

SECRETARY OF THE VALLEY ROAD.

ALEXANDER MACKIE WAS ELECTED TO THAT POSITION YESTERDAY.

HE IS A VERY CAPABLE MAN.

MANY ASPIRANTS ARE SEEKING THE IMPORTANT PLACE OF ENGINEER.

The board of directors of the valley road met in Claus Spreckels' office again yesterday and took up the matter of election of a secretary and also discussed the question of filling the office of engineer, but took no action upon the latter.

For secretary of the company Alexander Mackie was about the only person who was seriously considered for the office, and he was elected.

Mr. Mackie has been for a number of years identified with the Atlantic and Pacific road in this city in the capacity of cashier. He is a capable man in every respect and will make the road an efficient official.

W. A. Bissell, under whom Mr. Mackie has long labored, speaks in high terms of him and was especially pleased at his good fortune in securing the position. On Montgomery street, among the railroad offices, a general expression of good will for the new secretary was heard on all sides. Mr. Mackie will take up the duties of his office to-morrow, when the new road will open its offices at 321 Market street, in the Spreckels building.

Although the position of engineer for the new company has not yet been filled, Lyman Bridges, who is a known applicant for the place, was very much in evidence yesterday. After waiting in the anteroom for some time he was finally summoned before the meeting and took with him a number of maps and other documents which, it is presumed, will have a bearing upon the future route of the new road.

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to his conduct of the case. Incidentally, however, it was learned on the outside that unless immediate action is taken some of the clauses in the indictment will be outlawed.

When asked what he knew about the latter assertion ex-United States District Attorney Garter laughed and said: "Why, you cannot outlaw Uncle Sam. He has the right to bring suit at any time." Just the same, Mr. McKesick is losing no time and will see that none of the counts in the indictment lapse for want of proper attention. The case will be called the latter part of this month or early in April in the United States Circuit Court, and some interesting developments are expected.

LIVING WITH ANIMALS. A Frightful Case of Destitution at 535 Vallejo Street.

A frightful case of destitution coupled with cruelty to children was brought to the attention of the Humane Society at 535 Vallejo street on Sunday.

Late on the afternoon of that day Officers Holbrook and McMurray of the Humane Society were informed that a shameful case of neglect and consequent suffering existed at the number given. The officers, hardened as they are to scenes of direful poverty, were not prepared to see what they were destined to behold.

In a cold, dingy basement in the rear of the building lives a Spanish woman named Pochetia, who has just turned her nineteenth year. She is the mother-in-law of George Keller, a shiftless longshoreman who deserted his wife and two babes several weeks ago. Mrs. Keller sought in every way to provide a home for her children, the elder of which is nearly 3 years old and the youngest only 12 months. She was unsuccessful in this and as a last resort she thought of her decrepit old mother who for years had subsisted by begging.

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SHE MARRIED JUNO, THE MAN FROG.

PRETTY AGNES CASTOR KNEW THE MAN SHE WEDDED ONLY THREE DAYS.

HER PEOPLE ARE INDIGNANT.

A LITTLE ROMANCE THAT WAS NOT ON THE BILLS AT THE ALCAZAR.

The Alcazar Theater has produced a romance that is not on the bills and is realistic in every detail. Miss Agnes Castor, the pretty danseuse, and Juno, the frog man, who is unjustly said by his



Miss Agnes Castor, Who Married the Man Frog. [From a photograph.]

enemies to be much handsomer in his frog costume than without it, are the chief actors. They were formally introduced on last Saturday, formally engaged to be married on Sunday and were formally wedded by a Justice on Monday.

This is the smartest piece of acting known in theatrical circles for some time, and thus the Thespians have a pretty morsel of gossip to discuss and sleep on. But the romance has a pathetic side. The pretty young aspirant for artistic honors smashed the hearts and hopes of a whole army of young men who nightly showered bouquets and compliments upon her.

Miss Castor is only 18 years of age. She is a mezzoblonde, shapely of form, a graceful dancer and a sweet singer. When the "Sinbad" people were at the Alcazar, she sought and secured a place in the ranks of the Amazons, and won especial favor from managers and others. That was her debut. Now she nightly appears before the footlights in the "Black Crook Lip to Date" at the Alcazar, and, along with Irene Cook, Blanche McClellan and Annie Johnson, who comprise the French Folly quartet, provokes the enthusiasm and the delight of large audiences. Manager J. W. Devereaux speaks highly of the young actress, and predicts a bright future for her.

"She has only been at the theater a week," said Mr. Devereaux, "but came here well recommended. She is a good girl, bright and pretty. What put it into her head to go off and marry a man who she hardly knew is something I know nothing about. But Juno is a wonder in his line, and I suppose they know their own business best."

Very little is known about the career of Juno, whose right name is Campbell, except that he appeared at the People's Palace and the Orpheum, and is about 18 years of age.

Meanwhile the widowed mother of Miss Castor, living at the corner of Larkin and Bush streets, is weeping over her child's sudden marriage and "now the girl will never forgive her. The girl's father is dead, but the family is well and favorably known. Mrs. Juno has not been home since she married the frog man, as she fears that the doors of her mother's house have been closed against her.

UNCLE SAM AND SOCIETY.

SOCIAL MYSTERIES OF THE MAILS YIELD TO SLEUTHS OF THE SERVICE.

McCOPPIN RUNS DOWN LOST INVITATIONS AND RISES IN DEFENSE.

Postmaster McCoppin rose yesterday with a touch of pride and feeling, and perhaps triumph, to the defense of the local postal service.

Several accusers have recently charged that when carriers have found batches of what were plainly social invitations they have delivered them to the sewer or some such place and saved a lot of walking. Postal inspectors, superintendents and carriers have been diligently running down these charges, and some of them have smiled at the real fate of some social invitations that the senders grew angry about.

In last Sunday's papers were reports of three or four complaints. The Misses Preston, daughters of Attorney E. F. Preston, had mailed a lot of invitations with "R. S. V. P." on them and no answers were received from seventeen.

Some Western Addition matron, whose name was not given, mailed another lot, and it was reported that her husband happened to find a bunch of them under a bush in a vacant lot. It has not been before reported, but it turns out that Mrs. Rev. Robert McKenzie has recently experienced a similar misfortune with a lot of invitations. She made complaint, but has volunteered to investigate their fate herself.

Invitations to the Press Club reception and jinks last Saturday night were addressed to all members of the Bohemian Club, guests for the night, but only a few were received. President Horace G. Platt of the Bohemian Club telephoned in indignantly to President Naughton of the Press Club, asking if only a select few Bohemians were invited. A comprehensive invitation was cordially extended by telephone and the report that the invitations failed of delivery was published.

It has transpired that a lot of the Press Club invitations were stolen. Postmaster McCoppin can't find any trace of the man who found his wife's invitations under a bramble bush. According to Postmaster McCoppin, the sleuths who ran down some of the invitations, found that some of the people had received them, but not wanting to accept them had innocently and with intense sorrow announced that they had received no invitations. It appears that this conscientious subterfuge of making Uncle Sam a scapegoat for little sins of polite society is comparatively common. A polite but a warty human heart and the existence of a letter-carrier appears to sometimes produce a temptation to wickedness that is hard on the carrier.

In the case of the Preston complaint it

appeared to be simply a matter of misinformation. The official report of W. J. Simon, superintendent of Station A, made after detailed investigation of the charges preferred by Miss Preston, says: "Mr. Kearny, my clerk, took down in writing the names of the parties she said had not received invitations—seventeen in all. These names I submitted to carriers for investigation and a written report, and furnished them with slips, on which they were to procure written statements of addresses. This was done, and all but three of the parties answered that they had received their invitations. This report was shown to Miss Preston, and she was asked if she wished the investigation carried further. She said 'no' and appeared perfectly satisfied at the time, and so expressed herself in the presence of Clerk Kearny."

Another recent complaint was preferred by a man who moved to Fulton street and gave a change of address. He didn't get his mail, worked up a case against the postal service and then made quite a fuss about it. Investigation has just shown that there is no such number as he gave Mr. McCoppin.

"There are 205 carriers who get \$1000 a year for life," said the Postmaster yesterday, and there are forty-nine substitutes working irregularly and anxious to slip into a regular place. Is it likely that they have had waited years for a situation they



Campbell, the Man Frog. [From a photograph.]

value would risk it by throwing away mail to save going a few blocks? It is preposterous and I will not believe it until I have proof. Yet people make these loose statements on slight suspicion. Of course, there are sometimes substantial grounds for complaints, and there always will be while 446 men are handling 100,000 letters a day, but they are isolated cases and every complaint is diligently scrutinized and investigated. It must be on the service would soon go to pieces, but such complaints as those generally turn out as these have done."

THE BELAYING PIN AGAIN.

CAPTAIN MOREHOUSE OF THE DASHING WAVE USES IT ON HIS CREW.

COAST SEAMEN OBJECT TO DEEP-WATER METHODS OF DISCIPLINE.

The coast sailor never gets so far from the shore that he loses his rights either conferred by his union or by the contingency of the beach, from which vantage ground the ship and her skipper may be consigned to torrid places with safety to the consignee. Consequently he violently resents any innovations or interferences on the part of deep-water captains.

In the matter of clubbings, which are a portion of every good ship's government, he is justified if no foreign methods are introduced. Jack is always a sea-lawyer, and the constitutionality of his privileged thumpings, whether by the butt end of a revolver in the hand of a mutiny-smashing mate or by the big fist of a boarding-house runner who has pocketed the advance, is stoutly maintained.

One of the customs which went out with the last decade was the belaying-pin as a gentle reminder to the sailor that pie and "duff-with-plums-in-it" were prerogatives of the cabin and not the "fo'c's'le," and the watch below was the place and time for growing. Jack saw the belaying-pin relegated to its rack, and cheerfully accepted other and severer methods for his undoing and subduing.

The scene stirred the martial ardor of Captain Morehouse, and, forgetting the windmill which the strong head breeze was wrecking, he gathered a long-unused belaying-pin from the rail and re-enforced his officer.

The results were disastrous for Holbrook and his messmates. Several painful scalp wounds were received by the warring seamen before they noticed how unfairly the captain fought, and when the vessel arrived in this port a complaint was sworn to in the United States Attorney's office. When the warrant reaches Captain Morehouse he will be cited to explain why he resorts to belaying-pins and other effete ways of reminding his crew that second mates have rights which coast seamen should respect.

A Hypocritical Thief. Felix N. Runge was arrested on Hayes street yesterday morning by Policeman Fleming, who caught him walking off with two bottles of milk, two loaves of bread and three newspapers which he had stolen from doorsteps. He was booked for petty larceny, and under the sympathy of the prison officials by stating that his wife and family were starving at 217 Hickory street, he was allowed to go on his parole and milk for them. When he had stolen the bread and watch and \$2.35 were found in his pockets, he was called to see him and his fingers were covered with rings. Judge Campbell found him guilty and ordered him to appear for sentence to-day.

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AS TO THE WATER OF LAKE MERCED.

MAYOR SUTRO CALLS IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

ASSAYED BY PROFESSOR PRICE

DECLARED TO BE TOTALLY UNFIT FOR DRINKING OR DOMESTIC USE.

The purity of the water supply of San Francisco was discussed yesterday by the Board of Health yesterday. Mayor Sutro, after sundry objections on the part of Dr. Regensburger, had a resolution passed providing for a microscopic and chemical examination of the waters of Laguna de la Merced, which furnishes a portion of the water used by householders in this city.

Prefacing his remarks by a statement that his attention had been called to the fact that the waters of Lake Merced were unfit for domestic use, the Mayor read the following statement from the assaying firm of Thomas Price & Sons regarding the water of the city:

First—Sample drawn from a tap in our laboratory. Total residue per United States gallon 14.12 grains, of which 2.57 grains are sodium chloride. The free ammonia present amounts to 0.03 parts per million parts of water and the albuminoid ammonia to 0.148 parts per million.

Second—Sample taken from reservoir near Alhambra. Total residue per United States gallon 14.52 grains, of which 4.88 grains are sodium chloride. The free ammonia present amounts to 0.02 parts per million parts of water and the albuminoid ammonia to 0.23 parts per million.

Third—Sample taken from Lake Merced. Total residue per United States gallon 16.25 grains, of which 5.48 grains are sodium chloride. The water used for irrigation amounts to 0.90 part per million parts of water and the albuminoid ammonia to 0.92 part per million.

It is reported to the board that the albuminoid ammonia present in abnormal quantities, but the quantity of free ammonia is normal, pointing to the contamination of the water with vegetable matter. In the case of the third sample shown from Lake Merced both the free and albuminoid ammonia are present in extremely abnormal quantities, pointing to extensive animal and vegetable contamination. Such a water can only be classified as dangerous, and is absolutely unfit for drinking purposes and general domestic use. Such a water should be employed solely for purposes of irrigation.

"In view of the statement of Professor Price, whom I deem to be the most competent assayer in San Francisco," said the Mayor, "I think the Board of Health should take official cognizance of the fact that a portion of the city's water supply is unfit for human consumption, and should condemn the water of Lake Merced."

Dr. Regensburger stated that he did not think that the assays of Professor Price were sufficient to show that the waters of Lake Merced were really contaminated by animal and vegetable matter. He said that in his own home he insisted that all water used should be boiled before using, but this course of procedure was merely aimed at any possible danger and not because he knew that the city water was bad. He offered a resolution calling the attention of householders to the necessity of cooking all water before using.

The Mayor then offered a resolution as a substitute that samples of the waters of Lake Merced be microscopically and chemically examined by Dr. Spencer at an expense of \$50, and the results of his investigations be reported to the board.

Dr. Regensburger thought that if one source of supply was to be investigated all should be submitted to the same authority, and offered an amendment to that effect. The amendment was lost on a tie vote, and the vote on the Mayor's resolution was carried, Messrs. Bucknall, Mays and Sutro voting aye.

Mayor Sutro gave notice that at the next meeting of the board he would offer a resolution declaring that the water of the city's health required that the water from all supplies be examined and empowering the board to employ an expert to analyze the water from taps in all sections of the city.

THEY WANT ANOTHER SHIP.

THE PANAMA STEAMSHIP COMPANY LOOKING FOR A NEW VESSEL.

COMING OF THE WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK—SIGNIFICANCE OF HER VISIT.

The Panama Steamship Company is looking for a new steamer to put on the route between here and Panama, and it is rumored that the company has its eye on a vessel at present bound for England and New York. The steamer in question is the Washington, which was recently bought by the Saginaw Steel Steamship Company. James Jerome, agent for the latter company, denies the report, and says that the new vessel is coming to the coast to take the place of the lost Keweenaw. "At least," he adds, "she is not chartered."

General Agent Haswell of the Panama Steamship Company, said yesterday that the steamer company had not yet chartered any vessel, but he seemed to know all about the Washington. "We wanted a steamer very badly some months ago," said Mr. Haswell, "but were unable to get one on the coast. Steamers for our line must have certain requirements of which freight space is the most important. I have not heard of any arrangements being made as to the Washington, but she would be a good vessel for our business, carrying, as she does, 4500 tons."

"Our principal traffic is through freight to New York, and in this there is no competition. We also handle considerable South American freight, and in that line we come in contact with the Pacific Mail Company. To do this we run our ships as cheaply as we can, and the saving of coal is a big item to us. Our New York trade has increased to such an extent that we have been obliged to refuse freight at the other end. The Saturn left Panama yesterday with as large a cargo as she could carry, cleaning up the freight on the 18th. We could use another steamer, but would have to get it from the East."

The Washington was a British steamer, formerly known as the Oxford. About a year ago she was wrecked on the coast of Florida, and was subsequently towed to New York and then to Newport News, where she was repaired. Over one-third of her original cost having been expended in repairs she was entitled to change her name. The vessel is now on her way to New York and at that port she will take in a cargo of coal and sail for San Francisco through the Straits of Magellan.

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THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY. WAS IT CONTRABAND OF WAR SENT BY GENERAL ANTONIO EZETA? THE CITY OF SYDNEY HELD IN ORDER TO TAKE OFF SEVERAL CASES. General Antonio Ezeta is living quietly at the California Hotel and to all appearances it looks as though he were domiciled at the California for good. He receives his numerous friends with open-hearted generosity and according to them the ex-President of San Salvador has given up all thoughts of his Central American home.

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ALEXANDER MACKIE, THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE VALLEY COMPANY. [From a photograph.]

scriptions announced on Monday was not as large as had been anticipated this was not because the promoters' committee has in any measure been unsuccessful in the canvass now being made. The fact is that there are several very large subscriptions which, it is believed, will certainly come in, and when the knowledge becomes more generally spread in the city that subscriptions are now being received in any amount from \$100 up it is believed there will be a very liberal response from the people.

There are several banks which have not yet subscribed for stock, but which have given some indications of their disposition to do so. Corporations, like large estates, move slowly in such matters, and the projects of the road certainly no apprehensions but that when the city has been thoroughly canvassed and all the reports are in a sufficient amount to meet all requirements will have been secured.

President Spreckels said yesterday that the directors were busily engaged upon the question of a route. It was their intention, he said, to secure a more advantageous route into the San Joaquin Valley than that followed by the Southern Pacific if such a thing was possible, and he believed it was.

HE IS LOSING NO TIME. The Claim Against the Stanford Estate Will Be Pushed.

Lewis D. McKesick, the newly appointed Assistant United States District Attorney to prosecute the claim of the United States against the Leland Stanford estate, has lost no time in getting to work. He was closeted all yesterday afternoon with ex-United States District Attorney Garter, and finally came to a determination as to what course he should pursue.

When seen about the matter Mr. McKesick declined to discuss the question, and said his policy in regard to this case would be outlined as soon as it came to trial. In the meantime it would be improper for him to say anything in regard

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE