleness, and forgiveness and that teaches so much of love and human sympathy, should cling to the memory of elders, and make them love to see the old, old story enacted over and over again and renew their youth in the tale that delighted them as children? Of course no one must go to the opera house this week with any other expectation than of seeing little children, acting, singing, dancing and speaking as children. But therein the charm of the performance resides. And it is a charming and restful thing, and we think no one is too old, too hard in worldly wisdom, or too much immersed in business and life's struggles to retreat two hours spent with these bright pretty little ones in the lovely old spectacle and fairy tale.

**SOCIAL EVENTS.**  
At Pythian Hall to-night the Violet Club will give a most delightful party to members and invited friends. The parties given by this club are prominent among the social features of the city.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**  
Dr. A. M. Gardner of the Napa Asylum is again in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aull of Folsom are guests at the Golden Eagle.

Mrs. L. M. Schweorer and daughter are visiting friends in San Francisco.

Mrs. C. Mason Kinne and Mrs. Lloyd Baldwin of San Francisco are stopping at the Golden Eagle.

Frank Freeman, the attorney, formerly of this city, is up from the Bay for a short visit.

Homer Buckman is here again from San Francisco to visit his many friends.

Judge E. Lamme is up from Los Angeles to look after matters before the Legislature.

W. S. Leake, Secretary of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club, is here from San Francisco on a visit.

Rome Miller of Missouri Valley, Ia., is spending a few days in the city on a visit to his brother, W. B. Miller.

J. Otis Fellows of New York, the widely known and esteemed Judge of bench shows, will spend several days in the city. "Uncle" Otis is to judge the coming Stockton show.

Mrs. B. F. Pascom, sister of E. C. Meade, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Stafford until Wednesday, when she started for her home in Manchester, N. H., accompanied by her niece, Miss Hazel Meade, who will make her home there in the future.

W. H. Hammon, Forecast Official in charge of the Weather Bureau Station at San Francisco, is in the city. Mr. Hammon is on his way up the Sacramento Valley making an official inspection of the rivers, as regular reports on their condition during freshets are a part of his duties. Mr. Hammon has an enviable record as a forecaster of weather, and his reliable bulletins and reports are of inestimable value to farmers and horticulturists, as well as to those engaged in ocean traffic. He is, moreover, an exceedingly courteous and genial gentleman.

**A Week's Failures.**  
The Bradstreet Mercantile Agency reports 26 failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the week ending March 6th, as compared with 23 for the previous week and 18 for the corresponding week of 1896. The failures for the past week are divided among the trades as follows: 5 saloons, 1 grocery, 1 drug, 1 teaming, 1 dry, 2 cigars and tobacco, 1 teaming, 1 furniture, 2 restaurants, 1 boots and shoes, 1 hardware company, 1 fruit grower, 1 sewer contractor, 1 printer, 1 painter, 1 carpenter, 1 millinery, 1 jeweler and 1 fruits.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

**New Line.**  
In connection with our jewelry establishment, we carry a complete line of optical goods. Are prepared to diagnose and correct errors of refraction. Eyes tested free by our Mr. R. B. Klune, graduate of the Chicago Ophthalmic College. Klune & Flogberg, 428 J Street.

Nut meringue cakes, 15c; hot chicken pie, 15c; Eagle Confy, 82c K.  
First-class tinning and plumbing done by Miller Bros., 1116 J.

Make all your arrangements for the Olympic Circuit Wheel meet next Saturday.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**BOTH FUTURE AND SPOT WHEAT WEAK AND LOWER.**

**Trade in Barley Very Light—Oats Unchanged in Price, and Not Very Active.**

San Francisco, March 8th. Both futures and spot lots are lower and weak; market dull. Small local business is all that is doing in Barley; occasionally a change lot of feed brings 80c. Oats are unchanged and not very active; none in today. Large Yellow Corn has again advanced, and is quite firm; no corn arrived. No inquiry for Rye.

Liberal receipts of Oranges, but prices are steady, especially for choice goods. Apples continue firm; about 80 boxes in today. Steady cars of Central American Bananas arrived Saturday and several today; not very many island Bananas here. Limes and Lemons are weak and dull, with the former lower.

Butter is no longer, though weak. Cheese shows a declining tendency. Eggs are steady, owing to light receipts; good weather will find the market more liberally supplied.

**Produce Quotations.**  
FLOUR—Net cash prices for Family Extra, \$5.95; Bakers' Extras, \$4.50; Superfine, \$4.10; 1st quality, \$3.75; 2d quality, \$3.40; 3d quality, \$3.05; 4th quality, \$2.70; 5th quality, \$2.35; 6th quality, \$2.00; 7th quality, \$1.65; 8th quality, \$1.30; 9th quality, \$0.95; 10th quality, \$0.60.

**OATS**—Fancy White Feed, \$1.25; 1st quality, \$1.15; 2d quality, \$1.05; 3d quality, \$0.95; 4th quality, \$0.85; 5th quality, \$0.75; 6th quality, \$0.65; 7th quality, \$0.55; 8th quality, \$0.45; 9th quality, \$0.35; 10th quality, \$0.25.

**CORN**—Large Yellow, \$2.25; Small Yellow, \$2.15; White, \$2.05; 1st quality, \$1.95; 2d quality, \$1.85; 3d quality, \$1.75; 4th quality, \$1.65; 5th quality, \$1.55; 6th quality, \$1.45; 7th quality, \$1.35; 8th quality, \$1.25; 9th quality, \$1.15; 10th quality, \$1.05.

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**TROPICAL FRUIT**—Bananas, \$1.00 per bunch; Pineapples, \$2.00 per dozen; Syzygia Figs, 15c per lb; Persian Dates, 10c per lb.

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Following are the rates for whole carcasses from slaughterers to dealers:  
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**POLTRY**—Hens, 6c each; Springs, 50c each; Broilers, 40c each; Tame Geese, \$1.50 each; Tame Ducks, 75c each; Young Turkeys, 20c per lb.

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**VEGETABLES**—Cucumbers, 5c per dozen; Dried Peppers, 75c per lb; Dried Onions, 12c per lb; Garlic, 15c per lb; Mushrooms, \$2.00 per lb; Asparagus, 50c per lb for common and 1.00 per lb for choice; Los Angeles Tomatoes, 5c per lb; String Beans, 10c per lb; Summer Squash, 4c per box; do Egg Plant, 3c per box; do Green Peas, 25c per lb; do String Beans, 10c per lb; do Summer Squash, 4c per box; do Egg Plant, 3c per box; do Green Peas, 25c per lb.