

LOCAL MELANGE.

The Conclusion of the Castac Canon Trial.

Both Defendants Acquitted by the Jury.

They Are Admitted to Bail on the Second Charge.

A Reception to be Given to Members of the Turn Verein—Rumors Concerning the Opera House.

The number of spectators in the courtroom of department 1 of the superior court yesterday during the closing scenes of the Castac canon trial was in excess of that of any other previous day since the case opened. During the morning session Judge Alexander Campbell addressed the jury on behalf of his client, the defendant W. C. Chormicle, and he reviewed the evidence in every detail in a clear and concise way that carried everything before it.

After the noon recess Assistant District Attorney McComas closed the argument, replying for the prosecution in an address which occupied the attention of the jury until five minutes after 4 o'clock. Judge Cheney then proceeded to instruct the jury, and at 4:57 o'clock the twelve jurors filed out of the room in custody of Deputy Sheriff Cline to deliberate upon their verdict. After an absence of thirty-three minutes they returned, and the foreman announced that the verdict of the jury was "not guilty as to both defendants."

On motion of the defendants' counsel the court admitted both men to bail in the sum of \$5,000 each in the second case pending against them, and this being readily furnished they left the courtroom surrounded by their friends and relatives, who were overjoyed at the happy ending of their period of anxiety. It is thought probable that the other case will be dismissed when called for trial on Thursday next.

THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Is There a Change of Management Impending There?

For some time past there have been rumors afloat in the air to the effect that there was a change of management impending at the Grand opera house. These rumors began to circulate soon after Mr. Childs' death, but were denied by those immediately interested. For some weeks no new developments had been reported, but yesterday the matter sprang all at once into renewed activity, and several people thought Mr. Wyatt's connection with the house would cease abruptly with last night's performance. A HERALD reporter went to the spot to see what there might be in these reports. He saw Mr. Finney, the agent of the Childs estate, who said there was no truth in the reports so far as he knew. All he would say was that Mr. Wyatt and Hon. S. M. White, the Childs' agent, would have a business meeting at 5 o'clock, and that if any change was made, Al Hayman, of San Francisco, would not be the new lessee, but that the house would be managed by some Los Angeles man. Mr. Finney, however, did not think any change was impending.

At 6 o'clock the reporter saw Mr. Wyatt, who acknowledged that he had a conference with Mr. Hicks and Mr. White an hour before. Some negotiations had been going on between Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Childs in regard to the rent and other matters, and he thought the conference was to have reference to these matters. At the meeting, however, Mr. White said Mr. Childs had decided on a change in the management, but that some understanding might be reached, as nothing positive had been decided. Mr. Wyatt has a letter in Mr. Childs' hand, and signed by him, which authorizes Wyatt to make contracts and book companies at the Grand without limit of time. He has bookings ahead that reach forward a year under this agreement with Mr. Childs. He thinks he is entitled to the house until the last of these companies has appeared here and may contest on these rights. His affairs are in the hands of Judge Bicknell and George J. Denis.

Later the reporter rang up Mr. White at his residence, but the attorney said he had no communication to make in reference to the matter. He did not seem to think it at all settled matter that Mr. Wyatt was to leave the house. No sort of inquiry was effective in eliminating any information from any quarter as to who Mr. Wyatt's successor is to be in case of a change. Some surmise is that the young gentlemen of the Childs family may decide to attend to the direction of affairs themselves, with others to do the routine work under them.

Mr. Wyatt has been with the house since it was first opened by Mlle. Rheu in 1884, and is an expert theatrical manager.

THE RETURNING VICTORS.

Members of the Turn Verein Expected Home Tomorrow.

The members of the local Turn Verein who took part in the recent contest at Oakland will return to the city tomorrow and will be given an ovation at the depot by the other members of the society. The party, consisting of about forty turners, will arrive at the Commercial-street depot at 8:20 tomorrow morning. They will be met by several hundred of their friends and fellows, and a large number of ladies. A brass band will be in attendance, and the ladies will have bouquets which they will present to the successful champions.

The turners in this city are very proud of the honors won by their representatives at the contest. Fifteen prizes were won. They took the first prize in the contest of classes and also first in the individual contest. It is therefore the wish of the friends of the champions that they be appropriately honored on their return.

The Iroquois Club.

This thoroughly Democratic organization met in regular session last night and transacted the routine business, after which Robert G. Wilke, John Bacigalupi and R. G. Simons were admitted to the wigwam. J. C. Morgan, F. E. Hunter, Victor Guil and C. B. Jones were elected members of the club, and Prof. Richard Weiler and George H.

Nolton were proposed for membership. The club decided to celebrate the third anniversary of its organization, which will occur Tuesday, July 1st, by an entertainment, and the committees necessary were appointed by the sashem. The report of the board of trustees in reference to a picnic of the club was received, and it was decided to have the date set for July 13th.

California Patents.

Messrs Hazard and Townsend report the following list of patents issued to residents Tuesday, June 10th:

Tension device for belts, Anders G. Anderson, West Oakland.
Musical notation, Charles Clements-Knopp, San Francisco.
Pipe, John P. Culver, Los Angeles.
Steam and gas generator, Leander E. Fish, Los Angeles.

Shafting hanger, Melville D. Hemenway, San Francisco.

One-feeder, Edward C. Loftus and E. H. Booth, San Francisco.

Calendar, Yndalecio Paez, Alameda.

Automatic switch for cable railway, Houghton Sawyer, San Francisco.

Apparatus for ageing wines, Luther Wagoner, San Francisco.

United States Cases.

In the United States district court, yesterday morning, Judge Ross granted the defendant three days further time in which to answer and file claim in the case of the United States versus the sloop Lou. Si Den was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the county jail on his plea of selling liquor to Indians. Tirsis Dorame and Disinso Lopez were arraigned on similar charges and their trial postponed to Friday next. The case of Doctor Wo Sing, indicted for violating the exclusion act, was postponed to Friday.

RAILWAY NEWS.

THE RETURN OF GENERAL MANAGER K. H. WADE.

He Says that Business is Improving—Delegates to the Coast Line Convention. Mr. Polk and the Motor Line.

General Manager K. H. Wade, of the Southern California, has returned from Chicago. He was at his desk yesterday, hard at work on accumulated business. He said in answer to questions that no matters which could interest the public were brought out in his trip. He admitted that he had heard some talk about the extension to San Francisco, but to his knowledge nothing definite had been decided upon. As to the possible extension of the jurisdiction of the Southern California over the Atlantic and Pacific lines, Mr. Wade thought there was nothing in that. The officers of the company had been chosen for the coming year, and they had been chosen after the purchase of the Frisco line, together with interest in the Atlantic and Pacific, had taken place. Mr. Wade had heard nothing about the removal of the offices from Albuquerque to Los Angeles. He was not inclined to think that it would come about.

"Business is very good in the east and seems likely to grow even better next year. We have no cause to complain of our share. The train on which I came out was well filled with overland passengers, which is unusual for this season of the year. Our freight business is good both ways."

The coast line railway convention which is to take place at San Jose on the 23rd, will have the following representatives from this city: Captain A. W. Barrett, Councilman Wirsching, Assistant City Attorney W. E. Dunn, Postmaster J. W. Green and T. A. Lewis. These gentlemen were appointed recently by the chamber of commerce. They departed last evening for San Jose.

The Santa Fe's fruit special of yesterday was made up of four cars of oranges, three of cabbages and six of potatoes.

The following excursionists arrived yesterday from Boston, New York and points east, via the Santa Fe route: R. G. Alexander and family, of New Albany; A. J. DeBerry, of Kansas City; Charles Warren, of Baltimore; Lizzie Garmond, of St. Louis; George Parks and family, of Boston; Mrs. L. W. Steele, Mrs. B. Bunthone, Mrs. S. H. Sandford, of Boston; W. M. Osborne, of Chicago; John Francis, Miss A. M. Archer, of Kansas City; Mrs. L. C. Blume, of St. Louis; O. H. Wishard, of Topeka; Mrs. M. E. Runkle and family, of Galesburg; Mrs. M. Wolfkill, of St. Louis; Charles Leonard, of Boston; B. Johnson, of Bushnell; E. E. Parker and family, of Toronto; Mrs. L. Mastick, of Indianapolis; Miss G. Meredith, of Buffalo; T. C. Carmany and family, of Washington, D. C.

I. K. Polk, who was appointed receiver a short time ago for a motor road running out of San Bernardino, found it necessary to bring about a very unique reform in the matter of his pay roll. He reduced the force in this fashion: Finding one of the officers who he thought was a very capable man, he discharged the superintendent and gave this man his work to do in addition to what he was already engaged upon. Next the auditor's head went off, and the duties of his office fell to the new superintendent. The chief clerk was found to be a superfluity, and his work was turned over to the superintendent-auditor. Whetting his knife afresh, Mr. Polk tackled the station agent, and after his discharge the superintendent-auditor chief clerk managed to take care of his work. The next man to go was the train master, and a new title was added to the above list for the railroad Pooh-bah. Finding that the section boss had very little to do, Mr. Polk dispensed with him, and this left the one remaining officer bearing the dignities and transacting the business of the original six. Mr. Polk thinks that by continuing this process a little further he may get the road on a paying basis.

Convenient.

For the convenience of the many patrons of the celebrated Berlin drug store, No. 505 South Spring street, Los Angeles, they have built a very pretty summer cottage and erected a branch office at No. 99 South Beach, Santa Monica, which is called the Berlin drug store cottage. The same is located a few steps below the southern pier, by the prettiest and safest part of the beach, and where is kept a full line of homoeopathic, eclectic and allopathic medicines, including Dr. Star's celebrated homoeopathic specifics and Dr. Bell's genuine German and French remedies, which have proved such a blessing to the people of California. For the ladies, an experienced lady physician is constantly in attendance.

Try "Pride of the Family" soap.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE TUCSON COURT-MARTIAL.

Chief Quartermaster Kimball Placed on Trial.

Tucson, Ariz., June 17.—The trial by court-martial of Major A. S. Kimball, U. S. A., chief quartermaster of the department of Arizona, on a charge of negligence in the execution of the lease for offices at Tucson, commenced today. After the first witness was sworn Major Kimball entered an objection to the introduction of any testimony tending to show that the rentals under the leases in question were exorbitant, or that diligence was not used by him to satisfy himself that the amount of rent to be paid by the United States government was reasonable and proper, or that the government was wrongfully required to pay, and did pay under said leases any rent whatever. Major Kimball made the objection on the ground that it is not the duty of the chief quartermaster of the department to provide offices.

Major Kimball asserted that it is the duty of the commanding officer and the quartermaster present at a station to provide necessary quarters and offices, and that the chief quartermaster is nowhere recognized as having any duty whatever in connection therewith. Captain Miltimore was the local quartermaster at Tucson, and it was his duty to provide offices for all the dismounting stations there. Captain Miltimore did perform this duty, and afterwards submitted the leases to the chief quartermaster to be signed, as required by the regulations. The court-martial adjourned until tomorrow without taking action on Major Kimball's objection.

SUNDAY CLOSING.

Another Opinion as to What Should Be Done.

EDITORS HERALD—The more I read, hear and think about the two long petitions sent to the city council in regard to the closing of the saloons on Sunday, the more I come to the conclusion that both parties, the 11,000 in favor of it as well as the 6,000 voting against it, are more or less wrong, both defending the two extremes. But, in medio virtus, the middle course is always the best, says sound philosophy, and as your paper has till now fought with energy and great success for the interest of our city, I wish to propose through your columns a middle course to our fellow citizens. To close the saloons altogether on Sundays is an injustice to the saloon-keeper; for does not the selling of any other article, as cigars, etc., or the performance of any trade, as that of the barbers, etc., profane the sabbath as well as the selling of liquor, which in itself is indifferent and only by excess becomes harmful? Must we not admire in this regard the Jewish religion, which prohibits all kinds of trade on the Sabbath since the days of Moses? And still no christian will say that our standpoint, our principles as christians are not as good or better than theirs. It is an injustice to the class of our poor and workmen. Amongst those who signed the petition in favor of the closing, a little more than 10,000, as the petition shows, are people that can afford to have their beer and wine in the cellar, and so feel quite comfortable on Sundays in their houses by using it, even sometimes to excess. From an eyewitness I know that one of the leaders of the Prohibition party in one of our neighbor towns was seen one Saturday evening leaving H. Rose's vineyard with a wagon full of wine. Why, then, deprive the poor man, especially in these hot days, of a refreshment for ten or twenty cents for which the rich spend the price of a day's wages? Is this the state of the days of Moses? 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