

FITTED FOR FIRE ALARMS.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOOK AND LADDER HOUSE.

How the Hardy Firemen Will Make Ready to Run to Fires.

For the purpose of making room for the new chemical engine, important improvements have been made to the hook-and-ladder house on Sixth street. The building was not deep enough for both the hook-and-ladder truck and the chemical engine, so Chief Engineer Guthrie prepared plans for lengthening it out. The wall which separated the fire department from the truck was taken down, lengthening the room some fourteen feet, and a place overhead was prepared for the hay. The truck can now be run to the back part of the room, where there is a stall on each side for the horses belonging to it. The chemical engine will be near the front door, and two stalls have also been provided for its horses. Holes have been cut through the ceiling and two posts will be set upright, down which the firemen can slide when the alarm is given, to the lower story, thus saving the time that would be consumed in running downstairs. This is the method in vogue in San Francisco and the Eastern cities. The posts are near the chemical engine, and the other beside the hook-and-ladder truck. When the gong strikes it releases a weight that opens by means of ropes running over pulleys, the doors of the four stalls of the horses. By the time the men have jumped out of bed and slid down the posts, which it is expected will take twenty seconds, the horses will be in their respective places, ready for the harness to be lowered on their backs. Upstairs is a room fitted up, containing a bath, stationary wash basin and closet. In an adjoining room is the hay, with a chute to drop it to the lower floor. There is also a sitting-room, where the men can make themselves comfortable and read or pass away the time in some other manner. Adjoining this room is the dormitory, fitted up with lockers, where the men will sleep, and through the floor of which the two posts will project, giving access to the lower floor.

When all the arrangements are complete the men will be drilled by Chief Guthrie as they are in their cities, and it is surprising how short a time will soon elapse after the alarm before they will be at their posts. With the five men, the chemical engine and the hook-and-ladder truck, there is practically a complete department in one roof, ready at a signal to be off and do battle with the flames.

A QUARTER CENTURY.

Twenty-five Years for Joe Martin, the Brighton Footpad.

Judge Hughes yesterday sentenced Joe Martin, alias "The Curly Kid," the fourth member of the gang of ex-convicts who robbed and shot two Japs near Brighton last August to twenty-five years in San Quentin. Before imposing sentence the Judge unceremoniously rebuked the young highwayman, but if those cutting remarks made any impression on him the sallow features which stand out in strong contrast to his raven-colored curly locks gave no evidence of the fact. During his trial it came out that Crook almost had a language of their own. The words, "the queer is on," means the moon is too bright for safety in being crooked work. "Hitting the grit," means going on foot on the railroad track, or walking instead of riding. "Ball" stands for policeman. "Slouse" means "drunken man with money in sight." "Yellow super," gold watch. "White super," nickel or silver watch. "Making a dip," extracting a purse from a pocket, or stealing a diamond from a shirt-front. "Rods" stand for pistols. "Choking a pest," blowing a safe, and "hop-head," an opium smoker. But the most unique burglar's word is that which means a section boss and his section men. In the lingo of the knight of the sandbag and the jimmy the section boss is known as "The King-snip of the Jerries."

AMUSEMENTS.

This evening for the last time the White, Wright and Wainwright Vaudeville Company at the Clunie Opera-house.

Weather Reports.

The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 42 and 29 degrees, with fresh northerly winds and clear weather prevailing. The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday were 30.16 and 30.14 inches, respectively. The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 43 and 27 degrees, with no rain, and one year ago to-day 57 and 41 degrees, with 25 of an inch of rain. The average temperature was 36 degrees, and the normal 50, showing yesterday to have been fourteen degrees cooler than usual for the 4th day of February. River 13 feet 8 inches and steady.

A Paint Thief Arrested.

Detectives Fisher and Maloy last night arrested a young man named A. Brown, formerly an employe of Sullivan, Kelly & Co., charged with stealing several cans of paints and oils. The arrest was made as a result of the discoveries at the end of a search of the paints and oils in the young man's room. He will probably be charged with petty larceny, though he is now held on a "small book" charge.

Judgment in Foreclosure.

Judge Hughes yesterday made an order of foreclosure in the case of Hannah Michel against T. C. Churchman and others for \$5,028 principal and interest, \$150 attorney's fees, \$19.05 for insurance, and for costs. The property involved is comprised in lots 5 and 6, and J. T. Tenth-third and Twenty-fourth streets. L. L. Carroll is appointed commissioner to sell the property.

McCallen's War Dance.

James McCallen, an aged inebriate, got on the warpath at the depot terminal of street car lines last night and sought to interrupt traffic and intimidate conductors by his boisterous language. He was arrested by Officer Ash, and he will have an opportunity to explain his conduct to Judge Davis tomorrow.

Japanese Mission.

Rev. Dr. M. C. Harris, General Superintendent of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Mission of the coast, arrived in the city last evening and will conduct the quarterly meeting services at the Mission, 310 M street, this evening. The various churches are cordially invited to send delegates.

Ah Kee Sentenced.

Ah Kee, the Chinese vegetable thief and burglar, was sentenced to a hundred days for petty larceny, in Police Court yesterday. He will also be indicted for burglarizing a fellow-countryman's cabin.

Petition for Distribution.

Annie Mary Starr, administratrix of the estate of Norman V. Hatch, deceased, has filed in the Superior Court her final account and petition for distribution of the estate.

Save money by buying your tea and coffee of J. McMorry, 531 M.

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We are overstocked. Our regular price for these goods is 8 pounds for 25c.

If you don't come too late, or after stock is gone you will find a real bargain.

Good Dried Pears, 4c a pound, special.

American Cash Store,

Cor. Eighth and K Sts.

GRAVEL OF ARKANSAW FLAT.

AN OLD MINING LOCALITY TO BE REOPENED.

H. F. Byam's Plan for Working the Deep Gravel Deposits There.

H. F. Byam, who some time since assumed the management of Mrs. Jennie Ritter's large mining interests in the vicinity of Michigan Bar in the eastern part of this county, has completed arrangements for working the extremely rich gravel deposits at Arkansas Flats, about midway between Michigan Bar and Forest Home, in Amador County.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Under this heading the "Record-Union" will publish short letters from correspondents on topics of interest to the community. The communications will be understood to represent the views of the writers. All communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.—Eds.

A Plea for Local Option.

Ede, "Record-Union." Please give space in your much read and appreciated paper for this article, and oblige many of your readers.

To the California legislators now in session in Sacramento, Cal.—Honorable Sirs: I saw in the last Sacramento "Weekly Union" the following article that you have a bill before your honorable body asking for local option on the liquor traffic. Allow me, through the columns of the "Record-Union," to communicate with your honorable body in regard to the needs of local option on the liquor traffic. If you will give your people local option, and they use it as good citizens should, they will free your State from the greatest curse known to civilization, and save your young people from their greatest enemy.

I am an old California miner, and at this time have an interest in a mine in your State, and have had much trouble with men who were drunk. Also, knowing that the liquor traffic is the greatest curse that the human family has ever had to bear, therefore I take the liberty to address you, as a citizen, in making you ask you in the name of God, and in the name of every father and mother in your State, that you pass the local option bill (or something better), that your people may have a chance to vote out the unchained demon.

While mining in your State last summer the county where I worked nearly every man I met drank, and a good share of them were drunkards. Do you wonder that I want the demon chained? The men who vote to license this traffic, or any other that tends to corrupt the mind, take the franchise from them, because the franchise is given to us for our good, not our destruction and that of our neighbor. The liquor traffic does and will blight everything it comes in contact with. It is doing more now to destroy the homes of California than all other evils combined. It is causing many wives and mothers to give up child-bearing because they do not want their children swallowed up by the saloons scattered all over your beautiful State.

Now, do you not see that to vote for the liquor traffic you vote against the best interest of your State? By voting in that evil you bring all the evils that follow in its train. Praying God's Holy Spirit to be with you in your deliberations, and that you will give your people local option, I am Yours truly, JOHN W. GAY.

Crowley, Polk Co., Or.

Articles of Incorporation.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the Secretary of State's office: First Church of Christ, Scientist, San Francisco. To teach Christian Science. Principal place of business, San Francisco. Directors: Sue Ella Bradshaw, Mary A. Elder, Frank W. Gale, W. T. Kilgore, P. S. Lord, George F. Lyon, Julia Winchester, San Francisco. No capital stock stated.

Tiger Fork Placer Mining Company. For the purpose of doing gold and silver mining. Principal place of business, San Jose. Directors: S. P. Sanders, J. H. Miller, John F. Jurey, W. B. Sanders, N. A. Sanders, San Jose. Capital stock, \$17,500, subscribed.

H. Weinstein on Friday afternoon addressed the students of Atkinson's Business College on the subject of "Civil Government," by invitation. After the address was finished he was tendered a vote of thanks, and consented to give some similar talks on other subjects in the future.

Petition for Homestead.

Rebecca Nathan, executrix of the estate of S. S. Nathan, deceased, has petitioned the Superior Court to set aside her homestead to her the north 75 feet of lot 1, H and I, Eighth and Ninth streets. Judge Hughes has set February 17th for the hearing of the petition.

Suit on Contract.

S. Easterbrook has begun suit on the Superior Court against Emanuel Oppenheim for \$1,899.27 claimed to be due on a contract by which defendant sold to plaintiff \$25 a month, but on which only \$110 has been paid.

Kohler & Chase.

No. 721 K street, will sell you a piano or organ at prices and terms that will astonish you; most reliable house on the Pacific Coast. Ed. T. Naghel, mgr.

George Kaufman, head barkeeper at the "El Capitan" Saloon, won the first bicycle for saving 2,000 Wedding Bouquet Cigar bands. Who will be the next lucky one to get a wheel? Always ask for Wedding Bouquet Cigars with the bands.

Sewing machines—Domestic, Standard, New Home, White—\$9 down and \$3 a month. My New No. 9, cash head, \$35. New National, \$15.50, cash. A. J. Pommer, Ninth and J.

A class in palmistry is now being formed. Personal applications received until Wednesday, Palmira, 731 G st.

Menzelbauer guitar zithers, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7.50 and \$9.75. Lessons free. Establishments 25 cents a week. A. J. Pommer, Ninth and J.

Everything for the house in electrical supplies. Tom Scott, 303 J street.

Hotfitter, the jeweler, will move about March 15th to 824 K street.

For medicinal purposes drink "Glenbrook" sour mash whisky. Theo Blauth, 407 K street. Tel. 297.

Coronado water, Stockton sarsaparilla and iron, champagne cider, ginger ale, orange cider. J. McMorry, agent.

Drs. Pendery and Endicott removed to Star Pharmacy, 819 K street.

Chickering pianos. Wiley B. Allen Co.

BORN.

CAMPBELL—In this city, January 25th, the wife of F. H. Campbell, a daughter.

MARRIED.

SCHACHT-RADONICH—In this city, January 25th, by Rev. C. P. Oehler, J. H. Schacht to Miss Laura M. Radonich, both of Sacramento.

WALKER-SCHAEFFER—In Reno, Nevada, January 17th, by Rev. F. V. Jones, Willie A. Walker to Mrs. A. Schaeffer, both of this city.

DIED.

LAUDER—In this city, February 3d, Thomas A. Lauder, beloved husband of Mrs. E. A. Lauder, brother of Mrs. Dr. S. B. S. and J. W. Lauder of Los Angeles, and W. Lauder of Merced, cousin of Dr. W. J. Lauder, a native of Canada, aged 50 years, 3 months and 1 day.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-day, 1:30 p. m., from his late residence, 1617 Seventeenth street. Interment City Cemetery.

McKINNEY—In this city, February 3d, John Lester McKinney, husband of Mrs. M. C. McKinney, stepfather of C. E. and J. W. Hill, a native of Schlo County, Ohio, aged 55 years, 2 months and 28 days.

JACINTO—In this city, February 4th, Carrie, wife of Marion Jacinto and mother of Mrs. Mary Ann Emanuel, Willie, Carl, Joseph, Tony, Maggie and Amelia Joseph, a native of Arizona, died at 1:30 p. m. Funeral notice hereafter.

INSTRUCT THE CHILDREN.

A Bad Practice That Could be Easily Corrected.

It has been suggested that, as children are the main offenders in the matter of throwing banana and orange peel on the sidewalks, through thoughtlessness, of course, it would not be a bad idea for teachers in our public schools to spend a few minutes in placing before all the pupils the danger of the practice, both to themselves and their companions and to older pedestrians.

Children on their way to and from school run and play a great deal, and at such times do not pick their steps.

Dr. Banks Gives Place to Evangelist Galloway.

The meeting for men in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon was to have been led by Dr. Banks of the First Baptist Church. He has given place to Messrs. Galloway and Boyd, the noted evangelists. The association meeting for men to-day will therefore be addressed by Evangelist Galloway, and Mr. Boyd will sing.

These evangelists came to Sacramento very highly indorsed by the pastors for whom they have labored. Mr. Galloway is a practical business man and a pleasing speaker. Mr. Boyd, his collaborator, is an excellent singer and leader of singing. All men will be welcomed at this their initial service in Sacramento.

BISHOP MORELAND.

He Will Deliver Two Sermons in Sacramento To-day.

The Right Reverend William Hall Moreland, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary Jurisdiction of Sacramento, makes his first official visit to this city to-day. He will officiate at the 11 a. m. service at St. Paul's, and at 8:30 p. m. at St. Andrew's Mission, Twenty-third and K streets.

Bishop Moreland's fame as an eloquent and thoughtful preacher has preceded him, and no doubt he will be greeted by large crowds at both churches. Practically the Bishop begins his work in his jurisdiction to-day.

H. McWILLIAMS, The Florist,

Elm Nursery, Twelfth and U Streets. Both 'Phones, No. 90.

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Large as a Silver Dollar. Hot Coffee Scalds Breast and Hands. Skin Comes Off with Clothes. All Remedies Useless. CURED BY CUTICURA

My little boy was two years old when he reached upon the table and spilled a cup of hot coffee all over his left hand. It had gone through to his breast, and before I could remove his clothes it had burned his breast, and the skin came off with the clothes, and he has to-day a scar as large as a silver dollar on his breast. I applied a great many things. The burn was a very ugly one, hard to heal. I was requested to try CUTICURA (ointment), which healed rapidly, but before I used half a box of CUTICURA it was well. Oh, I think CUTICURA is the savior above all others. Nov. 20, '98. Mrs. R. CARY, Needles, Cal.

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