

PARK MUSEUM LOOTED.

Coins and Jewels Taken From Their Cases in Broad Daylight.

NO TRACE OF THE CULPRITS.

Detectives Are on the Trail, but Have Very Little to Work On.

The memorial museum in the park has been despoiled of its richest jewels. It is only two weeks since Mr. M. H. de Young, on behalf of the directors of the Midwinter Fair, delivered the building and its contents to the Park Commissioners with the words, "I hand you the key with only the request that the museum be kept open to the people every day in the year, including Sundays and holidays." Only two weeks, and yet in that short space of time robbers have managed to break through and steal. The crime was not committed in the dead of night, but between the hours of 4

pried open with a cold chisel, I think, and the things abstracted. They got away with some French coins, some jewels and odds and ends. The things may have only been borrowed," concluded he as he rode away. The policeman is not alone in his opinion that the things are only "borrowed." Several others seem to think that some of the men who were discharged after the close of Midwinter Fair know where the missing articles are and that they will be returned quietly in a few days. According to them the coins and jewels were taken out of revenge. "It is very annoying, but it can't be helped," said Superintendent McLaren when spoken to on the subject. "The loss is not very great. To guard against such a thing happening again I am having iron bands put around every case and screwed down, so that if any one wants to secure any more of the curios from our museum they will have to break through the glass. The detectives are now on the trail of the man who despoiled the case of the Napoleonic coins and expect to catch him in a day or two. He must also have familiarized himself with the routine of the building, for he chose the time when very few, if any, people would be around to do the work. The things taken may be returned, and I hope they will, as each one of the missing articles is worth double as much



INTERIOR OF THE MEMORIAL MUSEUM, SHOWING THE CASE FROM WHICH THE JEWELS WERE ABSTRACTED. [Sketch by a "Call" artist.]

and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The actor or actors in the little play also appear to have had plenty of time, for they took just what they wanted and then disappeared, leaving no clew behind. This all happened five days ago, and although Chief Crowley has had four detectives on the trail ever since no trace of the robbers or the stolen goods has been found.

On the left-hand side of the main corridor of the Memorial Museum is a small room in which a great many valuable collections of small articles are kept. In one case was a very fine assortment of French coins and medals of the Napoleonic era. Another case contained excellent imitations of all the famous gems in the world, besides a number of genuine stones, while a third was filled with valuable old gold and silver watches. In the collection of coins there were samples of everything minted during the existence of the Napoleonic dynasty. There were ten 20-franc gold pieces, the face value of which is \$40, but, taken in connection with the remainder of the collection, were easily worth three times that sum. Not many gems were taken, as the robbers were unable to tell the real from the genuine. What they did get away with, however, are of considerable value and will be a vital loss to the collection. The watches and other trinkets in the third case were turned over and the thief only managed to secure one of the most modern gold samples before he was frightened away. The loss is estimated at about \$1500.

Four of the best detectives in Captain Lees' command are working on the case. Every pawnshop in the city is being closely watched and the "book of purchases" kept by each pawnbroker examined daily.

Detective Gibson and S. Peckham, a pawnbroker at 10 Third street, had trouble over this latter proposition. Gibson demanded a look at the "book of purchases" and Peckham refused to show it. Gibson at once returned to headquarters, secured a warrant and placed the pawnbroker under arrest.

Late in the afternoon of Thursday, the 4th inst., when the robbery was committed, Patrolmen Louis Headcamp and C. P. Wilcomb were on their beat, but as there were very few people in the building they were not very vigilant.

Curator Witham was in his own quarters and everybody was wishing for the closing-up hour. In making his round Wilcomb noticed something wrong with the cases already referred to and on a closer examination discovered that a robbery had been committed. The alarm was sounded and Sergeant Thompson of the Park Police was called in and he soon had his force of men scouring the vicinity for suspicious-looking characters. It was too late to lock the stable-door, however.

to us as it is to the present holder. The ten 20-franc gold pieces were unique in their way, ranging, as they did, from the time of Napoleon the Great to the fall of the monarchy. The iron bands spoken of by Mr. McLaren will be put on the various cases today. It is a wise precaution and will not seriously inconvenience the curator, as it is only necessary to clean the articles in the various cases once every two or three months.

OVER THE WHOLE EARTH.

Spring Meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco Opened.

Sermon by Rev. H. N. Bevier—James Woodworth Elected Moderator.

The stated spring meeting of the presbytery of San Francisco was opened in Westminster Presbyterian Church last night. All the Presbyterian churches in this city were represented.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. Herbert N. Bevier, the retiring moderator, who also preached the opening sermon. Mr. Bevier in the course of his sermon said:

"The missionary cause must be pressed with greater vigor, until there is not a spot left on earth where the gospel has not reached. Five hundred millions of souls now on earth have not been reached by the gospel of Christ. To place six missionaries in each group of 600,000 would require 30,000 men. There are 10,000 already in the field, and 5000 more are ready to go, leaving only 15,000 more to be secured. Surely the church can secure them. More wonderful things than that have been done. The time will come when all sociological structures will be dominated by the gospel; all business enterprises will feel its effect.

"We must continue until we have a Christian in the Presidential chair, Legislatures composed of Christian men and municipal governments headed by Christians—Christ behind the throne." At the conclusion of the sermon Mr. Bevier formally opened the meeting of the presbytery and announced that the first thing in order was the election of a new moderator.

Charles Geddes, elder of the Westminster Church, nominated Rev. James Woodworth, who was elected by acclamation. He made a short address and thanked the presbytery for the honor conferred upon him. The clerk read the docket containing the business which is to come before the meeting to-day. Among the important items is the election of two commissioners, one minister and one elder, to attend the general assembly in Pittsburg on the third Thursday in May next. This business was set as a special order for 11:30 o'clock. The presbytery then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning. After the morning session the lady members of the Presbyterian churches will serve a lunch between 12 and 2 o'clock.

"What shall we do with our daughters?" Teach them to cook with Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

PAUAHOU SUGAR STOCK.

Rudolph Spreckels' Vain Attempt to Enjoin the Nevada Bank.

SHARES TO BE TRANSFERRED.

Judge Sanderson Holds That the Bank Officers Violated No Agreement.

The suit of Rudolph Spreckels against the Nevada Bank came to a sudden termination in Judge Sanderson's court yesterday morning. The suit was brought by young Spreckels to enjoin the Nevada Bank from sending 2500 shares of the Paauhau Plantation stock to Honolulu to be transferred on the books of the corporation from his name to that of the bank. Upon the filing of the complaint, and assuming the facts therein stated to be true, a temporary injunction was granted. By its attorneys, Delmas & Shortridge, the bank moved to dissolve the injunction, and in granting their motion Judge Sanderson decided that the plaintiff had no cause of action against the Nevada Bank or against his father, Claus Spreckels.

The case grew out of certain business transactions between Claus Spreckels and his sons, C. A. and Rudolph Spreckels. On January 4, 1894, the father sold to these sons his interest in the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company for \$700,000. C. A. Spreckels also assumed and agreed to pay a mortgage of \$200,000, then incumbering the company's property. By a formal written agreement the \$700,000 was to be paid in two equal installments, one-half on January 4, 1895, and the remainder on January 4, 1896. The mortgage C. A. Spreckels agreed to pay out of the crop of 1894. To secure the payment of the \$700,000 C. A. and Rudolph Spreckels pledged with their father their 200 shares of stock in the California Sugar Refinery, 333 shares of stock in the Hawaiian Commercial and 5000 shares of the Paauhau Plantation Company. The Paauhau stock belonged to Rudolph and was a gift from his father. It was then valued at \$500,000.

In December last Claus Spreckels assigned the C. A. and Rudolph Spreckels' contract and the accompanying securities to the Nevada Bank. The Paauhau stock had never been transferred on the corporation's books, and when young Spreckels learned that the Nevada Bank was about to forward the stock to Honolulu for the purpose of transferring it into its name as pledgee, he brought suit and obtained a temporary injunction. In his complaint he alleged that in addition to the written agreement there was an oral agreement on the part of his father not to have the Paauhau stock transferred out of the name of Rudolph Spreckels. The Nevada Bank denied that there was any agreement other than the written one, and further claimed that, even if there had been an oral agreement, they had taken the contract and stock without notice of any such pretended oral agreement. The denial of the bank was supported by the affidavits of Claus Spreckels and of his two sons, John D. and Adolph, to the same effect.

From the testimony of Charles S. Wheeler, Montford and Russell D. Wilson, William S. Goodfellow, John D. and Adolph Spreckels, and Samuel M. Shortridge Judge Sanderson found that there was no such agreement as the plaintiff claimed to exist. From the testimony of I. W. Hellman and John P. Bigelow, president and vice-president respectively of the Nevada Bank, the court found that the bank had received the stock without notice of any oral agreement that it should not be transferred.

From the whole testimony Judge Sanderson found that Claus Spreckels had acted in the utmost good faith, and that the Nevada Bank had a perfect right to protect itself by having the stock in question transferred into its name on the books of the company, thereby preventing it from being attached by creditors of C. A. or Adolph Spreckels. It appeared that C. A. Spreckels was still indebted to the Nevada Bank on this contract in a sum exceeding \$350,000, and that this Paauhau stock was a portion of the bank's security. In view of this large indebtedness and of financial troubles which might overtake Rudolph Spreckels by reason of his rumored connection with the recent Hawaiian insurrection the bank deemed it prudent to send the stock to Honolulu, to be transferred into its name as pledgee. In so doing the court held that the bank was not violating any agreement entered into by Claus Spreckels, but was exercising a plain legal right. For these reasons Judge Sanderson dissolved the injunction, and the Paauhau stock will be sent to Honolulu for transfer.

FAILED TO PUT UP BONDS.

Why Contractor S. N. Fletcher Was Left Out in the Cold.

In an article published in yesterday's CALL it was stated that S. N. Fletcher was about to bring suit against the Nob Hill Development Company and D. Jordan, the contractor and builder. Some time ago the contract for building an immense apartment-house on the northwest corner of Jones and California streets was awarded to Fletcher and Jordan. According to the statement of the former the contract was canceled and a new one entered into with Jordan. Mr. Fletcher claims that the contract for building the apartment-house was for \$300,000, of which he would be entitled to half. He sues for \$300,000, and as his erstwhile partner would not join him in the proceedings, he has made him a party to the suit.

Bugbee and Gash, architects for the work, said yesterday that the reason the first contract had been canceled was that it had been found defective. "When the second contract was offered as a substitute," said the architect, "Mr. Fletcher could not furnish bonds and refused to sign the new agreement. We did not press him to sign, and were rather willing than otherwise that he be released. We had learned that he had been borrowing money on the strength of the first contract without the knowledge or consent of his partner, and we were not particularly anxious to have any further business with him. He has not done any work on the building, nor has he spent a cent on it. There is really nothing coming to him."

Dennis Jordan, who has the contract for the construction of the apartment-house, when yesterday said that the reason Fletcher was not a party to the second contract was that he had failed to furnish bonds. "Fletcher agreed to put up one-half of the bonds," said Mr. Jordan, "but he failed to perform his agreement. I am willing, even now, to give him a half-interest in the work if he can furnish the required security."

CHINESE FOOTPADS.

Two Cases Reported to the Police, a Knife Having Been Used in One Instance.

The highbinders have added another to their many forms of blackmail and crime, and from recent indications they have gone into the footpad business. Lee Hong Doe, a Chinese fortune-teller at 714 1/2 Dupont street, swore on a warrant yesterday in Judge Low's court for the arrest of "John Doe" and "Richard Roe" on the charge of assault to murder.

Last Wednesday night two Chinese went to his room. One had a knife in his hand. They ordered him to hand over his money. He denied having any when they tied his feet together and threatened to rip him up unless he told them where he kept his money. He persisted in saying that he had none, which was a fact. The one with the knife jabbed him in the right leg, inflicting an ugly cut, and kept demanding his money. Becoming alarmed at his cries for help they seized his opium pipe and clothing and disappeared.

On Sunday night a Chinese was held up by four of his fellow-countrymen on the corner of Washington and Stockton streets. They choked him, preventing any attempt to call for help. He was relieved of \$7.50.

The Chinatown squad and detectives are searching for the two desperadoes who wounded and robbed the fortune-teller and the four who committed the robbery on Sunday night.

WILL LAST FOUR DAYS.

The Grand Council of Chosen Friends Begins Its Session To-Day.

Nearly Two Hundred Delegates in Attendance—Order of Business.

All day yesterday Grand Recorder S. C. Wallis of the Order of Chosen Friends was kept busy at his office in St. Ann's building receiving the delegates from the interior accredited to the meeting of the Grand Council, which begins its twelfth session this morning at 10 o'clock, in Memorial Hall, Odd Fellows' building. Up to last evening the credentials of 174 out of the 194 delegates elected had been received and about 150 had reported in person, including all from Nevada and Southern California. It is expected that about 180 delegates, including some forty ladies, will be in attendance. The jurisdiction of the council takes in Nevada and California.

The session will probably last four days. The election of officers, the event of greatest interest, is expected to take place on Thursday. Great interest is being manifested in the outcome. Candidates have already been announced as follows: For Grand Councilor, T. H. Selvage of Eureka, Cal., incumbent, and T. H. O'Brien of San Francisco, now grand assistant councilor; grand assistant councilor; M. Boehm of San Francisco and William McFadden of Anaheim, grand vice-councilor; John Skelton of Sacramento (incumbent), W. H. Pratt of Virginia City and E. R. Tiel of Sacramento, now a grand trustee; grand recorder, S. C. Wallis (incumbent); grand treasurer, M. Brickwedel (incumbent for four years).

On the first day of the session the order of business will be as follows: Roll call of representatives, initiation of delegates who have not yet taken the Grand Council degree, reports of officers, presentation of resolutions, petitions, memorials and reports of committees. Electioneering is being energetically carried on and combinations are being made that makes it difficult even for those best posted to forecast the probable result.

On the second day additional resolutions may be presented, reports of committees will be heard and action taken on them, and candidates for grand officers will be nominated. In the evening there will be a reception, entertainment and dance tendered by the subordinate councils of San Francisco and Alameda counties to the grand officers and representatives of the Grand Council at B'nai B'rith Hall.

On the third day the election of officers will take place. At its conclusion there will be an exemplification of the initiatory degree by the initiatory team of San Francisco. On the fourth day the final reports of committees will be received and the newly elected officers will be installed. The report of the grand secretary will show that for the year ending December 1, 1894, there were 883 new members initiated, 840 members were lost by suspension or withdrawal and 107 by death, making a net loss for the term of 64. This is considered a remarkably good showing as it covered the period of greatest commercial depression ever experienced in this section.

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HALE BROS. ANOTHER SNAP THE PUBLIC KENNEDY BANKRUPT STOCK PRICES ABOUT 50% ON THE DQI We Apologize. WE APOLOGIZE for closing our doors and keeping you waiting outside yesterday—the first day of the Kennedy Bankrupt Sale. Even with our greatly enlarged force—more than 100 new people—it was impossible to wait on all of the vast crowds of shoppers who did get in. More new help to-day, as many as can work behind the counters, and we will do our best to serve you at "50c-on-the-dollar" prices. Come Before Noon if Possible. Obligated to close doors against an overwhelming throng of would-be customers.

OSEN IS SUSPENDED. The Racing Board of the L. A. W. Declares Itself on the Selling of Prizes. The wheelmen of this State will be astonished to learn that Oscar Osen, the crack rider of the Garden City Cyclers, San Jose, has been suspended for thirty days by the chairman of the racing board of the League of American Wheelmen, for alleged violation of the racing rules in selling prizes won by him at the races at Phoenix, Ariz., last year. The following is a copy of a letter received by R. M. Welch, chairman of the California Division L. A. W. racing board, yesterday, which he at once forwarded to Osen at San Jose:

FIRE PATROLS. A List of the Cities That Maintain Such at This Time. There are some fears that the Fire Patrol of this city, which has rendered such excellent service in the past, is about to be dissolved in consequence of trouble among the insurance companies. The utility of such organizations has already been proved not only here but in fifteen cities in the East. The following is a list of the patrols maintained in the United States, and the year each went into operation: Newark, N. J., Salvage Corps, 1879. Providence, R. I., Protective Department, 1875. New York City, N. Y., Fire Patrol, 1839. Chicago, Ill., Fire Insurance Patrol, 1871. Cincinnati, Ohio, Salvage Corps, 1886. Louisville, Ky., Salvage Corps, 1894. Kansas City, Mo., Fire Patrol, 1889. Worcester, Mass., Protective Department, 1875. Albany, N. Y., Protective Department, 1872. Philadelphia, Pa., Fire Insurance Patrol, 1869. St. Louis, Mo., Underwriters' Salvage Corps, 1874. Boston, Mass., Protective Department, 1865. Milwaukee, Wis., Fire Patrol, 1880. New Orleans, La., Fire Insurance Patrol, 1874. Memphis, Tenn., Salvage Corps, 1893. San Francisco, Underwriters' Fire Patrol, 1875.

MRS. FORSYTHE MISSING. She Has Not Been Seen Since She Left Home Last Friday. Mrs. Ella Forsythe, wife of G. W. Forsythe, printer employed by the Schmidt Label Company, has mysteriously disappeared. She left her home, 1694 Larkin street, last Friday morning, saying that she was going to gather shells at the beach, and she has not since been seen. No alarm was felt at her absence Friday night, as she had made arrangements to stay with a friend. On Saturday, however, it was discovered that she had not been at the friend's house, and since that time her husband and brother have been searching the shores in the vicinity of Fort Point. Her relatives believe that she has been drowned and scout the idea of suicide. The couple had been married only two years. They have no children, but it is said that their married life was a very happy one. The wife's maiden name was Flagg, and her mother lives on Devisadero street, near Sutter.

TAMAR INDIEN GRILLON. A laxative refreshing fruit lozenge very agreeable to take. Cures constipation, hemorrhoids, bile, loss of appetite, gastric and intestinal troubles and headache arising from them. E. GRILLON, 33 Rue des Archives, Paris. Sold by all Druggists.

Health and Summer RESORTS. THE NEWPORT, ALAMEDA. THIS POPULAR HOUSE HAS BEEN LEASED BY A RESPONSIBLE PARTY, newly furnished and thoroughly renovated; room and board by the week or month; surf bathing. Second-ave. station, narrow-gauge. ROOP & SON, Proprietors. THE GEYSERS. New Management of the Switzerland of America. FINE NEW BATHHOUSE. FREE MINERAL baths to guests. Enjoyable and healthful. Rates \$2.50 Per Day; \$12 Per Week. A. H. HILL, Manager and Lessee. VICHY SPRINGS. Mendocino County, THREE MILES FROM UKIAH, THE TERMINUS OF THE S. F. AND N. P. RAILWAY. Only known natural electric water. Warm "chamotte" base. Situation, location and scenery not surpassed. Terms, \$12 to \$14 per week. Postoffice and telephone at springs. W. M. DOOLAN, Proprietor.



T. H. SELVAGE, GRAND COUNCILOR OF THE ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS. [From a photograph.]